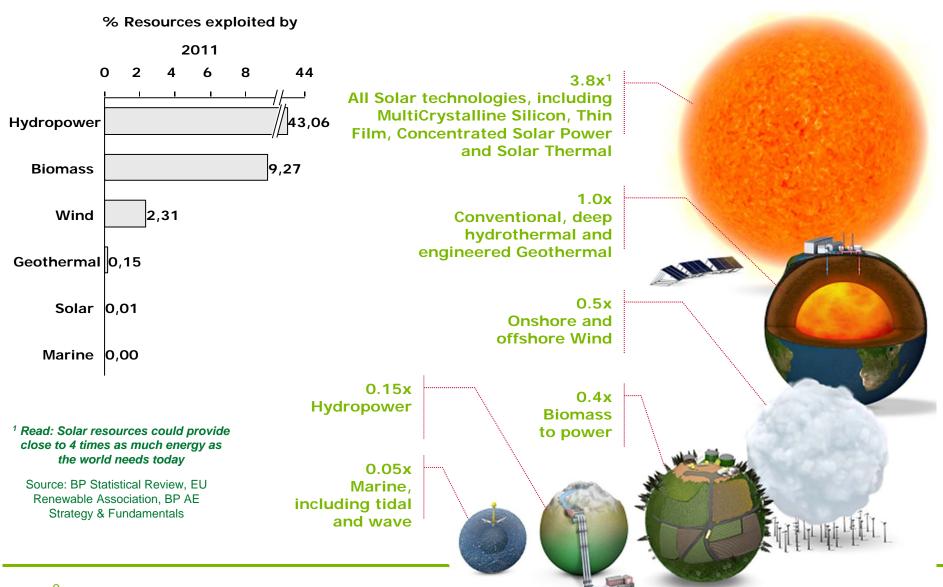
# What is the potential for renewable energy?

Introduction to the sector

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# Estimates of global renewable resources are very material on a global scale



## Value of renewable energy



2020 40% renewable generation – avoided imports 13 – 21 bn €/year

Source: Leitstudie 2010, BMU



Global annual value of renewable capacity

2010 \$195 bn

2030 \$460 bn

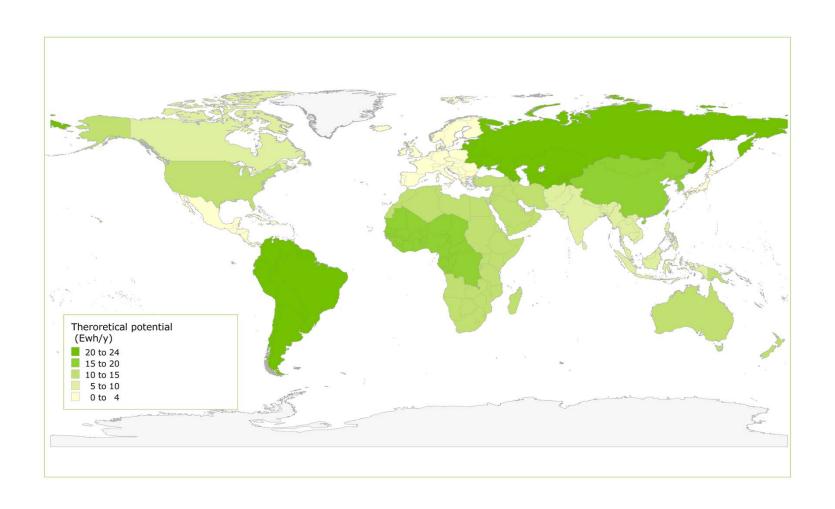
Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Global Renewable Energy Outlook 2011, annual build capacity multiplied by country-specific capital costs



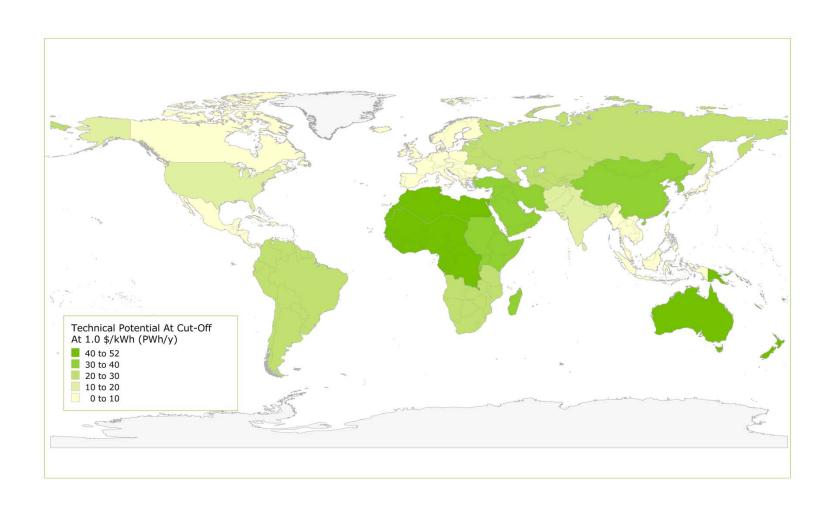
# **RE Potentials**

	Snapshot of wind energy potentials for Europe in 2030	Definitions of potentials	Progression criteria
Theoretical	~1,400,000 TWh/year (2,200 mb/d) <sup>[1]</sup>	Physically recoverable energy from sun, wind, earth, biomass over a certain time span in a given region, defined solely by the physical limits of use	Climate change  Land use change  RE proxy
Technical	75,000 TWh/year (120 mb/d) <sup>[2]</sup>	Fraction of the theoretical potential that can be used under the existing technical restrictions (currently available technology)	proxy for fossil Technology developments
Economic	30,400 TWh/year (50 mb/d) <sup>[2]</sup>	Fraction of the technical potential that can be economically recovered within the actual energy system (competitive costs). Various approaches exist to assess the economy of a RE technology	Economic competitiveness with conventional
Implementation /Deployment	1,200 TWh/year (~2 mb/d) <sup>[3]</sup>	Fraction of the economic potential that can be deployed under realistic conditions (non- economic barriers)	Removal of non- economic barriers (social acceptability, grid integration, etc)
	Sources: [1] Hoogwijk, 2004 and own calculation [2] EEA, 2009 [3] Green-X, 2012	S	<b>:</b>

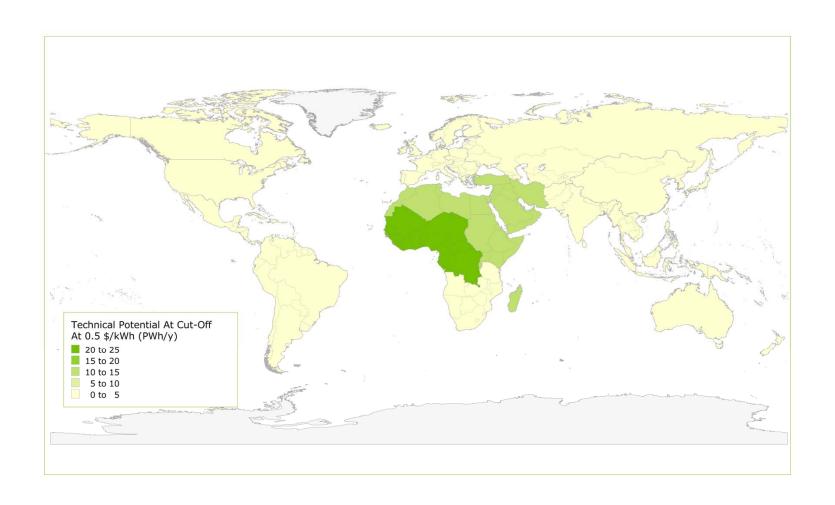
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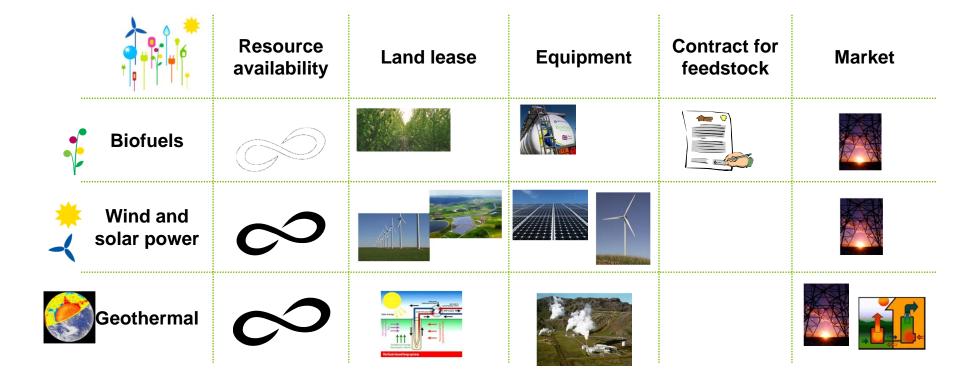
Comparison renewable energy and oil and gas projects

>Time horizon

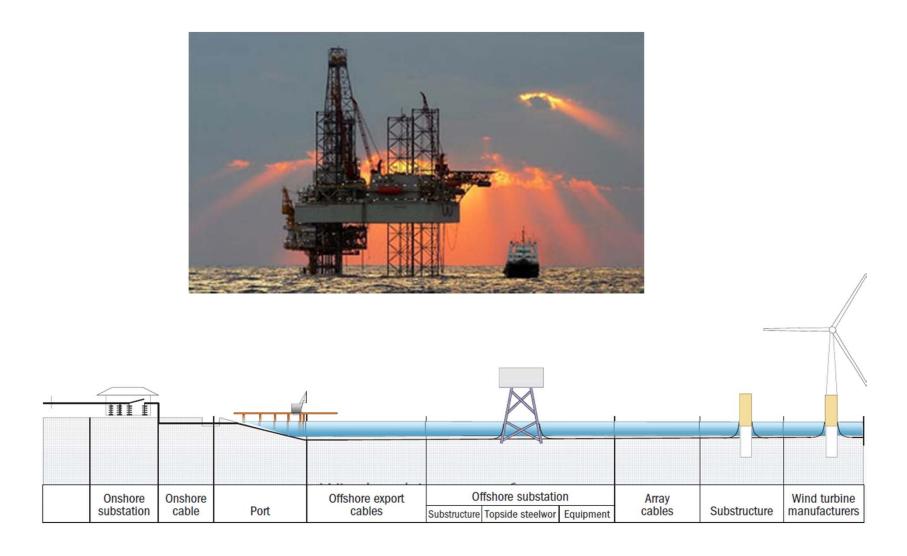
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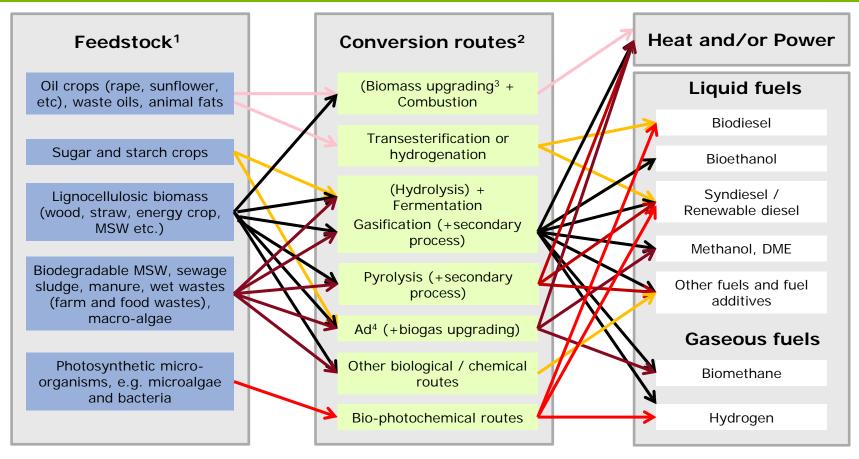
### Time Horizon



# Asset scope (1)



# Asset scope (2)



 $<sup>^{1}\!</sup>Parts$  of each feedstock, e.g. crop residues, could also be used in other routes

Sources: Synthetic view of the wide variety of bioenergy routes. Bioenergy – A Sustainable and Reliable Energy Source: Main Report. IEA. Bioenergy: ExCo: 2009:06 (http://www.ieabioenergy.com/Libltem.aspx?id=6479).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Each route also gives co-products

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Biomass upgrading includes any one of the densification processes (pelletisation, pyrolisis, torrefaction, etc.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>AD = Anaerobic Digestion

# Asset Scope (3)



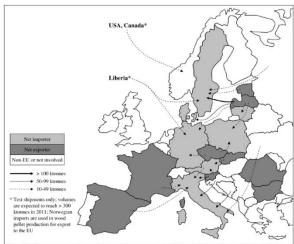
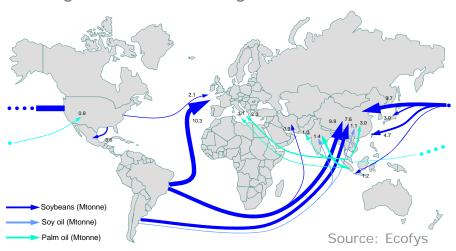
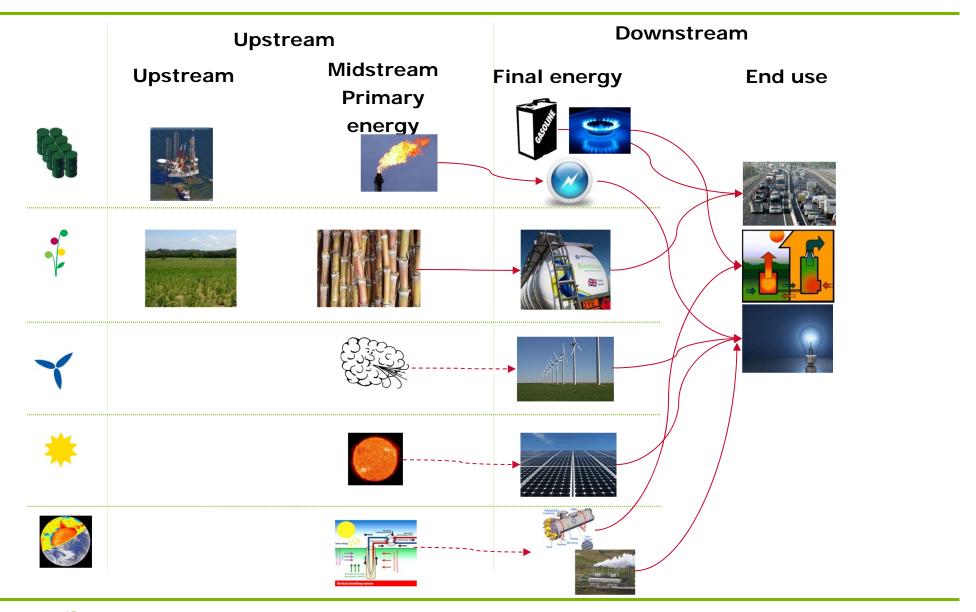


Figure 5. Bioenergy related wood chip trade patterns in 2010 based on [20, 27, 28, 40, 57, 60-62] Note: Trade streams towards Denmark, Germany and Sweden are also indicators for roundwood trade volumes and routes.

#### global trade flows of vegetable oils and oilseeds



# Energy system equivalence





#### Conclusions

>Global resources in renewable energy are significant

> There is no exact definition of potential for renewables

Differences in certain elements of projects → important in reserve concept