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# Energy production costs: RES vs. conventional sources

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## Around 700 members from almost 60 countries

- Manufacturers with a leading share of the global wind power market
- Component suppliers
- Research institutes
- National wind and renewable associations
- Developers
- Electricity providers
- Finance and insurance companies
- Consultants
- Contractors

This combined strength makes EWEA the world's largest and powerful wind energy network

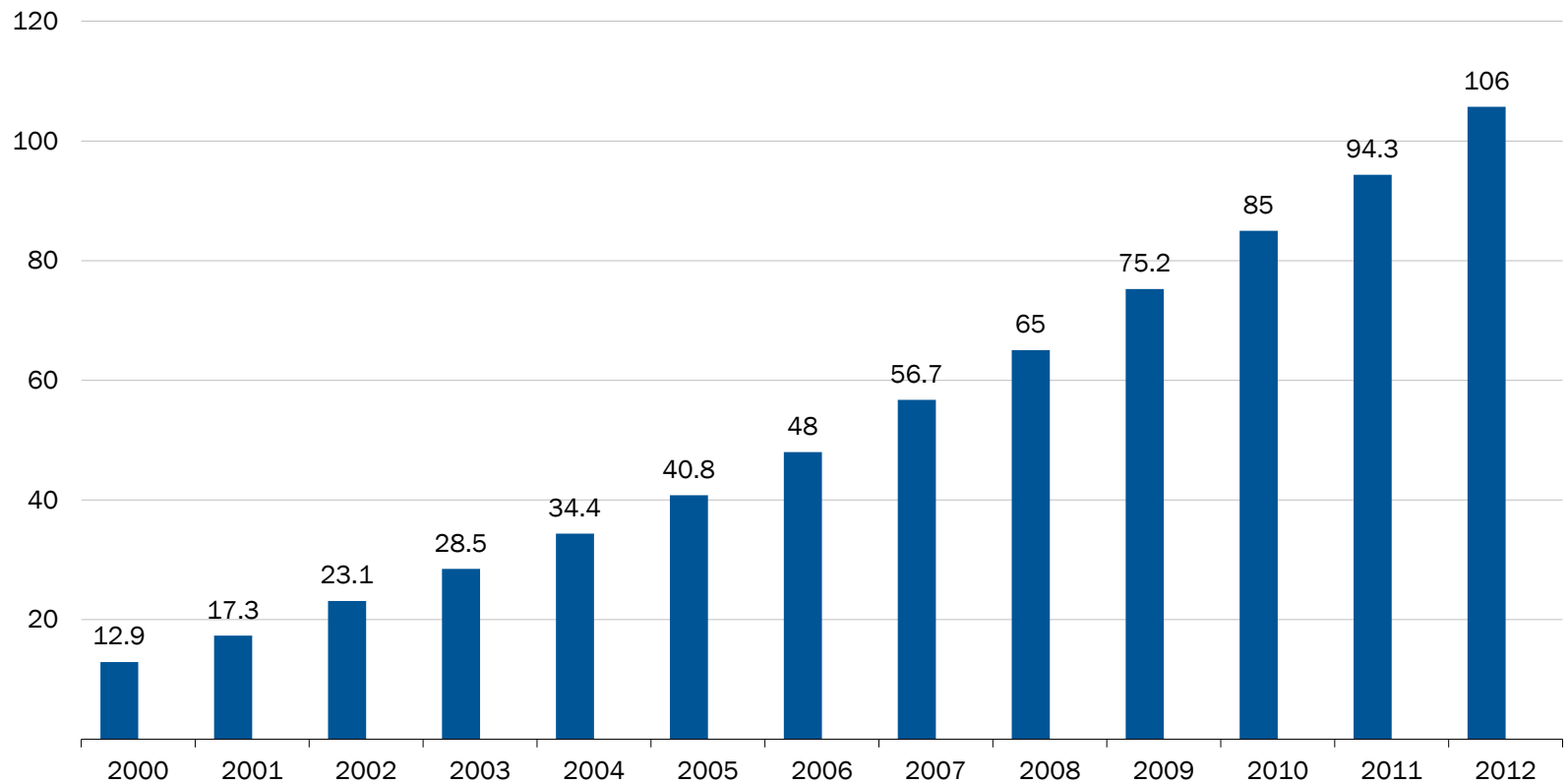
# EWEA's leading members



## Outline

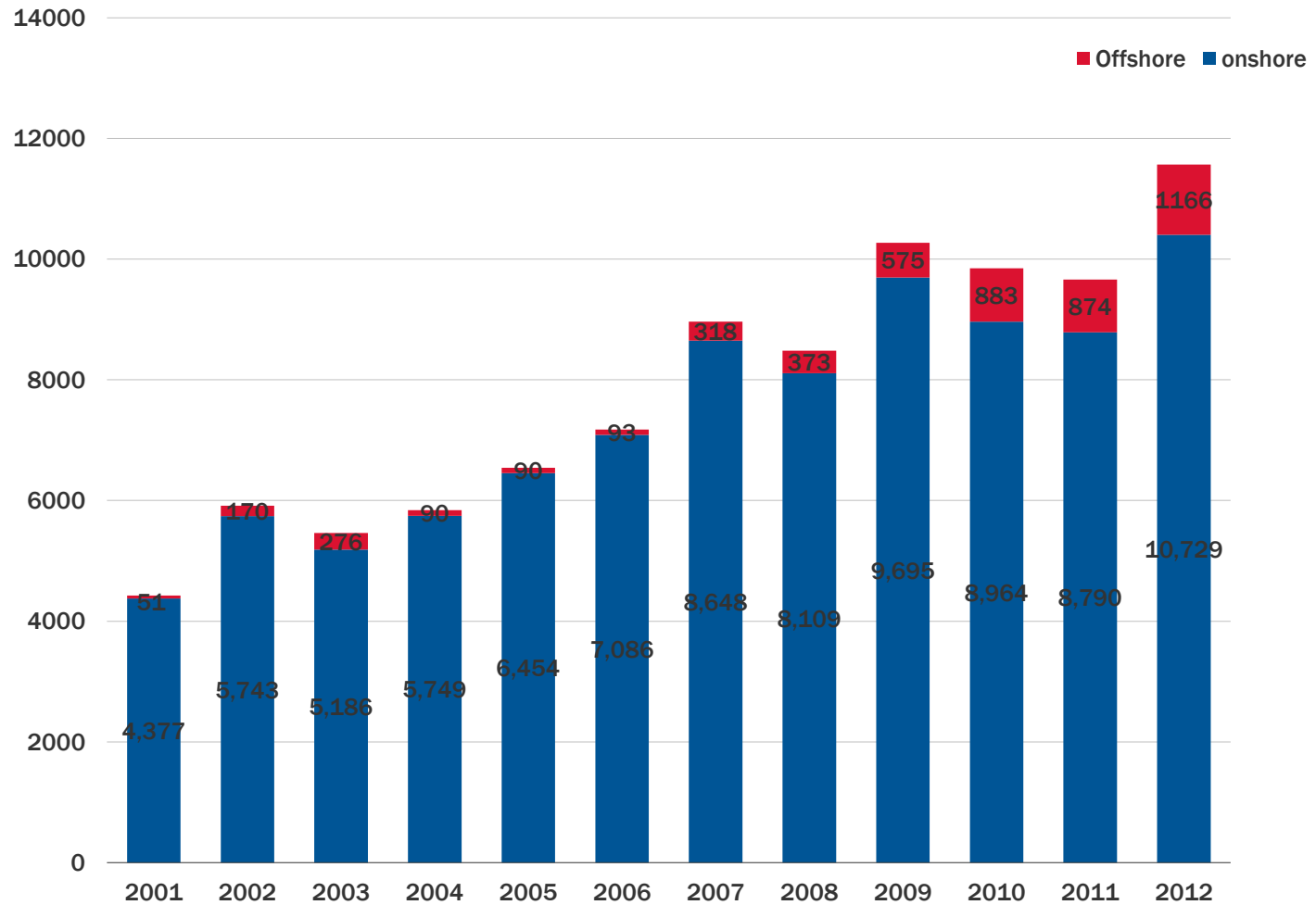
1. Development of the European market
2. Cost of wind vs. conventional technologies
3. Support for renewables compared to support for conventional energy

## Cumulative wind power installations in the EU (GW)

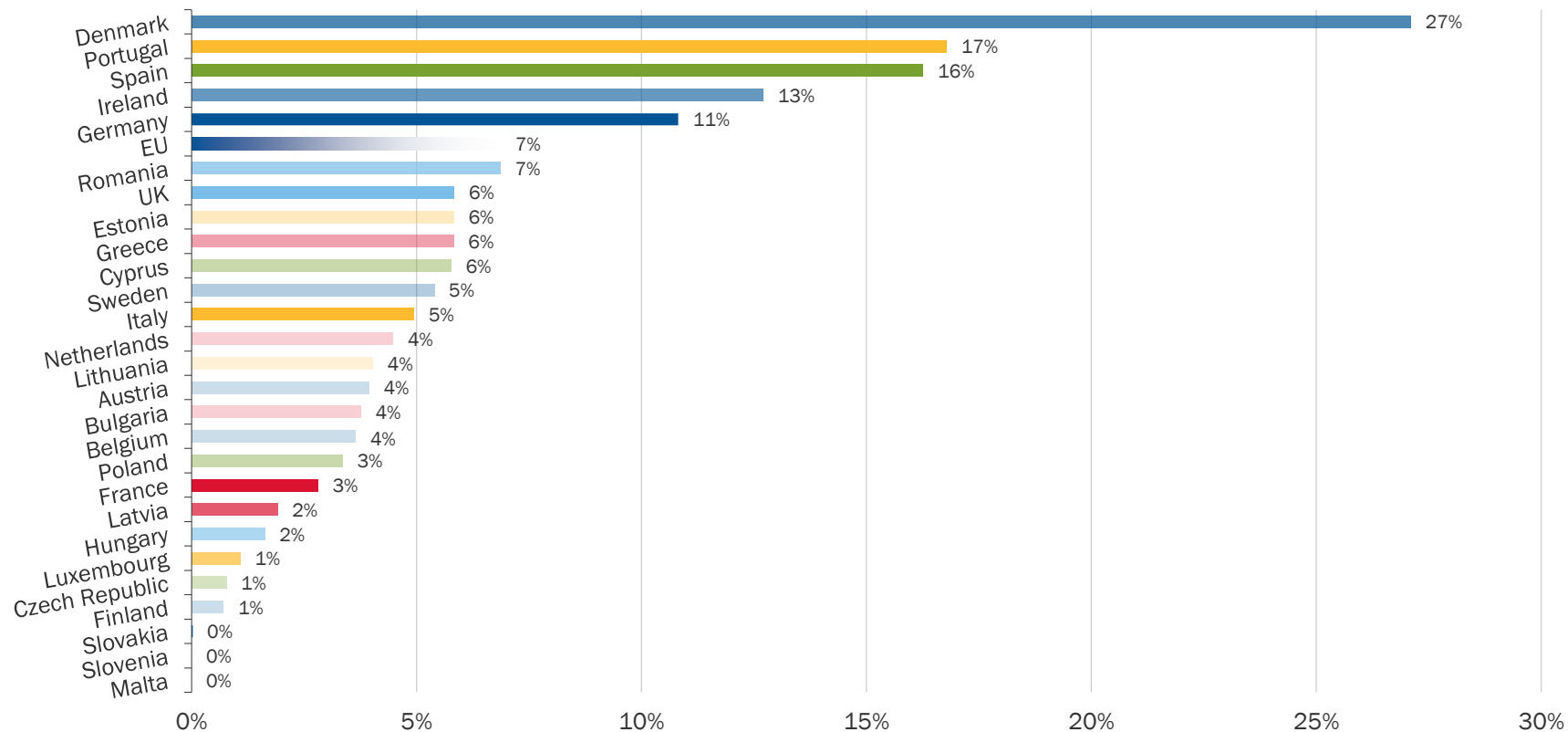




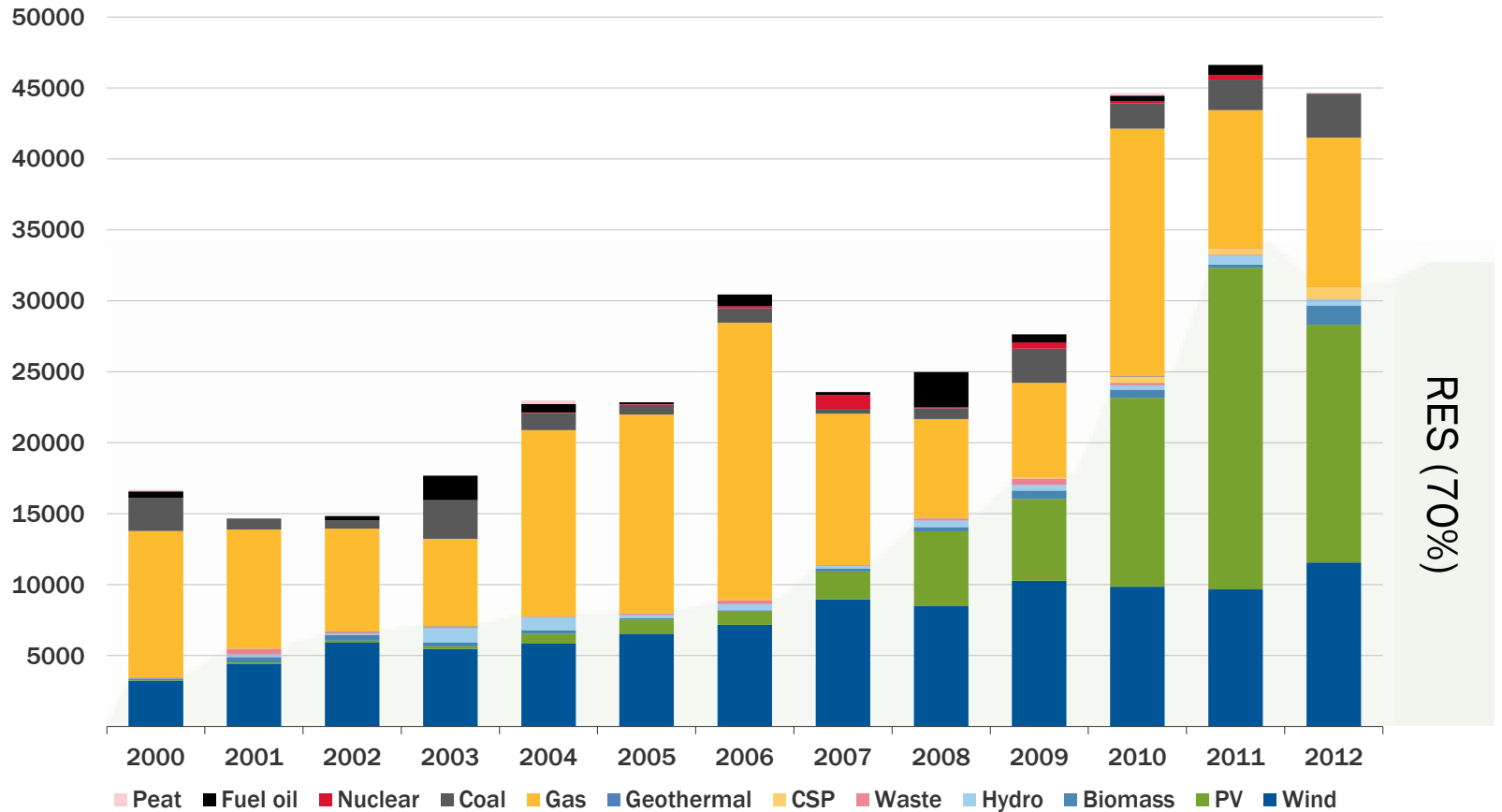
# Annual onshore and offshore installations (MW)



# Wind power share of total electricity consumption in EU (7%) and in member states



# Installed power generating capacity per year in MW and RES share (%)

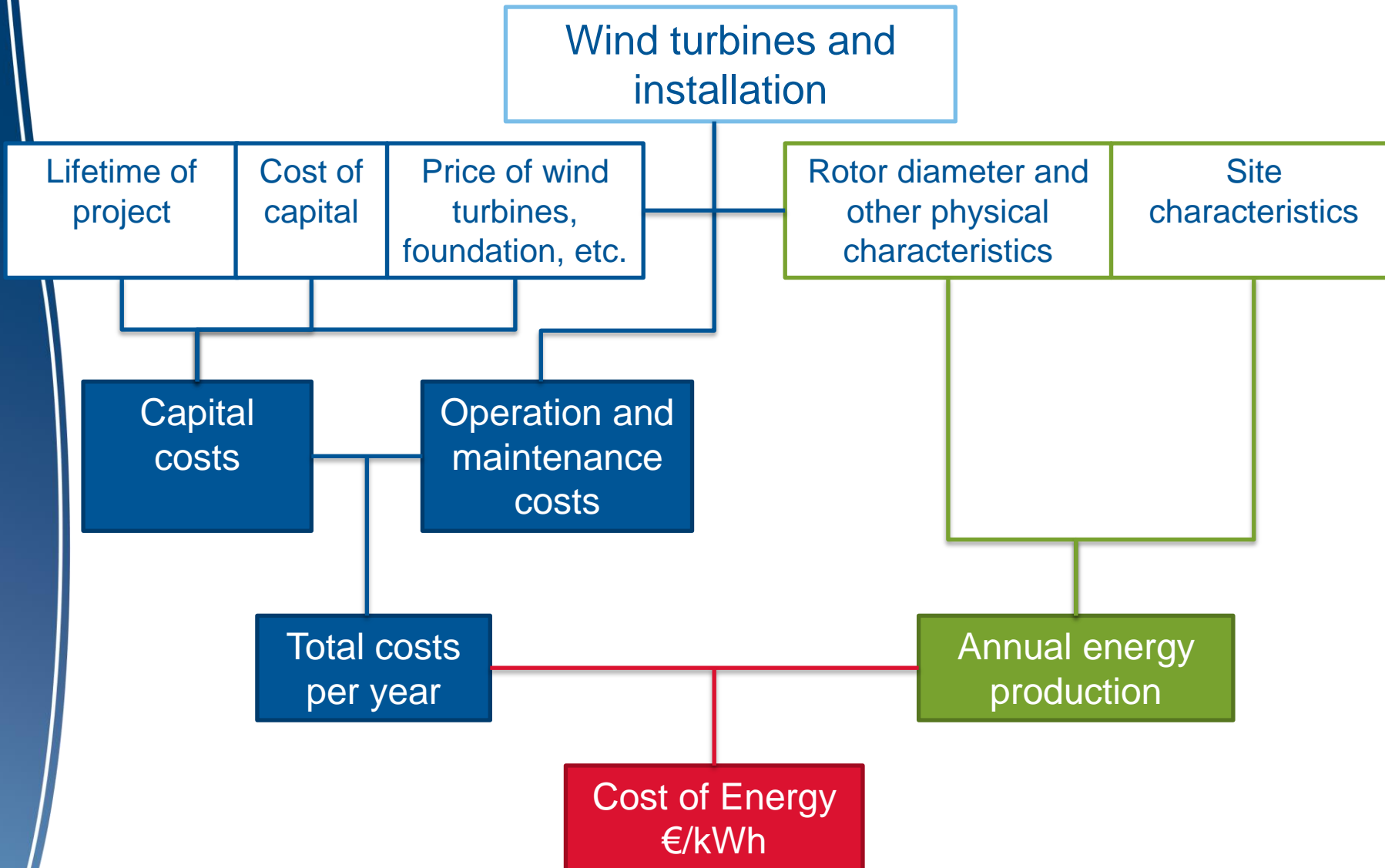




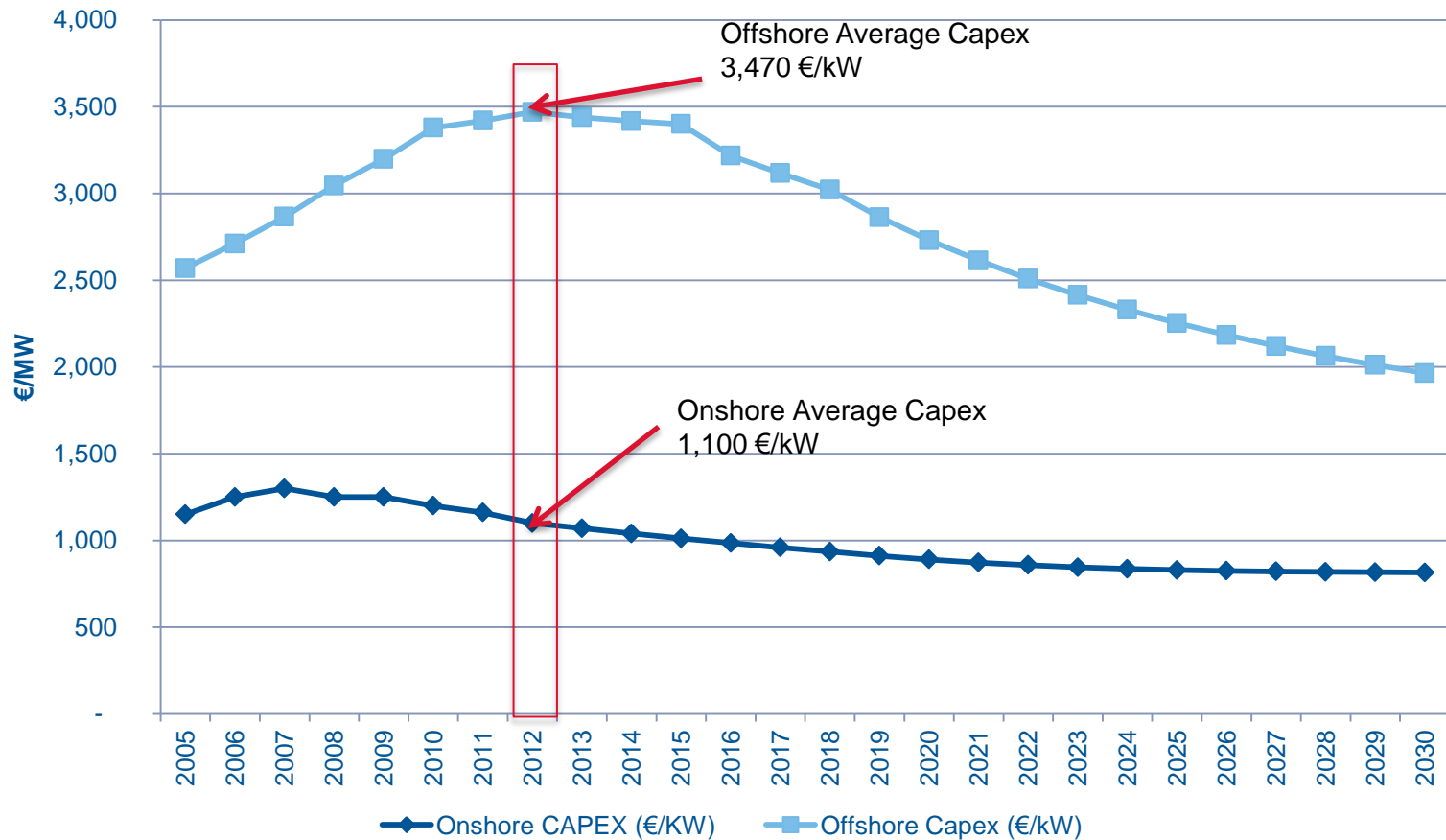
## Cost of wind vs. conventional energy



# Cost of wind energy



# Evolution and future of Capital costs of wind power onshore and offshore



## Range of CAPEX for power generating technologies

Capital cost per technology (euro/kW)		
Technology	2011	2020
Wind onshore	1,095-1825	803-1533
Wind offshore	2,263-4,307	1,460-2,555
Gas	584-730	584-730
Coal	584-1606	584-1606
Nuclear	1825-4088	

Source: IEA, Energy Technology Perspectives 2012

## Levelised cost of electricity from different generating sources

<u>Levelised cost of electricity (€/MWh)</u>			
Technology	2007	2020	2030
Wind Onshore	85	68	64
Wind Offshore	104	85	76
Coal	68	69	68
Gas	63	84	90
Nuclear	69	67	68

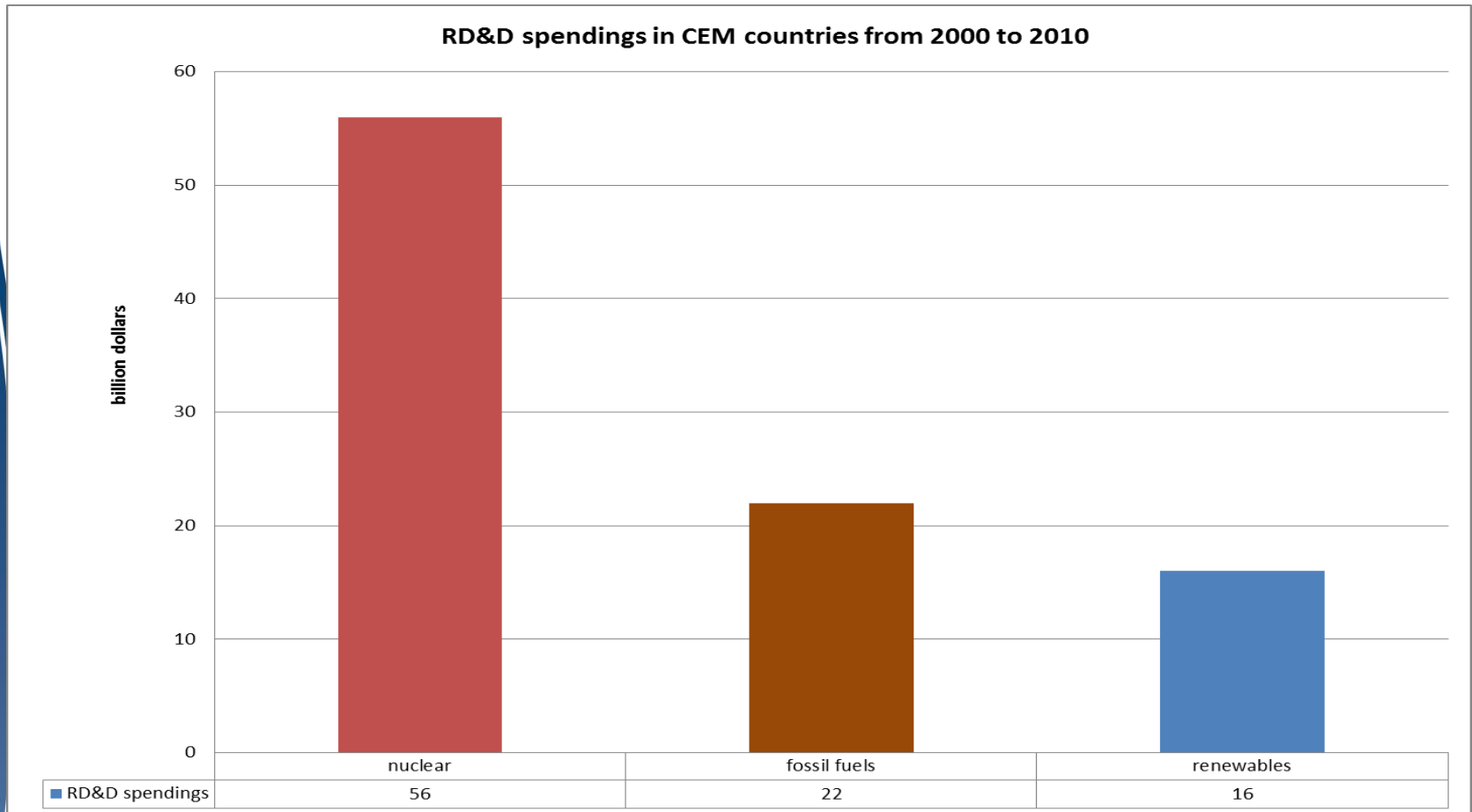
Source: European Commission (Joint Research Centre)

## Short term expectations

- Wind energy investments (on and offshore) do not suffer from unpredictable and volatile costs.
- To compare LCOE, risk on fuel and carbon price volatility must be included.
- EWEA electricity cost calculator:
  - Risk factored-in: wind competitive in 2020
  - Risk not factored-in: wind competitive in 2030
- Trends:
  - Onshore wind is moving towards competitiveness in 2016 (Bloomberg New Energy Finance)
  - DONG Energy recently stated: offshore wind LCOE could fall to 100€/MWh by 2020 from 150-160 today.
  - Offshore cost reduction pathways could lead to 39% cut in levelised cost of wind (Crown Estate)

## Support for wind vs. conventional energy

# Historical and current R&D support

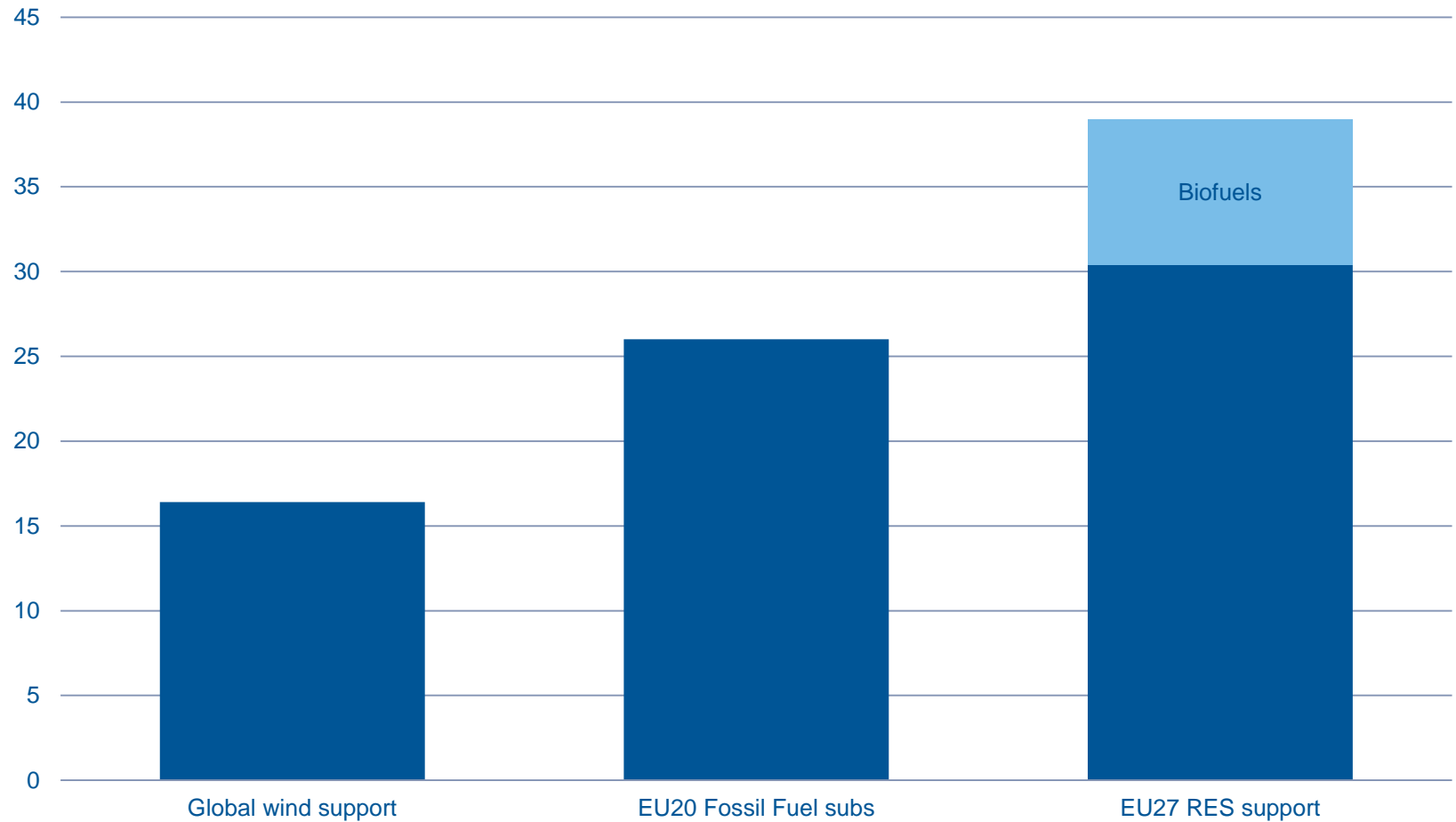


Source: Clean Energy Progress report, OECD/IEA 2011

CEM countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, the European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



# Support for fossil fuels in EU20\* RES in EU27 and global support for wind energy in €bn



## Conclusions

- Onshore wind will edge towards competitiveness in the next decade
- Offshore wind will eventually follow a similar curve
- In order to deliver this the industry needs stable legal frameworks to make the necessary investments:
  - Well designed support mechanisms;
  - Level playing field and liberalised electricity market.
- Supporting renewables is an investment in our economy:
  - 238 000 jobs in 2010
  - € 32 Billion of contribution to the DGP
  - € 8.8 Billion of exports

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