

Renewable Renaissance in Poland

The impact of the offshore wind on the Polish power market and the neighbouring regions

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Agenda

- 1) Status quo in Poland
- 2) U-turn in Polish renewables policies
- 3) Price impact: Polish and regional
- 4) Things to look out for
- 5) Conclusions

Regulatory environment

National energy strategy

- Last adopted 2030 energy strategy – a decade old
- One draft presented in 2015 under previous government
- New draft through 2040 in December 2018
- Draft NECP January 2019
- Capacity market mechanism
- Renewable Energy Law and RES auctions



Stagnation in RES electricity since 2015



RES auctions volumes for new installations: return in full force



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*using historical load factors

Offshore wind spring?

- Government: 8GW offshore wind by 2035
- A potential of 14GW
- 24 applications to the Ministry of Marine Economy and Inland Navigation by May 2019



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Offshore Wind Act before the next elections – nearly impossible



Increase in RES auctions volumes for new installations

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- Offshore wind in theory can participate in the multi-technology basket



Market impact: ICIS Power Horizon



Long-term power forecasting: ICIS Power Horizon

Overall methodology

- Dispatch model we are modelling the hourly dispatch mimicking how the market clearing works
- Global optimization model that minimizes all system costs subject to a number of constrains (or maximization of social welfare)
- Formulated as a linear programming model

Features

- Optimal dispatch of generation including trade
- Incorporation of start-up costs
- Full EU integration: capacities of all major interconnectors
- Detailed hydro modelling
- Accurate cycling of thermal generation
- Taking into account technical restrictions: part-load efficiencies, reservoir levels, ramping restrictions

Features

- Model simulates all hours of the year
- **Hydro**: RoR, Reservoirs, Pumped Storage
- Thermal: Start up costs (*linearization*), partefficiencies and minimum stable load
- Renewables: Modelled with observed volatility
- Transmission: Losses, availability and ramping constrains



Poland price forecast base case vs high offshore wind scenarios





Price differential – around €8/MWh on average in 2030



... higher offshore penetration means prices become lower and more volatile...

Polish power price distribution high wind scenario



Polish power price distribution moderate scenario

Source: ICIS Power Horizon

Net importer in 2018 – trade with other Visegrad countries low



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But it will change with offshore wind and interconnectors

- Austria, Germany, Poland and the 4MMC countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia) market coupling
- Increase of transfer capacities:
 - 2021 Increase in HU-SK transmission capacity
 - 2021-2022 increase in AT-DE transmission capacity
 - Improving grid in Germany and avoiding loop flows with PL/CZ



Offshore wind scenario: Poland becomes net exporter



2030 power export flows from Poland to the region



- The biggest correlation between flows Poland-Slovakia and Slovakia-Hungary:
 - 69% export correlation
 - 55% of the year hours interconnectors used at the same time
- Other directions less correlated

Source: ICIS Power Horizon, high offshore wind scenario, 2030

Average annual price effects on the Visegrad countries



Impact on the regional price structures



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Things to look out for

- Renewable energy auctions 2019
- Reversal of the onshore wind Distance Act
- October 2019: Parliament elections
 - Policy continuity likely
 - Usual precursor to the Sejm elections EP elections on 26 May 2019
 - PiS wins in European Parliament vote
- Decision on free carbon allowances to the coal&lignite sector (Art. 10c derogation)
- Offshore Wind Act
 - Adoption earliest in 2020
 - Local content requirements
- Austria, Germany, Poland and the 4MMC countries market coupling

Conclusions

Poland at the cross-roads

- Behind the 2020 RES target
- Increasing onshore renewables and offshore wind ambition

14GW offshore wind scenario

- Turns Poland from net importer into net exporter
- Average power price falls but volatility increases

Regional impact

- More exports to the neighboring countries and less imports
- Average price effects small with the current cross-border transmission capacities
- Fewer hours with very high prices and more with very low

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