

# RENEWABLES 2016

## GLOBAL STATUS REPORT

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# REN21 Renewables 2016 Global Status Report

## → The report features:

- Global Overview
- Market & Industry Trends
- Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access
- Investment Flows
- Policy Landscape
- Energy Efficiency
- Feature: Community Energy

## → The report covers:

- All renewable energy technologies
- Power, heating & cooling, and transport sectors

## → Country data available on REN21 Renewables Interactive Map: [www.ren21.net/map](http://www.ren21.net/map)













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# An extraordinary year for renewable energy

- **147 GW** of renewable power capacity added in 2015 – the largest annual increase ever
- Renewable heat capacity increased by **38 GW<sub>th</sub>**
- Total biofuels production also rose









## Renewable Energy Indicators 2015

		2014	2015
<b>INVESTMENT</b>			
New investment (annual) in renewable power and fuels <sup>1</sup>	billion USD	273	<b>285.9</b>
<b>POWER</b>			
Renewable power capacity (total, not including hydro)	GW	665	<b>785</b>
Renewable power capacity (total, including hydro)	GW	1,701	<b>1,849</b>
 Hydropower capacity <sup>2</sup>	GW	1,036	<b>1,064</b>
 Bio-power capacity <sup>3</sup>	GW	101	<b>106</b>
 Bio-power generation (annual)	TWh	429	<b>464</b>
 Geothermal power capacity	GW	12.9	<b>13.2</b>
 Solar PV capacity	GW	177	<b>227</b>
 Concentrating solar thermal power	GW	4.3	<b>4.8</b>
 Wind power capacity	GW	370	<b>433</b>
<b>HEAT</b>			
 Solar hot water capacity <sup>4</sup>	GW <sub>th</sub>	409	<b>435</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>			
 Ethanol production (annual)	billion litres	94.5	<b>98.3</b>
 Biodiesel production (annual)	billion litres	30.4	<b>30.1</b>



# Renewable Energy “Champions”

## Annual investment/capacity additions/production

	1	2	3	4	5
Investment in renewable power and fuels (not including hydro > 50 MW)	<b>China</b>	United States	Japan	United Kingdom	India
Investment in renewable power and fuels per unit GDP <sup>1</sup>	<b>Mauritania</b>	Honduras	Uruguay	Morocco	Jamaica
 Geothermal power capacity	<b>Turkey</b>	United States	Mexico	Kenya	Germany/Japan
 Hydropower capacity	<b>China</b>	Brazil	Turkey	India	Vietnam
 Solar PV capacity	<b>China</b>	Japan	United States	United Kingdom	India
 Concentrating solar thermal power (CSP) capacity <sup>2</sup>	<b>Morocco</b>	South Africa	United States	—	—
 Wind power capacity	<b>China</b>	United States	Germany	Brazil	India
 Solar water heating capacity	<b>China</b>	Turkey	Brazil	India	United States
 Biodiesel production	<b>United States</b>	Brazil	Germany	Argentina	France
 Fuel ethanol production	<b>United States</b>	Brazil	China	Canada	Thailand



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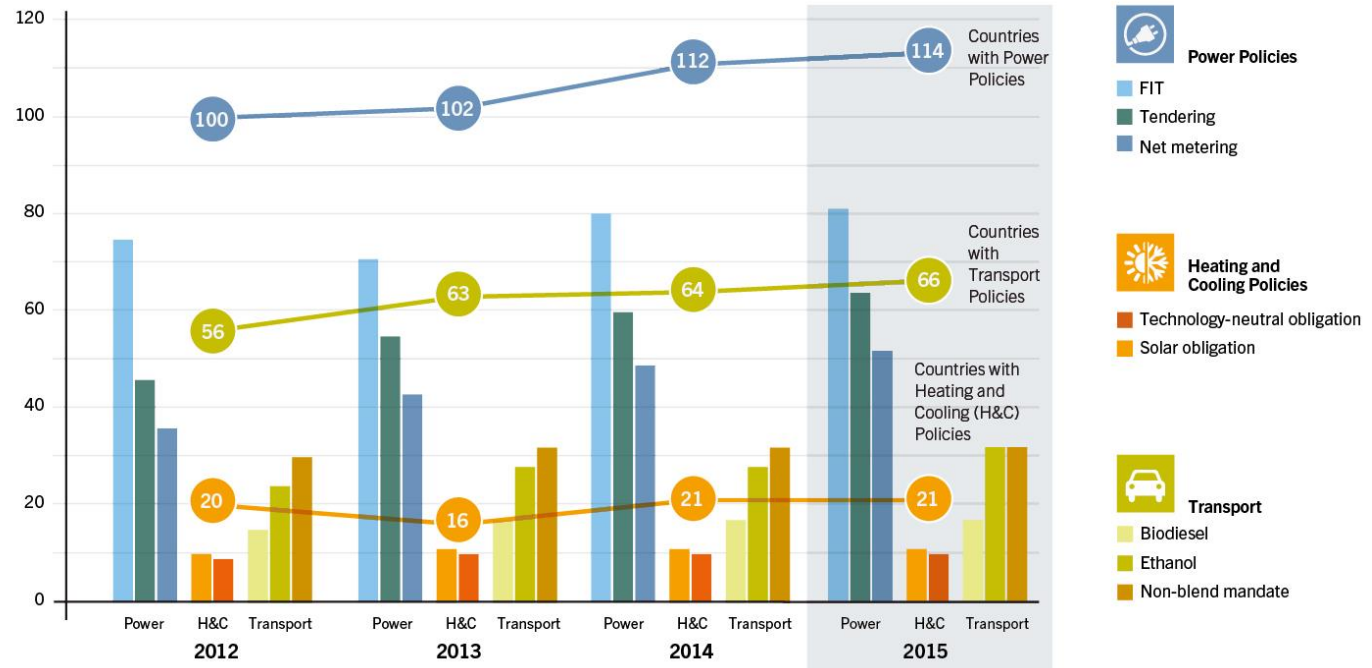
## Total capacity

	1	2	3	4	5
<b>POWER</b>					
Renewable power (incl. hydro)	<b>China</b>	United States	Brazil	Germany	Canada
Renewable power (not incl. hydro)	<b>China</b>	United States	Germany	Japan	India
Renewable power capacity <i>per capita</i> (among top 20, not including hydro <sup>3</sup> )	<b>Denmark</b>	Germany	Sweden	Spain	Portugal
🔌 Biopower generation	<b>United States</b>	China	Germany	Brazil	Japan
🔌 Geothermal power capacity	<b>United States</b>	Philippines	Indonesia	Mexico	New Zealand
💧 Hydropower capacity <sup>4</sup>	<b>China</b>	Brazil	United States	Canada	Russia
💧 Hydropower generation <sup>4</sup>	<b>China</b>	Brazil	Canada	United States	Russia
☀️ CSP	<b>Spain</b>	United States	India	Morocco	South Africa
☀️ Solar PV capacity	<b>China</b>	Germany	Japan	United States	Italy
☀️ Solar PV capacity <i>per capita</i>	<b>Germany</b>	Italy	Belgium	Japan	Greece
🌬️ Wind power capacity	<b>China</b>	United States	Germany	India	Spain
🌬️ Wind power capacity <i>per capita</i>	<b>Denmark</b>	Sweden	Germany	Ireland	Spain
<b>HEAT</b>					
☀️ Solar water heating collector capacity <sup>5</sup>	<b>China</b>	United States	Germany	Turkey	Brazil
☀️ Solar water heating collector capacity <i>per capita</i> <sup>5</sup>	<b>Austria</b>	Cyprus	Israel	Barbados	Greece
🔌 Geothermal heat capacity <sup>6</sup>	<b>China</b>	Turkey	Japan	Iceland	India
🔌 Geothermal heat capacity <i>per capita</i> <sup>6</sup>	<b>Iceland</b>	New Zealand	Hungary	Turkey	Japan



# Renewable Energy Policy Landscape

Number of Renewable Energy Policies and Number of Countries with Policies, by Type, 2012–15



Note: Figure does not show all policy types in use. Countries are considered to have policies when at least one national or state/provincial-level policy is in place. Some transport policies include both biodiesel and ethanol; in this case, the policy is counted once in each category (biodiesel and ethanol).

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Source: REN21 Policy Database



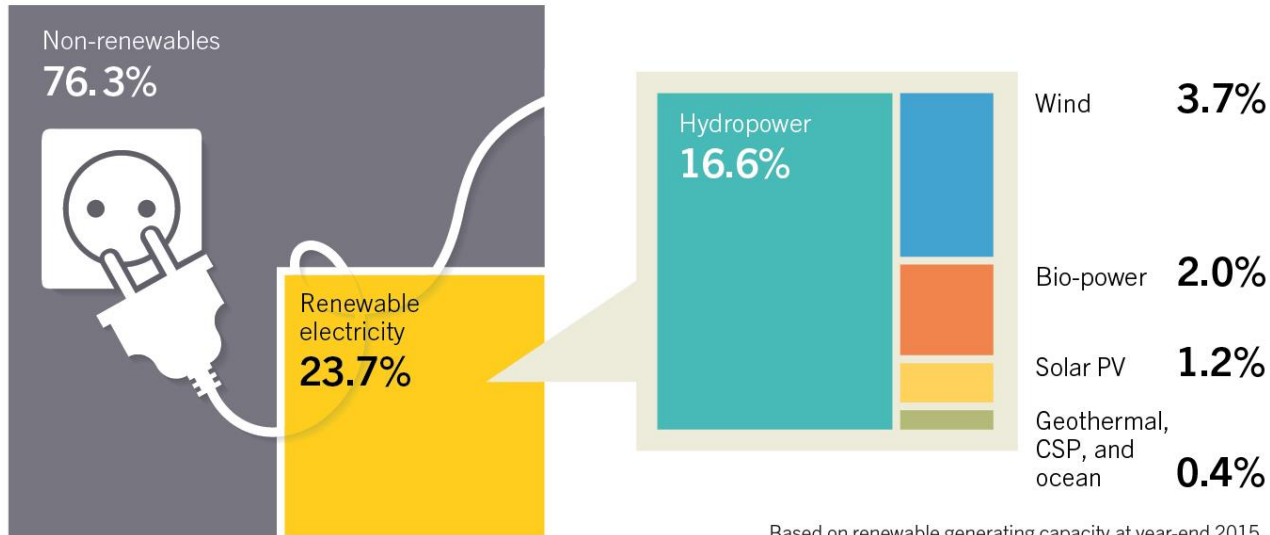
**173** countries had renewable energy **targets**, and an estimated **146** countries had renewable energy support **policies**:

- **114** countries with **power** policies
- **66** countries with **transport** policies
- **21** countries with **H&C** policies



# Power Sector

## Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Electricity Production, End-2015



Based on renewable generating capacity at year-end 2015.  
Percentages do not add up internally due to rounding.

- Renewables accounted **28.9%** of global power generation capacity and **23.7%** of global electricity demand
- Renewables made up for **60%** of net additions to global power capacity
- Total RE power capacity: **1,849 GW**, an increase of almost 9% over 2014

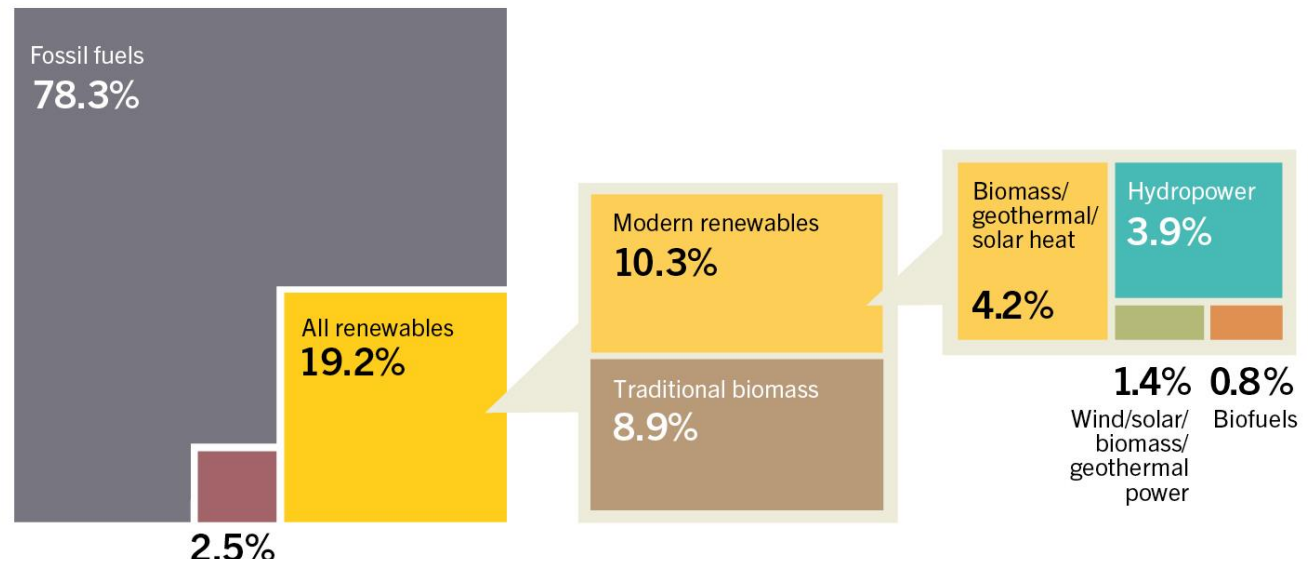


# Renewable Energy in the World

Renewable energy provided an estimated **19.2% of global final energy consumption** in 2014

Share of modern renewable energy increased to 10.3% while the share of traditional biomass was of 8.9%

Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Final Energy Consumption, 2014



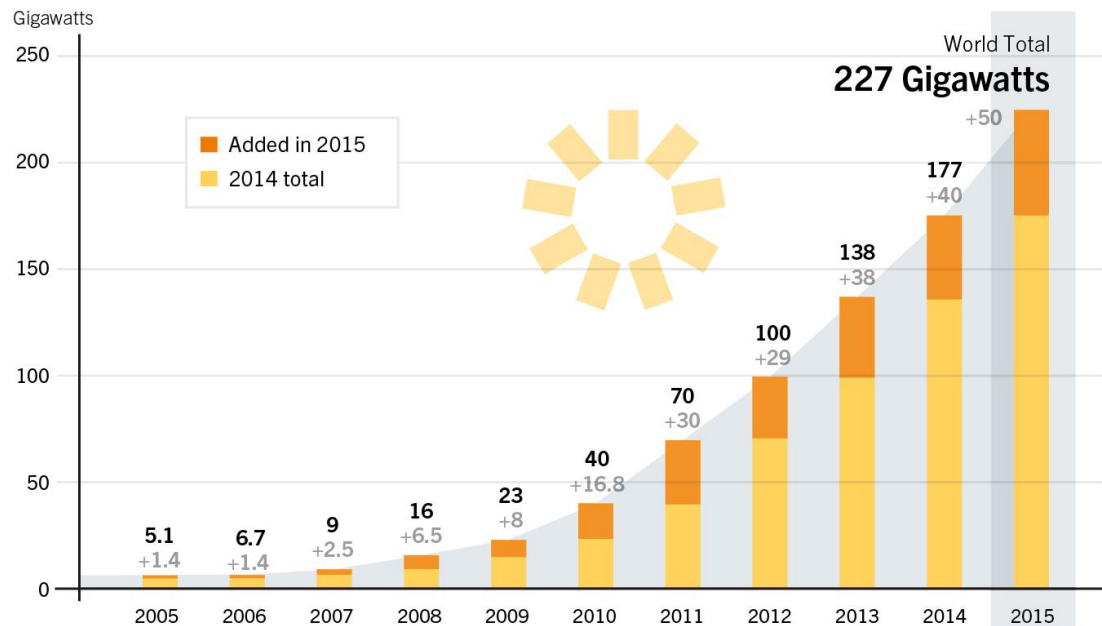
# Solar PV

Capacity added:  
**+50 GW**

Total capacity:  
**227 GW**

Annual PV market in 2015 was nearly **10 times** the world's cumulative solar PV capacity of a decade earlier

Solar PV Total Global Capacity Annual Additions and Capacity, 2005–2015



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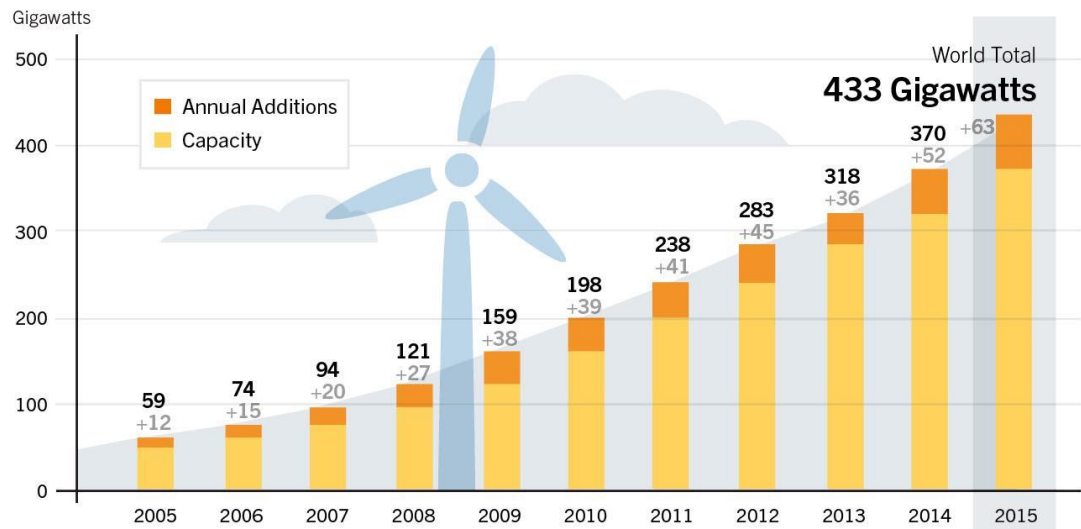
# Wind Power

**63 GW** of capacity were added

Total capacity: **433 GW**

Offshore, an estimated **3.4 GW** of grid-connected capacity was added in 2015, for a world total exceeding **12 GW**

Wind Power Global Annual Additions and Capacity, 2005–2015



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# The UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report

- Detailed look at the status of renewable energy in select 17 countries in the UNECE region
- Part of the initiatives of the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE) – building on existing process
- Utilisation of the established REN21 global data collection process from formal and informal sources
- Objective to obtain a reliable data baseline for increased investment activity – **new edition will be published in spring 2017**
- Strong Involvement of governments, international organisations (IEA, EBRD, European Commission, World Bank, UNDP, UNECE) and civil society during data collection and review



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- Covered countries very diverse in terms of territory, economic, social and political characteristics
- Overall population of over 300 Million
- Density ranges from 6,4 persons/km to 123,9 persons/km
- Three countries amongst coldest globally in terms of heating degree days
- Countries partake in different forms of regional energy cooperation

# RE Policy and Target Landscape – UNECE (17)

- Positive progress has been made
- Targets are widely used and increasingly accompanied by regulatory policies
- Still significant room for improvement
- Only few examples of regional mandatory RE targets
- Still apparent that non-economic barriers hinder unfolding of full policy potential

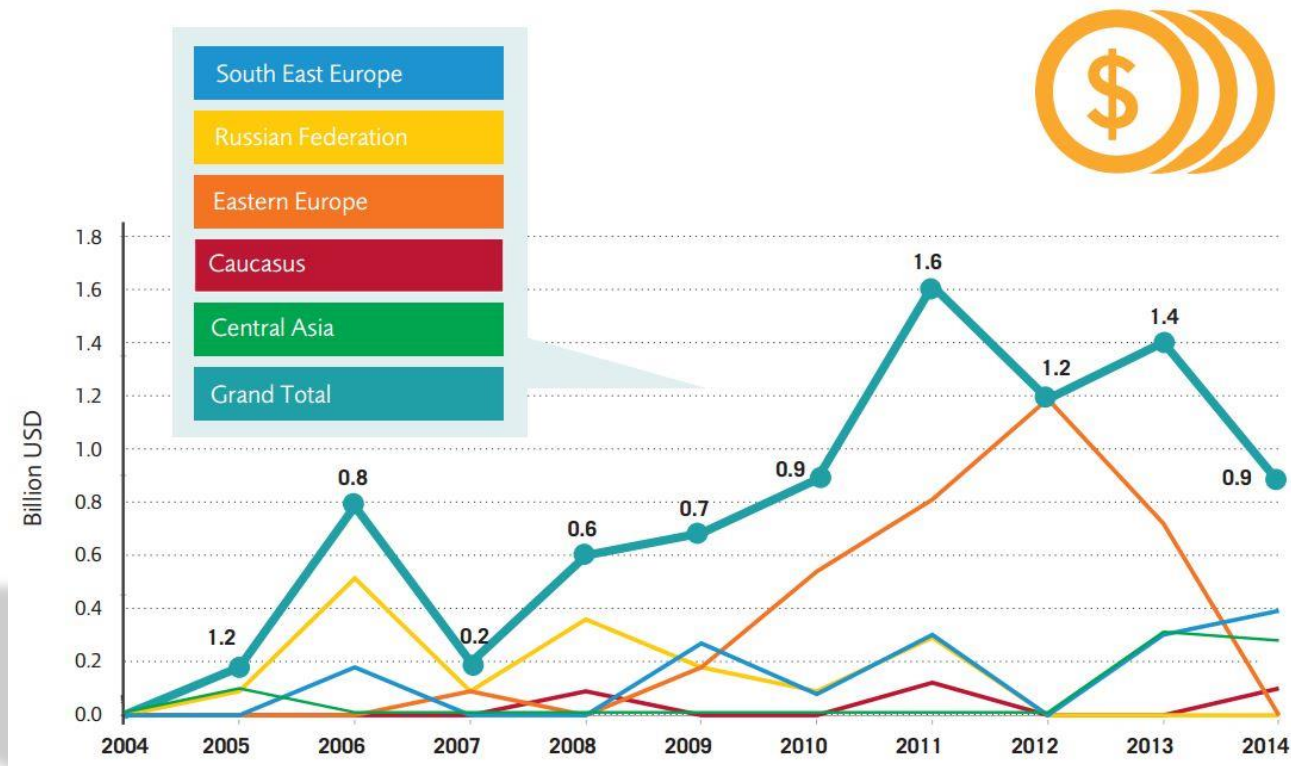



	Regulatory policies							Fiscal incentive and public financing					
	Biofuels obligation / mandate	Electric utility quotas obligation / APS	Feed-in tariff / premium payments	Heat obligation / mandate	Net metering	Renewable energy targets	Tendering	Tradable REC	Capital subsidy / rebate	Energy production payment	Investment or production tax credits	Public investment, loans or grants	Reduction in sales, energy, CO <sub>2</sub> , VAT or other taxes
Albania	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		X	
Armenia			X		X	X				X		X	
Azerbaijan			X			X		X		X			
Belarus	X	X	X			X	X		X				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	X		X				X					X	
Georgia			X				X	X				X	
Kazakhstan			X			X		X		X	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan			X			X						X	X
North Macedonia			X			X						X	
Moldova						X	X	X		X		X	
Montenegro		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Russian Federation		X				X		X				X	
Serbia			X			X		X		X	X	X	
Tajikistan						X			X				
Turkmenistan						X	X				X	X	
Ukraine	X		X			X	X						X
Uzbekistan													X

# Investment flows in UNECE (17)

## Renewable Energy Investment Overview, 2004 - 2014

- The covered countries only represent 0.5 % of new RE investment in 2014 worldwide
- Investment attraction remains an issue for RE development in the region
- Downward trend in investment activity since 2012 (in Eastern Europe & Russia)

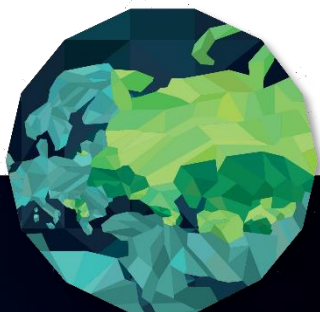


# Investment flows in UNECE (17)

## Renewable Energy Investment Overview, 2004 – 2014 – selected countries



- Investment is unevenly distributed (regionally and by sector)
- Funding sources mainly originating in national governments, international donors and multilateral development banks.





# Global Investment in Renewable Energy

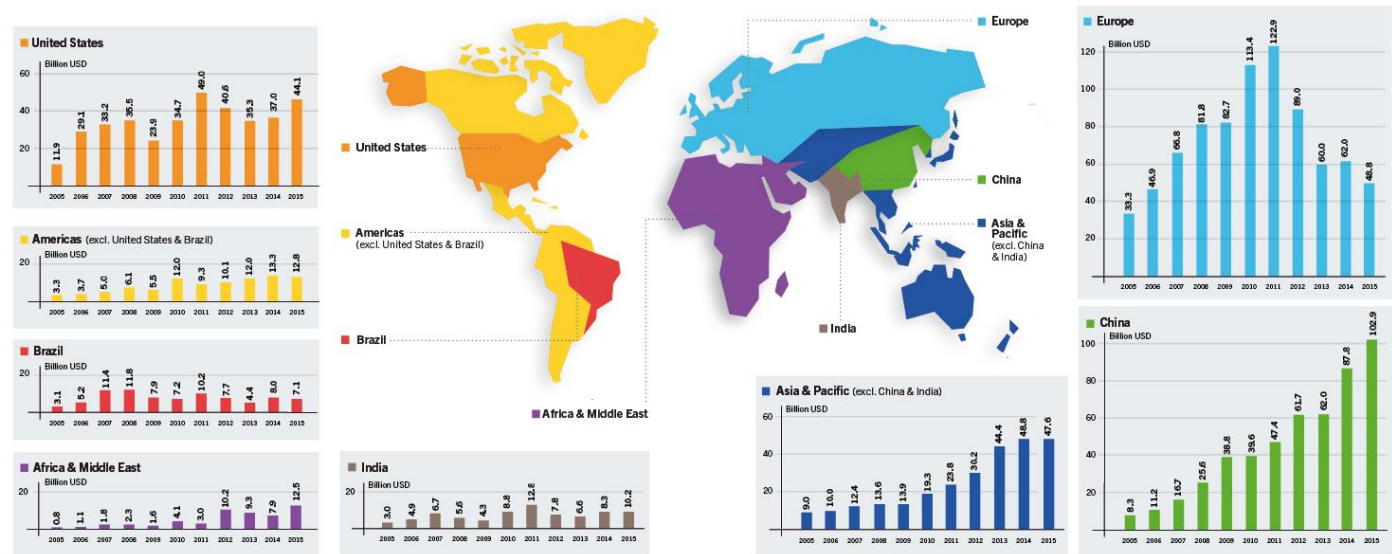
Developing & emerging countries:

- USD 156 billion
- Increase of 19% compared to 2014

Developed countries:

- USD 130 billion
- Decrease of 8% compared to 2014

## Global New Investment in Renewable Power and Fuels, by Country and Region, 2005–2015



Data include government and corporate R&D.

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Source: BNEF

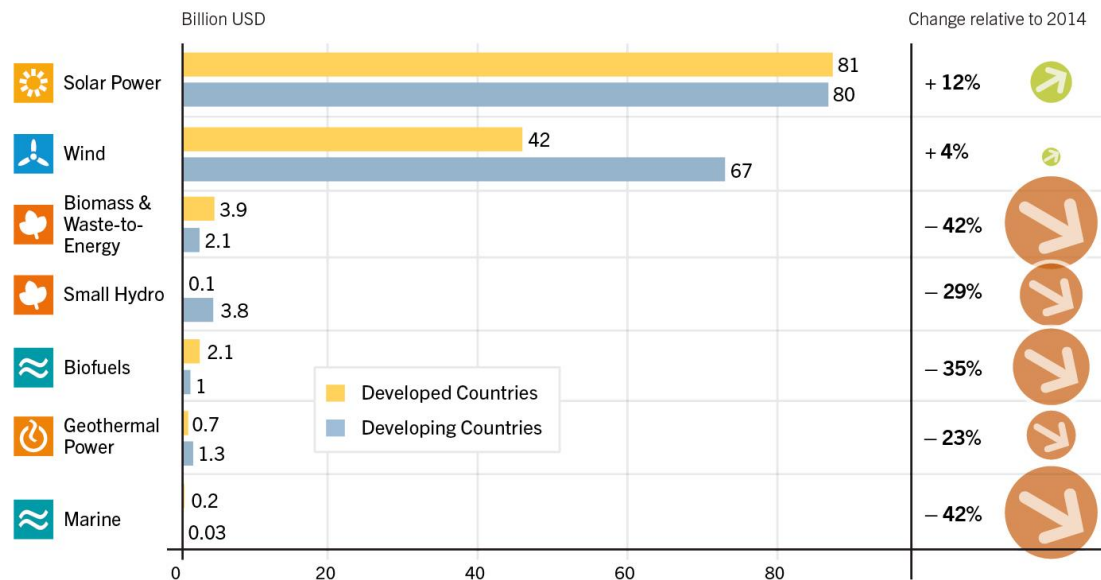


# Global Investment in Renewable Energy

**Solar power leading sector for money committed during 2015, receiving more than 56% (USD 161 billion) of total new investment in RE**

**Wind power followed with USD 109.6 billion (38.3% of total, up 4%)**

Global New Investment in Renewable Energy by Technology, Developed and Developing Countries, 2015



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Source: BNEF



# Conclusions – Global Development

- **Largest global capacity additions** from renewables to date
- For the second year in a row, **global carbon emissions** associated with energy consumption **remained stable in 2015** while the global economy grew.
- **Majority of remaining fossil fuel reserves** will have to be kept in the ground in order to reach 2° climate target
- **More emphasis on renewable energy in the heating and cooling as well as transport sectors** and on sector-coupling
- **Need to build a smarter, more flexible system** that accommodates both centralised as well as decentralised generation



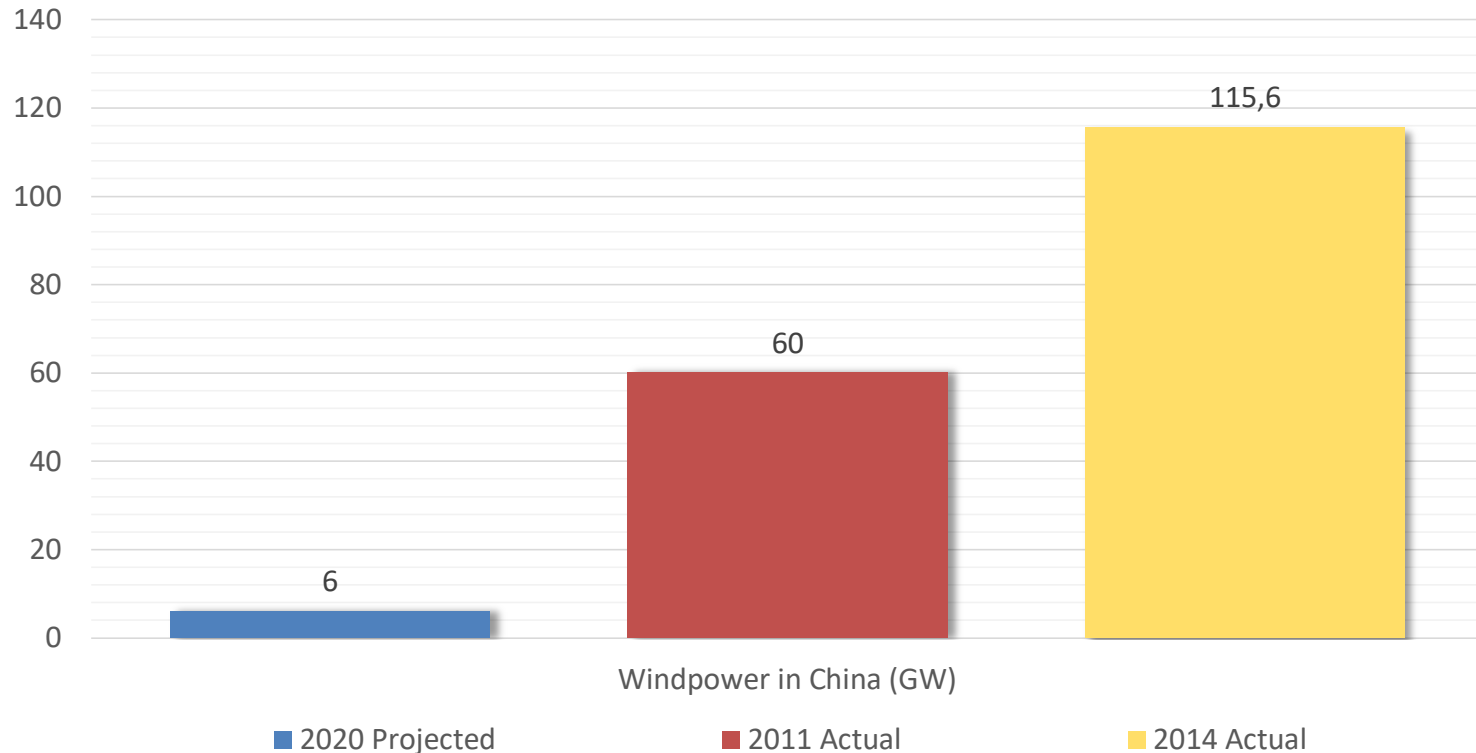
## Conclusion UNECE

- South East and Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and Russian Federation made strides into the realm of renewable energy and energy efficiency over the past two decades
- Governments advance in developing targets and policies that promote renewable energy sources present abundantly in different forms across the region
- Numerous barriers remain (energy subsidies, legal & administrative complexities, awareness of affordability, etc.) and delay projects implementation
- Viewed from global perspective, capacity and investment in the covered 17 countries remain marginal



# Historic Projections Fall Short...

World Bank (1997) - Projection



**“The future of renewable energy is fundamentally a choice of China for 2020, All of the resources and technologies are there, but legislators and government officials have chosen a longer, in China path.”**



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