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# Wind energy development in next decade

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#### Renewable energy growth 2005-2020-2030



### Wind technology price development

Offshore



/media/Files/IRENA/Agency/Publication/2019/May/IRENA\_Renewable-Power-Generations-Costs-in-2018.pdf

Onshore

# Implementation of Paris Climate Agreement could boost EU GDP by 1.1%

#### Figure 3: Impact on GDP by country, 2030, percentage difference from baseline



### Wind energy progress until 2030



#### Wind turbine height and capacity



https://en.euractiv.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/linksdossier/EA-POLICY-BRIEF-WINDEU-V01.pdf

## Potential in Latvia - priority for onshore wind

1. Total land with spatial limitations available  $\,$  for large scale wind parks - 2000  $\,km^2$ 

- ▶ 66% of area with reasonable connection to transmission electricity system
- 2. Total land available for individual turbines 13 000  $\rm km^2$ 
  - 80% of area with reasonable connection to transmission or distribution electricity system

Notes:

- Existing electricity transmission system can integrate at least 1000MW of Wind power
- National forest land accounts for ~ 40% from above mentioned

1. There are 1200 km<sup>2</sup> of sea area under more detailed assessment available for offshore wind parks

Onshore Wind park of 100MW needs 6-8 km<sup>2</sup> of land

Offshore Wind park<br/>of 100MW needs 5-6<br/>km² of sea areaTwice<br/>expensive<br/>vs onshore+ new el.<br/>grid<br/>investments<br/>needed

#### Bottlenecks

- Permitting process
- Social acceptance
- Motivation of local municipalities
- Changes in regulation regarding density of wind parks
- Lack of political support to boost development of wind energy
- Long term planning stability for energy sector
- Regulation and tax stability for investors

# Wind Europe 2018

- Wind Investments were up on 2017 by 20% to €26.7bn:
  - Onshore investments hit a record level of €16.4bn.
  - Offshore investments were €10.3bn.
- 2018 was a record year for new Final Investment Decision (FID) in future capacity. In total, 16.7 GW worth of projects reached FID:
  - ▶ 12.5 GW in onshore
  - ► 4.2 GW in offshore
- Wind energy accounted for 63% of the investments in renewable energy in 2018, up from 52% in 2017



