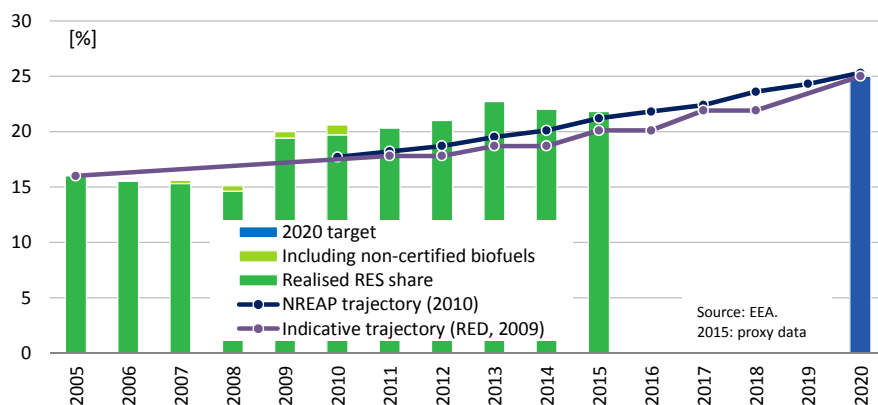


Summary

In Slovenia, electricity from renewable sources is promoted through a feed-in tariff (so called "guaranteed purchase") and a premium tariff (so called "operating premium"), both granted through a tender procedure. Renewable energy sources for heating purposes are promoted mainly through loans on concessional terms and subsidies. The main incentive for renewable energy use in transport are tax exemptions and subsidies.

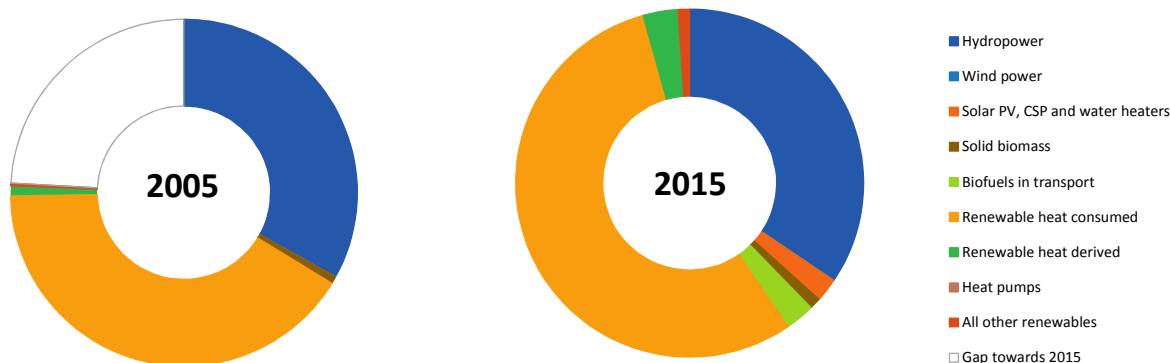


Abbreviations used:

RES: renewable energy sources
 RES-E: renewable electricity
 RES-H/C: renewable heating/cooling
 RES-T: renewable transport fuels

Data for 2015

Overall RES share:	22.0%	Avoided fossil fuels:	1.9 [Mtoe]
Overall RES 2020 target:	25.0%	Avoided fuel expenses:	0.5 [billion euro]
Share RES-E in electricity:	32.7%	RES Turnover:	295 [MEUR]
Share RES-T in transport:	2.2%	RES Employment:	3750 [jobs]
Share RES-H/C in heating:	34.1%		



	2005	2015		
	Energy	Energy	Employment	Turnover
Hydropower	354.7 ktoe	368.8 ktoe	750 Jobs	10 MEUR
Wind power	0.0 ktoe	0.5 ktoe	50 Jobs	5 MEUR
Solar PV, CSP and water heaters	0.0 ktoe	23.6 ktoe	350 Jobs	15 MEUR
Solid biomass	7.0 ktoe	11.3 ktoe	1800 Jobs	170 MEUR
Biofuels in transport	0.0 ktoe	29.1 ktoe	200 Jobs	30 MEUR
Renewable heat consumed	439.6 ktoe	592.5 ktoe		
Renewable heat derived	9.4 ktoe	34.7 ktoe		
Heat pumps	0.0 ktoe	0.0 ktoe	400 Jobs	40 MEUR
All other renewables	2.8 ktoe	11.4 ktoe	950 Jobs	35 MEUR
Gap towards 2015	258.4 ktoe			

Source: Eurostat, EurObserv'ER, 2017.

Hydropower jobs & turnover only covers 'small hydropower'. PV=Photovoltaics, CSP=Concentrated Solar Power. Biofuels in transport only covers compliant fuels (employment and turnover additionally cover the non-compliant biofuels). Derived heat includes heat produced in main activity producer plants and heat sold produced in autoproducer plants. Its counterpart is the final heat consumption in the final consumption sectors (such as households).



CURRENT RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY

Electricity generated from renewable energy is supported mainly through a feed-in tariff and a premium tariff. Certain producers ("qualified producers") of electricity from renewable sources may choose between a guaranteed feed-in tariff and a bonus ("premium") on top of the free market price for electricity. Furthermore, in Slovenia public calls for subsidy applications are organised and loans are provided for projects in the field of renewable energy. Renewable energy plants shall be given priority connection and dispatch over conventional sources of energy.

The most substantial support for RES heating and cooling in Slovenia is a financial incentive from the Ministry of Infrastructure via public (state owned) energy companies and a (soft) loan scheme financed by the Eco Fund.

The main support mechanisms for RES in transport are a biofuels quota scheme, a tax regulation mechanism (excise duty relief) and investment subsidies provided by the Slovenian Eco Fund in the form of non-repayable grants. The companies importing and producing petrol, gas or diesel fuels are therefore obliged to ensure that biofuels are offered at their petrol stations.

OVERVIEW OF MAIN SUPPORTING POLICIES

Policies and measures promoting the use of renewables for producing electricity:

- The Slovenian Energy Agency publishes calls for tenders for the production of electricity from renewable energy sources as well as for the cogeneration of heat and electricity with high efficiency plants. Renewables-sourced power plants may benefit either from a feed-in tariff (recent small-scale and old installations) or from a premium tariff (recent medium and large-scale installations).
- The Ministry of Infrastructure (Directorate for Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources Division) also publishes specific calls and tenders (Currently there are no public calls of the Ministry open in the field of RES).
- The Slovenian Environmental Fund (Eko sklad) invites applications for soft loans.

Policies and measures promoting the use of renewables for producing final heating and cooling energy:

- The Eco Fund provides investment subsidies in the use of renewables-sourced heat in single-family and multi-family houses by residents, for environmental investments and projects by legal entities and environmental investments of local communities.
- Mid 2017 there are 5 public calls open covering a soft loan and investment subsidy scheme in the field of renewables-sourced heat. Subsidies may also be competed for in tendering processes organised by state owned energy companies who publish public calls and tenders on a regular basis.

In general, all technologies are eligible. However, most public calls favour solar thermal installations, heat pumps (geothermal and aerothermal) and biomass (specifically wood biomass) plants.

Policies and measures promoting the use of renewables in the transport sector:

- A biofuels quota scheme obliges companies importing or producing petrol or diesel to ensure that biofuels make up a pre-defined percentage of their annual fuel sales.
- Companies producing, processing, holding, receiving or dispatching energy products are obliged to pay a defined amount of tax (excise duty). This amount is reduced or need not be paid at all when the fuel is mixed with biofuels.
- The Slovenian Environmental Fund invites biofuels production projects for applications for non-repayable grants.

Table 1: Overview of support schemes to promote renewable energy

	REGULATORY POLICIES						FISCAL INCENTIVE AND PUBLIC FINANCES			
	Feed-in tariffs	Feed-in premiums	Tenders	Quota obligation with Tradable Green certificates	Quota obligation without Tradable Green certificates	Net-metering/ net-billing	Investment subsidies	Tax credits mechanism I	Tax credits mechanism II	Soft loans
RES-E										
- Offshore wind										
- Onshore wind	x	x	x				x			
- Solar	x	x	x				x			
- Hydro	x	x	x				x			
- Geothermal	x	x	x				x			
- Solid biomass	x	x	x				x			
- Biogas	x	x	x				x			
RES-H/C										
- Solar thermal							x			x
- Geothermal							x			x
- Biomass							x			x
- Biogas							x			x
- Small scale installations, e.g. solar thermal collects, heat pumps, biomass boilers and pellet stoves							x			x
- Others, i.e. aerothermal, hydrothermal							x			x
RES-T										
- Bio gasoline					x		x	x		
- Biodiesel					x		x	x		

Sources: EurObserv'ER, GSR/REN21, RES-Legal Europe (2017)

Table 2: Overview of instruments used at present

Instrument	Description
Feed-in tariffs	Guaranteed sale of electricity at a pre-set preferential price during the support contract period. Applicable to old renewables-sourced electricity generation plants and recent medium and large-scale ones.
Feed-in premiums	Guaranteed floating premium on the average electricity benchmark price up to the pre-set reference price, updated ex-post for subsequent reference periods during the support contract period. Applies to recent medium and large-scale electricity generation plants.
Tenders	Feed-in tariffs and premiums are granted to successful tenderers.
Investment subsidies	Renewables-sourced electricity generators ,heat producers and biofuels producers are eligible to a case-specific grant from the (Slovenian) Eco Fund
Soft loans	Heat producers are eligible to a case-specific loan at concessional terms from the (Slovenian) Eco Fund
Tax credits scheme	Partial or full exemption of a certain excise duty for biofuels producers.
Biofuels quota scheme	Importers/suppliers of transport fuels are subject to a renewable quota scheme for biofuels. Compliance based on sample testing rather than certificates-based. No (direct) incentives for other alternative transport fuels.

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RES Legal database, <http://www.res-legal.eu/search-by-country/slovenia/>

What is meant by ...?

Auctions for granting renewable energy support	An auction is a process of granting production or investment support to renewable energy projects based on the lowest bids by eligible project developers.
Feed-in tariff (FiT)	A support scheme which provides for a technology-specific remuneration per unit of renewable energy payable to eligible renewable energy producers. A proper, periodic review of FiT rates is often undertaken with the aim to prevent both too high FiTs so as to minimise regulatory rents, i.e. supra-normal returns and too low FiTs to preclude below-target market uptake because of FiT levels that are perceived by market participants to be less attractive. In addition, feed-in tariffs often include "tariff depression", a mechanism according to which the price (or tariff) ratchets down over time.
Feed-in premium (FiP)	A scheme which provides for a support level per unit of renewable energy to eligible renewable energy producers, typically for a period of 10-20 years, at a pre-set fixed or floating rate. The premium is typically adjusted periodically to exactly offset change in the average energy wholesale market price, based on a pre-specified benchmark market price. A floating FiP may move freely or may only be allowed to move within a pre-set interval.
Grants	Grants are non-repayable funds disbursed by one party (grant makers), often a government department, corporation, foundation or trust, to a recipient, often (but not always) a non-profit entity, educational institution, business or an individual. (Source: Wikipedia.org)
Green public procurement	In Green public procurement contracting authorities take environmental issues into account when tendering for goods or services. The goal is to reduce the impact of the procurement on human health and the environment. (Source: Wikipedia.org)
Renewable quota scheme (RQS)	A RQS mandates certain market actors (typically retail suppliers or large energy end-users) to respect a pre-set minimum share or amount of their total energy procurements from renewable sources of energy. Typically a tradable green certificate (TGC) scheme is operated to enable the obligated parties to prove their compliance with the prevailing renewable quota target by means of TGCs.
Sliding feed-in-tariff	A FiT scheme which pre-sets technology-specific declining feed-in tariffs for certain prospective vintages in line with the technology-specific learning curve, as projected by the National Regulatory Agency (NRA). Often a depression rate is used indicating the %/annum decrease in the rate level.
Soft loans	Loans at concessional (below market-based) terms, for example at sub-market-conform interest rates, made available in several Member States to stimulate certain renewable energy technologies.
Tax credits	These are amounts a tax paying entity is allowed to deduct when declaring payable taxes, for example company tax or income tax, to the tax authorities, for example the producer tax credits (PTCs) used in the United States to stimulate among others wind energy deployment.



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