Opportunities and challenges for banks in the transition to a carbon-neutral economy

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GLS Bank at a glance

Reference for social-ecological banking

GLS model:

- First social-ecological universal bank in the world
- Money is for people
- We offer a triple performance human, forward-looking, economically

GLS Bank - makes sense







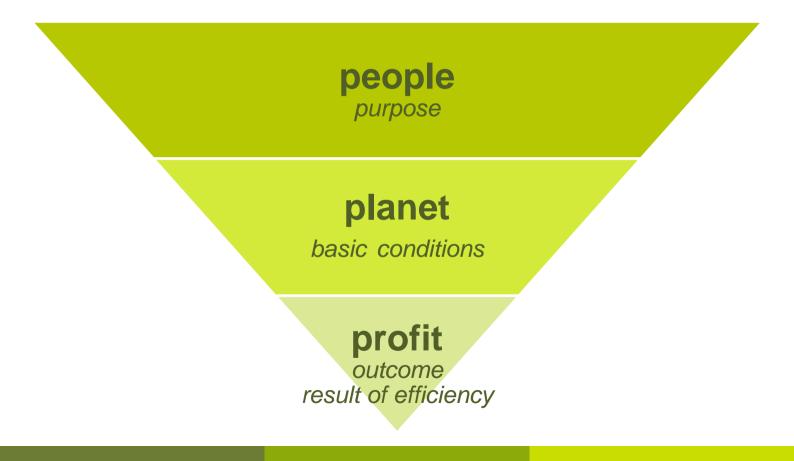


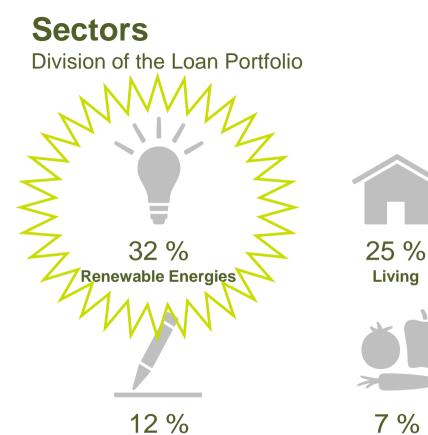
GLS in numbers



- 600 employees
- € 5.8 billion total assets
- 220,000 customers
- 52,000 members

GLS understanding of sustainabilty





Education & Culture

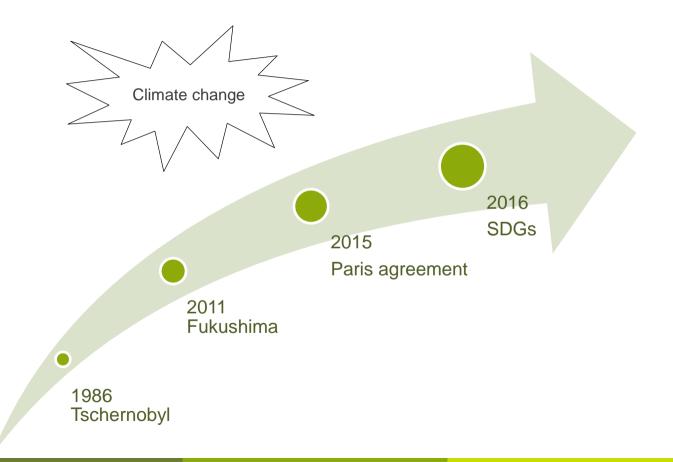
Food & Agriculture

7 % Sustainable Economy

17 %

Health & Social Needs

GLS Bank and the German Energiewende



GLS Bank's long history with renewable energies



Over 20 years of experience :

- GLS Bank venture capital: project development and structuring of wind- and solarprojects

- GLS Energie AG: Holding for own wind- and solarprojects

GLS projects

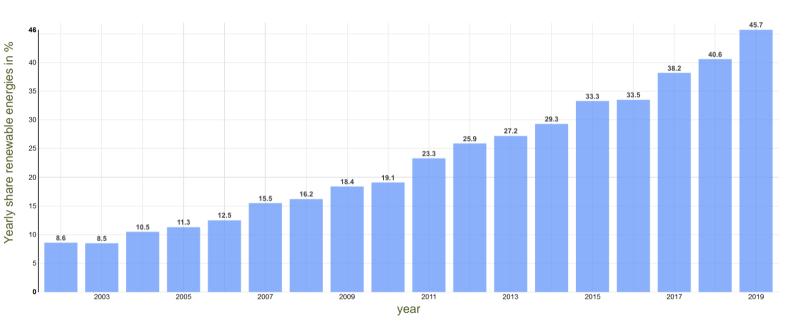




- Cooperative startet 2010 with 10 people
- More than 100 solar panels and wind turbines
- Now 600 members



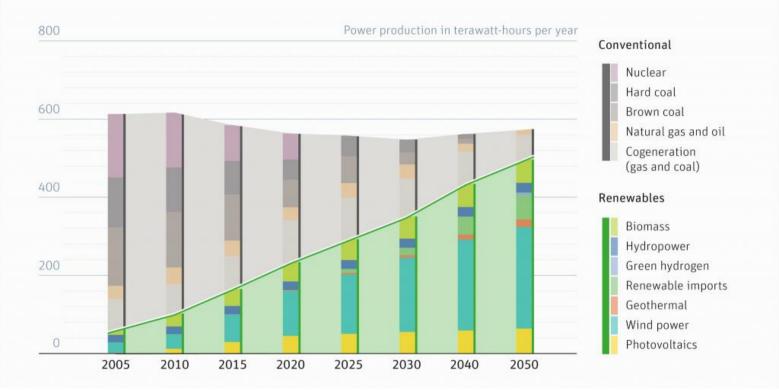
Renewable energies increase in Germany



Germany's plan: switch from coal and nuclear to renewables

Electricity generation in Germany 2005-2050, scenario

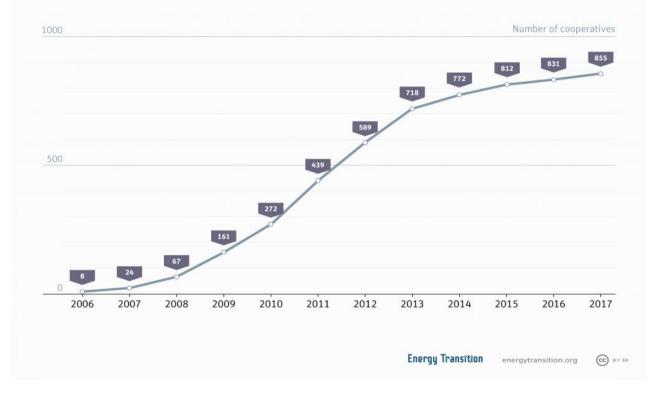
Source: DLR and Fraunhofer IWES



Citizens form cooperatives to drive the energy transition

Number of energy cooperatives in Germany, 2001-2017

Source: German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation (DGRV)

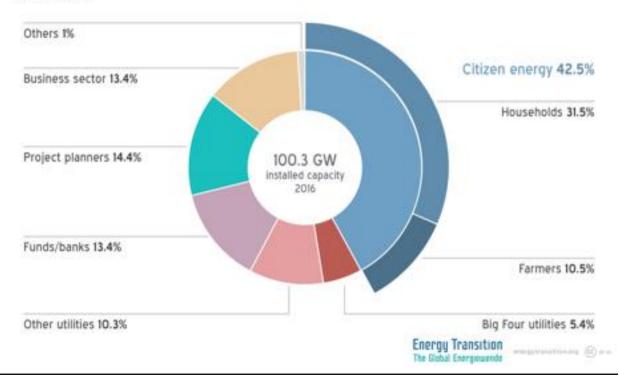


Ownership structure

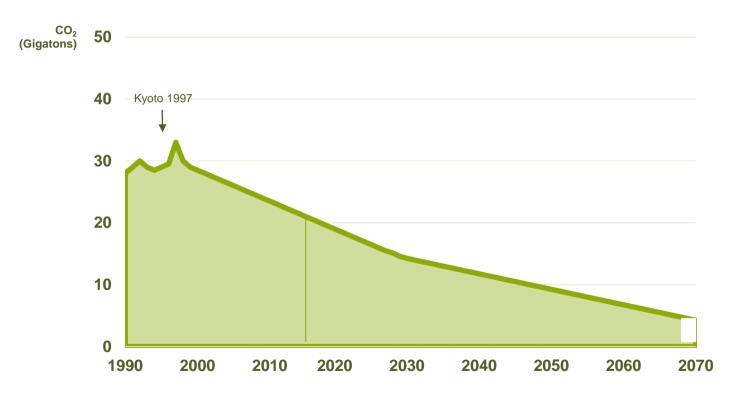
Investments in renewables are spread across many players

Ownership of renewable energy systems in Germany at the end of 2016

Source: trendresearch



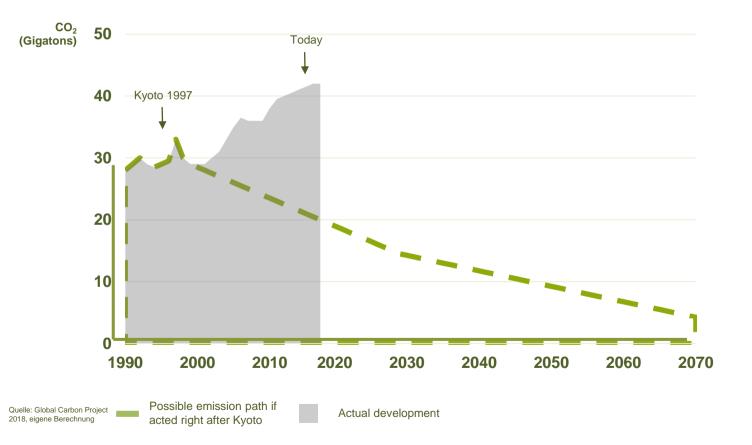
Missed opportunity

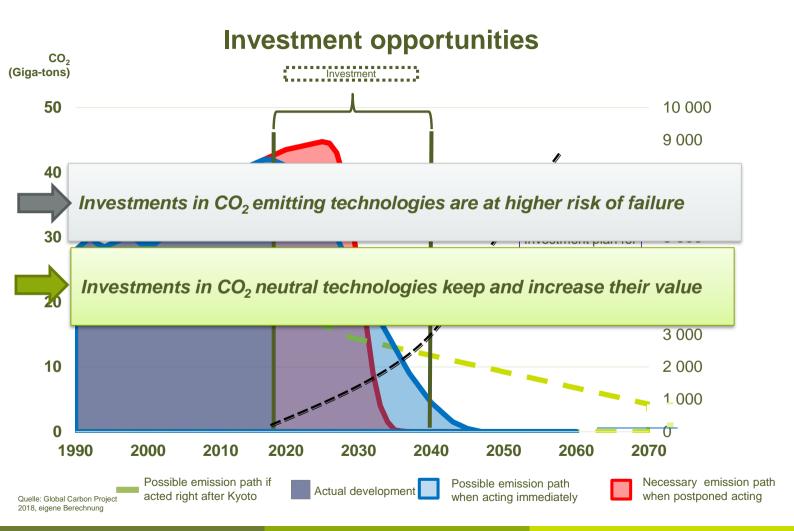


Quelle: Global Carbon Project 2018, eigene Berechnung

Possible emission path if acted right after Kyoto

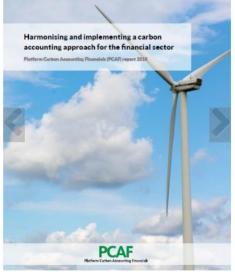
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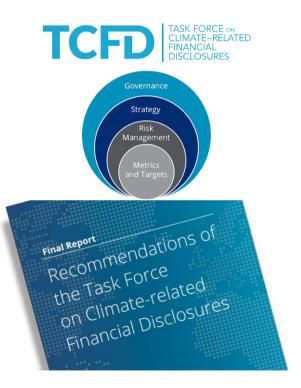




Measure and understand climate risks







Development on Eu level



- EU action plan: financing sustainable and inclusive growth
- catastrophic and unpredictable consequences of climate change and resource depletion → urgent action is needed
- The financial system has a key role to play here

→ Europe has to close a yearly investment gap of almost EUR 180 billion to achieve EU climate and energy targets by 2030

GABV & UN Principles for Responsible Banking







