

Integrating Renewables

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EirGrid's Renewables Policy

Committed to national renewables targets

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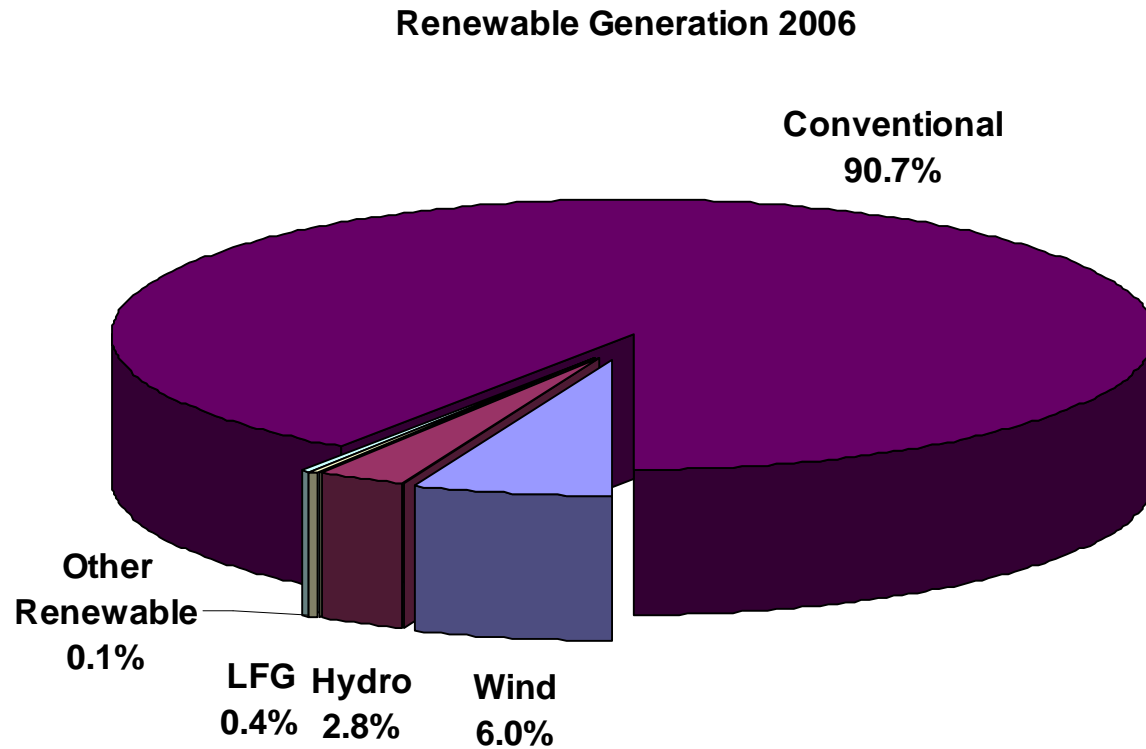
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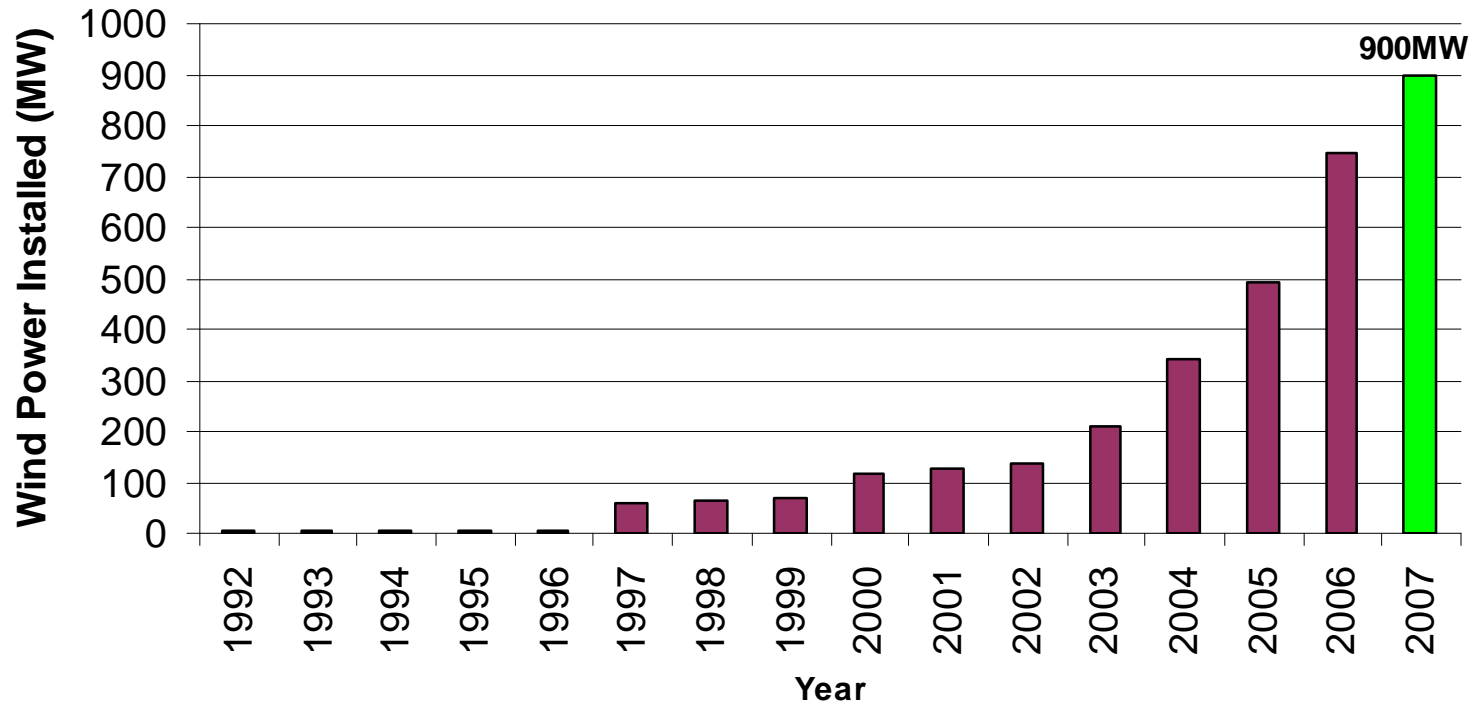
Over 9% Energy from Renewables (2006)



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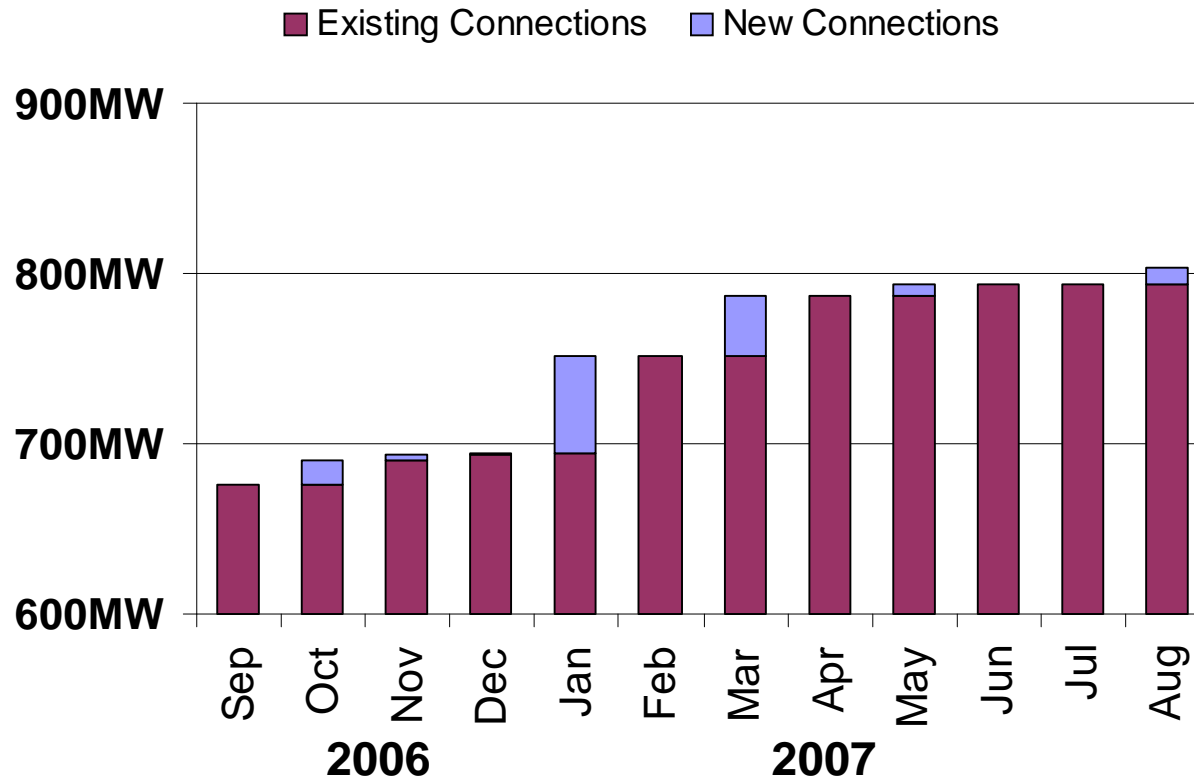
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The Successes

Over 100MW of Wind Generation Integrated this Year

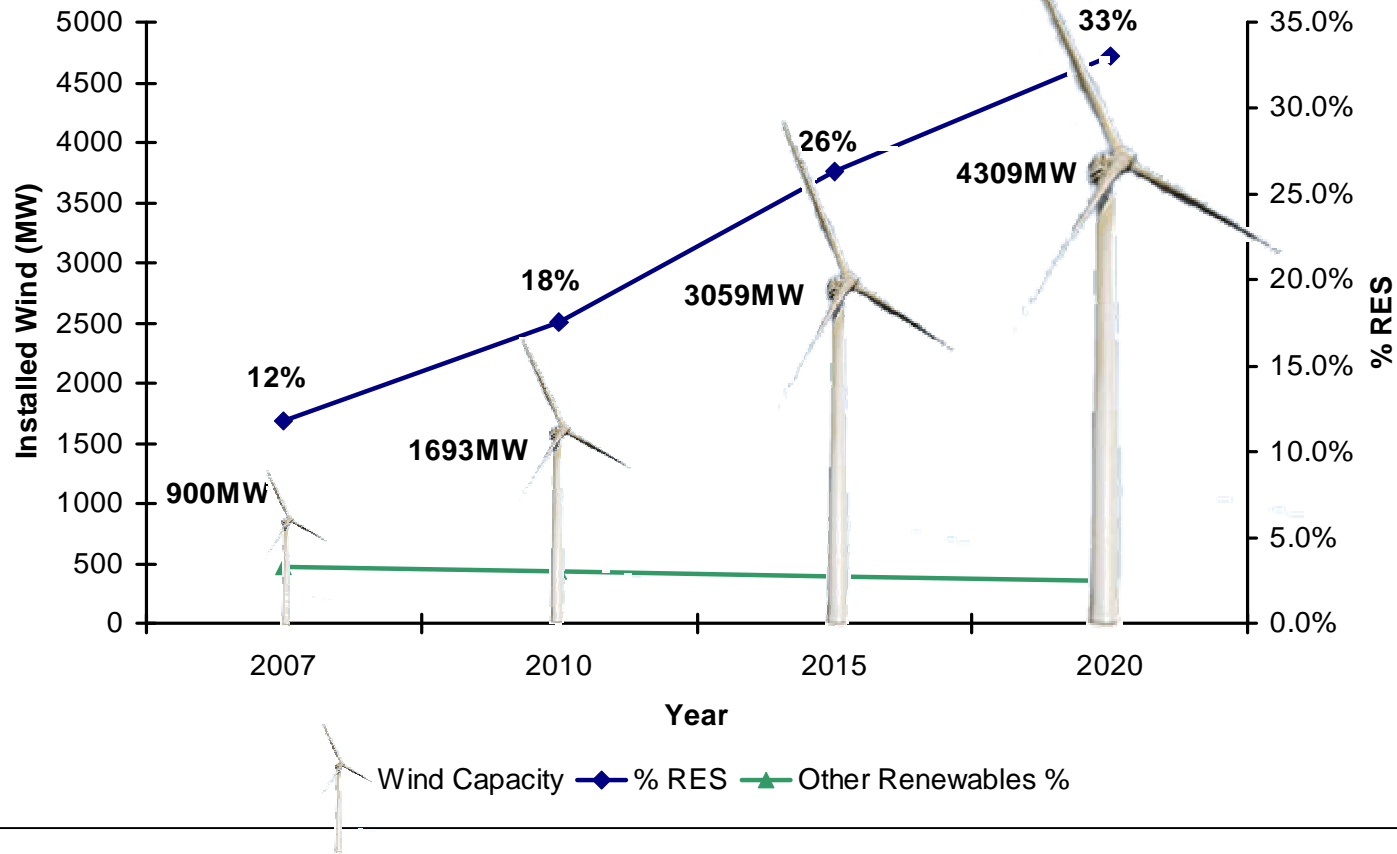
Installed Wind Capacity



What Lies Ahead

33% of Energy from Renewable Sources by 2020

Installed Wind against 2020 RES Target



What Lies Ahead

The Challenges

- Frequency regulation
- Reactive power support
- Operational planning
- Network planning
- Wind forecasting
- Processing, planning and construction of unprecedented numbers of connections
- Flexible plant
- Interconnection

EirGrid Collaborations

Committed to proactive engagement

International

- Utilities Wind Integration Group (UWIG)
- International Energy Agency Task 25 – Design and Operation of Power Systems with Large Amounts of Wind Power

European

- European Wind Integration Study (EWIS)
- ANEMOS, ANEMOS.plus (wind power prediction)

National/All Island

- All Island 2020 Grid Study
- IWEA, SEI, CER, Government

Conclusions

- 800MW of wind generation integrated successfully to date
- EirGrid supportive of government targets
- Continued working with all stakeholders is crucial to success
- EirGrid well placed and on track for successful integration of 33% renewables by 2020

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Implicit in this objective is a commitment to ensure a fair, transparent and proactive approach towards the integration of all forms of renewable energy on the national power system. We believe that any issues and challenges relating to the accommodation of any particular technology on the system should be addressed in a fair and open manner in order to achieve resolution in the most constructive and efficient manner possible.

Achieving these objectives will involve:

- Proactively engaging with customers and stakeholders in a constructive multi-lateral manner to ensure early identification of integration issues and their resolution.
- Ensuring a best-in-class approach to tackling the network and operational issues relating to the integration of renewables, including:
 - Embracing existing and emerging technologies appropriately
 - Engaging in, supporting and promoting Research and Development work
 - Identifying and implementing international best practice
- Working constructively to inform energy policy on the incorporation of the contribution of renewables, within the overall context of ensuring the sustainability, security and competitiveness of energy supply.

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Regions with High Wind Penetration

Region	<u>Maximum Wind Power</u> Lowest Consumption + Export Capacity
West Denmark	58%
Schleswig Holstein (Germany)	44%
Gotland (Sweden)	40%
Ireland (800MW wind, 300 Export)	38%