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- ➔ The wind energy sector generates thousands of green jobs and will be at the heart of a renewable energy economy. But more well-trained workers are needed to fill the vacancies now and in the future.

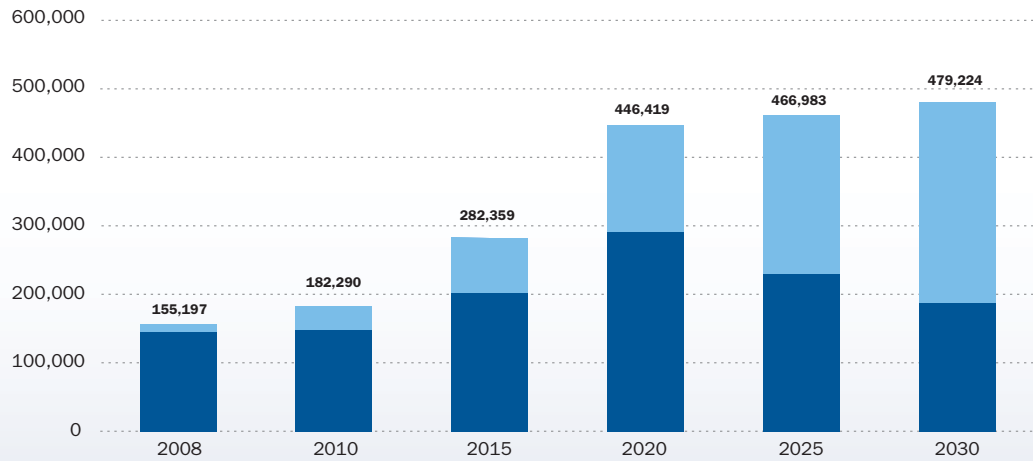
Did you know?

- ➔ Wind power generates jobs ranging from manufacturing to project management.
- ➔ The European wind energy sector employs 192,000 people.
- ➔ Between 2002 and 2007, direct employment in the sector increased by 125% - an average of 33 new jobs every day, seven days a week in Europe.
- ➔ Jobs in wind energy have transformed cities and regions such as Bremerhaven in Germany, Nakskov in Denmark and Navarre in Spain.

What about the future?

- ➔ There should be 446,000 jobs in wind in Europe by 2020, and 479,000 by 2030.
- ➔ According to the European Commission the green energy sector could create 2.8 million new jobs and add 1.1% to GDP growth if the EU's 2020 renewables target is met.
- ➔ The wind industry needs more people to fill the available and future jobs – schools and universities need to promote careers in renewables, and training must be provided to allow workers to transfer to the wind power sector.

Wind energy sector employment (2008-2030)



Source: EWEA

European wind power = European jobs

