

## **Renewable Energy Trends and Prospects**



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## Solar & Wind: LCOE/auction price evolution overview -

#### **Continued rapid cost reduction in the coming years**





## Renewables & electrification can deliver 75% of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions needed





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## Growing share of renewables in final energy consumption – RE power and electrification are key





The share of renewables in total final energy consumption (TFEC) needs to **ramp up six-fold** – from a historical average of 0.25 percentage points per year to almost 1.5 percentage points per year.

# **Electrification paired with renewables is a major solution for decarbonisation**





#### By 2050,

- Electricity becomes the central energy carrier
- 86% of electricity generation will come from renewables

A transformed energy system: Scaling up renewables not just for power, but also for heat and transport

## **Declining global demand for fossil fuels**





Fossil fuel use (left, PJ/yr), 2015-2050; decline in fossil fuel usage by sector REmap Case relative to Reference Case (right, in 2050)

With accelerated uptake of renewables, both oil and coal demand decline significantly and continuously, with natural gas demand peaking around 2025. Natural gas would be the largest source of fossil fuel in 2050.



#### **Three key power systems trends**

**Decentralisation -impact on supply side-**. Wind and PV is largely centralised today but distributed generation, notably rooftop PV, is growing, bringing new flexibility opportunities at the demand side.

**Electrification -impact on demand side-**. It may decarbonise end-use sectors through renewable electricity and, if done in a smart way, become a flexibility source to integrate more renewables in power systems.

**Digitalisation -impact on system integration-**. Key enabler to amplify the energy transformation by managing large amounts of data and optimising systems with many small units



Source: IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape for a renewablepowered future: Solutions to integrate variable renewables



## Unlocking flexibility across the whole power system



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### Four dimensions of power system innovation





## Flexibility as an enabler for the integration of VRE

Flexibility and sector coupling Flexibility concepts and policies **S**IRENA **S** IRENA STATE GRID POWER SYSTEM **ELECTRIFICATION FLEXIBILITY FOR THE** WITH RENEWABLES **ENERGY TRANSITION** Driving the transformation of energy services PART 1: **OVERVIEW FOR POLICY MAKERS** lovember 2018 Electricity more than 45% of final Flexibility is key for power system

energy use by 2050

Up to 62% of energy CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction from RE-electrification

Smart systems and solutions are key

transformation

Flexibility concepts and strategies are changing

New strategies are increasingly being adopted

**GO**IRENA **INNOVATION LANDSCAPE FOR A** RENEWABLE-POWERED FUTURE: SOLUTIONS TO INTEGRATE VARIABLE RENEWABLES

Flexibility innovation toolbox

Many innovations are emerging that can increase flexibility Innovations combine to create realworld solutions

Decisionmakers can find solutions that fit their needs



## **Smart charging makes EVs a source of flexibility for power systems - facilitating integration of VRE**



Source: IRENA (2019) Innovation Outlook: Smart charging for Electric Vehicles

### **Sustainable Forest Management – Swedish case**



Wood flow element	Current residue shares	Enhanced residue use
Forest biomass growth in 2015	436 TWh	436 TWh
(Left in forest growing)	107 TWh	107 TWh
Cut (75% of growth increment)	329 TWh	329 TWh
Stemwood (55% of cut)	181 TWh	181 TWh
Pulpwood (including bark)	87 TWh	87 TWh
· use for energy (DH)*	9 TWh	9 TWh
· use for energy (mills, other)	48 TWh	48 TWh
· use for energy (biofuel)	1 TWh	1 TWh
Saw logs (including bark)	80 TWh	80 TWh
sawnwood in construction	22 TWh (60% of sawnwood)	22 TWh (60% of sawnwood)
· other sawnwood use	14 TWh (40% of sawnwood)	14 TWh (40% of sawnwood)
· use for energy (DH)	6 TWh	6 TWh
- use for energy (mills, other)	12 TWh	12 TWh
Firewood	9 TWh	9 TWh
Discarded wood (DH)	5 TWh	5 TWh
Slash (20% of cut)	66 TWh	66 TWh
• Use for energy (DH)	10 TWh (15% of slash)	33 TWh (50% of slash)
Left in forest rotting	56 TWh	33 TWh
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Stumps (25% of cut)	82 TWh	82 TWh
Use for energy (DH)	0 TWh (0% of stumps)	17 TWh (20% of stumps)
Left in forest rotting	82 TWh	66 TWh
Total bioenergy use	99 TWh	139 TWh

\* Fuel oil boiler efficiency – 80%, modern wood furnace – 87%, DH – appox. 100%

#### Harvest less wood than grows each year

- Swedish forests have been growing around 1% per year
- Largely because 25% of annual growth is left growing
- Also because management replaces older, slower-growing trees with younger, faster-growing trees

#### Substitute wood for carbon-intensive building materials

- Approximately 2.8 t of carbon dioxide emissions are avoided for every tonne of wood used in buildings
- Around 60% of Swedish wood logs are used in buildings

#### Use wood residues instead of fossil fuel for energy

- Wood displacing coal and fuel oil for process heat, DH
- (Current residue use) 99 TWh of wood for process heat and DH 32.8 MtCO2 displacement of fuel oil\*
- (Enhanced residue use) 138 TWh of wood for process heat and DH 46.8 MtCO<sub>2</sub> displacement of fuel oil



# Estonia has made progress in renewables over the last 10 years



#### > Overall share grew from 23% in 2009 to 29% in 2017



Rising bioenergy exports



European Union 2030 Targets	
Greenhouse Gases Emissions (GHG)	- 40 %*
Energy Efficiency (Final Energy Consumption - FEC)	- 32.5 %**
Renewable Energy (Renewable Energy share - RES)	32 %***

#### **Estonia's NECP**

#### **GHG Emissions**

- Binding target to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 13% of 2005 levels by 2030 under the Effort Sharing Regulation.
- Target to reduce GHG emission by 80% compared to 1990 levels by 2050

#### **Energy Efficiency**

- Primary energy consumption in 2030 will be 10% less than in 2012
- Improvements through more energy efficient buildings, reduction of district heating losses, cogeneration

#### **Renewable Energy**

- To increase Renewable Energy Share to 42.0% in FEC by 2030
- 30% renewable power
- 80% heat
- 14% transport

## Thank you!



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