

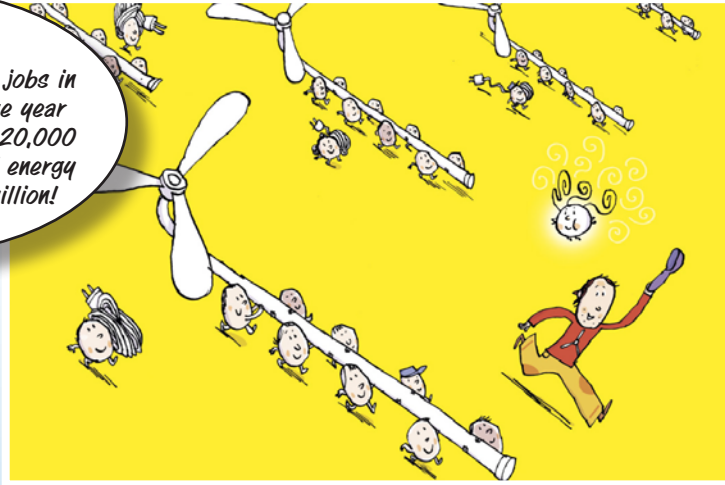
What can wind energy do for you?



EWEA
THE EUROPEAN WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION

Job creation

There are many kinds of jobs in the wind industry. In the year 2020, we expect that 520,000 people will work in wind energy – that is over half a million!



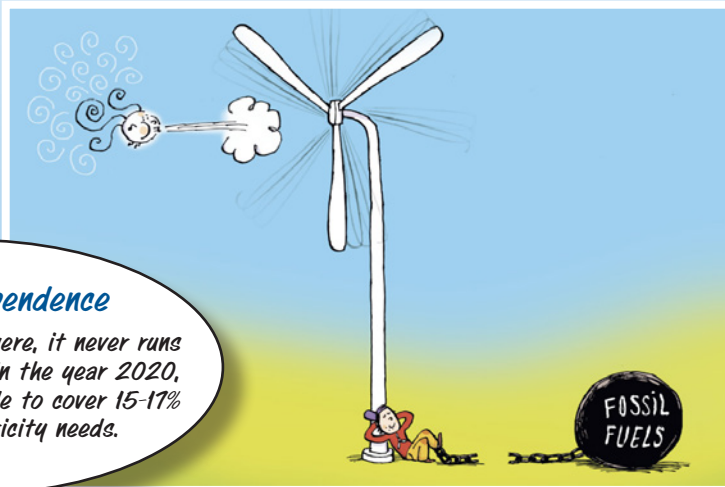
Clean environment

Wind energy doesn't emit any substances bad for health or the climate. By 2020 it can avoid 342 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, that is like taking 173 million cars off European roads (80% of the EU's cars).



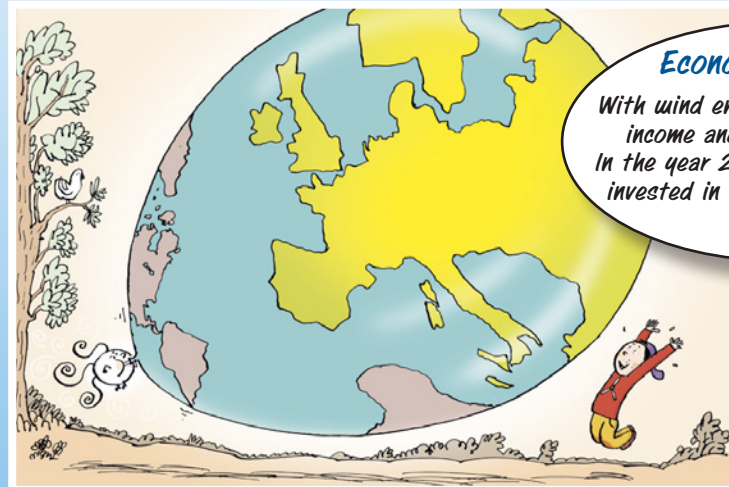
Energy independence

Wind energy is everywhere, it never runs out and it is for free. In the year 2020, wind energy will be able to cover 15-17% of the EU's electricity needs.



Economic growth

With wind energy, we create jobs, income and wealth in Europe. In the year 2020, €26.6 bn will be invested in the EU's wind energy industry.



Wind energy has grown in Europe thanks to the EU's binding renewable energy target. The target is easy to remember because 20 is its magic number: by 2020, 20% of the EU's energy must come from renewable sources like wind. The 2020 target has been so successful in helping wind energy grow, EWEA is calling for another binding renewable energy target for 2030.