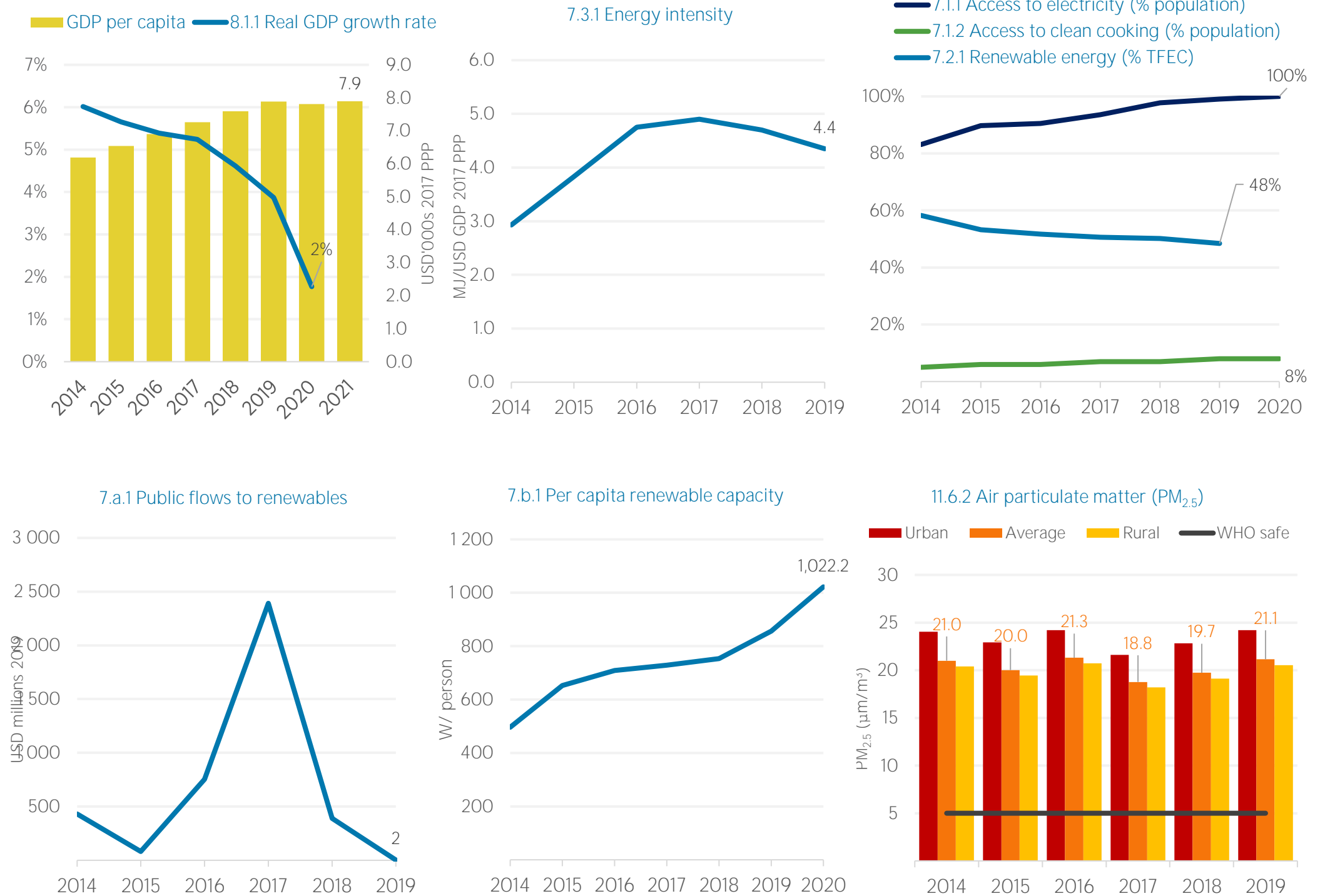


COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS



TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)

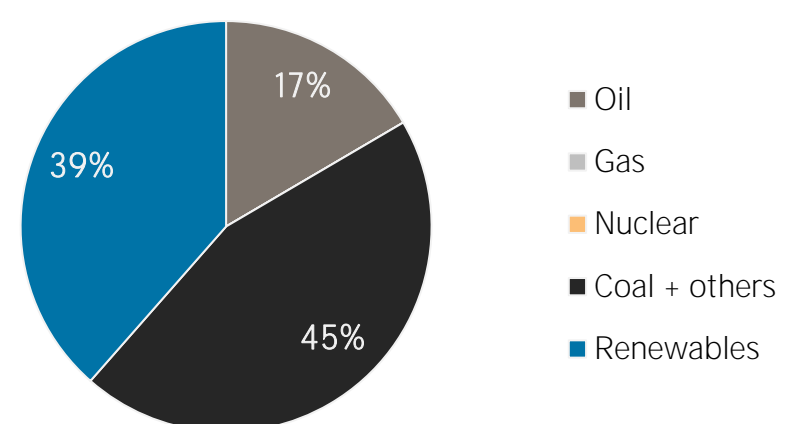
| Total Energy Supply (TES) | 2014 | 2019 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Non-renewable (TJ) | 46 320 | 175 399 |
| Renewable (TJ) | 75 329 | 109 926 |
| Total (TJ) | 121 649 | 285 325 |
| Renewable share (%) | 62 | 39 |

| Growth in TES | 2014-19 | 2018-19 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Non-renewable (%) | +278.7 | -15.3 |
| Renewable (%) | +45.9 | +51.9 |
| Total (%) | +134.5 | +2.1 |

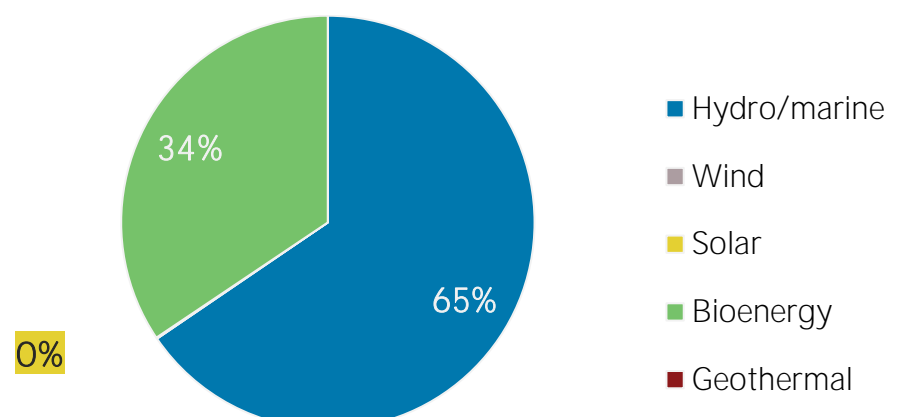
| Primary energy trade | 2014 | 2019 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Imports (TJ) | 41 341 | 53 670 |
| Exports (TJ) | 47 046 | 86 152 |
| Net trade (TJ) | 5 705 | 32 482 |

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Imports (% of supply) | 34 | 19 |
| Exports (% of production) | 37 | 27 |
| Energy self-sufficiency (%) | 106 | 110 |

Total energy supply in 2019

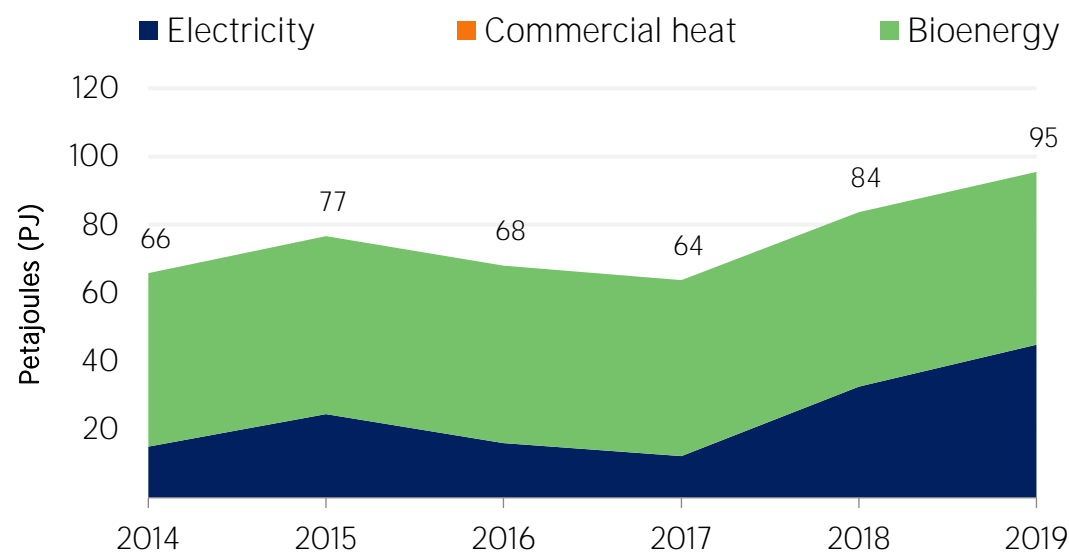


Renewable energy supply in 2019

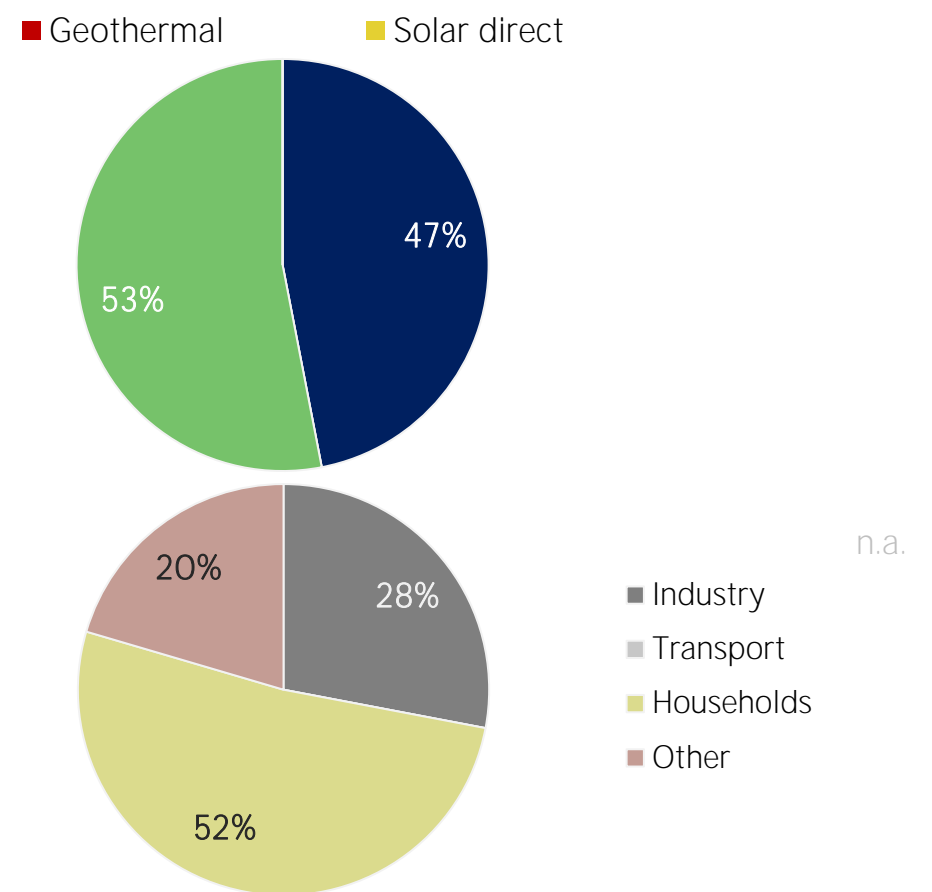


RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)

Renewable TFEC trend



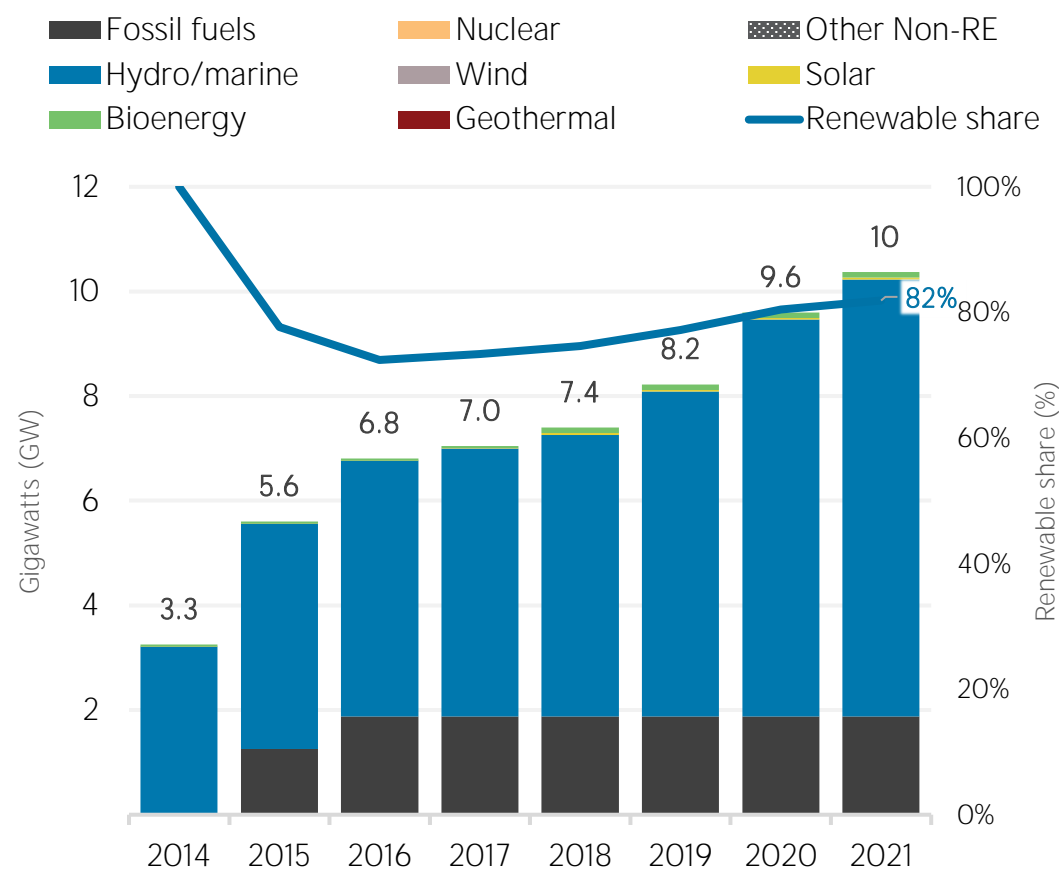
Renewable energy consumption in 2019



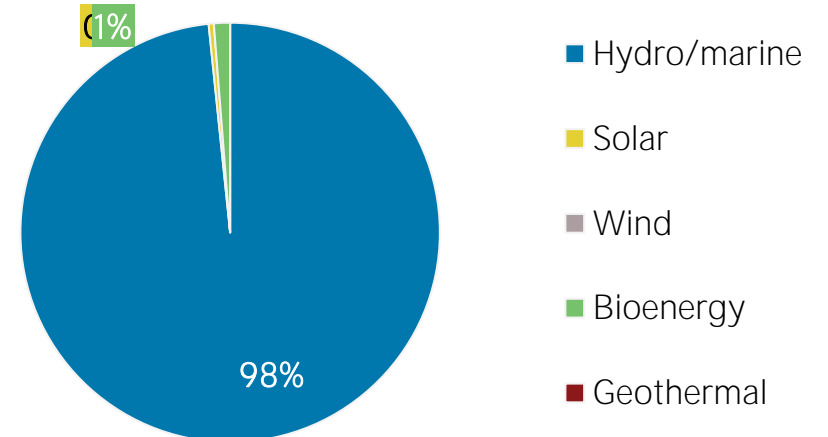
| Consumption by sector | 2014 | 2019 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Industry (TJ) | 10 393 | 26 732 |
| Transport (TJ) | 0 | 0 |
| Households (TJ) | 42 699 | 49 241 |
| Other (TJ) | 12 766 | 19 523 |

ELECTRICITY CAPACITY

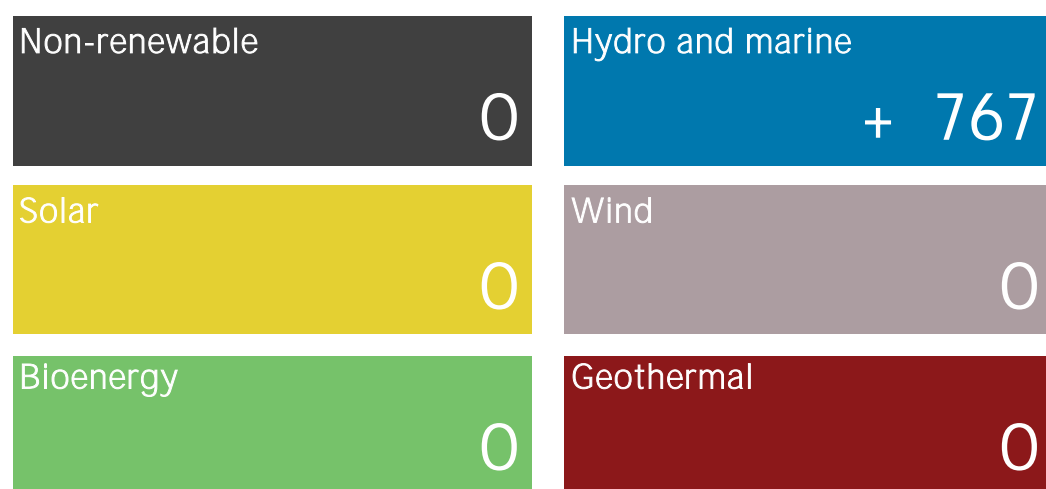
Installed capacity trend



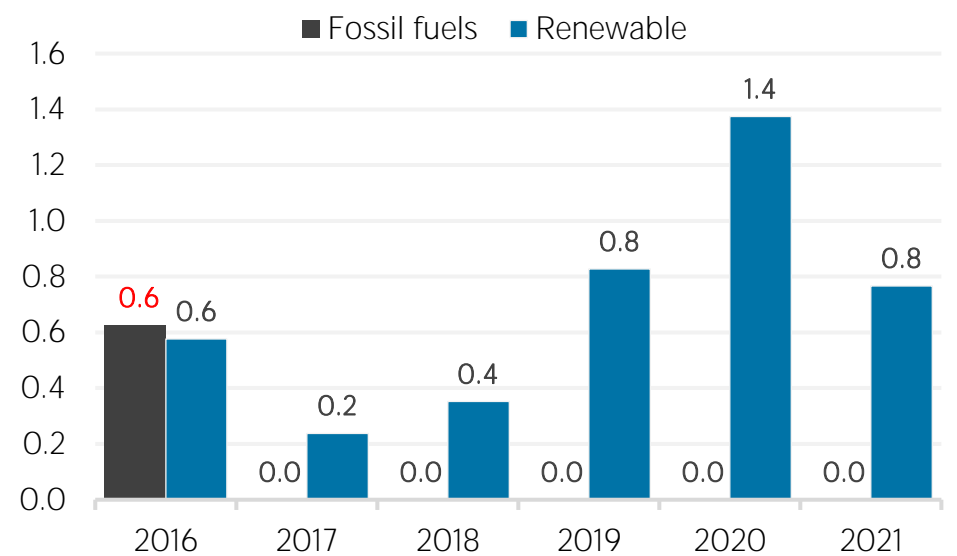
Renewable capacity in 2021



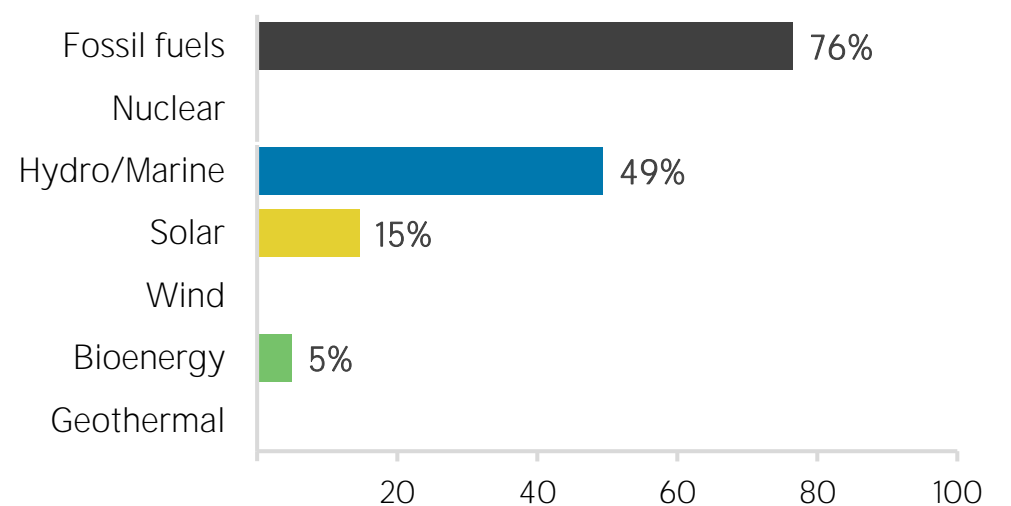
Net capacity change in 2021 (MW)



Net capacity change (GW)



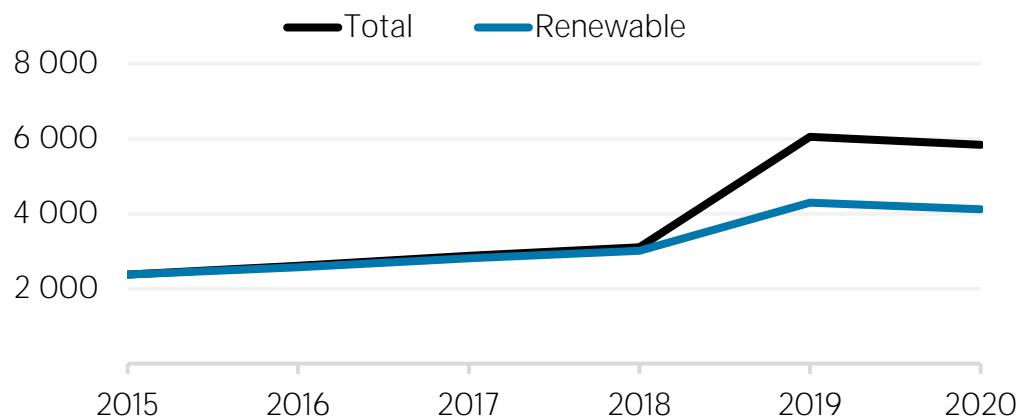
Capacity utilisation in 2020 (%)



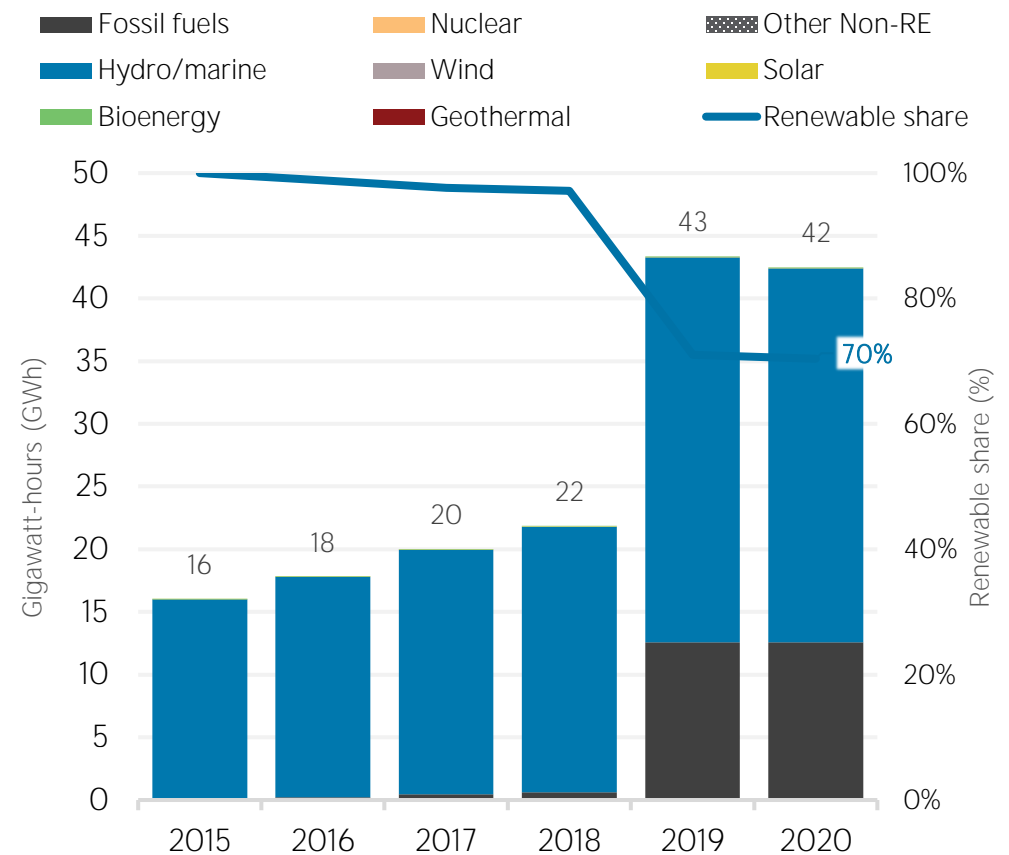
ELECTRICITY GENERATION

| Generation in 2020 | GWh | % |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Non-renewable | 12 582 | 30 |
| Renewable | 29 902 | 70 |
| Hydro and marine | 29 813 | 70 |
| Solar | 43 | 0 |
| Wind | 0 | 0 |
| Bioenergy | 46 | 0 |
| Geothermal | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 42 484 | 100 |

Per capita electricity generation (kWh)



Electricity generation trend

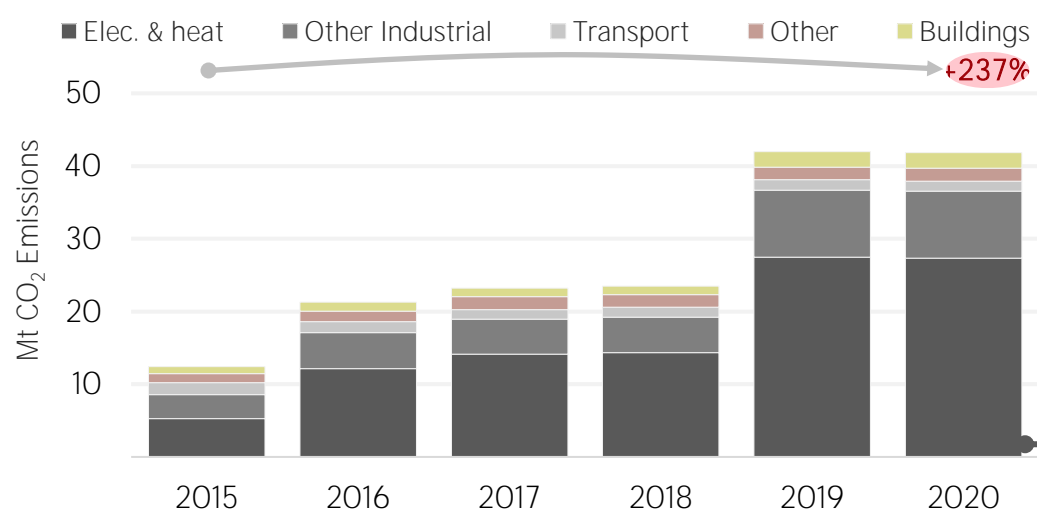


LATEST POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION

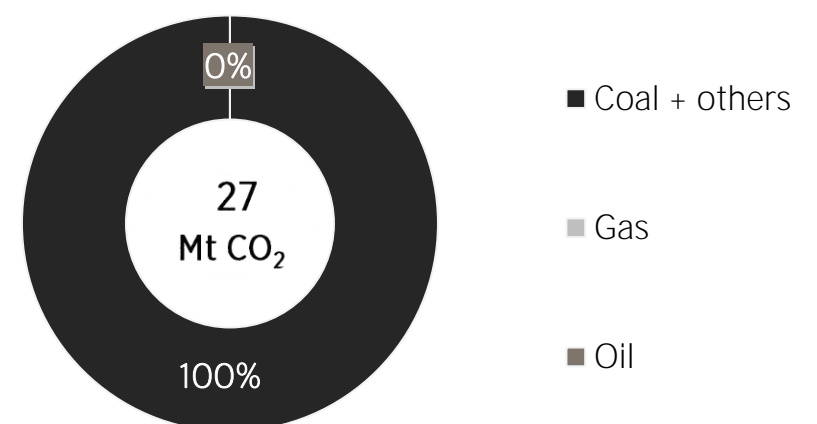
- 1 National Policy on Sustainable Hydropower Development in Lao PDR 2015
- 2 Renewable Energy Development Strategy in Lao PDR 2011
- 3 Law on Investment Promotion 2009
- 4 National Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability of the Hydropower Sector in Lao PDR 2006
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ENERGY AND EMISSIONS

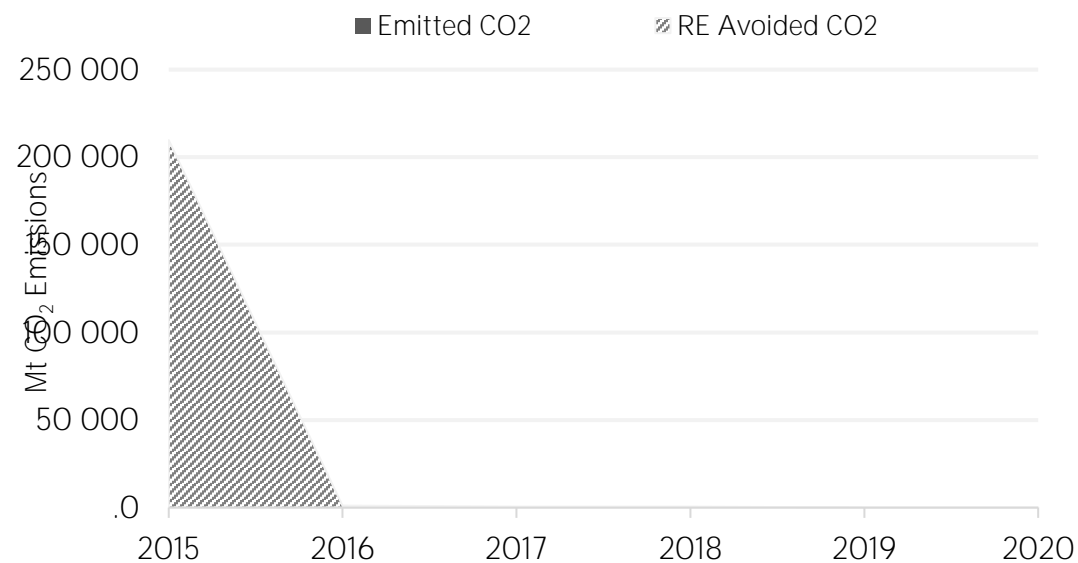
Energy-related CO₂ emissions by sector



Elec. & heat generation CO₂ emissions in

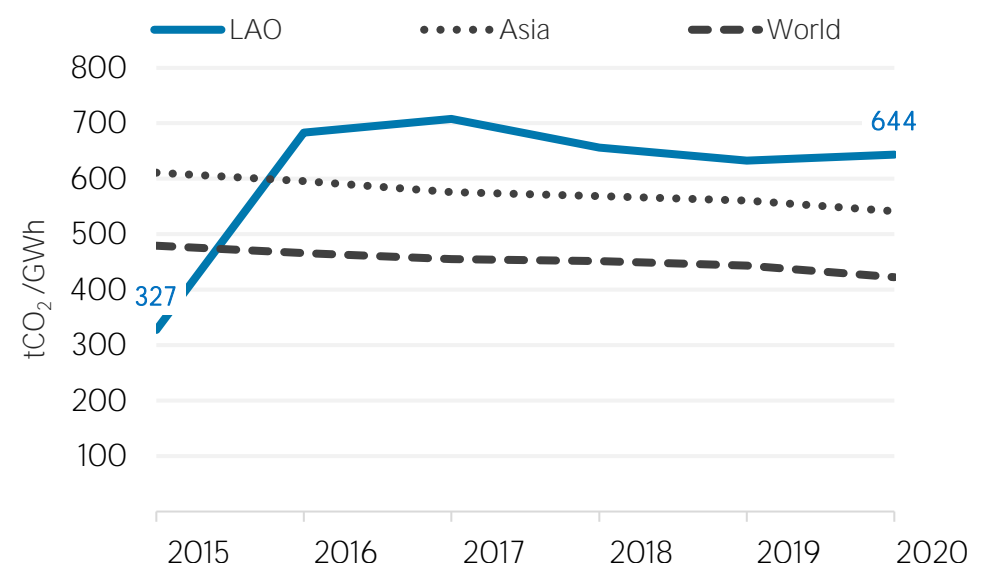


Avoided emissions from renewable elec. & heat



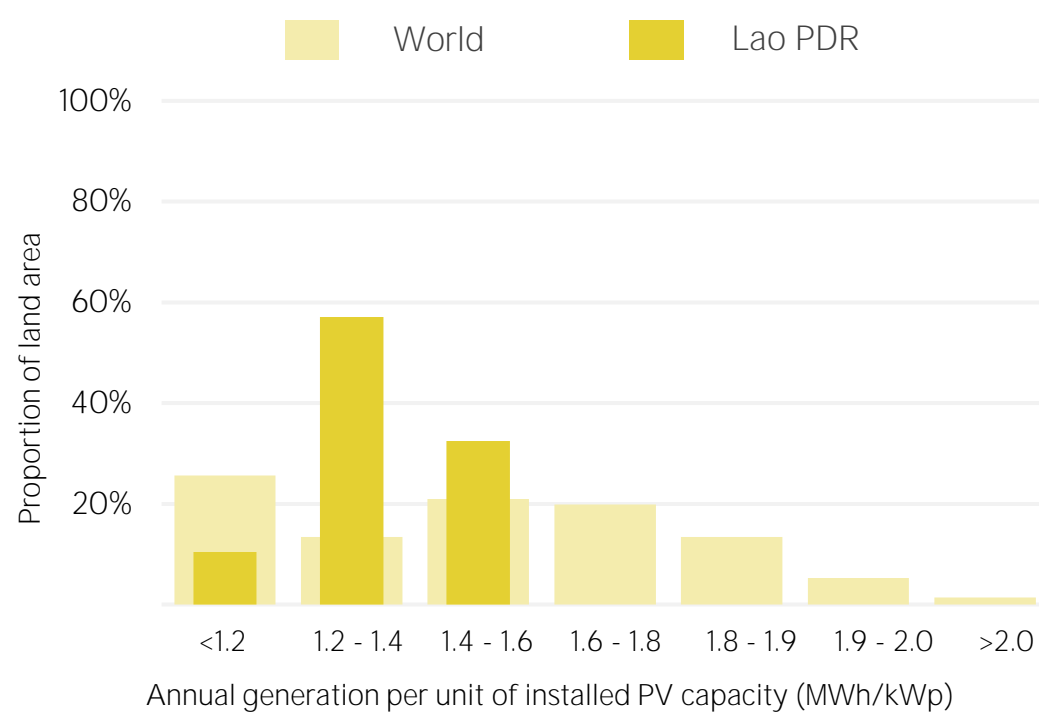
Avoided emissions based on fossil fuel mix used for power

CO₂ emission factor for elec. & heat generation

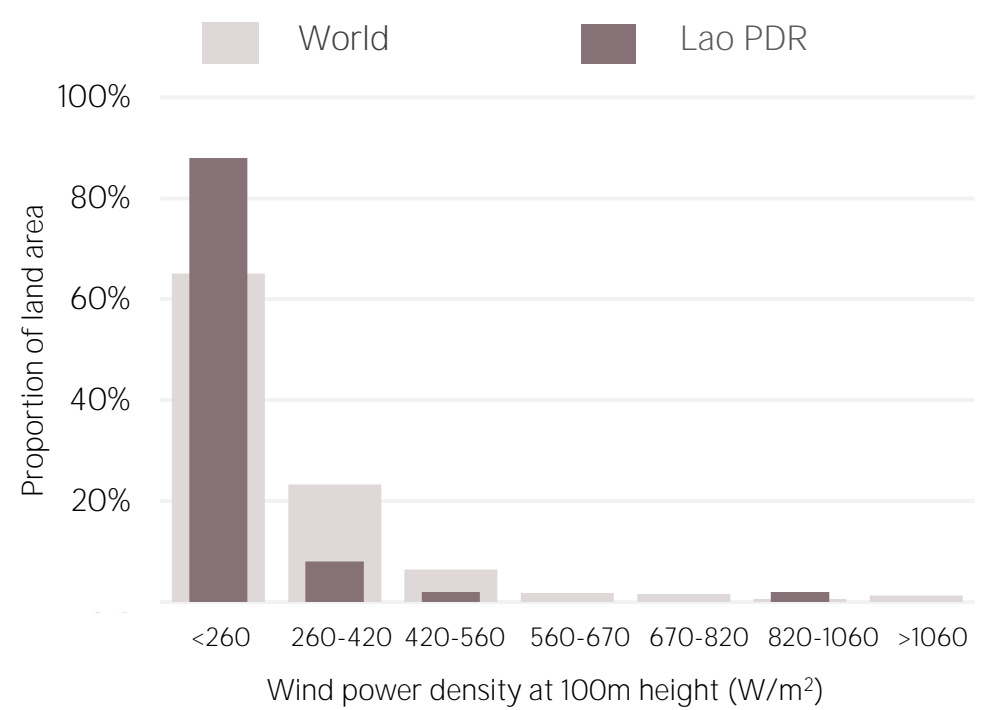


Calculated by dividing power sector emissions by elec. + heat gen.

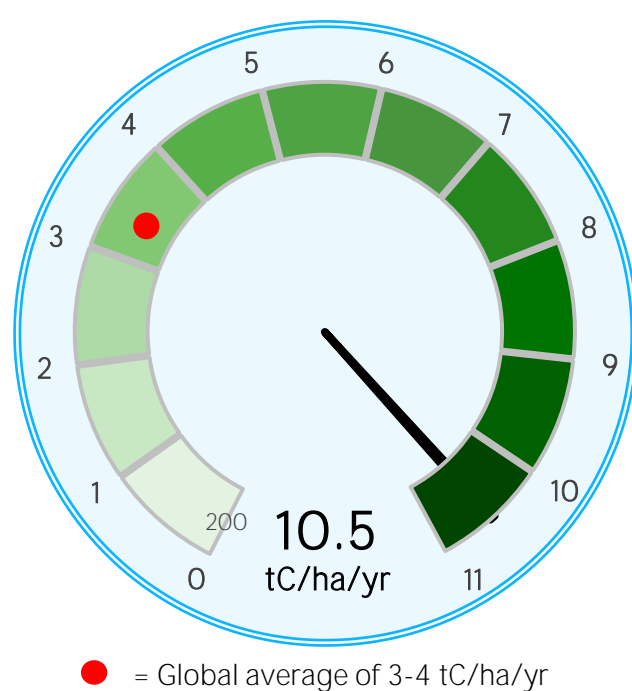
Distribution of solar potential



Distribution of wind potential



Biomass potential: net primary production



Indicators of renewable resource potential

Solar PV: Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m²) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

Biomass: Net primary production (NPP) is the amount of carbon fixed by plants and accumulated as biomass each year. It is a basic measure of biomass productivity. The chart shows the average NPP in the country (tC/ha/yr), compared to the global average NPP of 3-4 tonnes of carbon

Sources: IRENA statistics, plus data from the following sources: UN SDG Database (original sources: WHO; World Bank; IEA; IRENA; and UNSD); UN World Population Prospects; UNSD Energy Balances; UN COMTRADE; World Bank World Development Indicators; EDGAR; REN21 Global Status Report; IEA-IRENA Joint Policies and Measures Database; IRENA Global Atlas; and World Bank Global Solar Atlas and Global Wind Atlas.

Additional notes: Capacity per capita and public investments SDGs only apply to developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by fossil fuel generation multiplied by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and years where no fossil fuel generation occurs, an average fossil fuel emission factor has been used to calculate the avoided emissions.

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