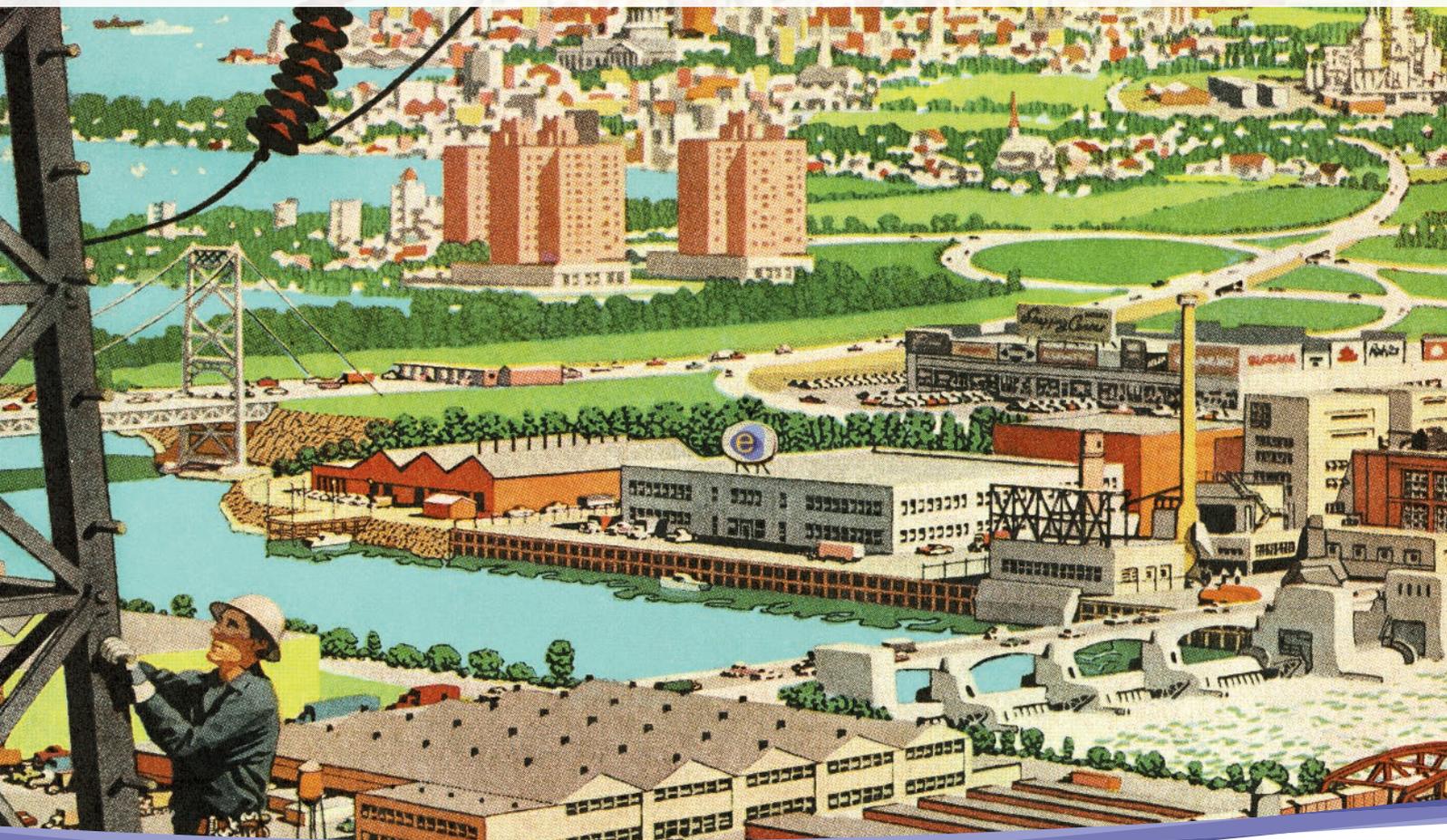


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Synthetic overview of electric system consumption, generation and exchanges in the ENTSO-E Area



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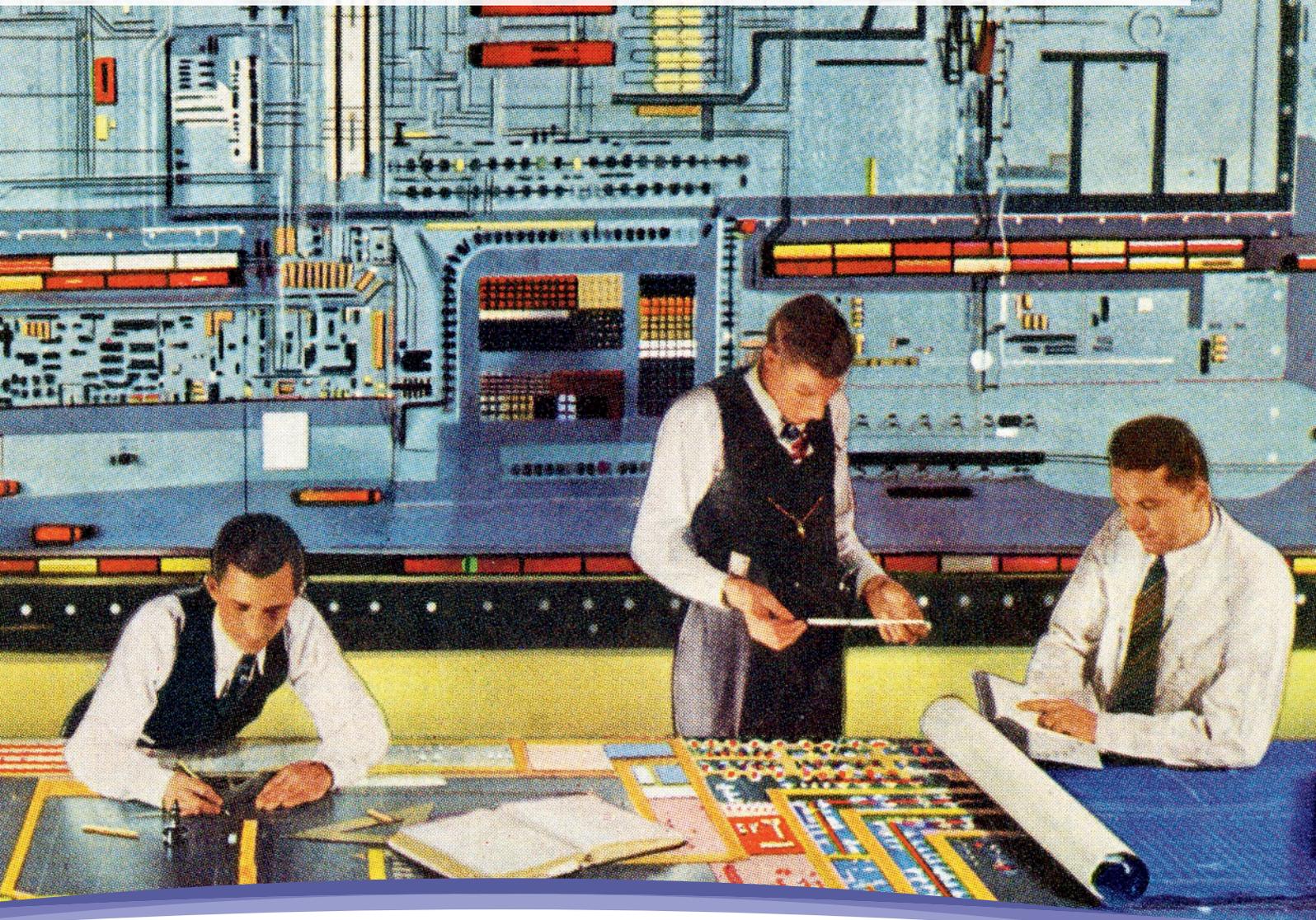
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1. ENERGY TRANSITION IN PROGRESS

MAIN FACTS



ENTSO-E ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION INCREASED IN 2015

After several years of decrease, overall electricity consumption in the ENTSO-E perimeter reached 3,278 terawatt hours (TWh) in 2015. This 1.4% increase can be explained by the colder temperatures observed in the beginning of the year compared to 2014, and by a slight economic upturn.

In 2015, the peak load of the overall electrical system was reached on 5 February (528 gigawatts (GW)), linked to a cold period, and was higher than the previous year (+6GW). However, this is still below the historical maximum of 557GW reached in February 2012, when an exceptional period of cold weather struck the main part of Europe.

RENEWABLE GENERATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE WHILST HYDRO AND NUCLEAR GENERATION DECREASE

The net generating capacity (NGC) of hydro has been stable for several years. However, in 2015, due to a decrease in rainfall, hydro generation was 6.5% lower than the previous year. Moreover, the shutdown of nuclear plants (-1.8GW) in Germany and Great Britain have contributed to a reduction of nuclear generation by 2.66% (-23TWh). The growth in renewable power has mainly been driven by wind generation, which increased by 24.5% in 2015. The combined effects of the development of wind farms (136GW) and suit-

able meteorological conditions, were substantially responsible for these figures. In total, the capacity of Renewable Electricity Sources (RES) (excluding hydro) amounts to almost 25.8% of the total NGC of ENTSO-E.

However, to compensate for the reduction in hydro and nuclear and their load growth, the use of fossil fuel resources increased in 2015 by 1.2%, despite the reduction of capacity (-3.3%).

INTERCONNECTED NETWORK ALLOWS EXCHANGE BALANCE OF COUNTRIES TO FLUCTUATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR

Even if the structure of exchanges is rather stable, the exchange balance of ENTSO-E countries can fluctuate due to border capacities, market prices, market coupling and development of renewables. In 2015, 12 countries within the ENTSO-E perimeter exported more than 10% of their annual national generation to neighbouring countries. Fourteen other countries of ENTSO-E imported more than 10% of their annual internal consumption needs from other ENTSO-E countries.

Exporting countries were mainly situated along a North-East to South-West axis, which is characterised by an energy mix based on hydro, coal and renewables. The ENTSO-E area had an export balance (6TWh) in 2015.

2. CONSUMPTION



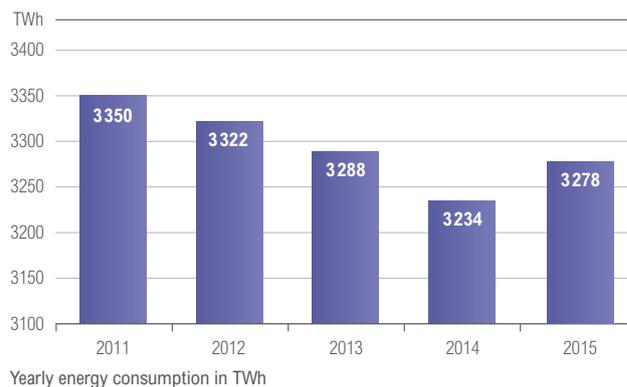
EVOLUTION OF OVERALL ENTSO-E CONSUMPTION

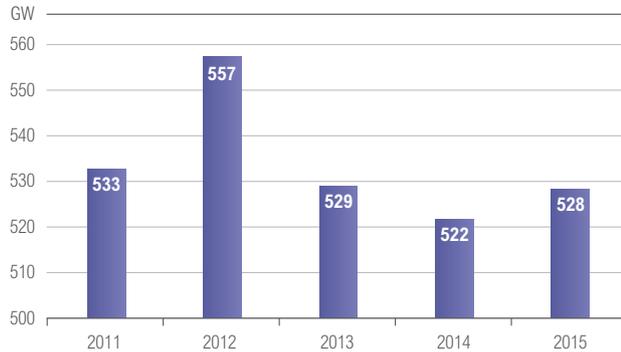
YEARLY ENERGY CONSUMPTION

In 2015, ENTSO-E consumption reached 3,278TWh, which represents a 1.4% increase compared to the previous year. The following reasons may explain this increase:

- Meteorology: average 2015 temperatures were lower at the beginning of the year, and higher in summer;
- Economy: the GDP rose by 1.8% in the EU28 over 2015 compared to 2014 (Source: Eurostat).

We observe an increasing use of electricity (e.g., electric vehicles), despite improvements in energy efficiency of buildings, lighting and appliances.





Maximum peak load in GW

Estimated amount of own consumption is included.

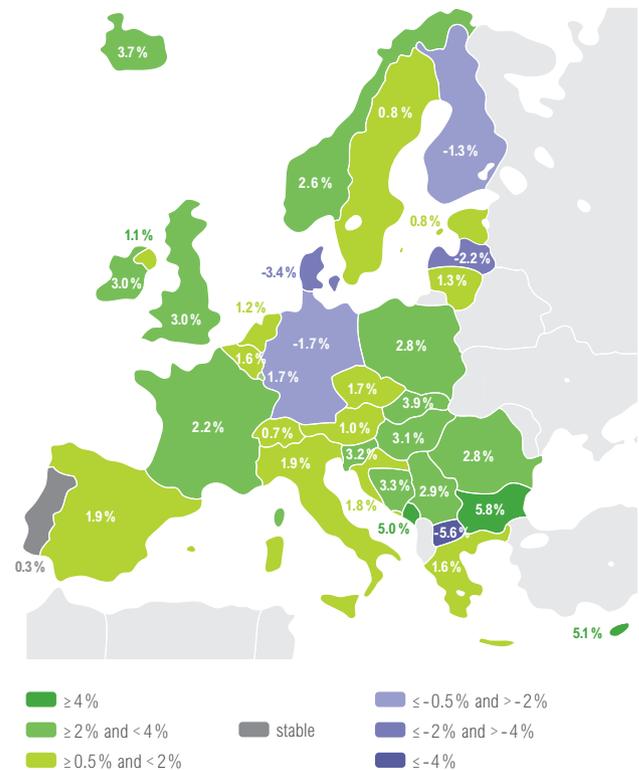
EVOLUTION OF CONSUMPTION PER COUNTRY

The majority of ENTSO-E countries observed an increase of their consumption between 2014 and 2015. For some countries, particularly France, where electric heating is important, this increase can mainly be explained by colder winter weather conditions.

EVOLUTION OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION BETWEEN 2014 AND 2015

PEAK LOAD

Associated with the cold snap of February 2015, the peak load was higher than 2014 and reached 528GW on 5 February 2015. This peak is comparable to the 2013 peak, and is still 30GW lower than the peak load registered during the cold period of February 2012.

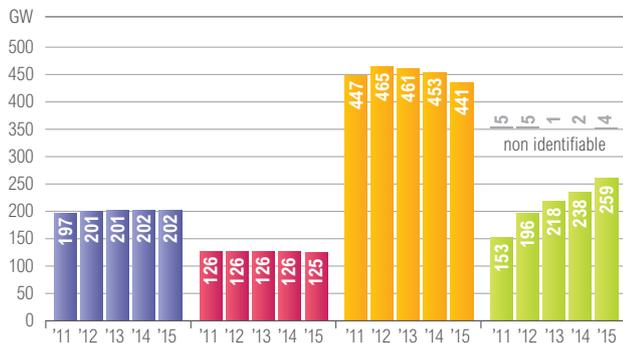


3. GENERATION

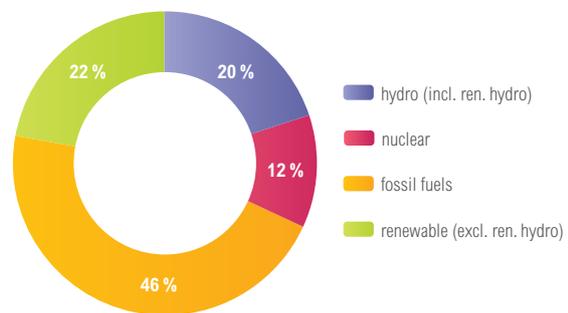
EVOLUTION OF OVERALL ENTSO-E NET GENERATING CAPACITY

By the end of 2015, total ENTSO-E NGC was 1,030GW. Whilst NGC was stable with respect to nuclear and hydro, non-hydro renewable energy sources increased by 20GW (+ 8.6% compared

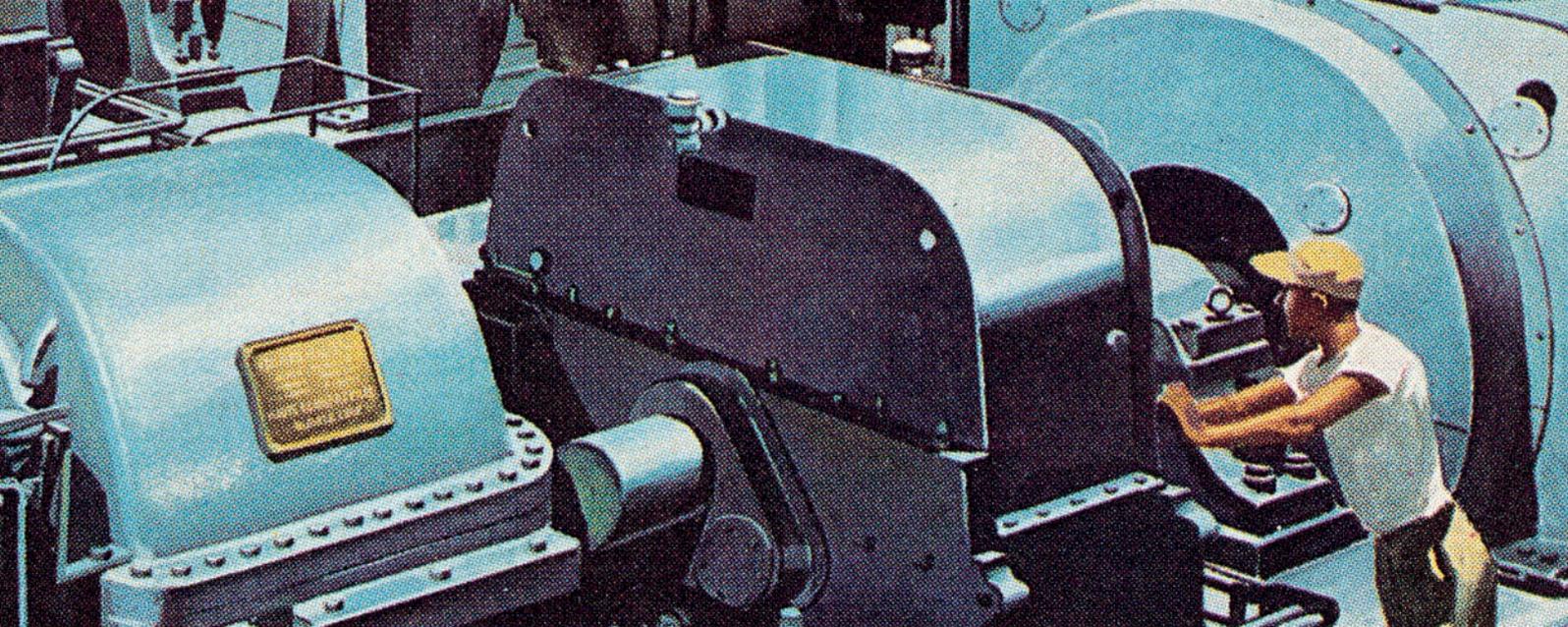
to 2014), and represented 25.1% of total NGC of ENTSO-E. In contrast, fossil fuel NGC decreased by 3.3%.



Net generating capacity from 2011 to 2015 in GW



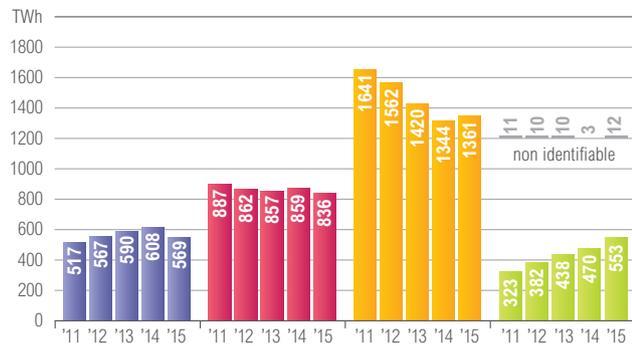
Net generating capacity in 2015



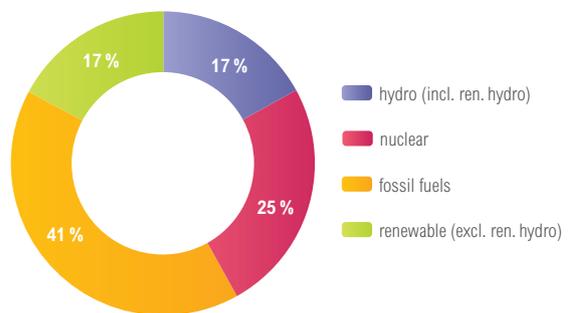
EVOLUTION OF OVERALL ENTSO-E ENERGY NET GENERATION

The low rainfall of 2015 affected hydro generation, which decreased by 6.5%. This decrease, coupled with the reduction of nuclear generation, was partially compensated by the increase

in renewable generation (+17.3%), mainly driven by solar and wind, which increased by 24.6% and 3.1%, respectively. At the same time, fossil fuel generation increased by 1.1%.



Energy net generation from 2011 to 2015 in TWh



Energy net generation in 2015

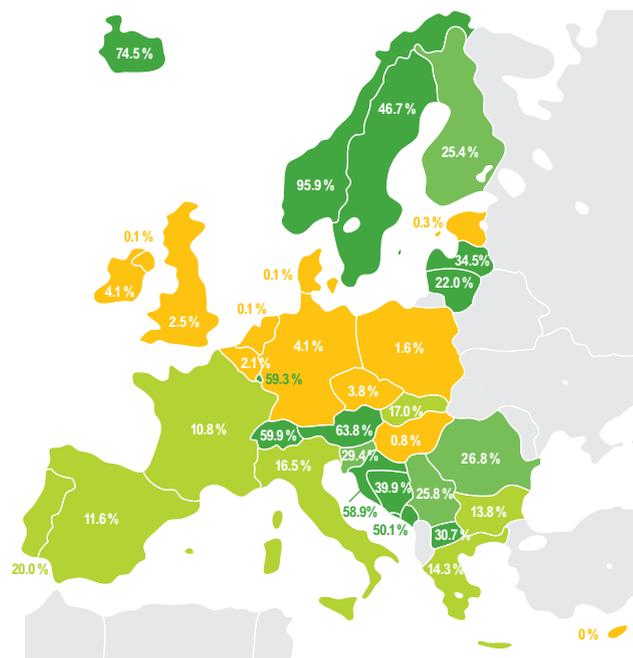
NET GENERATION PER COUNTRY

HYDRO ENERGY

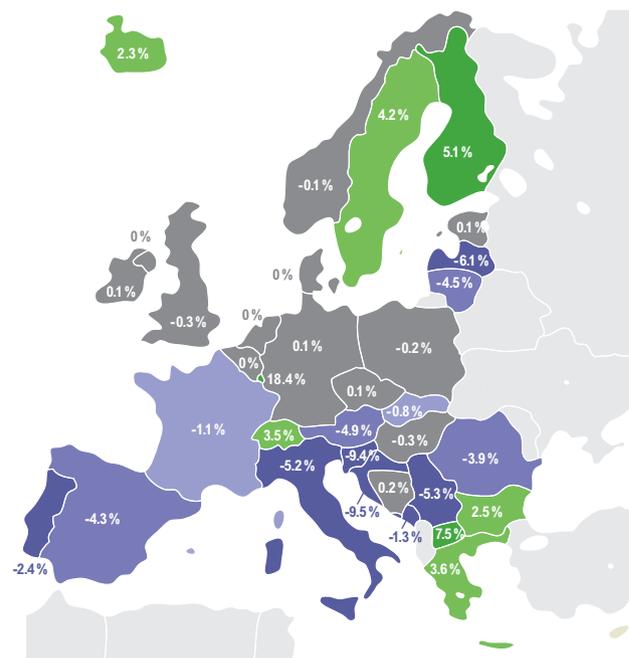
In Europe, hydro power plants are concentrated in the transalpine range, the Carpathians and the Scandinavian countries, where hydro generation represents up to 96% of total national

generation. Although hydro capacities have not significantly evolved further, generation is highly dependent on rainfall, which differs from one country to the next.

SHARE OF HYDRO ENERGY NET GENERATION IN 2015



EVOLUTION OF HYDRO COVERAGE RATIO IN PERCENTAGE POINT



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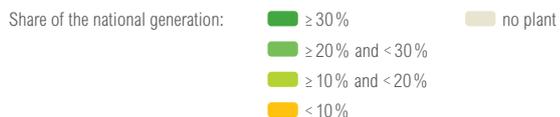
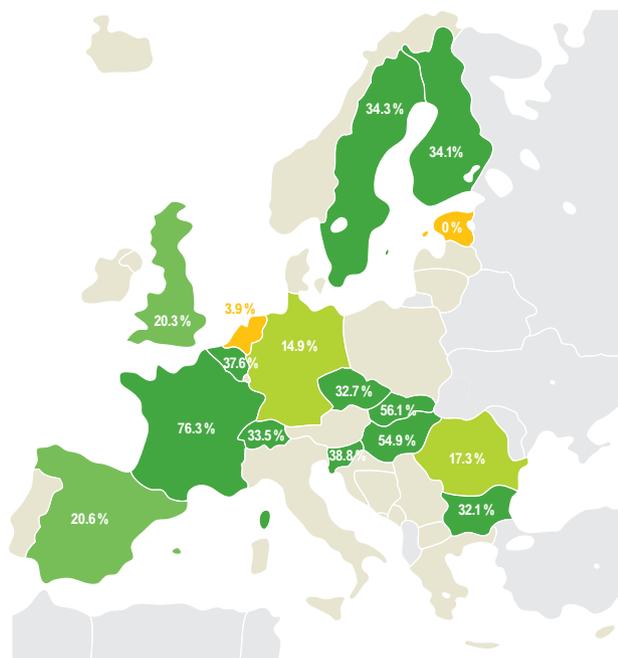
NUCLEAR ENERGY

The total nuclear NGC has been rather stable in ENTSO-E, despite the fact that power plant generation can fluctuate, depending on availability. For example, the unavailability of some reactors in Belgium led to a significant drop of nuclear generation, compared to 2014.

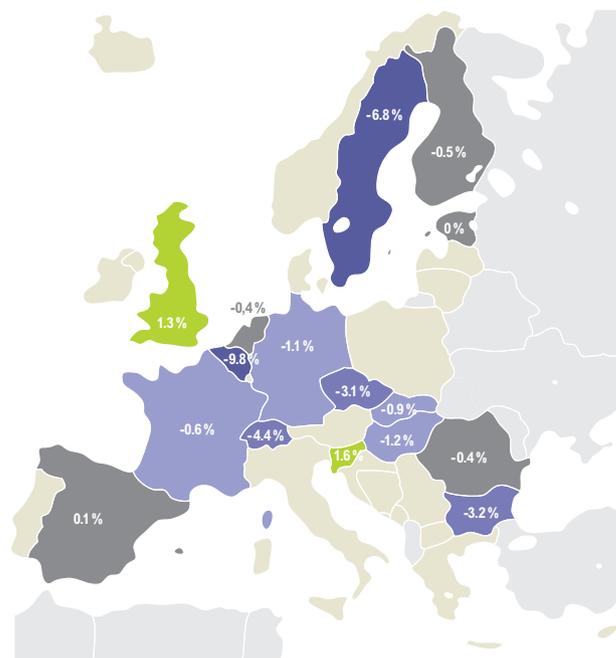
The decreases in nuclear NGC have mainly been linked to shutdowns, such as:

- 1.3GW in Germany (Grafenrheinfeld)
- 0.5GW in Great Britain (Wylfa)

SHARE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY NET GENERATION IN 2015



EVOLUTION OF NUCLEAR COVERAGE RATIO IN PERCENTAGE POINT

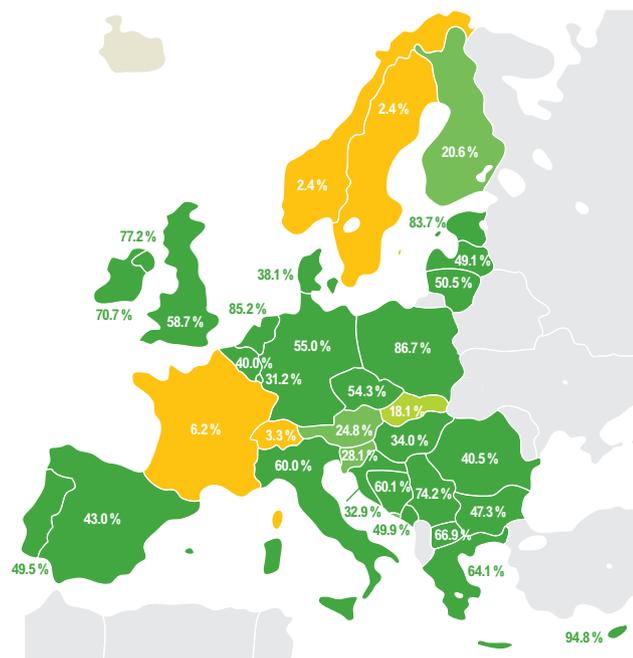


FOSSIL FUEL

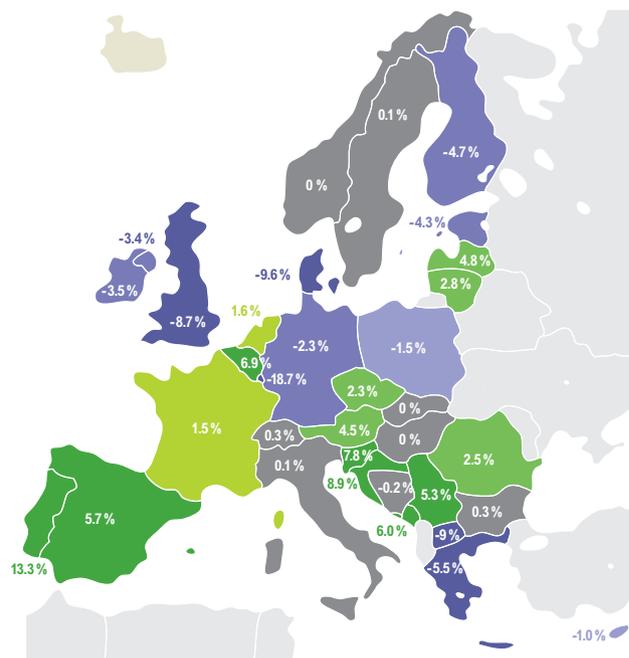
Historically, fossil fuels have been the main electricity generation source for countries with no hydro resources or nuclear plants. In recent years, the share of electricity generation from fossil fuels has decreased in all European countries, associated with the development of RES generation, and the shutdown of some thermal

plants which do not meet European environmental standards. However, in 2015, fossil fuel generation increased, mainly due to a decrease in hydro and nuclear generation.

SHARE OF FOSSIL FUELS ENERGY NET GENERATION IN 2015



EVOLUTION OF FOSSIL FUELS COVERAGE RATIO IN PERCENTAGE POINT

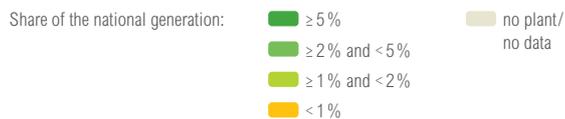
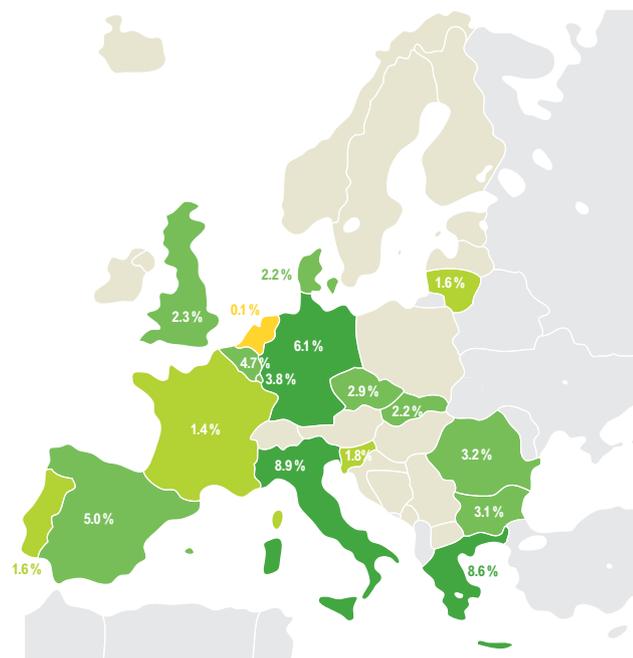


SOLAR ENERGY

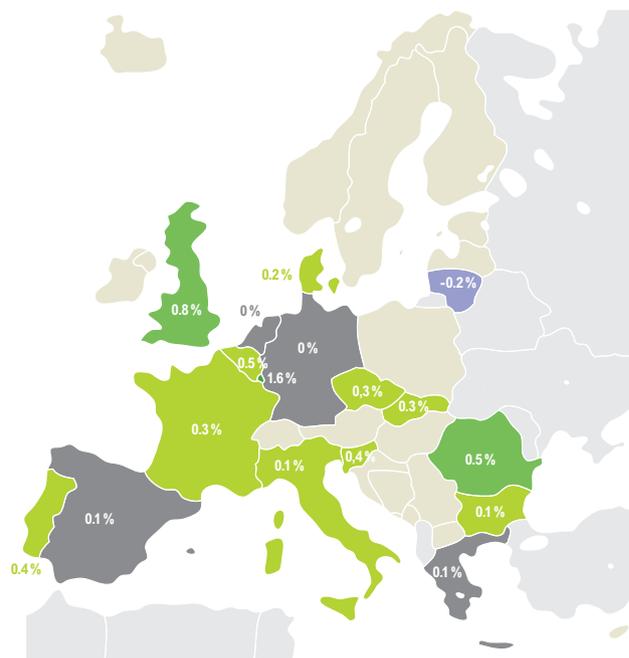
Solar energy generation rose by 6% in 2015. Similar to wind, it was triggered by an increase in capacity (+7%) and weather

conditions. Germany, Italy and Spain represent 71% of total ENTSO-E solar generation (102TWh).

SHARE OF SOLAR ENERGY NET GENERATION IN 2015



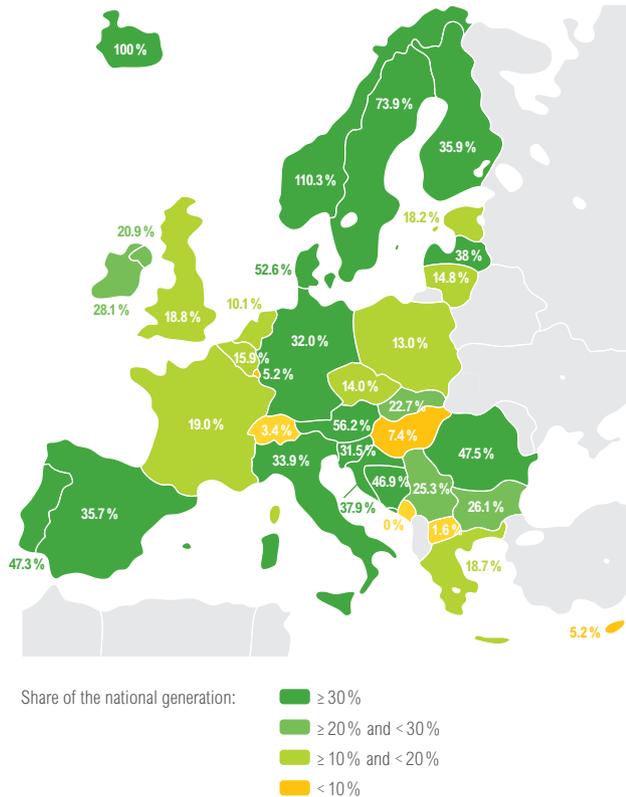
EVOLUTION OF SOLAR COVERAGE RATIO IN PERCENTAGE POINT



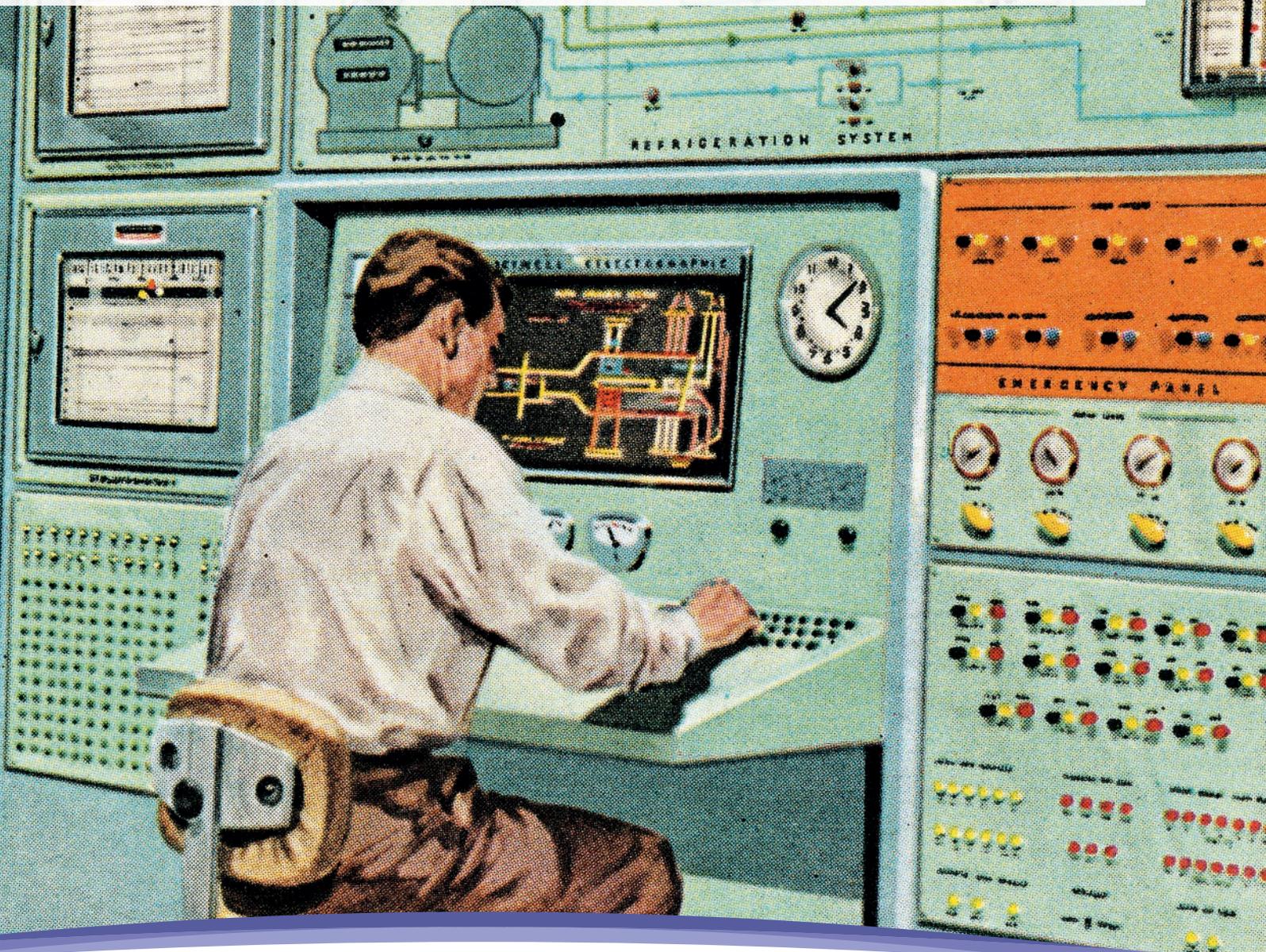
RENEWABLE NET GENERATION PER COUNTRY

Renewable generation covers 31.8 % of overall ENTSO-E electricity consumption. Without hydro generation, renewable generation, mainly solar and wind, represents 16.9 % of total ENTSO-E consumption.

SHARE OF CONSUMPTION COVERED BY RENEWABLE GENERATION IN 2015



4. EXCHANGES

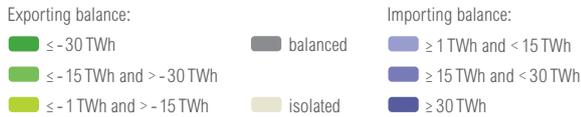
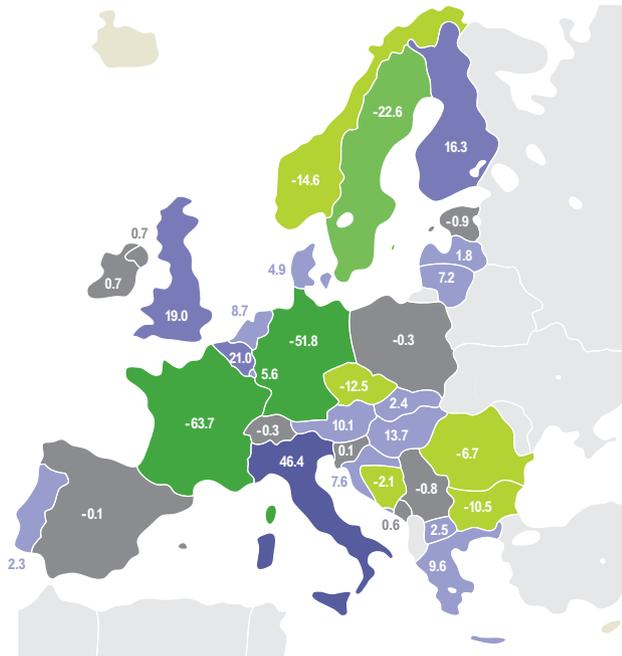


EXCHANGE BALANCES PER COUNTRY

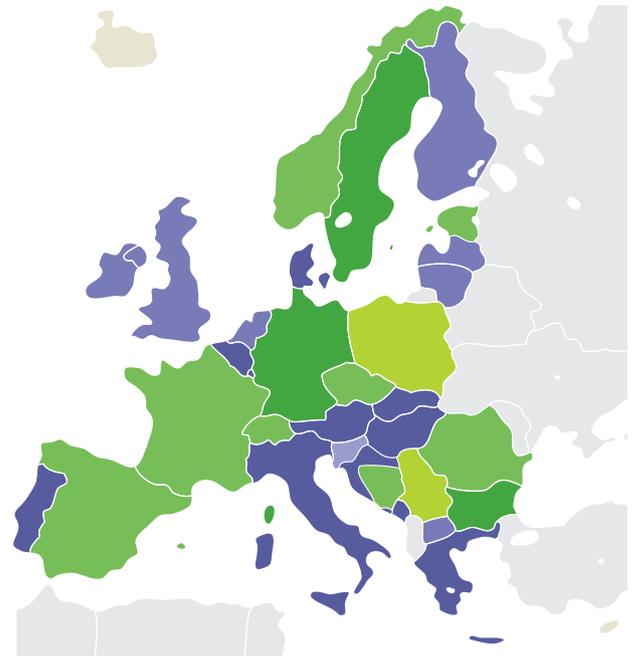
The exchange balance of a country can fluctuate from year to year, linked to border capacities, market coupling and price influences, even if some countries are structurally importing or exporting. The balance of electricity exchanges is the balance between the energy physically flowing in and out of a country. It equates to the balance

of commercial transactions of each country (exports minus imports). However, in an interconnected system where electricity disperses through various paths, the energy's physical flow through a specific border between two countries usually differs from the commercial energy transactions between these two countries.

EXCHANGE BALANCES IN 2015



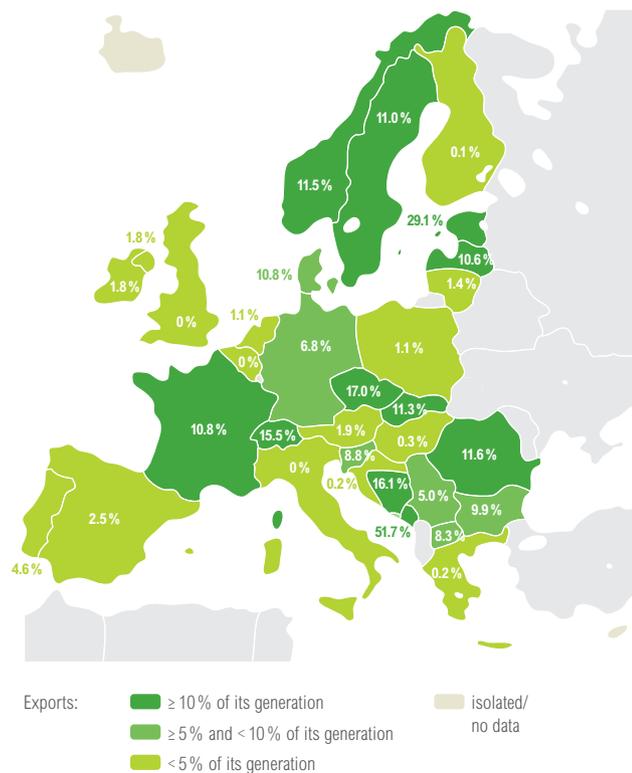
EVOLUTION OF EXCHANGE BALANCES BETWEEN 2014 AND 2015



EXPORTED GENERATION

The share of electricity generation of a country which is physically exported to its neighbours, is the ratio between the country's net exports and generation. In 2015, 12 countries of ENTSO-E's perimeter exported more than 10% of their annual national generation to neighbouring countries. This includes exchanges of each country with its neighbours, both within and outside of ENTSO-E.

SHARE OF YEARLY GENERATION EXPORTED

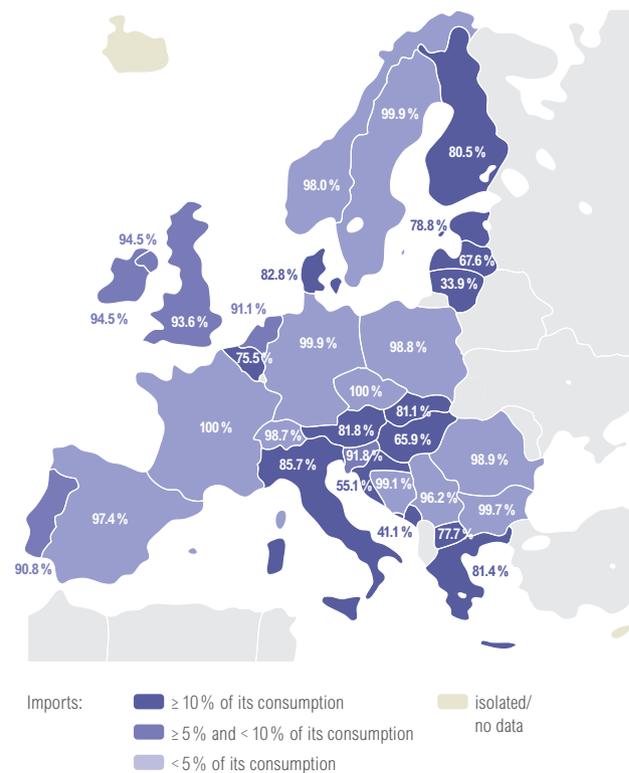


These two Figures are based on "net exports" and "net imports" calculations, excluding transit and loop flows. Net balance of exchanges per country are calculated on an hourly basis.

CONSUMPTION FROM NATIONAL GENERATION

For each country, the ratio between its imports and its consumption represents the share of its yearly consumption, which is covered by physical imports from its neighbours. In 2015, 14 ENTSO-E countries imported more than 10% of their annual internal consumption needs from other ENTSO-E countries.

SHARE OF YEARLY CONSUMPTION COVERED BY NATIONAL GENERATION



Adding net balances separately, whether positive or negative, gives the amount of net exports and imports of the country. Exports and imports can be driven by market conditions or adequacy needs.

APPENDIX: DATA SOURCES AND REFERENCES

SOURCE OF DATA:

Data for 2015 is taken from ENTSO-E's monthly statistics, whereas data from 2014 is based on ENTSO-E's yearly statistics. Data used for consumption, generation and exchange balance figures in Chapters 2, 3 and 4, page 17 is taken from ENTSO-E's data portal: www.entsoe.eu/data/data-portal/

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