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# The German Energy Storage RD&D Initiative

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#### Outline

- Energy policy– the German *Energiewende*
- Energy research as an important instrument of energy policy the German Energy Research Programme
- German research activities in the area of energy storage and grids
- Summary



#### Gross Electricity Production in Germany 2013\*



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#### Energiewende targets until 2050



Targets are complemented by additional sector-specific targets



# Focus of Energy Policy

#### **Renewable energies**

- Cost and quantity control
- Market integration •

#### **Energy security**

- Thorough assessment
- National and European issues

#### Flexibilisation of the Whole system

Flexibilisation of generation • as well as demand is key

# Innovation

#### **Grid infrastructure**

- New planning process (participation)
- Smart grids ٠

#### **Energy efficiency**

- Lacking behind
- Implementation of EU EED ٠
- **Energy Efficiency Action Plan** •



#### Key Projects of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Term



10-point energy agenda of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy www.bmwi.de

#### Energy Research Programme, August 2011

#### Energy Research Policy is an important Instrument of the Energy Policy

Main Objectives:

- 1. Contribute to achieving the targets of energy and climate policy
- Enhance the leading position of companies in the field of modern energy technologies
- 3. Secure and enhance technological options



Research for an environmentally sound, reliable and affordable energy supply Gth Energy Research Programme of the Federal Government





#### Energy Research Programme: Overview of Topics and Funding



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Report of the Federal Government on Energy Research 2014, www.bmwi.de

# Joint RD&D Initiative "Energy Storage Technologies"

(http://forschung-energiespeicher.info)

- Call for proposals in 2011: 402 proposals, 925 Mio. € funding requested
- Coordinated approach by 3 ministries; one-stop-shop for applicants
- Objectives of the initiative:
  - Develop medium-term and long-term solutions to cope with the increasing electricity feed-in from volatile renewable energy sources
  - Address short fluctuations as well as long-term variations
  - Stationary energy storage for: electricity and heat storage including energy conversion into different material energy carriers
  - Address basic and applied research, demonstration, fabrication processes, aspects of further education
  - Integration and management of storage systems, "smart technologies", system services, simulation and planning tools, socio-economic aspects





## Joint RD&D Initiative "Energy Storage Technologies"

- Generating synergies by cross-linking projects
- Assigning developments to flagship projects (project cluster)



- Additional research topics: thermal storage, young researcher groups, smart grid related storage aspects, system studies
- Total number of projects: 273; approved total funding: 196 Mio. €

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## *Combined Wind-Hydrogen* Example: Energiepark Mainz

- PtG-project adjacent to an existing 8 MW wind park in Mainz
- Project Partners: Stadtwerke Mainz, Linde, Siemens, Hochschule Rhein-Main
- Major objectives:
  - Peak-Shaving in distribution grids
  - Demonstrate ways to avoid grid expansion by producing, storing and using hydrogen in different ways
  - Bridge the gap between existing small scale electrolyser (100kW) to large scale devices (100 MW); here 2 MW PEM-electrolyser
  - Large-scale ionic compressor
  - Accompanying research activities
- Total funding: 8.9 Mio. € (total costs: 17.6 Mio. €)

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## Combined Wind-Hydrogen Example: Energiepark Mainz



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#### *Batteries in Distribution Grids* Example: Hybrid Storage System based on RES

- Smart Region Pellworm
- Small island (37 km<sup>2</sup>, 1161 inhabitants)
- Hybrid power plant:
  772 kW PV and 300 kW wind power system
- Coordinator: E.ON Hanse AG
- Research aspects, e.g.:
  - Hybrid Storage System
  - Energy management system
  - Business cases
  - Customer interaction and technology acceptance



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## *Batteries in Distribution Grids* Example: Hybrid Storage System based on RES

	Lithium-Ion	<b>Redox-Flow</b>
System Size Energy [MWh]	0.56	1.6
System Size Output [MW]	0.56	0.2
Efficiency AC/AC	95%	55-65%
Storage loss [1/d]	0.1%	0.0027% (<1% p.a.)
Cycle durability (80% discharge level)	9,200 by 0.5 lmax	>20,000
Service life of the system (1 cycle/day)	20	25
Typical discharge time [h]	1-2	5-10
Response time [ms]	10	4 (50 power electronics)
Typical period between storage and withdrawal [h]	0.5 – 5	2-24

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#### Demonstration of Large-Scale Battery Storage WEMAG

- WEMAG: electricity provider in the north-east part of Germany • (specific region that could cover electricity demand completely from RES if sufficient storage would be in place)
- 5 MW / 5 MWh battery storage plant in Schwerin •
- Lithium-Manganese-Oxide-Battery (Samsung) ٠
- Integration into a WEMAG-transformer station (20-kV-level) ٠
- Frequency driven primary control ٠
- Official start-up: 16 September 2014 ٠
- Total investment: 6.6 Mio. € ٠



#### Joint Initiative "Future-Proof Power Grids"

- Call for proposals in 2012, similar process as storage initiative
- Topics addressed, e.g.:
  - Transmission- & distribution grids: components, Smart Grids, IT Solutions, Offshore grid connections, new materials, ...
  - Grid planning:

simulating future power supply systems, modular and interconnected grids, analysing the demand for grid extensions, ...

• Grid operation:

system services , load management, analysing critical grid conditions, decentralized automation, grid control, security of the supply system

 Status quo: 116 projects (grouped into 54 collaborative projects) selected with a budget of 48 Mio. € (36 large enterprises, 24 SME, 34 universities, 21 research institutes)

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#### Joint Initiative "Future-Proof Power Grids"



#### Requested Funding: 318 Mio. € / Available Funding: 150 Mio. €

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#### Summary

- RD&D and innovation is key in order to implement the *Energiewende*
- A broad technological approach is needed for the short-term as well as for the long-term
- Joint funding initiatives in key areas such as energy storage and grids can generate the momentum needed to push relevant developments
- BUT: more effort is needed to better crosslink the comprehensive research landscape in Germany and internationally

