



SDG 7 in the German National Sustainable Development Strategy

Transformation of the German energy system

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SDG 7 in National Voluntary Review

National Sustainable Development Strategy

since 2002, currently under revision in the light of 2030 Agenda;

Revision process focuses on three dimensions of SD and on global impact of national policies





SDG 7 in National Voluntary Review: 1. National Challenges

Energy Transition

- provides framework for sustainable energy policies with long term goals
- is key component of German climate policy (SDG 13)
- key measures:
 - → reduce energy consumtion
 - → increase energy **efficiency**
 - → increase share of renewables
 - → focus energy **research** on RES and efficiency technologies





SDG 7 in Germany - reasons for the energy transition

- Reduce carbon emissions and reach climate protection targets
- Energy policy can be both sustainable and economically successful
- Development of new technologies as new sources of growth and employment
- Reduce dependency on energy imports
- Phase-out nuclear power generation

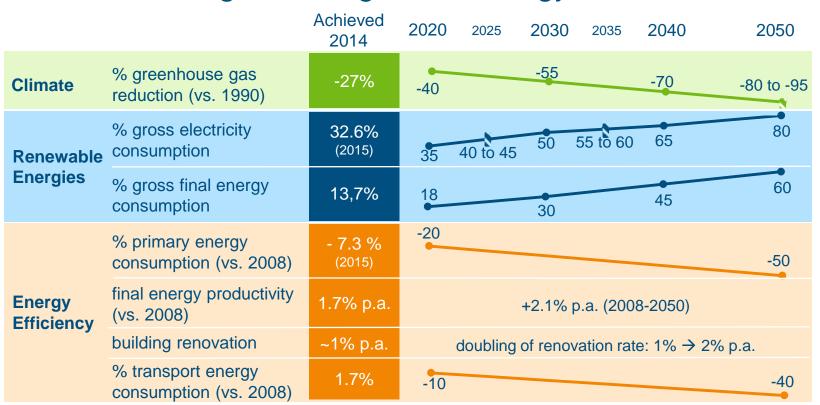








National long-term targets for energy transition

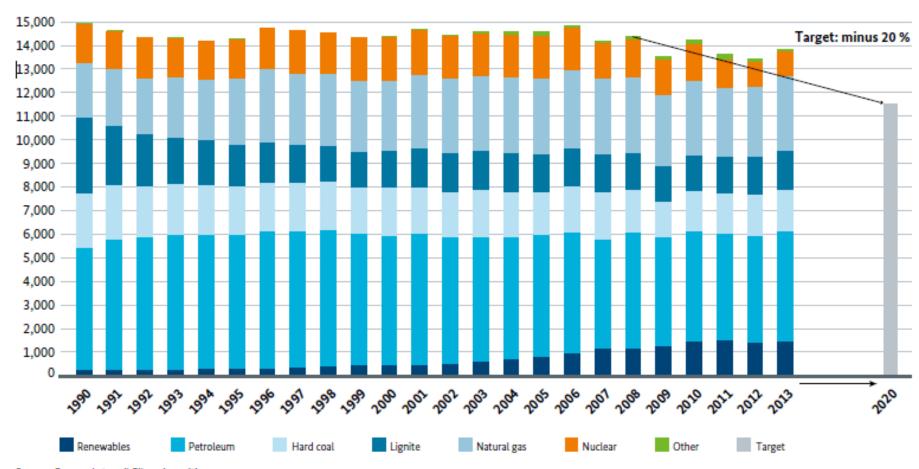


Source: Federal Government 2010, BMU/BMWi 2014, BMWi 2015, AGEE-Stat 2014, AGEB 2015, BMWi 2016





Development of primary energy consumption in Germany

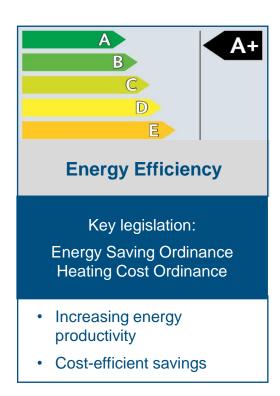


Source : Groupe de travail Bilans énergétiques





Key elements of the *Energiewende*



Supporting fields of action









- Steady growth
- Environmentally friendly energy supply





SDG 7 in National Voluntary Review: 2. Global Responsibility

- Energy transition is key element in Germany's climate policy
- firmly embedded in the European framework, in cooperation with our international partners
- German Government plays an active role in multilateral organisations, forums and intitiatives, e.g.
 - G7, G20
 - IRENA
 - SE4ALL
 - Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)
 - Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)
 - Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM)
 - World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme (ESMAP)
- Germany supports mobilisation of private capital via various tailormade funding mechanisms
- Germany advocates at national and international level for abolition of fossil fuel subsidies





SDG 7 in National Voluntary Review: 3. Support for other countries

e.g.

- Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI)
- support of efforts to combat energy poverty in LDCs
- numerous bilateral energy partnerships
- International Climate Initiative





Challenges

- investment in infrastructure
- lead RES to the market
- integration of sectors (electricity heat transportation)
- electricity market design
- public acceptance
- EU framework

Energie transition remains an ambitious project.

Energy transition needs to be economically viable in order to be successful.