

Energy Transition Strategy & NEA Cooperation

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Energy Policy Challenges in Korea: Status

[Supply] High Dependence on Fossil Fuel → Low Share of Renewable Energy

RE share of Power Generation in Major Countries

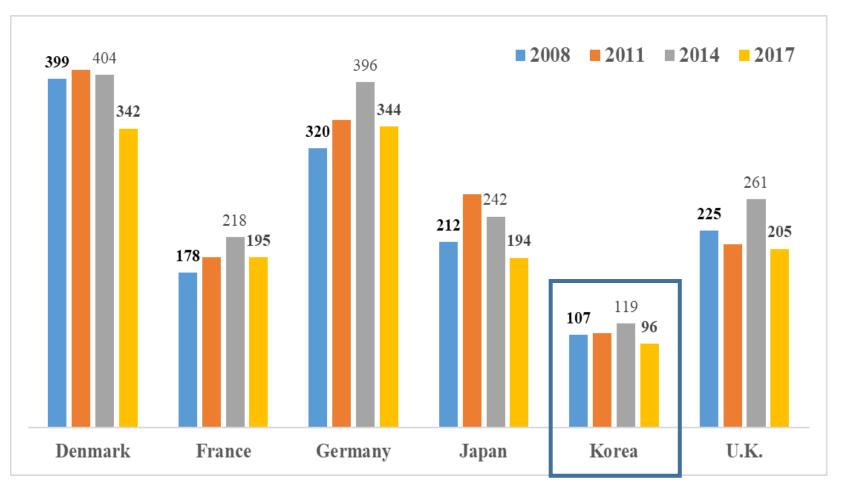


Source: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)

- Low renewable energy job creation → Renewable energy job only reached to 14,000 in 2016
 (Global renewable energy employment reached 10.3mil. in 2016)
- [Demand] Continuous Increase in Energy Demand → Low Energy Efficiency
 - Energy Intensity: Korea 0.159, US 0.123, JAPAN 0.089, OECD 0.105 (toe/1,000USD, '17)
 - Electricity has substituted the consumption of other energy sources
- (Market/System) Market System
 - Social/environmental costs are not fully reflected to the energy price.
 - Low price level, Monopolistic supply structure → Impeding new energy service and saving consumption

Power Price of Residential

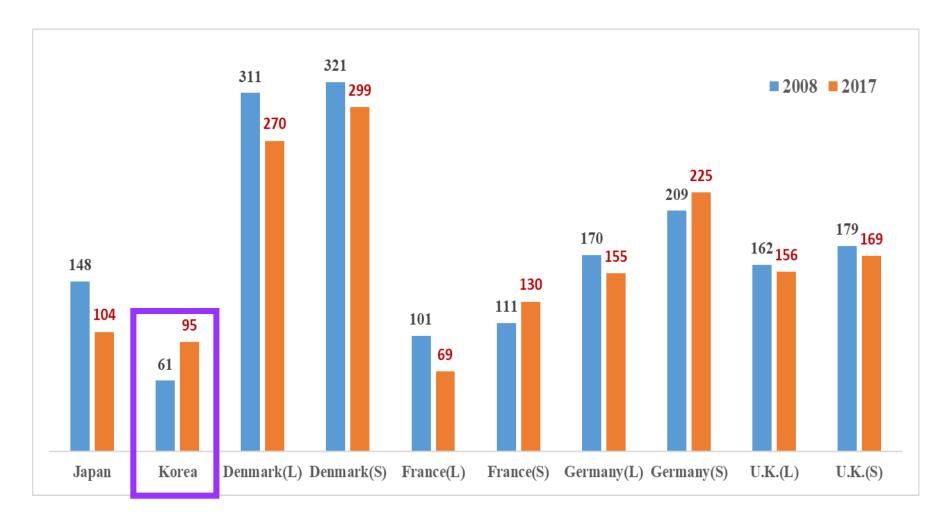
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Industrial Power Price

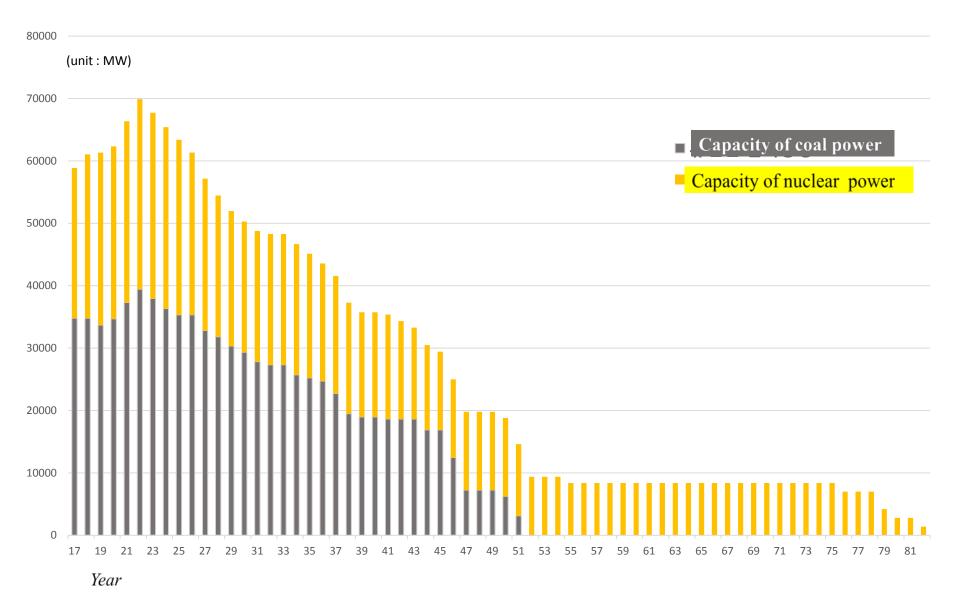
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Energy Transition Policy of Korea

- Nuclear Power phase out
 - To Stop the building of new reactors, Not to permit the extension of reactor's operation.
 - To stop the building of new 6 reactors (8.6GW)
 - Not to permit the operation extension: In 2030, expected to phase out 11 reactors (9.3GW)
- Reducing reliance on coal and putting stricter regulation on emission
 - Strengthen emission regulation (direct regulation, fuel tax)
 - Temporary shut down coal-fired power plants
 - Reforming fuel tax system to reflect environmental cost
 - To stop construction of new coal power plants and shut down old plants
 - To Switch planned coal power plants to LNG
 - Shut down 10 old coal-fired power plants (3.3GW)
- Expansion of Renewable Energy
 - To increase up to 20% of renewable energy (of electricity generation) by 2030 (→ RE3020)
 - To expand distributed energy resources
 - To increase gas-fired generating capacity



Paradigm shift of Energy Policy in Korea



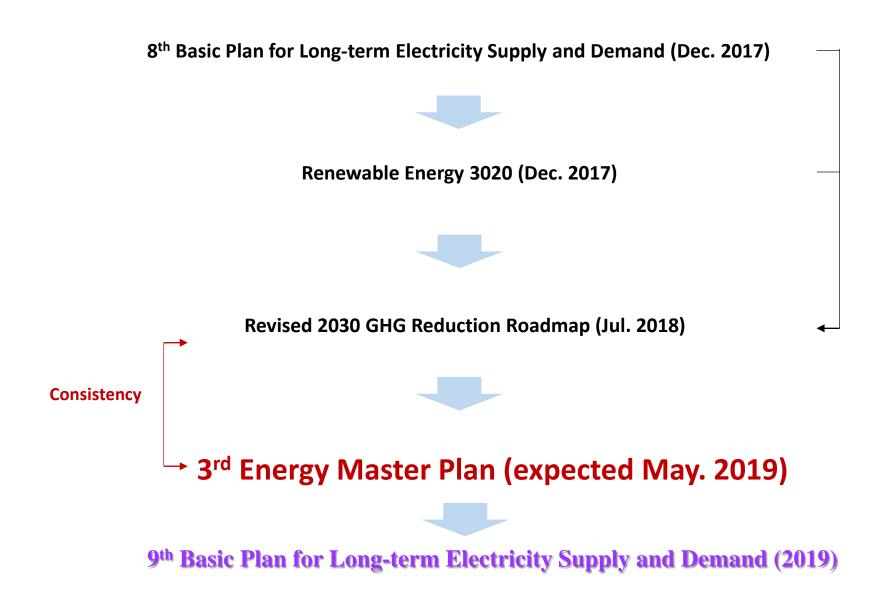
"Energy Transition"
energy supply optimization + reforming energy consumption structure + new
energy industry from the perspective on innovation-based growth

[Supply] Sustainable energy mix, not only diversify the power mix; energy supply optimization in electricity sector as well as gas and heating

[Demand] Development of new energy industry and new growth engine through transition of energy consumption structure in the sector of industry, building and transportation Energy

[Market/System] Reform of institutional system accommodating market oriented energy system.

Progress of Energy Transition in Korea





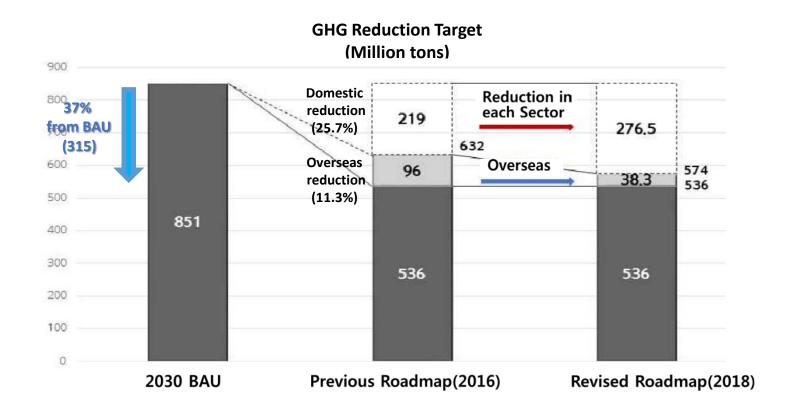
Decarbonization Target



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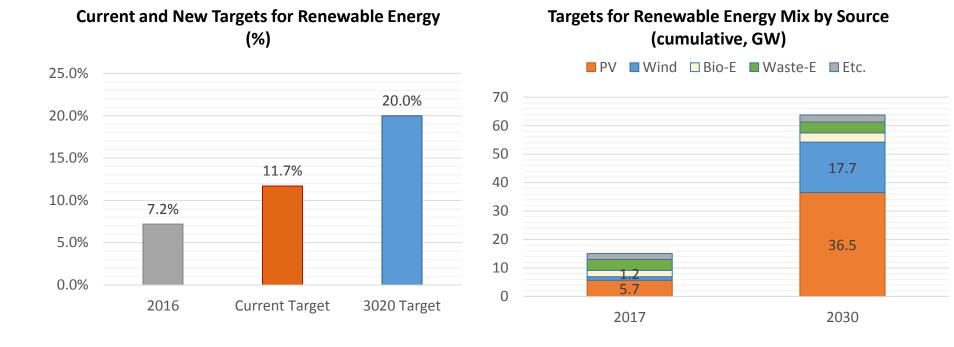
- To reduce GHG emissions by 37% from BAU levels.
- To reduce additional 57.4 mil. ton domestically. (domestic target: 632 mil. Ton → 574 mil ton)
- To minimize the use of international mechanism (SDM etc.) from the target.



Renewable Energy 3020

Target for RE 3020

- To increase current share of renewable energy generation to 20% by 2030
- To deploy 36.5GW of PV and 17.7GW of wind power generation by 2030



3rd Energy Master Plan

Target for 3rd Energy Master Plan (Working Group Recommendation)

		2017	2030	2040
Demand	Total Final Energy Consumption (mil. toe)	176.0	179.5	176.6
	Energy Intensity (toe/mil. KRW)	0.113	0.084	0.072
Supply	Share of Renewable Energy in elec. Generation (%)	7.6 (est.)	20	25~40 (30~35)
Environment	GHG missions from fuel combustion (mil. ton)	601.0 ('15)	536.5	
	PM emissions in power sector (thousand ton)	34	13	
	PM emission in transportation sector (thousand ton)	34	27	21
Participation	Renewable energy power plants (ten thousand)	43	471	611~1,039

This is recommendation by Working Group.

The 3rd Energy Master Plan is under further consideration by the government.

Korea Initiative on Energy Efficiency (under consulatation)

- **Efficiency First'** Policy direction
 - Transition form supply oriented to demand oriented energy policy
 - Recognize the value of energy efficiency
- **3** Key direction to reform of energy consumption structure
 - To promote 'Market Transformation' (promoting high efficiency product and appliances)
 - To optimize energy use and strengthen management skills through 'Platforms'
 - Policy harmonization between regulations and incentives
- **5** Main Sectors & 12 Core Tasks

Market Transformation	①Top runner initiative, ②smart mobility		
Platform	③EMS, ④National Energy Information Integrated Platform, ⑤Energy Innovation Community, ⑥Community based Platform		
Statistics	7 Benchmark in industry sector, 8 Benchmark in building sector		
Cooling/Heating			
Minimizing energy loss	① Enhance Network Efficiency ② Minimizing loss in each sector		



NEA Cooperation



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 Promotion of Trade through Expansion of LNG SWAP Transaction in Northeast Asia

• Analysis of the benefits of the (NEA) power grid connection

• Cooperation with the energy sector in response to climate change (e.g., energy efficiency, technology development)

• Cooperation with the energy sector in order to improve air quality (e.g., PM2.5) in Northeast Asia



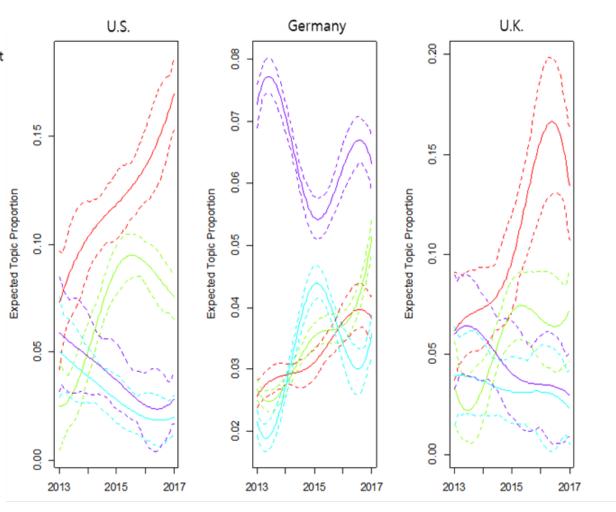
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Media discourse of energy transition policy goals

- Economic Growth and Industrial Development
- Efforts to Tackle Climate Change
- Safety and Proportion of Nuclear Energy
- Increased Volatility of Electricity Rate



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