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# Integration of Renewables into the Market

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## Electricity production and Renewable Energies in Germany

- 2. Challenges:
  - Grid expansion
  - Market integration
  - Affordability



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#### Electricity production (2011)



Source: Working Group on Energy Balances (AGEB), German Energy and Water Industry Association (BDEW)



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#### Challenge: Grid expansion

- In Germany about 3,800 km of additional high voltage grids have to be built until 2022
- A transparent, coordinated planning is necessary
- Solution: First Nationwide Grid Development Plan from 2012 until 2022 (by the 4 TSOs) under federal supervision
- Additionally: close EU and international cooperation is needed



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#### Challenge: Market integration

- Transformation of the electricity generation is necessary:
  - in addition to fluctuating RE-installations guaranteed power generation capacity and highly efficient gas and coal-fired power plants are needed
- Storage facilities:
  - Will be an important component of the electricity supply in Germany in the future
- stronger market integration of RE is needed



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#### Challenge: Affordability

- expansion of RE has to be cost efficient
  - regular reduction of feed-in tariffs
  - Option between feed-in-tariff and direct selling ("market premium")
- however: energy transformation needs massive investments
- aim: to keep the costs for companies and consumers reasonable without challenging the security of supply



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