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# Uruguay 2015

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# Uruguay: general facts

- Total extension of 176.000 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Total population 3.440.157
  - ✓ half lives in Montevideo
- Official language: Spanish
- Money: Uruguayan peso
  - ✓ 1USD= 27 UYU\*
- Climate: subtropical
- Life expectancy: 78 for women and 73 for men
- Literacy rate 98%

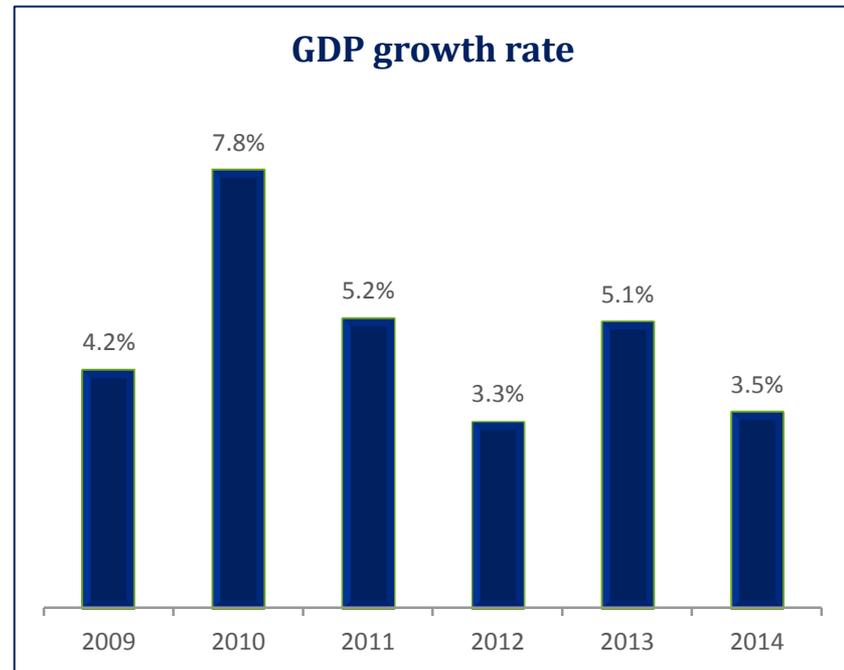


Source: Google maps

\* June 2015.

# Uruguayan economy

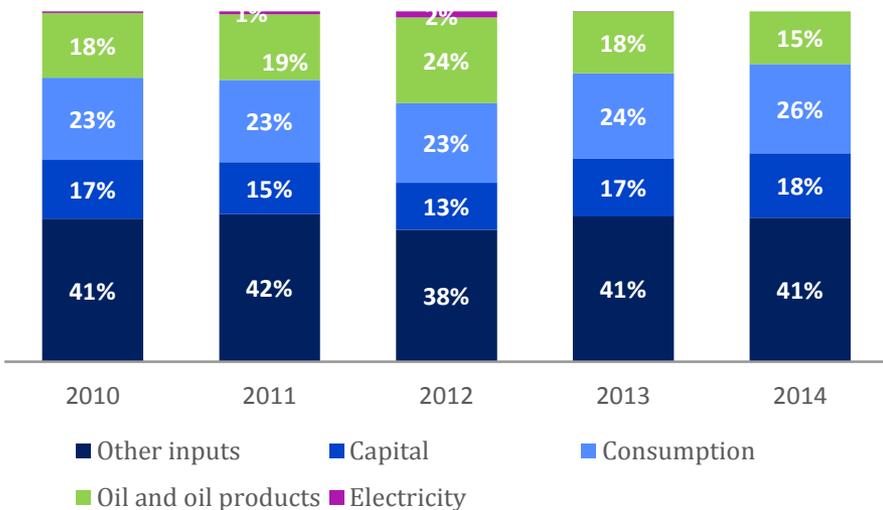
- GDP growth
  - ✓ 3,5% in 2014
  - ✓ average 2004-2014: 5%
  - ✓ GDP per capita 16.800 USD
- Unemployment: 6,5%
- Social indicators
  - ✓ access to electricity: 99%
  - ✓ access to drinking water: 98%
- Productive activities:
  - ✓ agriculture (soy and cereals)
  - ✓ cattle and related industries (meat and wool processing mainly)
  - ✓ forestry
  - ✓ dairy industry
  - ✓ tourism



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

# Energy background: oil and rain dependence

Structure of Uruguayan Imports



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

- Not proven reserves of oil, natural gas or coal
- 4 Hydropower plants
- Thermal generation:  
Imported fossil fuels :  
**high vulnerability**

- Imports of oil in 2014:
  - ✓ 1929 ktoe of oil and 615 ktoe of oil products
  - ✓ 2054 million USD (18% of total imports)
- Oil imports varies with each year's rainfall

# Energy Policy 2010- 2030: Guidelines

## I. Institutional:

Government's role as policy director

- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Regulation
- ✓ Stable regulatory framework

## II. Supply:

Diversification with national component

- ✓ Reduce oil dependence
- ✓ Increase renewable autochthonous sources
- ✓ Capacity building

## III. Demand:

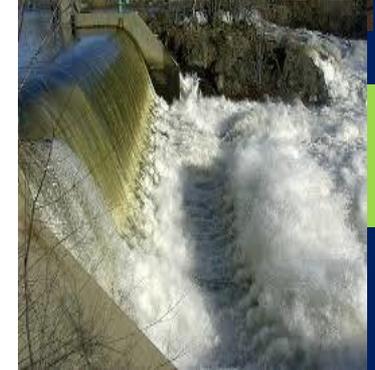
Energy efficiency

- ✓ In all sectors
- ✓ Regulatory framework
- ✓ Funding mechanisms

## IV. Social:

Energy policy as a social policy:

- ✓ Adequate energy access (security and price)
- ✓ Tool for social integration



# Energy Policy 2010 - 2030: Goals

	Supply	Demand	Social
<b>Short term (2015)</b>	50% of renewable energy in the global primary energy matrix	Decrease of 15% in oil consumption in the transport sector	100% rural electrification
<b>Medium term (2020)</b>	Optimal use of renewable energy and natural gas in energy matrix is achieved	Decrease of 20% in energy consumption due to energy efficiency measures	Adequate access for all citizens
<b>Long term (2030)</b>	At least 10.000 million USD savings due to source substitution and energy efficiency	Energy intensity of the country is placed among the best in the world	

# Energy Policy 2010 - 2030: implementation

## ➤ Wind:

- 532 MW of generation capacity installed and delivering
- By 2015: additional 470 MW are expected to be operative
- Competitive bidding process (prices of 65-80 USD/MWh)
  - 20 years power purchase agreements

## ➤ Solar

- Thermal: capacity in operation of 14 m3 by 1000 inhabitants
- Photovoltaic :
  - first plant installed in 2014: 486 KWp
  - 3.4 MW of micro-generation installed capacity (less than 150 kw)
  - by 2016 is expected to become operative 240 MW of installed capacity of large scale solar farms
  - Competitive bidding process (around 90 USD/MWh) and 20 years power purchase agreements

# Energy Policy 2010 - 2030: implementation

## ➤ Biomass heat and power

- 33% participation in primary energy matrix (wood and forestry)
  - 410 MW of installed power generation capacity by 2014
    - 10 generation plants
      - Feed-in-tariffs (around 110 USD/MW)
  - 20 year period power purchase agreements

## ➤ Biofuels

- Produced in Uruguay since 2010, mainly for transport use
- Installed capacity for ethanol is 95.000 ton/year from sugar cane
- Installed capacity for Biodiesel 90.000 ton/year, mainly from soy
- Currently
  - 5% mix of ethanol in gasoline, and it is expected to increase to 10% by 2015,
  - 7% mix of biodiesel in Gas Oil

# Energy Policy 2010 - 2030: implementation

## ➤ **Energy Efficiency**

- Energy efficiency law
- Tax incentives for hybrid and electric cars
- Incandescent Lighting Replacement: 2.3 million light bulbs
- Labelling program: water heaters, refrigerators and air conditioning systems

## ➤ **Hydrocarbons**

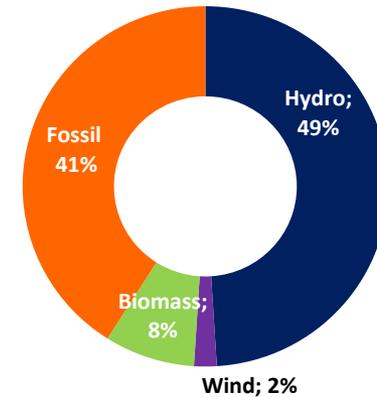
- Exploration projects are being conducted since 2009, both onshore and offshore
- Construction of a regasification plant is under development
  - Terminal operative by 2016
  - Storage capacity of 267.000 m<sup>3</sup> of LNG
    - Nominal send-out 10 Mm<sup>3</sup>/day

# Energy Supply:

## ➤ Electricity generation

- UTE: National Utility Company
  - State owned
  - Monopoly of transmission and distribution
- Generation:
  - 4 hydropower plants: 1538 MW
  - Thermal (Fuel oil and gas): 1173 MW
  - Renewable energy:
    - ✓ Private generators
    - ✓ 532 MW wind
    - ✓ 410 MW biomass
    - ✓ 240 solar (under construction)
- International connexion: Argentina 2000 MW and Brazil 70 MW (under expansion to 500 MW)

**Electricity matrix:  
installed capacity (2013)**



Source: National Directorate of Energy

# Energy Supply:

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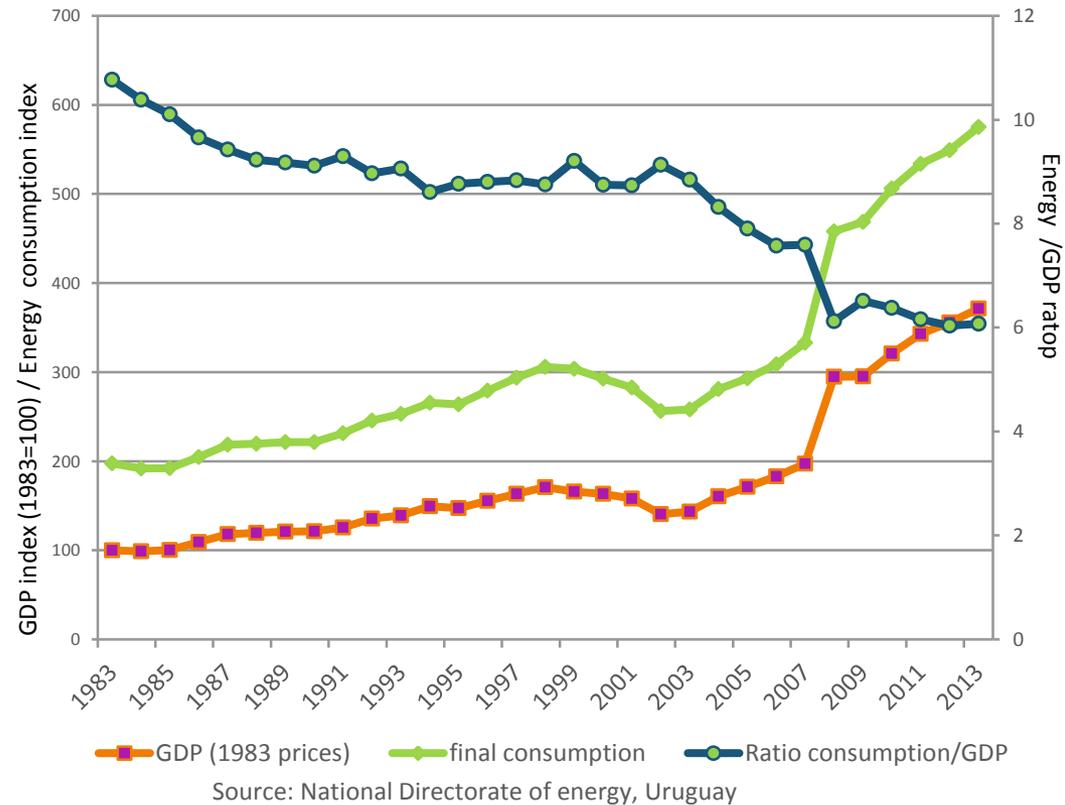
## ➤ Hydrocarbons

- ANCAP: National Oil Company
  - Monopoly of oil imports and production of oil products
  - One refinery with capacity for 50.000 barrels per day
  - ✓ Oil products for electricity generation: imported  
(large quantities required and technical characteristics)
  - ✓ Oil products for other uses (transport, industry, residential): refined domestically
- Since 2010, biofuels are being produced, and mixed with gasoline and gas oil, for transport use

# Energy Demand:

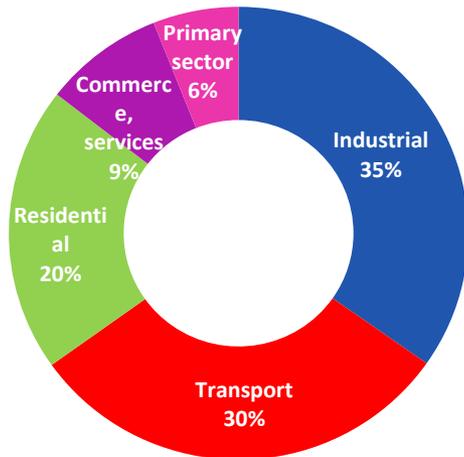
- Increasing trend in line with GDP
- Last decade: average annual growth: 5.9%
- Expected growth rate: 2.5%
- Elasticity electricity to GDP of 0.8

## Energy demand evolution



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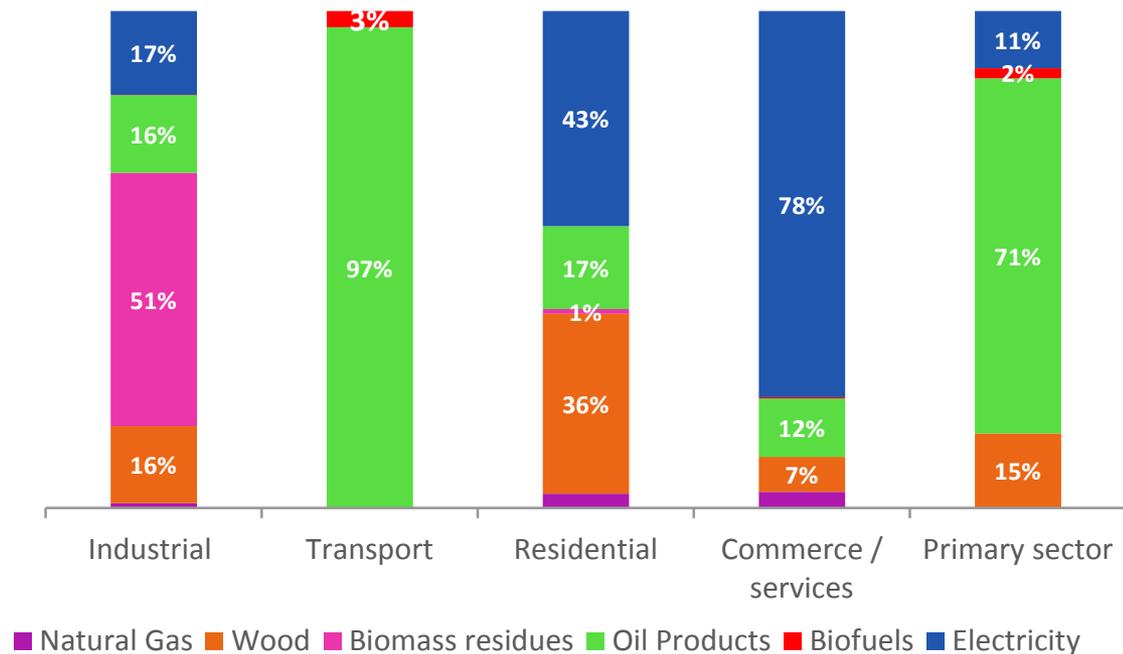
## Energy Consumption by sector - 2013



Source: National Directorate of Energy, Uruguay

## Main demand: Industry and transport

### Energy demand by sector



Source: National Directorate of Energy, Uruguay

# Demand and Supply Outlook

- Supply

- Measures taken:

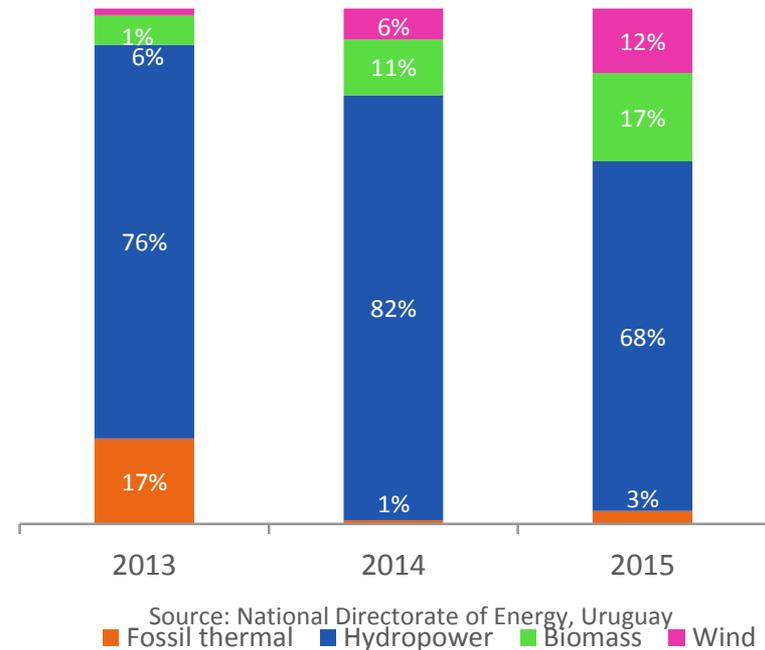
- ✓ Diversification of power generation
    - ✓ Currently over 90% of power generation from renewables

- Next steps:

- ✓ Optimization of all sources, including Natural Gas from storage and regasification terminal

- ✓ Scenario in case of confirming Hydrocarbons reserves?

Renewables in power mix



# Demand and Supply Outlook

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- Demand:
  - Measures taken
    - ✓ Funding for households and firms to incorporate energy efficiency measures
    - ✓ Light bulbs replacing campaign
    - ✓ Labelling: water heaters, refrigerators
- Next steps:
  - National Laboratories with capacity to verify and label home appliance and vehicles
  - Demand management
    - ✓ price incentives
    - ✓ smart grids?

# The main challenges ahead

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- Transformation process aiming at diversification of energy supply: based on incorporating significant capacity of intermittent sources such as wind and solar
  - Need to be prepared: improving transmission and management
- Uruguay engaged in hydrocarbon exploration activities. In case of confirming hydrocarbons reserves in the country, issues need to be addressed:
  - How exploitation is going to be carried out?
  - How this new source of energy will be incorporated in the supply mix?
  - What use should be given to potential economic profits?
- Measures for promoting energy efficiency have had low impact:
  - Need to foster cultural change
    - ✓ Revising policy incentives
    - ✓ Educational campaigns
- Agricultural and Urban Solid Waste management: to produce biogas for heat and power

# Thank you!

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