

# CDTI-NEDO-JWPA delegation visit to CECRE (REE)

## **Grid Integration of Wind Energy in Spain**

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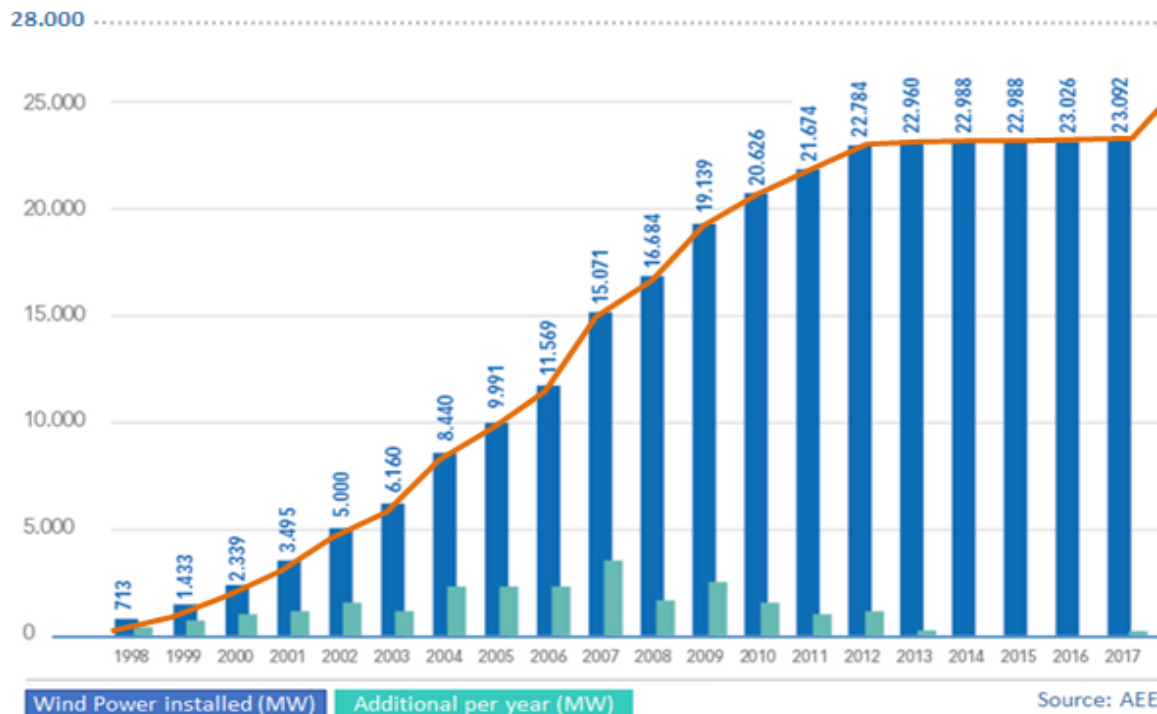
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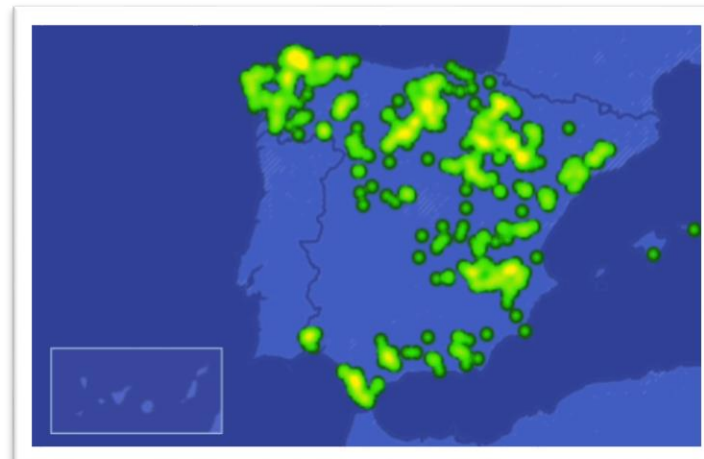
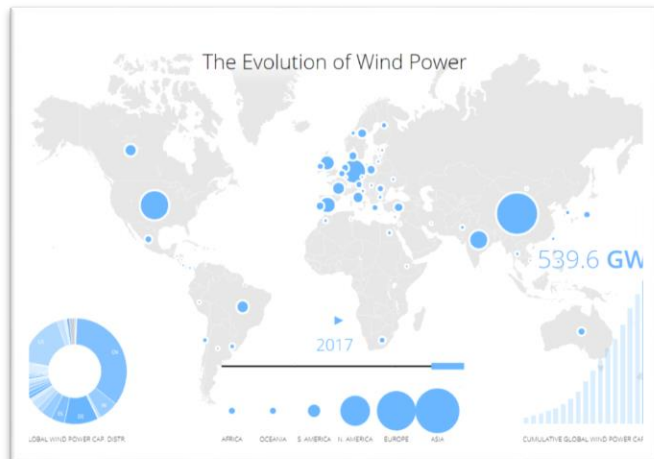
# Overview of Wind Power in Spain



# Evolution of Wind Power capacity in Spain



+ 5.000 MW  
before  
March 2020

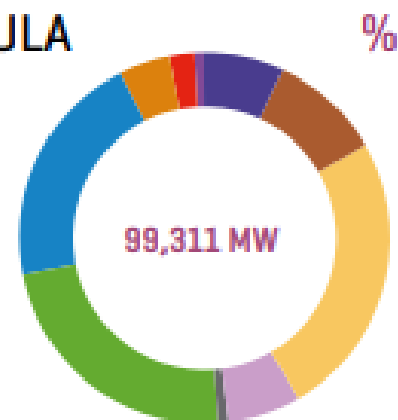


# Spain's installed power capacity and demand coverage (2017)

## INSTALLED POWER CAPACITY ON THE PENINSULA AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 (GW)

Nuclear	7.2	Wind	23.0
Coal	9.6	Hydro (1)	20.5
Combined cycle	25.1	Solar photovoltaic	4.5
Cogeneration	6.4	Solar thermoelectric	2.3
Waste	0.7	Other renewables	0.7

(1) Includes pure pumped storage (3,329 MW).

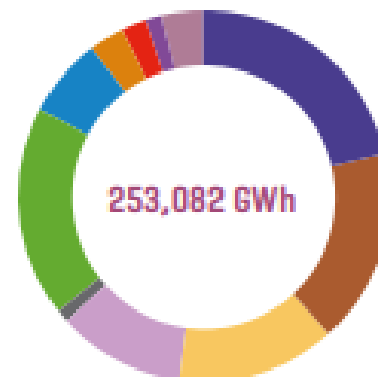


**WIND**  
Second source  
of electricity  
generation

## PENINSULAR ELECTRICITY DEMAND COVERAGE (2017)

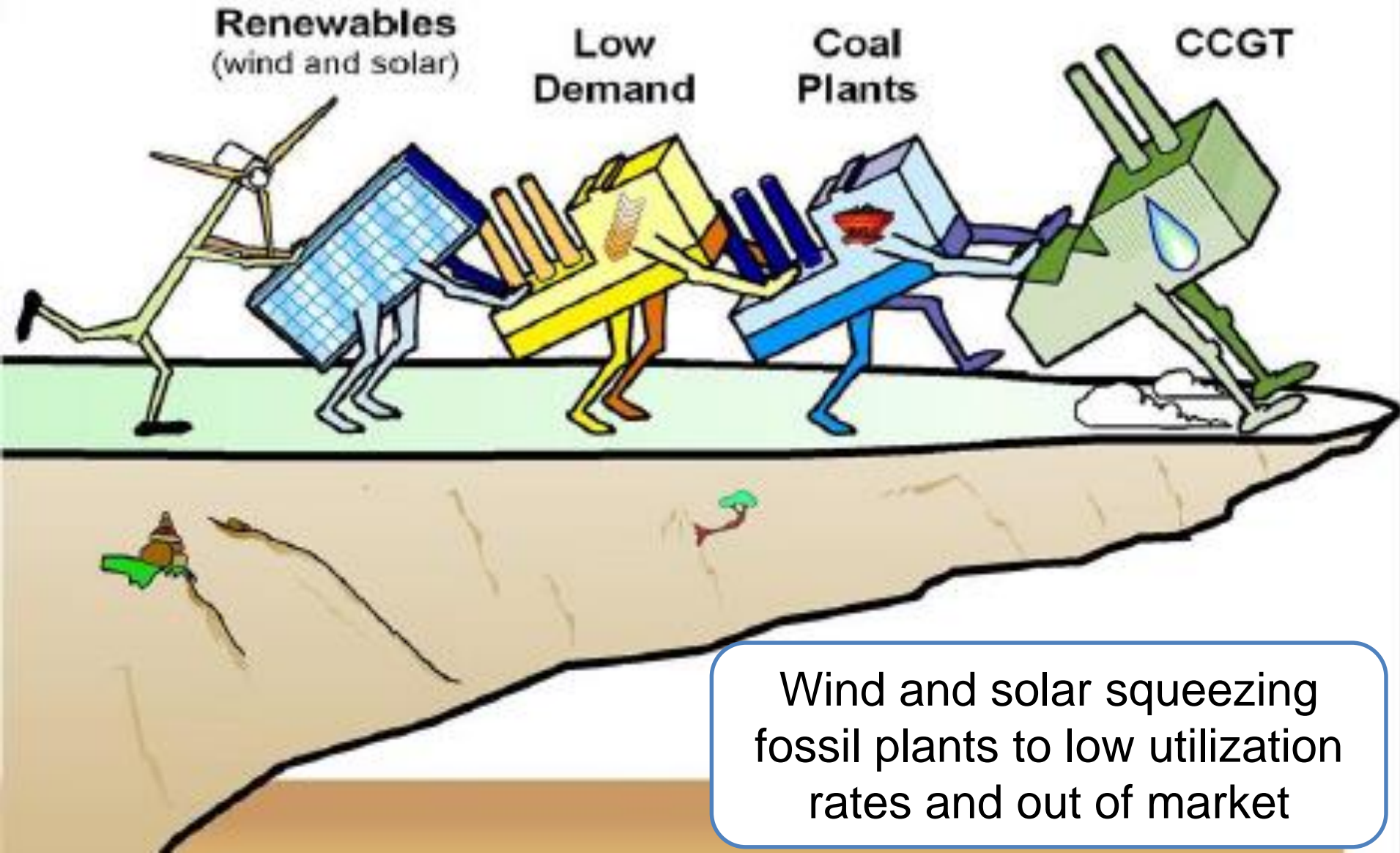
Nuclear	21.5	Wind	18.2
Coal	17.0	Hydro (1)	7.0
Combined cycle	13.9	Solar photovoltaic	3.1
Cogeneration	11.0	Solar thermoelectric	2.1
Waste	1.2	Other renewables	1.4
		Importer balance regarding international exchanges	3.6

(1) Pumped storage not included.



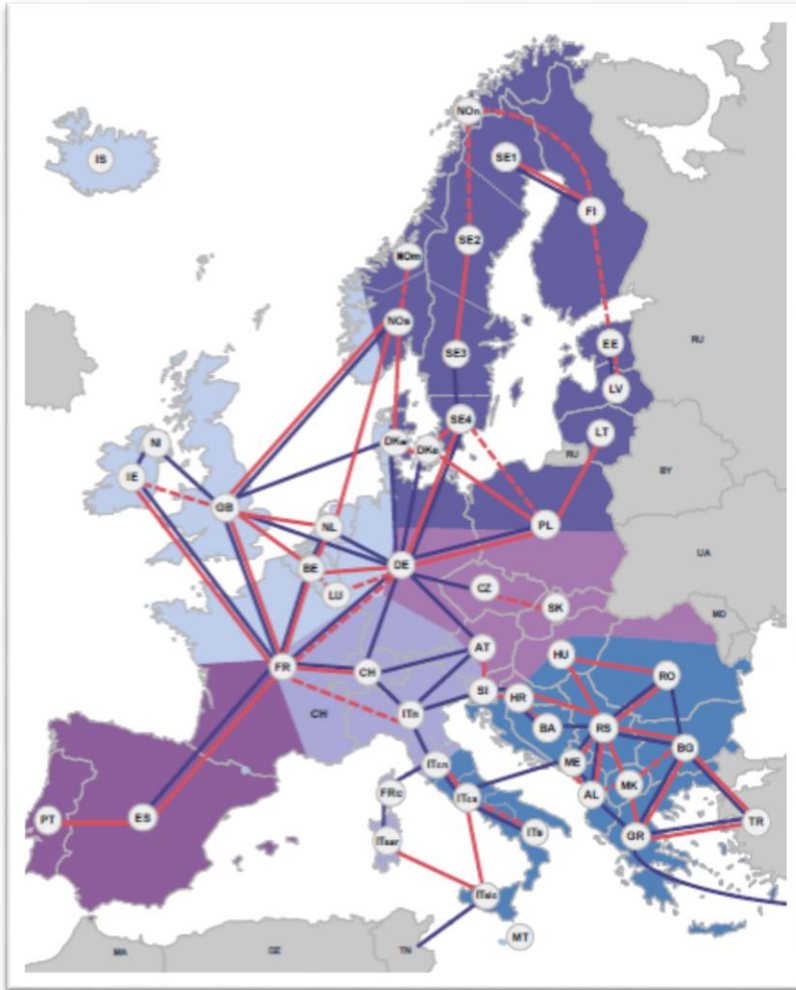


# 2030 Energy Transition Scenarios



Wind and solar squeezing fossil plants to low utilization rates and out of market

# Interconnection Capacity and Energy Exchange (2017)



- Spain has limited Commercial Exchange Capacities with the rest of Europe
- Spain's interconnection ratio < 5%
- EU recommendation = 10% (2020) and 15% (2030)



# Grid Integration Challenges





# Variable Renewable Energy Characteristics and effects



**Variability:** Available power output fluctuates with availability of the resource.

**Profile effects**



**Uncertainty:** Resource availability can change in the short-term.

**Balancing effect**



**Non-synchronous:** VRE plants connect to the grid via power electronics.

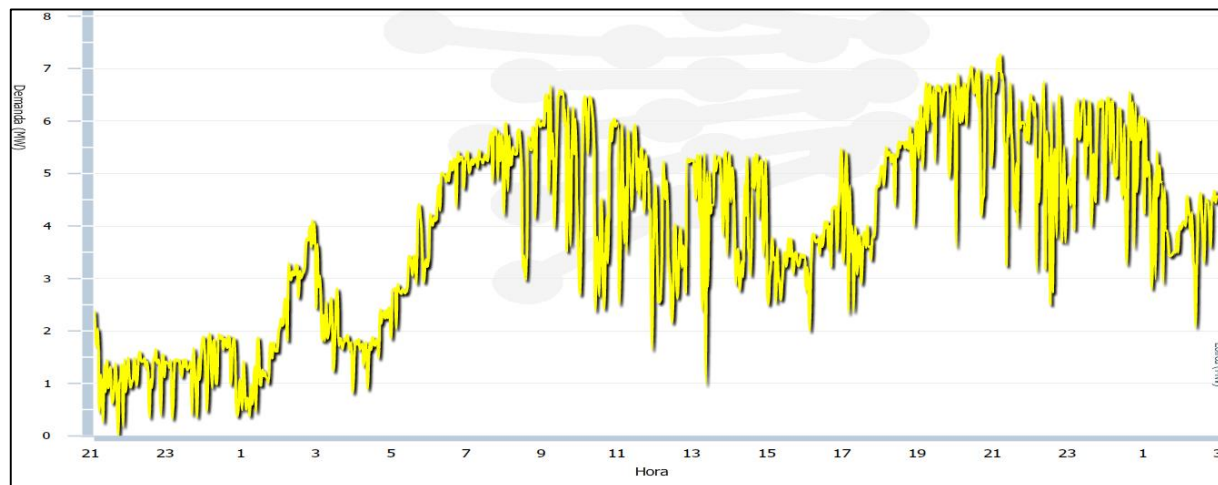


**Modularity:** Scale of individual VRE units is smaller than conventional plants.

**Grid effects**



**Location-constraint:** Resource varies by location; cannot be transported.



# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

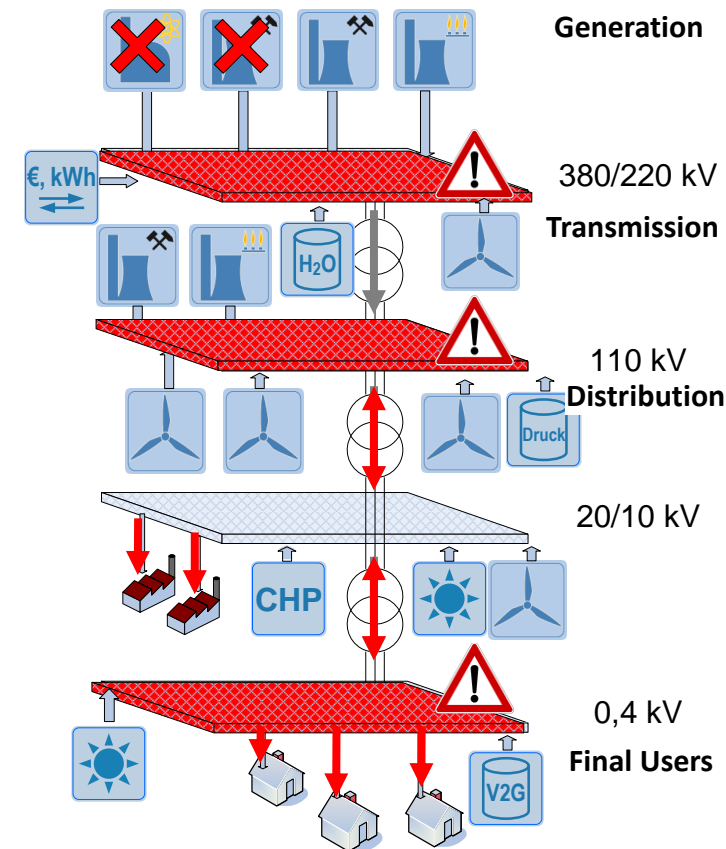
## 1.- RES Integration introduces new ways of operation

### Traditional concepts:

- Centralized supply by large synchronous power plants.
- Power flow from high to low voltage levels.

### Future scenarios:

- Increasing distributed power generation.
  - Progressive substitution of conventional power plants (decarbonization)
  - Bi-directional power flows.
- ➔ Upgrading and reinforcement of the electrical grid: generation away of the consumption.
- ➔ REs must get involved in balancing and ancillary services.
- ➔ Technical requirements should take into consideration the technical characteristics of the equipments and the installations.



# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

## 2.- Improve flexibility in the technical operation of the system

- Wind Power already contributes to balancing the system.



- Optimize the use of **flexible generation** to provide efficient backup services and demand response:



Electric Vehicle



Storage



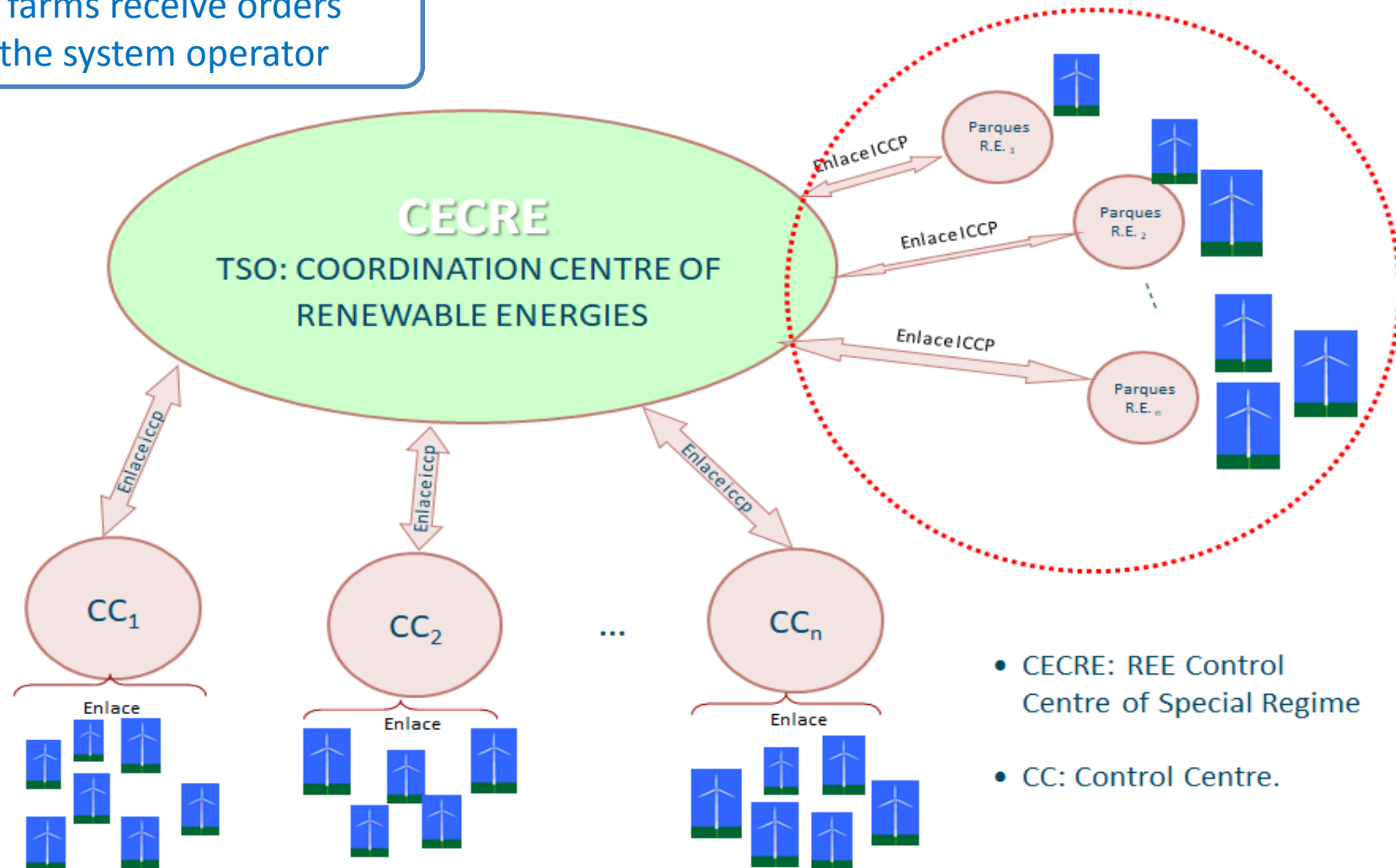
Hybrid renewable solutions  
(i.e. wind + solar)

- **Digitalize renewables** to improve connection to control rooms: Automatic and remote operation of power plants.

# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

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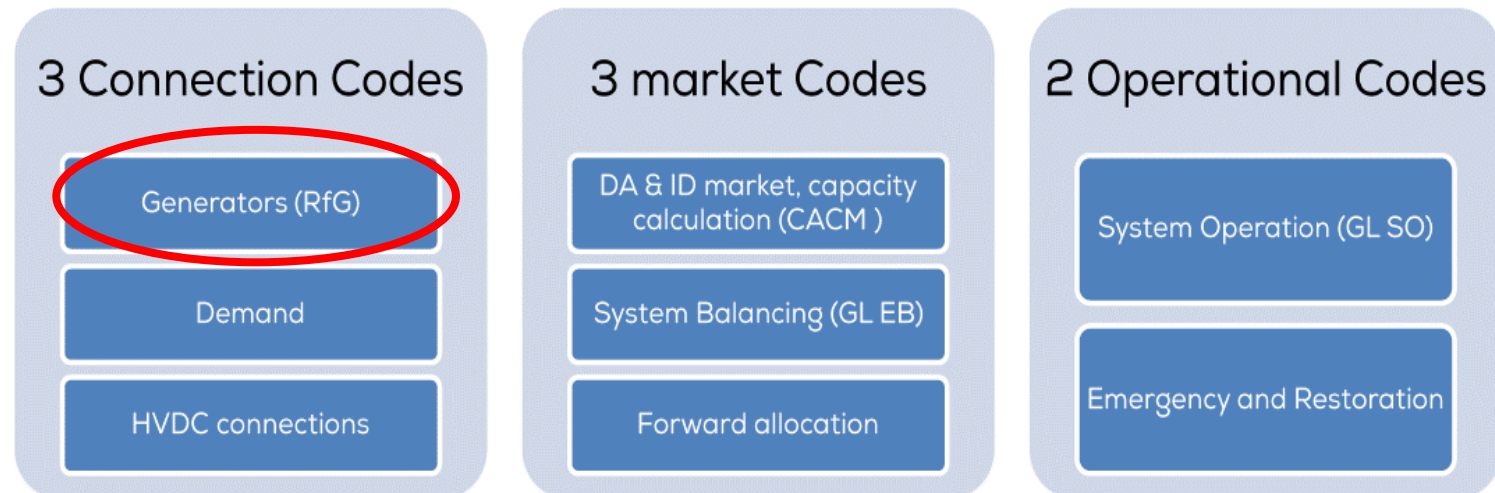
Wind farms receive orders from the system operator



# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

## 3.- Implementation of new European Grid codes

- REE is currently implementing the new ***European Grid codes*** developed by ENTSOE to the Spanish electrical system.
- These new grid codes imply ***higher requirements for Wind Turbines and Wind Farms.***





### 3.- Implementation of new European Grid codes



# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

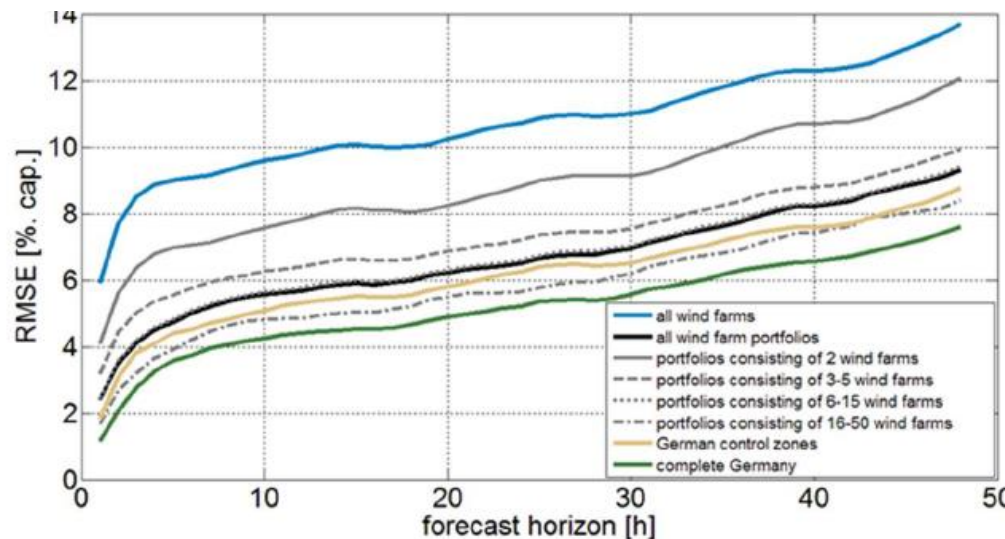
## 4.- Economic operation of the electrical system

- Develop market mechanisms to increase renewables participation (day ahead offer, balancing markets, etc).
  - Wind power increases market liquidity.
  - Day-ahead offers are based on weather forecasting.
  - Deviations can be compensated in the intra-day markets.
- Improve **forecasting mechanisms** of renewable resources:
  - Avoid deviations in production programmes of wind farms
  - Strengthen the participation in ancillary services.

Shorter time  
horizons



Accuracy



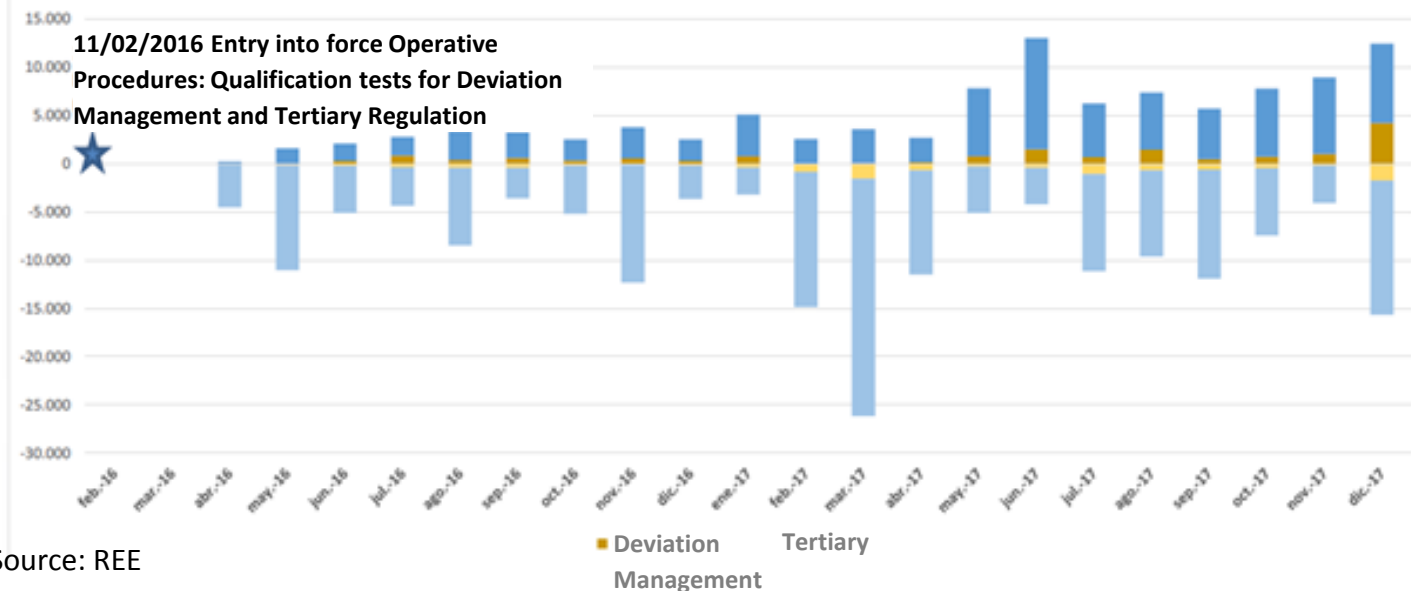
# Participation of wind power in ancillary services

Technology	Deviation Management & Tertiary Regulation (MW)	Secondary Regulation (MW)	Deviation Management & Tertiary Regulation (% over total installed power)	Secondary Regulation (% over total installed power)
Hydraulic	14.985	14.956	87%	87%
Wind	10.442	230	46%	1%
Solar Thermal	30	0	1,3%	0%
Biomass	20	0	2,7%	0%
Solar PV	0	0	0%	0%

Spain is the first country in Europe to have, since 2016, wind power participating in the TSO's ancillary services, specially in tertiary regulation and deviations' management.

Wind MWs approved to participate in ancillary services

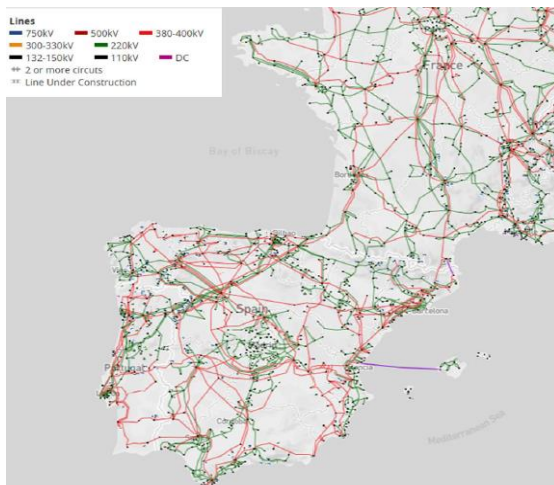
Wind energy share in ancillary services (TER & DM)



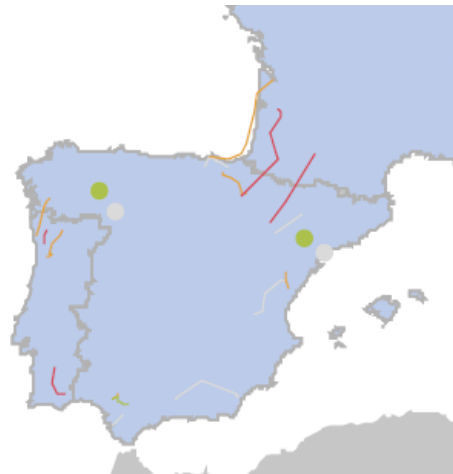
# Challenges for grid integration of Renewables

## 5.- Development and reinforcement of grid infrastructures.

- **Grid planning and internal investment** needed to match the grid with new energy flow patterns (Generation vs. Demand)
- Establish the ***required access capacity*** according to geographical areas of good renewable resources (wind and solar)
- Need to **strengthen cross-border interconnections** with France to achieve an interconnection ratio above 10% and improve integration to European electricity markets.



Spain Electrical Network (ENTSOE)



Planned projects to increase cross-border interconnection



Demand vs. Wind generation

# Wind Integration can be seen from different points of view



## TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OPERATOR (TSO)

Grid Security  
Technical risk: GRID CODES

## MANUFACTURER

Standardization, costs, ...  
Technical risk: certification, ...

## DEVELOPER

Economic feasibility  
Technical risks: Curtailments



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