

Regional developments: Integrating renewables into the energy mix A comparison of Poland and the Netherlands

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The current status



The overview: both countries are obliged to reach their over 2020 RES target, the sub targets are only indicative





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Heating & Cooling	RES-H&C	6.4%	6.4%
Transport	RES-T	14.4%	14.4%

		2015	2020
Overall	RES	5.8%	14.5%
Electricity	RES-E	11.1%	13.0%
Heating & Cooling	RES-H&C	5.5%	8.7%
Transport	RES-T	5.3%	10.3%

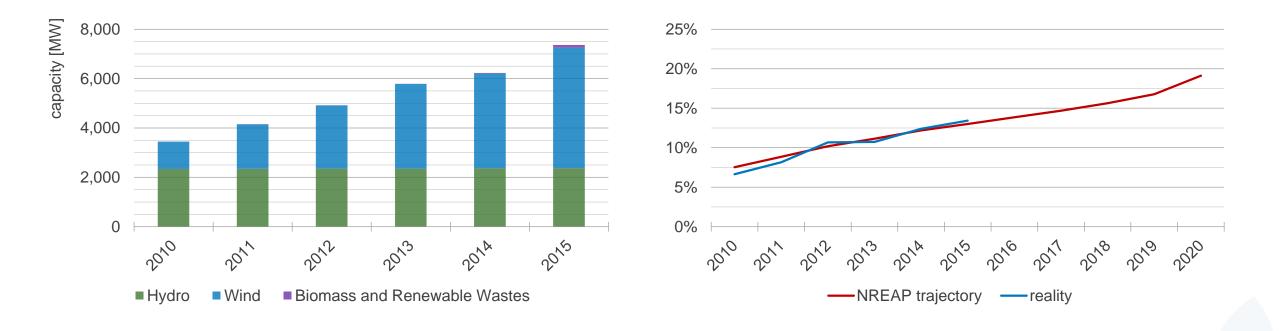
Poland: the indicative NREAP trajectories for Poland imply a rather linear increase of the overall RES share and the sub shares – the increase is the largest for electricity production from RES

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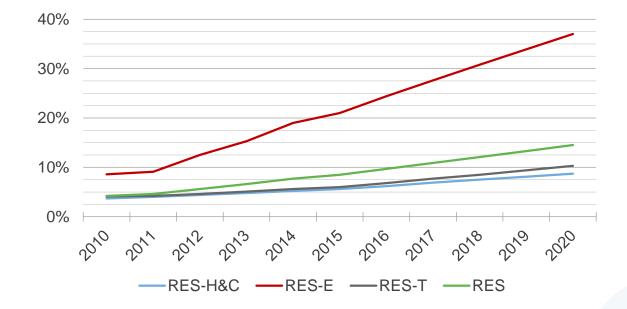
Poland: when focusing on the **RES-E** share it gets clear that Poland is – since 2010 and until 2015 – on track to reach its 2020 RES-E target



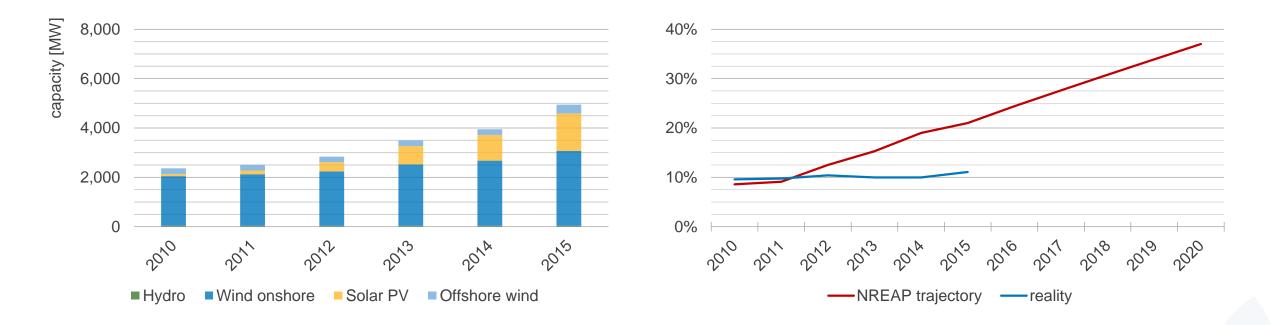
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Netherlands: the indicative NREAP trajectories for the Netherlands are also rather linear – however, the RES-E share increases much more significant compares to the other sub shares

		2015	2020
Overall	RES	5.8%	14.5%
Electricity	RES-E	11.1%	37.0%
Heating & Cooling	RES-H&C	5.5%	8.7%
Transport	RES-T	5.3%	10.3%



Netherlands: while the Netherlands roughly doubled their renewable capacity in 2015 compared to 2015, they are departing significantly from their indicative NREAP trajectory





The current trends and the future

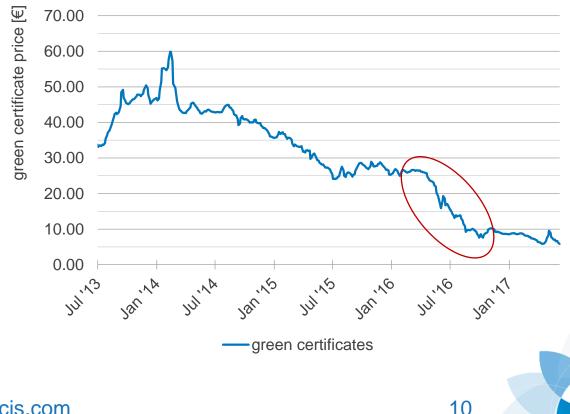


Poland: the adopted reforms put pressure on RES-E producers and disincentives additional capacity

PiS took government in 2015

- July 2016: reform of RES support mechanism
 - No new installations can apply for the green certificate system
 - Instead an auction scheme was established
- After the reform the prices for green certificates plummeted from €25 to €6

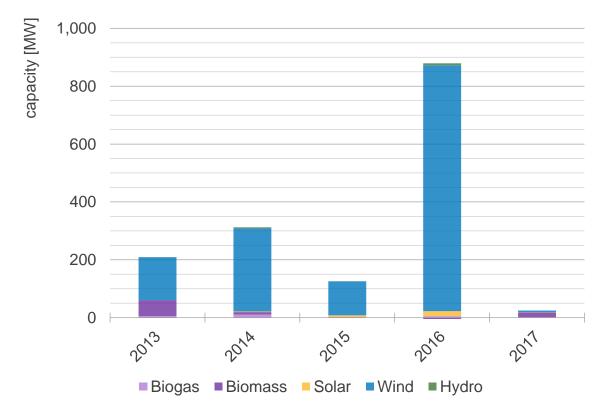
green certificate price



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Poland: Q1 2017 numbers show very low added RES capacity and especially very low values for wind additions

capacity additions Q1

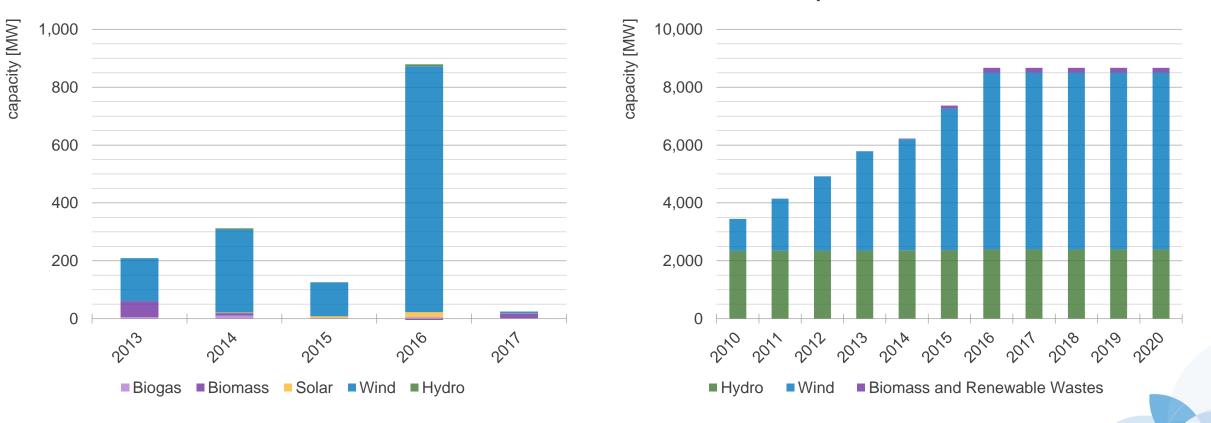


- Especially wind capacity is suffering from the new laws
- Biomass experienced a slight increase of capacity
- Solar plays anyway a minor role in Poland

Poland: when extrapolating Q1 2017 and the most likely impact of the RES reform on additional capacity building, not much additional capacity will be build until 2020

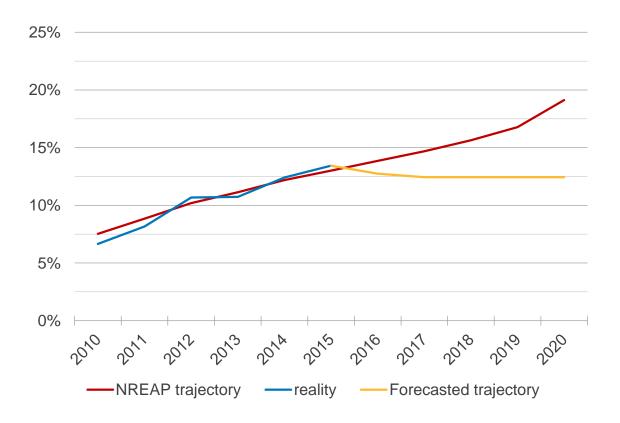
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Poland: when assuming this flat capacity development, Poland will not reach is 2020 RES-E target

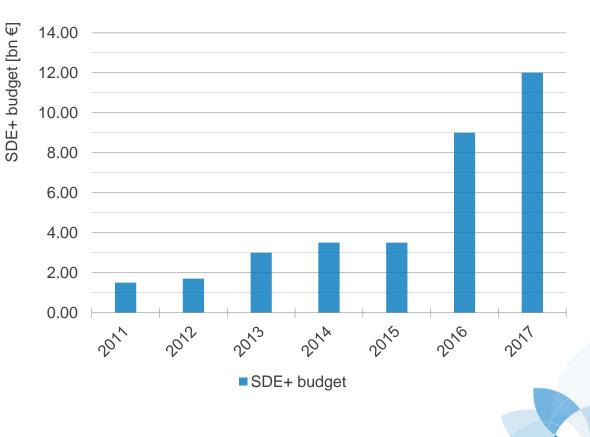
RES-E Poland



- It is likely that Poland will not be able to significantly increase RES-E capacity until 2020
- Poland will likely end up in the range of 12-13% RES-E share in 2020
- The indicative NREAP plan envisaged to achieve 19.1%

Netherlands: the cross-party compromise on renewable support reduces uncertainty even in times without a fixed government

- The Netherlands had general elections in March 2017 – currently no coalition could be formed
- The old government increased the support for RES-E capacity, via the SDE+ scheme, in 2016
 - SDE+ is a tender based premium tariff system
 - Budget increase from €7bn to €9bn in 2016
 - Increase to roughly €12bn in 2017



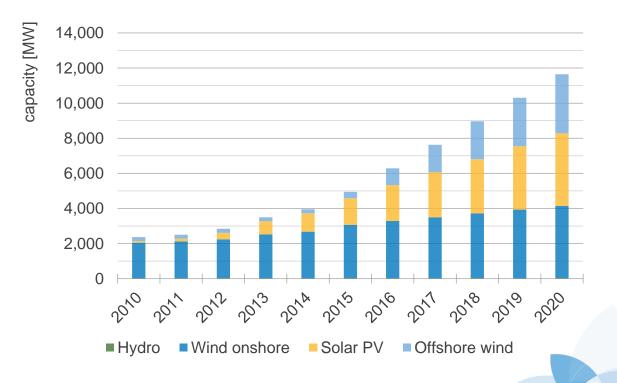


Netherlands: the SDE+ system is technology neutral, although offshore wind is supported by additional tender system

- All technologies are eligible for the SDE+ system, except offshore wind
- Offshore wind capacity is supported by additional tenders – 3.5GW in total until 2019
 - 2 tenders worth 1.4GW in 2016
 - 1 planned for 2017 worth 0.7GW
 - Projects to come online between 2019-2023

Coal phase-out under discussion

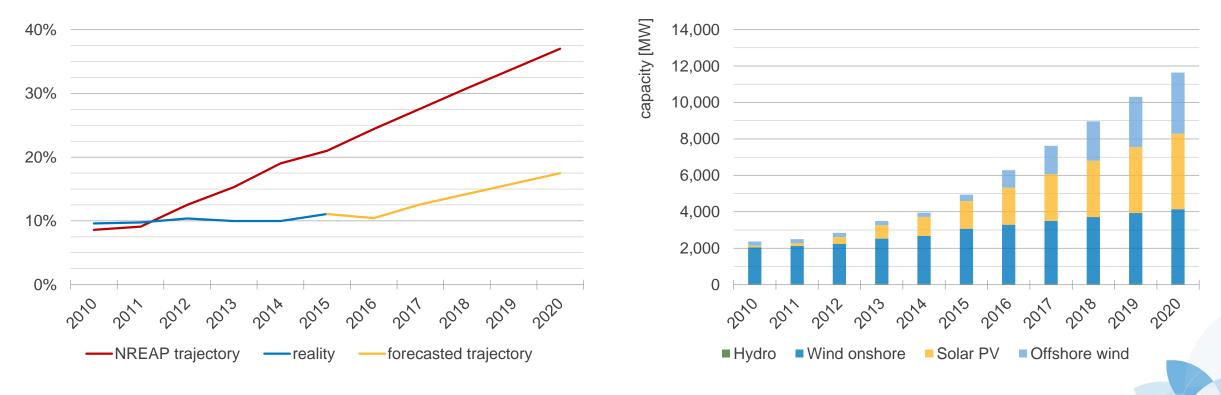
capacity developments (linear extrapolated)



Netherlands: although capacity is increasing, the Netherlands would not reach its 2020 RES-E target

RES-E Netherland (linear extrapolated)

capacity developments (linear extrapolated)

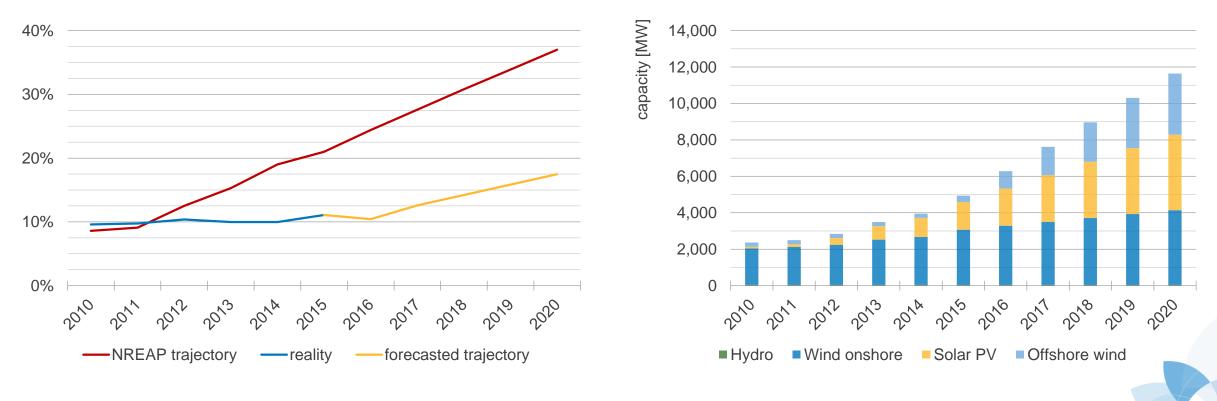


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Netherlands: however, the big unknown are a coal phase-out and additional biomass co-firing as well as further increases of the SDE+ budget

RES-E Netherland (linear extrapolated)

capacity developments (linear extrapolated)



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Conclusions

- Most likely not all countries will reach its indicative 2020 RES-E targets
- The key influencing factor of further renewable capacity building is political will
- Even with sinking technology costs, renewables still need support mechanisms to be economically viable
- Even if countries seem to be on track, a new political direction can endanger the target achievement and the revenues of existing projects
- The increase of ambition in some member states might come too late to push a country over the finish line

