## **Renwable energy in Finland**

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## Finland – energy country without energy resources

- No fossil fuel resources (coal, gas or oil)
- High energy consumption per capita
  - Energy intensive industry (paper, chemicals, metals etc)
  - Cold climate, low population density
  - High standard of living
- Key elements of Finnish energy system
  - High energy efficiency in generation and in use
  - High use of domestic forestry related biomasses
  - Trust on and use of nuclear power
  - Increase of renewables and phase-out of fossils
  - Open, competitive Nordic energy markets
- As result also large energy technology sector & exports

#### Primary energy consumption (per capita per year)





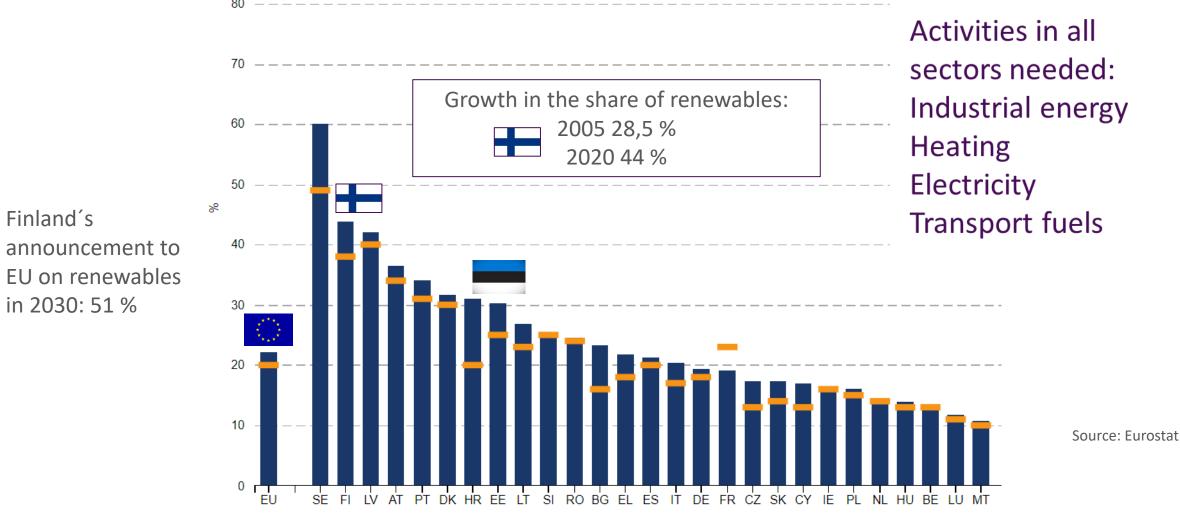
MWh



The focus in Finland's energy policy has been in cost efficient reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, not in renewables



# Share of renewables in total end use of energy in EU and member states 2020



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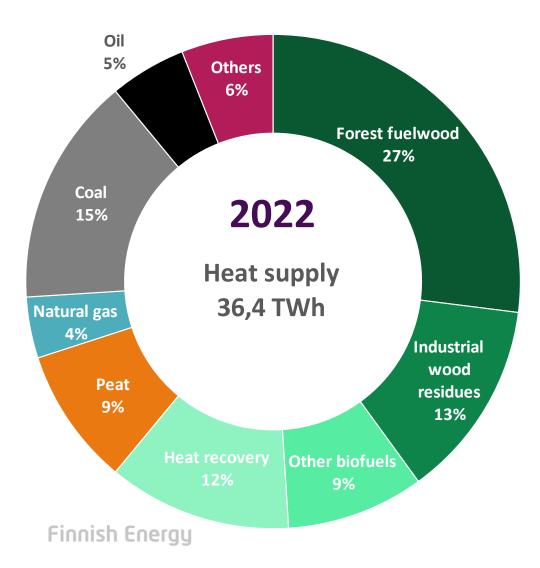
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## **Renewable energy in Finland**

Small combustion of wood Hydro 11% power 10% Other biofuels 9% Wood fuels 10% Recovered fuels (bio) in industry and energy 28% Biofuels for traffic production Others 30% 20% Heat pumps 26% 1% Solar power 26% Wind power Black liquor 29%

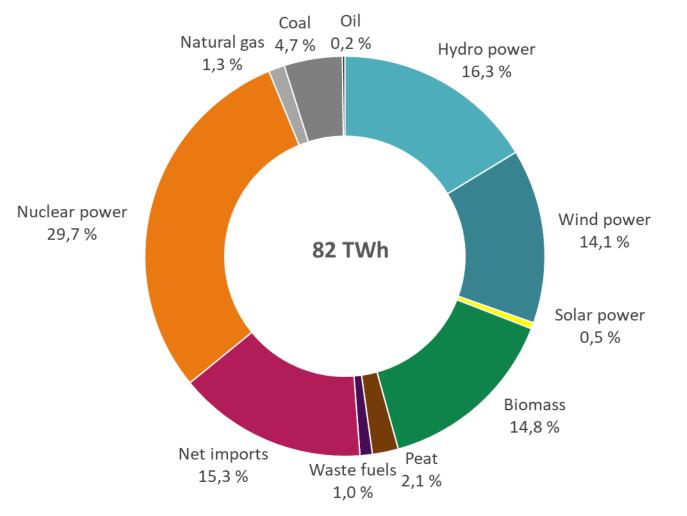
Renewable energy in 2021\*, %

## **District heating – energy sources in Finland**



- During last 10 years
  - Share of renewables has increased from 24 % to 49 % and heat recovery (waste heats) from 3 % to 12 %
- Coal will be phased out in next 2-3 years, latest by 2029 due to ban on coal in Finland.
- Electrical district heating (electric boilers) will be introduced and will be significant flexible users of wind power.

## Electricity by energy source and net imports in Finland in 2022



Finland's power generation 2022:

- Carbon neutral: 89 %
- Renewables 55 %
- CO2-emissions: 64 g/kWhe

(EU average around 270 g/kWh)

## **Power generation is developing fast**

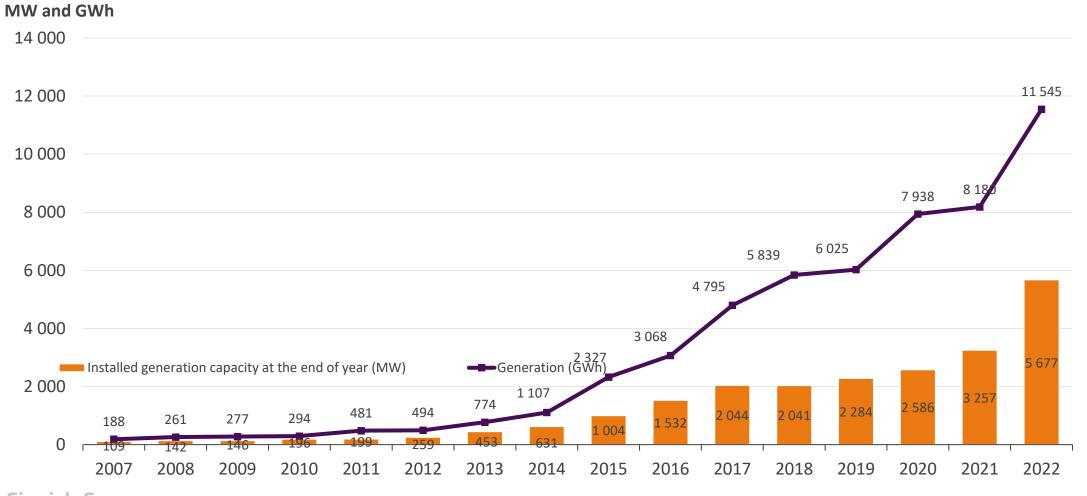
January – April 2023 (vs Jan-Apr 2022)

- Wind power increased from 14 % to 20 % (per consumption)
- Nuclear power increased from 28 % to 34 %
- Net imports decreased from 18 % to 5 %
- CO2 emissions fell from 68 g/kWh to 53 g/kWh (of generation)

#### In near future, 1000 – 2000 MW new wind power will be introduced annually

## Wind power grows rapidly:

#### Capacity increased 76 percent and production 41 percent



## Tremendous opportunities to increase wind and also solar

- Huge amount of wind and solar power projects
  - On-shore wind projects under development alone could double or triple Finnish power generation
  - Multiple off shore wind power projects
- Industrial scale solar power emerging this year



## There is no single answer to Why are companies investing in wind in Finland



- Relatively good wind conditions
- Large land area with low population
- Municipalities actively want to have wind power
  - Real estate tax is municipal
- National grid enables investments
- No national subsidies or tenders market is open for all investors
- Market has grown big enough for suppliers and subcontractors
- Customers want additional renewable electricity and are ready for PPA's

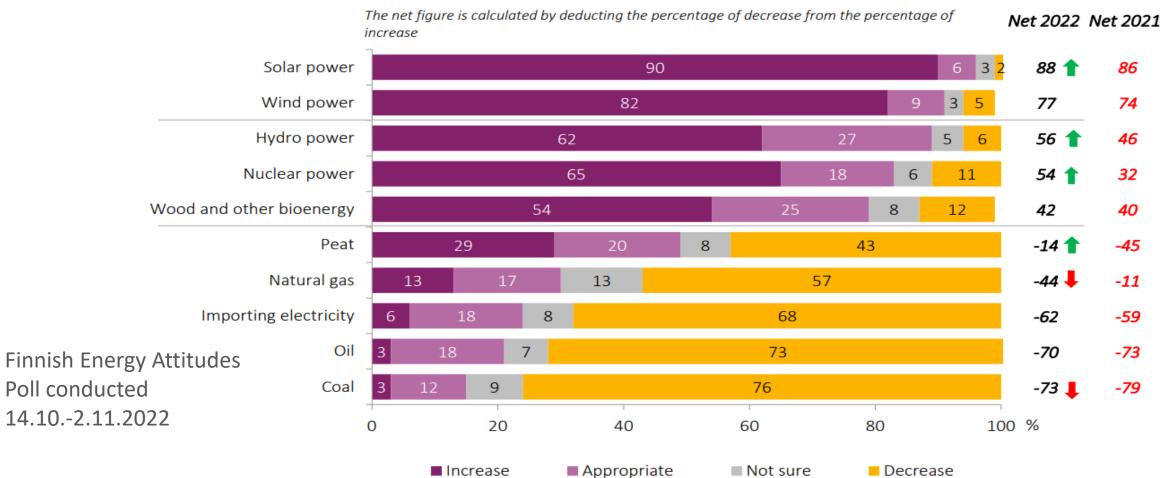
### People's opinion on different energy sources for electricity generation

Suomalaisten energia-asenteet 2022

#### In which direction should our electricity generation be developed?

All respondents, n=1,000

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# Climate neutral energy system is possible and a great opportunity



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