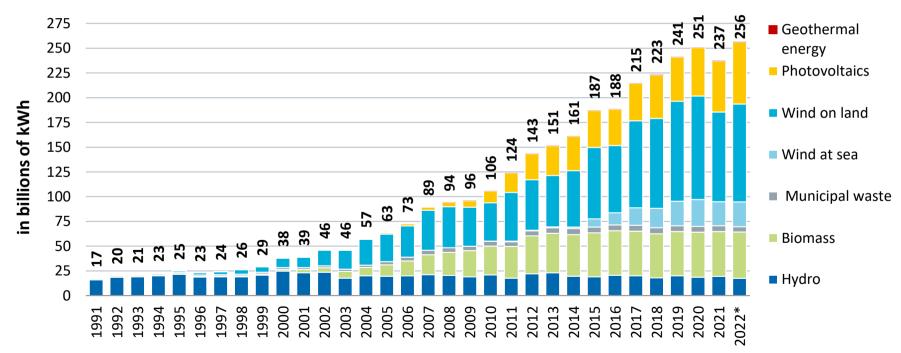


# Developing the renewable energy market in Germany – lessons learned and options for future market design refinement

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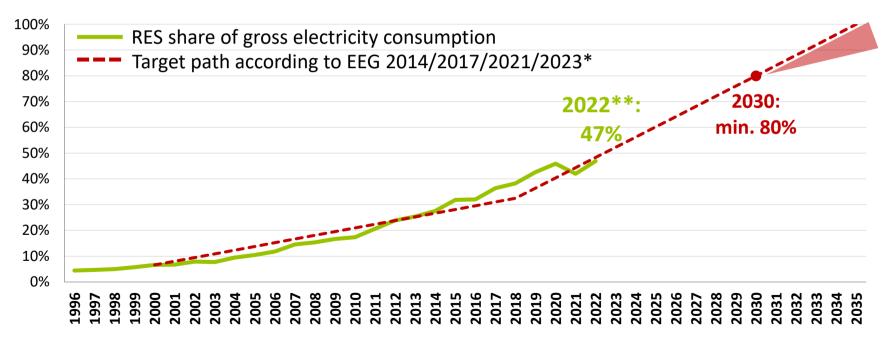
# Development of electricity generation from Renewable energies in Germany





#### Renewable electricity quota

Share of electricity generation from renewable energies in gross electricity consumption



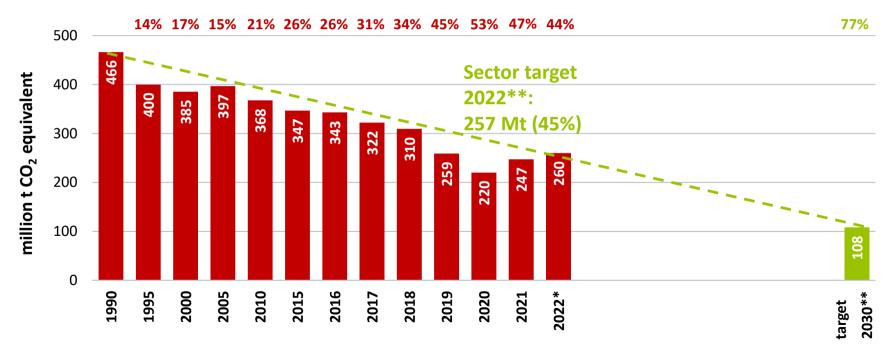
<sup>\*</sup> EEG 2023: almost greenhouse gas neutral electricity generation in 2035.

<sup>\*\*</sup> provisional; partly estimated



#### Greenhouse gas emissions of the energy sector

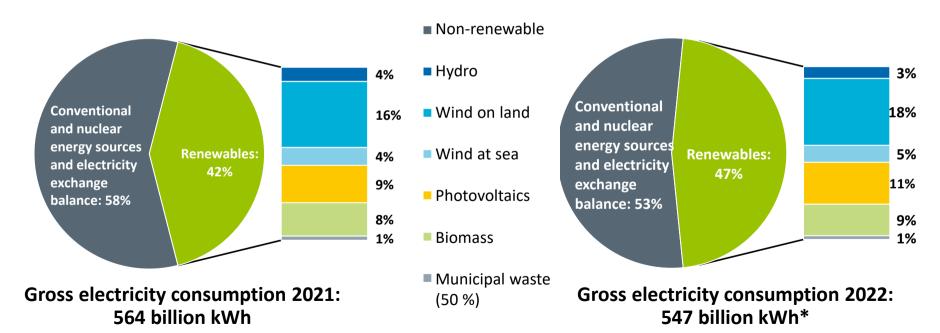
in million t CO<sub>2</sub> eq. and reduction compared to 1990 in %.



Sources: BDEW, UBA, Federal Climate Protection Act; status 12/2022



# Contribution of renewable energies to covering electricity consumption in Germany - previous year comparison



Sources: ZSW, BDEW; Status 12/2022

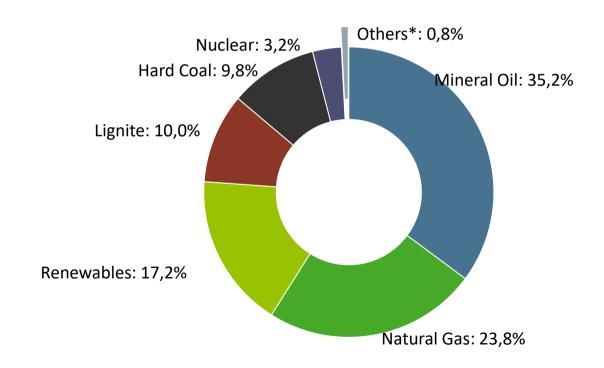
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### **Primary energy consumption in Germany**

2022 total:

11,829 PJ (preliminary)



Source: AG Energiebilanzen; Status 12/2022

<sup>\*</sup> including power exchange balance



# The Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) Measures adopted to boost devlopment of renewables

- EEG: Implemented in 2000; extensively amended since then
- Important effect on the installation of wind turbines, photovoltaic and biomass plants, thanks to the following:
  - Priority grid access and transmission, independent of location and renewable energy source
  - If necessary, grid operators are obliged to enlarge grid capacity
  - Priority electricity feed-in
  - Remuneration
    - 2000: Guaranteed feed-in-tariffs (FIT), fixed for 20 years,
    - 2011: feed in premium (FIP)
    - 2014/2017: auctions to determine remuneration



### The Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG)

#### Grid operators (distribution grid and transmission grid)

- take over and pay for the renewable electricity
- pass on the electricity to the wholesale market
- are in charge of the forecast, system balancing and services
- have to extend the grid to connect and transmit renewables power, or have to pay compensation otherwise (especially for wind).

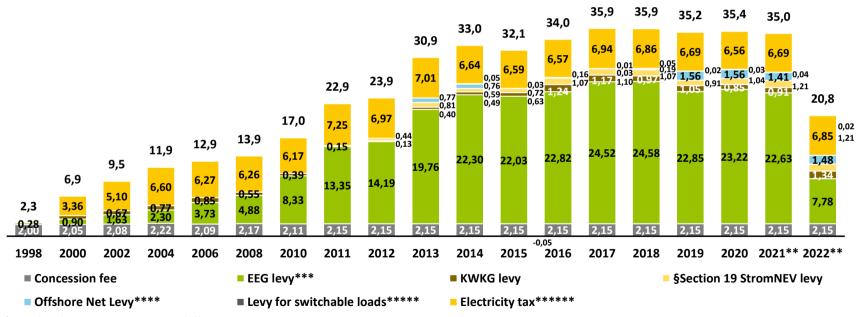
#### Retail companies...

- Charged until mid 2022 an EEG-surcharge on the customers' bill and passed on this money to the grid operators
- As of mid-2022, the state assumed the additional costs.



#### Total burden of taxes and levies

Burden of electricity prices in € billion (without VAT\*)



<sup>\*</sup> VAT burden in 2022 approx. 11 billion euros

\*\*\*\* until 2018 Offshore liability levy; 2015 repayment

\*\*\*\*\* Levy for disconnectable loads suspended in 2016

\*\*\*\*\*\* 2021: according to AK "Steuerschätzung" of BMF, Oct. 2022

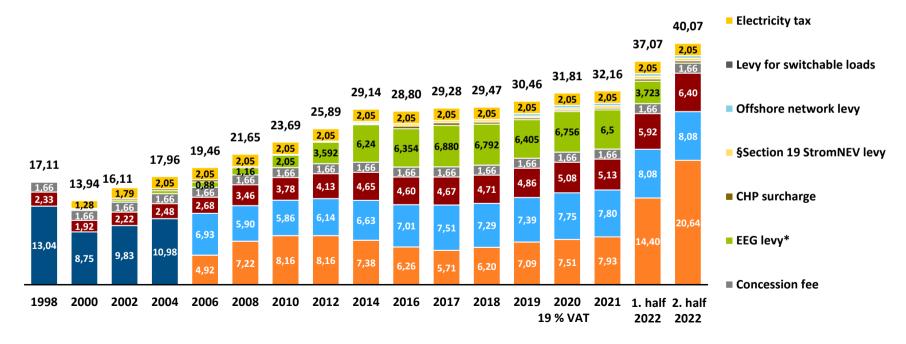
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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> until 2009 additional costs compared to exchange price; 2022: Jan.-Jun. 2022 *Source:* BDEW, as of 11/2022



### **Electricity price for households**

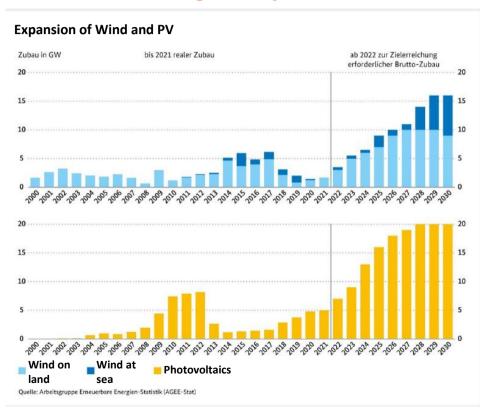
Average electricity price for a household in ct/kWh, annual consumption 3,500 kWh, basic price included pro rata, tariff products and basic supply tariffs incl. new customer tariffs included, not volume-weighted



\*EEG levy will not apply as of 01.07.2022

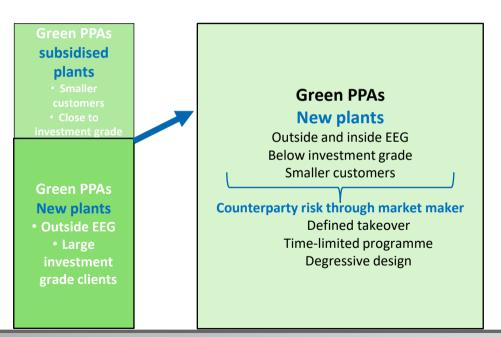
#### Expansion targets by 2030 for renewable energies by sector

- The highest increase in renewable generation capacity is to be provided by photovoltaics: 200 GW by 2030
- This is followed by onshore wind energy with 100 GW by 2030.
- Wind offshore is expected to grow to 30 GW of installed capacity by 2030, then to 40 GW by 2035.
- The chart shows the annual additions of wind and PV planned by the federal government.
- Only a small contribution to the expansion target is expected for bioenergy, hydropower and geothermal energy - wrongly in BDEW's view.





### **Strengthening Green PPAs - How?**



Increase projects

- Acceleration of planning and approval
- Restoring market confidence
- Learning effects

Strengthening of value through Green GOOs



### How do renewable energies enter the market? **Opportunities and limits of PPAs**

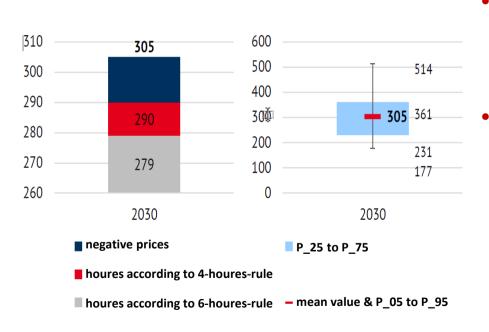
- However, the EEG is not rendered superfluous by PPAs, as only marketable renewables can finance themselves via such direct supply contracts
- The ambitious expansion targets for renewable energies can only be achieved if renewable energies, which are currently and possibly even in the long term more expensive, also make a significant contribution.





#### **Future need for funding?**

#### - Need because of "cannibalisation



Different studies determine a different, but always considerable increase in periods of negative electricity prices when no remuneration is paid.

#### Examples:

- BEE study "New electricity market design" (2021)
- Energy Brainpool (2020)
- Agora Energiewende (2014)

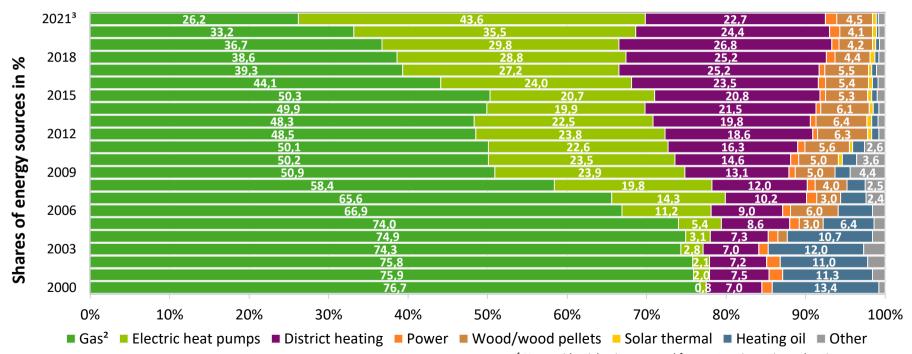
Source: Energy Brainpool



### **Back-up**



#### **Development of Sources of Heating in new houses in Germany**



Sources: State Statistical Offices, BDEW; as of 03/2022

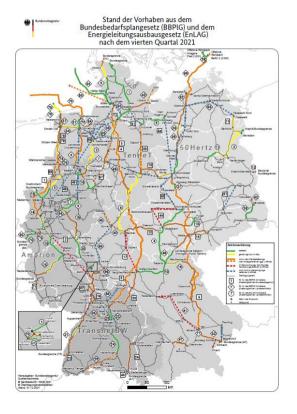
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> New residential units approved for construction; primary heating energy;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> including biomethane; <sup>3</sup> preliminary





### Fluctuating generation needs grid expansion



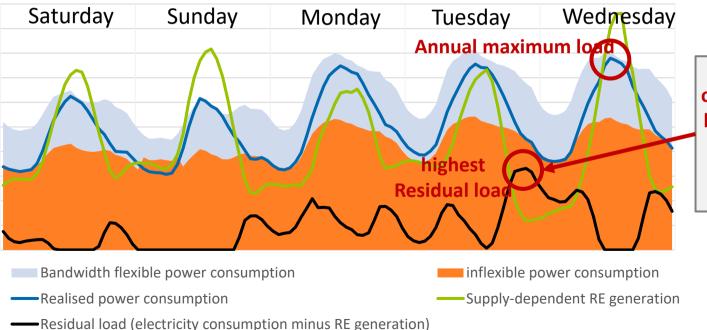
- The expansion of renewable electricity generation also needs an expansion of the electricity grid - therefore measures to accelerate planning procedures have to be extended to grid construction procedures.
- "Prosuming" and further local flexibilities contribute to a stable electricity system - but do not replace grid extension
- Security of supply grows with grid extension all over Europe. Therefore the construction of border connection points to link the national electricity systems is elementary.

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#### Future highest residual load and annual maximum load

(schematic representation)



Future coverage
of the highest residual
load will be a decisive
criterion for the
assessment of
security of supply!