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# The Race for Renewable

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#### **Renewable energies in Europe**





### **Energy consumption in Catalunya**

Source of Primary Energy	Consumption (kTEP)	Consumption (%)
Oil	12.692	48,9
Nuclear	6.644	25,6
Natural gas	5.788	22,3
Renewables	831	3,2
TOTAL	25.954	100,0



#### **Renewable energies**

Type of Renewable	Production	Production
Energy	(TEP)	(%)
Eolic	14.026	1,9
Solar	2.899	0,4
Hydroelectric	430.047	58,1
Biocombustibles	51.758	7,0
Woody biomass	93.905	12,7
Renewable wastes	147.712	19,9



#### Energy Plan for Catalonia (2006-2015)

- Bet for efficiency and renewable energies
- ◆ Total investments: 9.956 M€
  - Renewable Energies
  - Energetic Efficiency
  - Burying of electric cables
  - Rural electrification and gasification

- 5.140 M€ 4.320 M€ 300 M€
- asification 196 M€
- Renewable Energies 2015:
   2.929 kTEP (11% energy consumption)



### Renewable Energies (Plan 2015)

Type of Ren.	Production	Production	Inc. 2003-
Energy	(TEP)	(%)	2015 (%)
Eolic	623.609	25,2	1.226
Solar	65.623	2,7	2.163
Hydroelectric	472.439	19,1	10
Biocombustibles	885.730	35,8	1.611
Woody biomass	228.567	9,2	143
Ren. wastes	198.781	8,0	35
TOTAL	2.474.748	100,0	234



#### **Environmental impacts**

- Biomass power plants, solar farms, wind mills produces severe impacts on:
  - Natural values
  - Ecological processes
  - Land use changes
  - Landscape

 Natural protected areas are specially sensitive to this impacts





#### **Key questions**

# Can protected areas withstand these impacts?

 Must protected areas assume a productive role on renewable energies?



### My opinion...

 Protected areas are not the most suitable places for renewable energy plants (or farms)

 Instead of a being a productive place, protected areas should play a demonstrative and educative role



### Conceptual, qualitative leadership...

- Low-scale demonstrative projects
- Education / Communication
- Cooperation and technology transfer to developing countries
- Communities implication
- Action plans



## Two examples from Catalunya



## **Eolic Map of Catalunya**





#### Zonification

- Incompatible areas: protected areas and other areas highly sensitive because of natural, historic, social values (landscape).
- Compatible areas: Up to maximum 5 wind mills or 10 MW.
- 8 High priority areas: High wind and low impact.







#### Rural Electrification Program in Montseny Natural Park



## Starting point

#### 105 places without electric supply

- 31 permanent homes
- 54 second homes
- 20 empty buildings

89 places were located more than 1 km far away from electric cable network



#### **Technical features**

- Electric supply of 230 V. AC / 50 Hz.
  Maximum power: 4 KW
  Mean cost: 20.500 €:

  22 % Owner
  34 % THERMIE Program (through SEBA)
  44 % Montseny Natural Park

  Total investment: 655.000 €
- Electrification of 32 isolated places (24 permanent homes)









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