Energy Future: Possible Transformation

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What are the needs for transformation?

GHG emissions from energy sector by region, 1990 – 2012



CO₂ – Concentration in the atmosphere

Period 2010 – 2016 CO₂ concentration in the Atmosphere: 2010: 389 ppm 2016: 404 ppm

2010: 39% above preindustrial level 2016: 44% above preindustrial level



Consumption trends are not sustainable

IEA, World Energy Outlook – **reference** scenario:

- Global primary energy consumption to rise by more than half up to 2030
- Share of fossil fuels in global energy consumption to increase up to 2030
- In 2030 the global energy balance will be dominated by oil and coal use of natural gas increasing more slowly than previously expected – nuclear energy and biomass declining – strong increases
- Energy prices will rise sharply due to the excess demand
- Global energy-related CO₂ emissions to increase by 55 % up to 2030 with over three quarters of this increase occuring in developing countries.

Are there economic reasons to transform?

Let's take Germany?

Facts and History

- 1950/60's: Germany has been a coal and steel society and economy
- Germany is poor of resources → dependence on imports of raw material and energy → possible threat to energy security
- Economic backbone: Engineering and Trade
- Strong dependence on exports → huge transfer of welfare from Germany to energy exporters
- geographical location in the centre of Europe of major importance for our neighbours

Germany heavily relies on fossil fuels import, which makes is vulnerable to external shocks

More renewables strengthen Germany's energy security

Share of imports of conventional energy sources in Germany, 2013 *Source: BMWi*



Through a 25y process Germany established long term targets for the required decarbonisation of the German society and economy

		2020	2030	2040	2050
Climate	Greenhouse gases (vs. 1990)	min. - 40%	min. - 55%	min. - 70%	min. - 80 to - 95%
Renewable energies	Share of electricity	min. 35% (2025: 40-45%)	min. 50% (2035: 55-60%)	min. 65%	min. 80%
	Overall share (Gross final energy consumption)	18%	30%	45%	60%
Efficiency	Primary energy consumption	- 20%	•••••		- 50%
	Electricity consumption	- 10%			- 25%
	Energy consumption in buildings	20% heat demand			80% primary energy

High certainty with long-term targets as policy goals for the German energy transition

German energy transition: high certainty with long-term targets

Long-term, comprehensive energy and climate targets set by the German government in 2010 *Source: BMU*



Renewables cover more then 30% of the power consumption in Germany

Renewables are a strong and growing pillar in power supply

Share of renewables in Germany's gross electricity generation including exports, 2013 *Source: AGEB*



Decoupling: Growing economy, reducing energy consumption, declining emissions – the role of energy and resource efficiency and switching energy sources



Source: http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/presse/presseinformationen/treibhausgasausstoss-im-jahr-2013-erneut-um-12 and Working Group on Energy Balances (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen): Selected efficiency indicators for Germany's energy balance

Figures for 2014 based on preliminary data

What does that mean for the energy policy?

Overarching targets

- Energy security
- Affordability
- Environmental and Climate Protection

Germany`s plan: declining role for coal power

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Overall installed conventional electricity generation capacity, in Germany, 2000–2050 *Source: Fraunhofer IWES*



Germany`s plan: ramp up renewables, drive down at the same time energy consumption



Final energy supply and demand in Germany 2005–2050, scenario *Source: DLR Lead Study, scenario A*



Germany continues to generate more GDP with less energy



Analysis by Bloomberg on Energy Transition (May 2017)

China's Big Tipping Point

Within four years solar will be cheaper than coal



\$100 per megawatt hour



Renewables creates more jobs than conventional energy does





Employment in Germany in renewable and conventional energy sectors, 2005–2011 *Source: BMU, BMWI*

Renewable energy offsets expenses for fossil fuel imports up to EUR 50bn in 2020 - equivalent of EUR 600 per capita for each German



Benefits of renewables in energy use, Germany Source: AEE



It's not only a "top down" approach, but also a "bottom up" process

German citizens have taken on the opportunity to drive the energy transition



A step by step process will guide us to...

- ...the replacement of traditional energy sources by renewables and energy efficiency
- ...a more decentralised energy structure and power system
- ...an intense coupling between supply and demand
- ...sector coupling to use synergies
- ...the use of information and communication technologies (digitalisation)
- ...the use of different storages (p2H; p2G; p2L; batteries etc) and load management

Thank you very much for your attention!