Renewable Energy's Role in the Transition to Zero Carbon Electricity Sectors

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Who are we - CREEC - Arava Institute?

- Renewable Energy Workshop
- Global Monitoring Laboratory
- Organic Waste Recycling
- Biogas Production
- Energy Poverty
- Energy Security
- Water Energy Nexus
- Social Acceptance of Renewable Energy Technology
- Waste to Energy
- Battery Storage

• Internships



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I. (Renewable) Energy Transition

- Energy Transition: "growth and prosperity without petroleum and uranium" (Strunz, 2014)
- Energy Transition & Culture
- Energy transition drivers:



II. Energy Transition - Israel







Energy in Numbers



Electricity consumption



⁽Source: based on data from IEA, 2020a)

What do we need for a successful renewable energy transition?

a) Societyb) Policyc) Technology

a) Society

- Education
- Research
- Citizens Involvements
- (e.g. Community Energy, Prosumerism)
- Public Awareness and Social acceptance

Society Awareness and Acceptance of RE





Demographic Information

Do you know the country's policy and goals for RE and climate change?



Do you think you have an influence on decision-making regarding state policies and goals for RE and climate change?

Do you know the regulation and national standard in Israel regarding RE?



Yes No



b) Policy

National Target	Latest Reported Value (2016)	Target Value (2020)	Target Value (2025)	Target Value (2030)
National Energy Efficiency Target	62.5 TWh	64.2 TWh	-	80 TWh
National Renewable Energy Target	2.6%	10%	13%	17%
National target for private car mileage reduction	43.9 million vehicle-km	-	-	44.4 million vehicle-km



1980: Domestic Solar Water – ²⁵ Heaters:

"solar water heating system for new residential buildings up to a height of 27 m. The law was extended in September 2012 and now also applies to buildings above 27 m, stipulating the installation of solar water heaters for the first seven floors under the roof"



c) Technology

Los Angeles Times

NASA turns technology back toward Earth to focus on climate
change



NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, right, takes questions after speaking to the Mars Perseverance mission team at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Cañada Flintridge. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)

BUSINESS NEWS

CarbonCapture Inc. Closes \$35 Million Series A Funding

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Adrian Corless, CEO of Carbon Capture Inc. at company HQ in Pasadena, Calif. (Photo by James Manning)

Pasadena-based CarbonCapture Inc., a climate tech company that makes machines that remove carbon dioxide (CO2) directly from the atmosphere, said they have closed a \$35 million Series A funding round





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Generation (1)

12.8 GW Installed capacity

16 Power stations Transmission ⁽¹⁾

5,661 km High and ultra-high voltage transmission grid

> 215⁽²⁾ Switching stations & sub-stations

Distribution ⁽¹⁾

66,670 km Medium and low voltage lines

> 2.9 mn Customers

Operational and planned RE projects

Operational wind power plants									
Site	Har Bnei Rasan	Gilboa	Sirin I						
Installed Capacity (MW)	6	12	9						
Planned wind power plants									
Site	Golan Heights	Suez Gulf							
Installed Capacity (MW)	189	500							
Status	PPA to be signed	-							
Operational solar power plants (CSP and PV)									
Site	Ashalim Plot A	Ashalim Plot B	Ashalim	Zeelim					
Туре	Solar thermal (parabolic trough)	Solar thermal (solar tower)	PV	PV					
Installed Capacity (MW)	110	121	30	120					
Planned solar power plants (CSP and PV)									
Site	Dimona solar power plant (PV)								
Installed Capacity (MW)	300								
Status	(under tendering)								
Operational hydro-electric power plants									
Site	Ein HaNatziv	Gesher Snir	Kfar HaNassi	Neve Yaakov					
Installed Capaci-ty (MW)	1	2.2	3.45	0.11					
Operational hydro-electric pumped storage power plants									
Site	Gilboa								
Installed Capacity (MW)	300								
Planned hydro-electric pumped storage	e power plants								
Site	Nesher, Jordan Star and Menara								
Installed Capacity (MW)	800 (total, 300 MW already met with Gilboa)								
Status	(under tendering)								

(Source: based on Enkhardt, 2019; Evwind, 2020; Negev Energy, 2016; The Windpower, 2019; Verma, 2020; Israel Government, 2019a)

Storage - Energy storage systems (ESSs) can be classified into five major groups:

- 1. Mechanical systems such as pumped hydroelectric storage (PHS), compressed air energy storage (CAES), falling weights, and flywheel energy storage (FES);
- 2. Chemical systems (e.g., hydrogen storage with fuel cell/electrolyser, synthetic natural gas (SNG), and reversible chemical reactions);
- 3. Electrochemical systems; in particular, different types of batteries;
- 4. Electrical systems including capacitors, supercapacitors, and superconducting magnetic energy storage (SMES); and,
- 5. Thermal systems (e.g., sensible heat storage, latent heat storage, as well as thermal absorption and adsorption systems).

- To reach 30% of renewables by 2030, Israel may require around 8 GWh of energy storage.
- Pumped storage quota of 800 MW has been approved that is divided between four projects: Gilboa (already implemented), Nesher, Jordan Star and Menara.
- Other technologies: Compress Air, flywheels

ISRAELI INNOVATION: ENERGYTECH

THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 COMPANIES IN ISRAEL IN THE ENERGYTECH SECTOR



Other sectors - Mobility:

1. all private vehicles will be 100% electric,

- 2. vehicles up to 3.5 tons: 20% compressed natural gas (CNG) and 80% electric,
- 3. trucks over 3.5 tons: 60% CNG and 40% electric, and

4. busses: 25% CNG and 75% electric

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Full electric	10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	35%
Plug-in	20%	25%	30%	40%	55%	83%
Hybrid	30%	45%	50%	83%	83%	83%

(Source: Israel Government, 2019)

Other sectors - Power-to-X and hydrogen

- The main driver in the field of power-to-X (PtX) is the private sector, as the government only supports R&D.
- The PtX sector in Israel is currently being studied

Other sectors - Carbon capture and storage

- No carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies are currently in place, but CCS is being studied.
- Saline aquifers within the geological section in the northern Negev.

Necessary steps to decarbonize the electricity system

a) Israel's power sector is considered to be a conventional

power system: the supply-side assets are used as the primary source of flexibility. \rightarrow Changing to supply and demand –side system.

b) Coupling between all end-user sectors: most of the current energy

transition debates in Israel have so far been limited mainly to the power sector.

- c) Upgrade of the grid infrastructure
- d) Tax reform for supporting RE
- e) Citizen involvement in the RE Transition



"This really is an innovative approach, but I'm afraid we can't consider it. It's never been done before."