

ENERGIZING THE ENERGY SECTOR IN CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPE

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THE CHALLENGE

PLANNED GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSION REDUCTIONS IN
2030 IN RELATION TO THEIR
2005 LEVELS IN SELECTED EU

POLAND: -17,7%

HUNGARY: -18,7%

03 CZECH REPUBLIC: -26%

SLOVAKIA: -22,7%

ROMANIA: -12,7%

BULGARIA: -10%

SPAIN: -37,7%

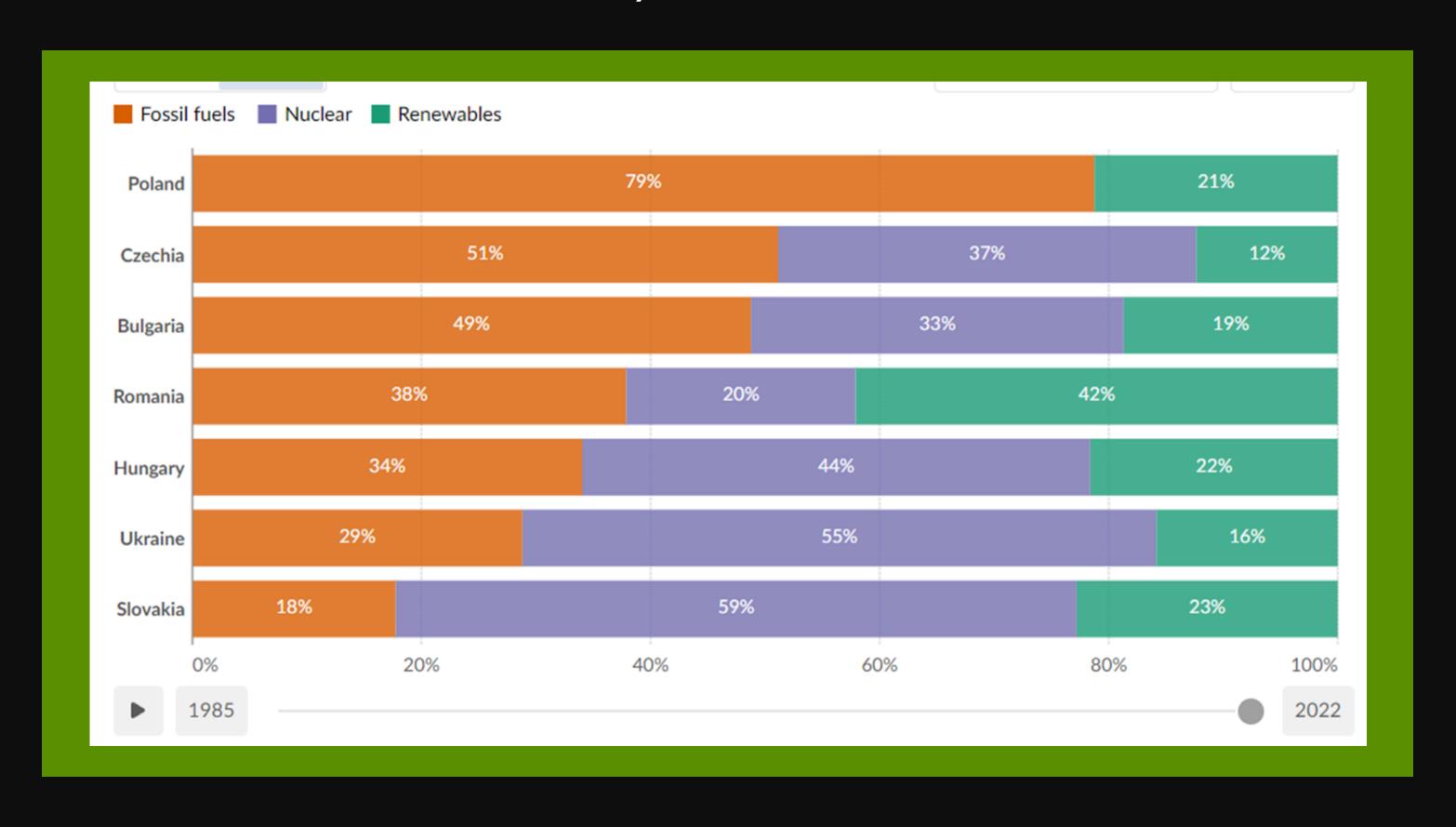
FRANCE: -47,5%

GERMANY: -50%

SWEDEN: -50%

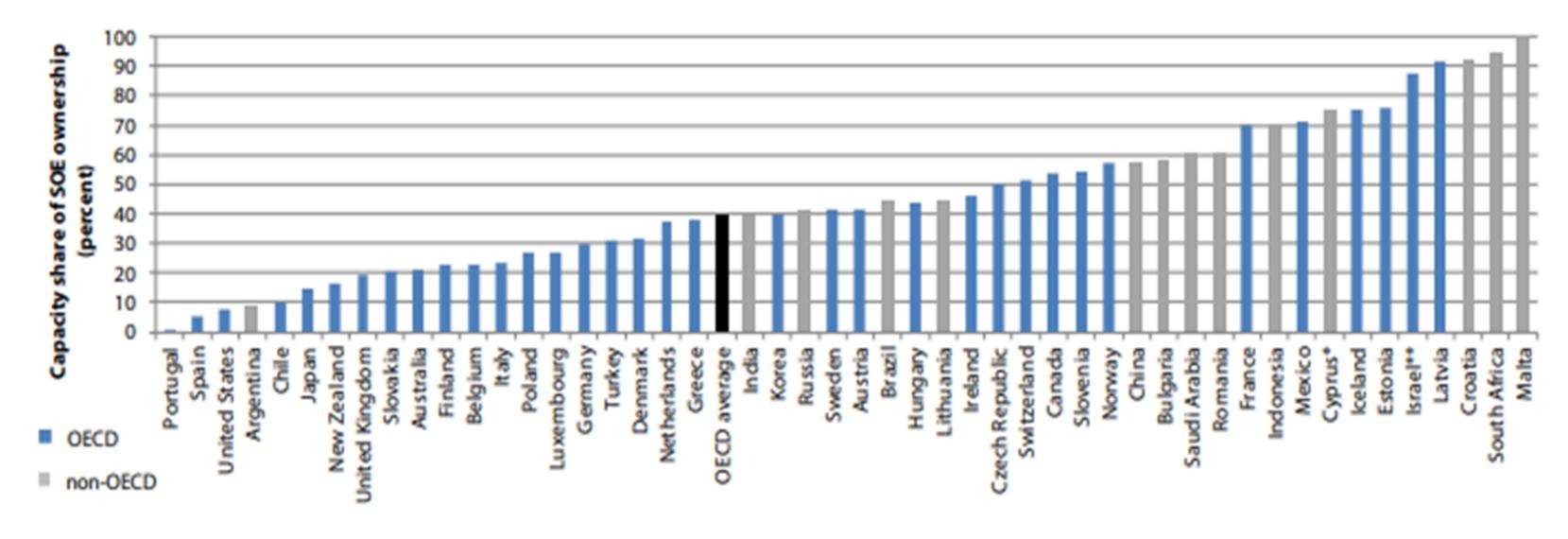
DENMARK: -50%

PER CAPITA ELECTRICITY GENERATION FROM FOSSIL FUELS, NUCLEAR AND RENEWABLES, 2022



ENERGY - GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RUN IT

Figure 1. Share of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in power generation capacity across selected countries in 2014



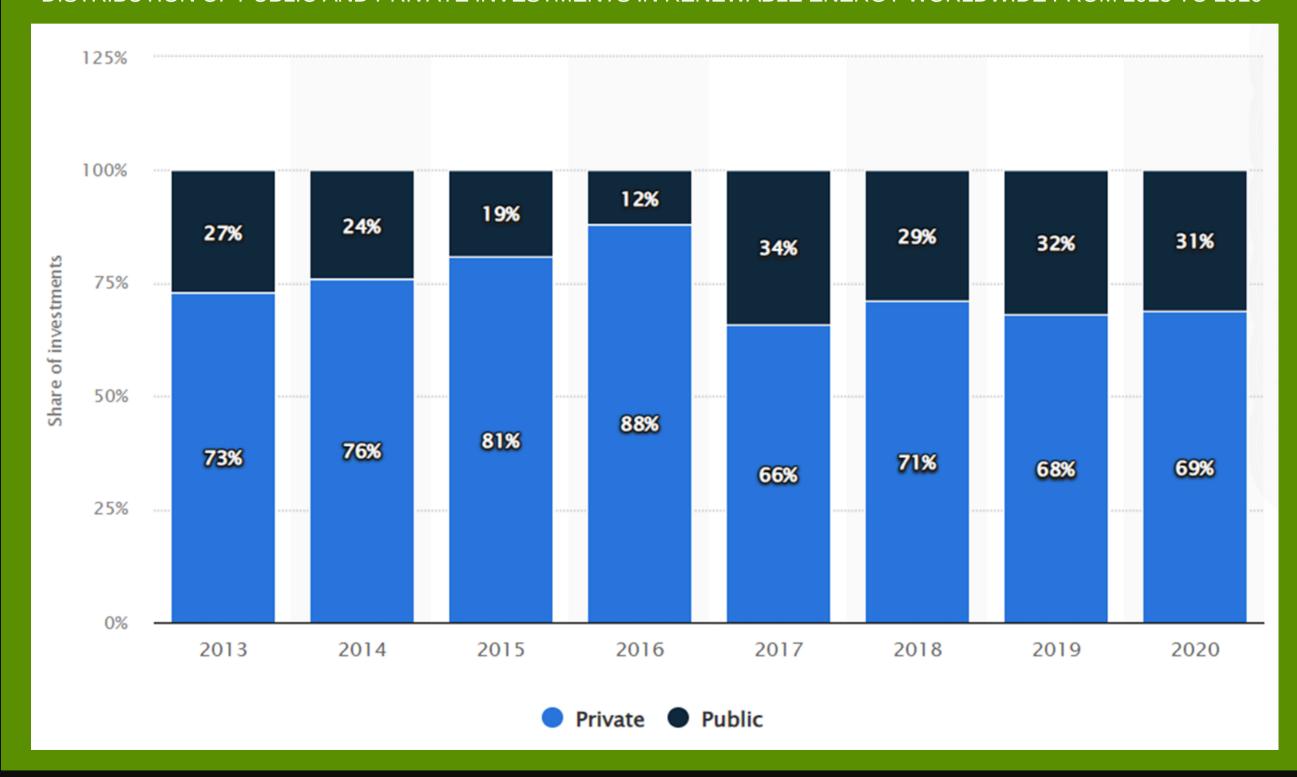
Source: OECD (2018), State-Owned Enterprises and the Low Carbon Transition, based on OECD data and World Electric Power Plant Database.

BARRIERS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR BY TYPE

Country name:	Investment Barriers						
	Bureaucracy	State Control	Regime Uncertainty	Revenue Constraints	Limited Access to the Grid	Limited Access To Land:	High and complicated taxes:
Poland	+	+	+	_	+	_	+
Slovakia	+	+	+	+	_	_	_
Hungary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Romania	+	+	+	_	_	_	_
Bulgaria	+	+	+	+	_	+	_
Ukraine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

MARKET WORKS INSPITE OF BARRIERS!

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY WORLDWIDE FROM 2013 TO 2020



REFORMING THE EU

WE RECOMMEND:

- Phase out of ETS mechanism.
- Climate targets should focus on reducing emissions.
- The European Commission should not relax state aid rules any further. The regulatory capture should be prevented.
- The EU should push countries to introduce policies that enable the expansion of interconnectors and mutual energy trade.
- Stopping CBAM implementation.
- EU should become a functional platform to share the best practices.

PACT FOR **FREEDOM** SHOULD AT LEAST:

- (a) set optimal and as low as possible levels of already existing taxes (mainly CIT, VAT) so that they are as close to each other as possible.
- (b) include a commitment to eliminate market-distorting subsidies
- (c) impose an obligation to revise and reduce bureaucratic and regulatory barriers
- (d) induce countries to allocate EU funds in such a way as to strengthen mainly infrastructure investments aimed at expanding the market to include new players and greater energy interdependence among signatories
- (e) accelerate the rollout and integration of enabling technologies such as smart meters (serving both grid monitoring and consumer empowerment),
- (f) build a systemic link between energy transition (incl. grids) and addressing energy poverty and move beyond short-term fixes that only provide temporary financial relief, and instead, design and implement long-term structural solutions that enable energy-poor households to become active consumers and benefit from sustainable energy systems and more efficient energy use)
- (h) introduce the same and mutually recognized tax and financial mechanisms to strengthen investments in the broad energy sector such as accelerated depreciation, or CoVictory Bonds
- (h) conduct evaluation and monitoring of the effects of implementing the Pact's objective









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