Regulatory frameworks for SmartGrid implementation in Europe and the next steps

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THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Role of the **Government**

- incentives at generation level
- addresses to the Autorità (*)

Role of the **Research**

Role of the Autorità. Regulation for:

- (*) access to grid services
- (*) power transferred to the grid
- investments addressed to the automation of active networks

Smart grids



DEFINITION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

Despite the definition given by the 2003/54/CE directive, currently in Europe it doesn't exist an effective and common definition that identifies unambiguously the Distributed Generation

In Italy the following definition has been adopted:

all generation plant with nominal power < 10 MVA



INCENTIVES AT GENERATION LEVELS

- Green certificates for the electricity generated by renewable sources (as from 1999: on average 100 €/MWh)
- Incentives for the electricity generated by photovoltaic plants (as from 2005: around 0.45 €/KWh, excluded supply income)
- Incentives for the electricity injected into the grid by non photovoltaic plants with power up to 1 MW (as from 2007: 0.18 – 0.34 €/kWh, included supply income)
- Simplified conditions for high efficiency cogeneration plants and renewable sources

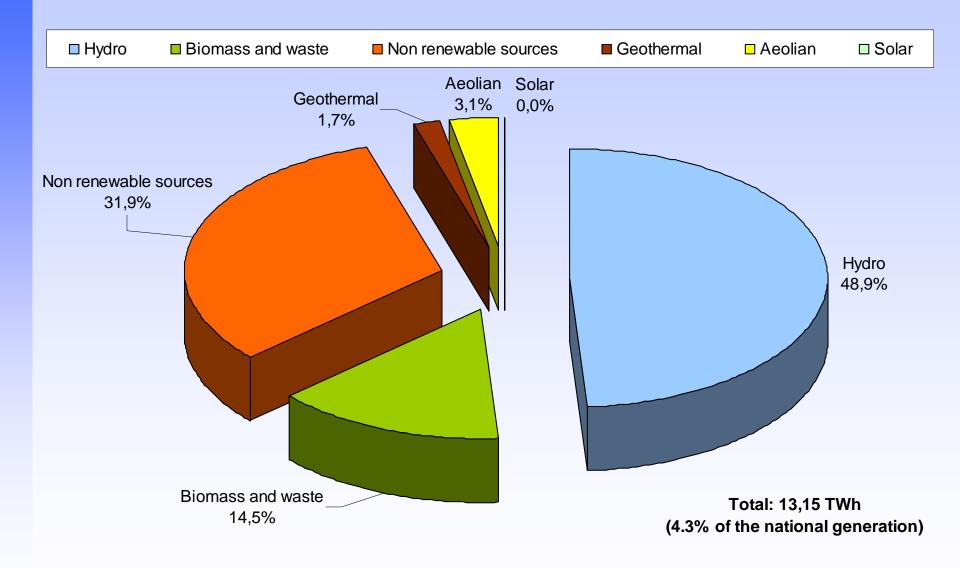


REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- Discounts and faster/simplified procedures for connections to HV, MV and LV networks
- Recognized costs for transportation and dispatching services (avoided losses)
- Simplified conditions/procedures for the electricity injected into the grid and generated by renewable sources of any nominal power and by each source of nominal power < 10 MVA
- Simplified conditions for the "exchange on-site" (for high efficiency cogeneration and renewable sources up to 200 kW)
- +2% WACC (2008-2019) for investments on automation, protection and control systems of MV active networks

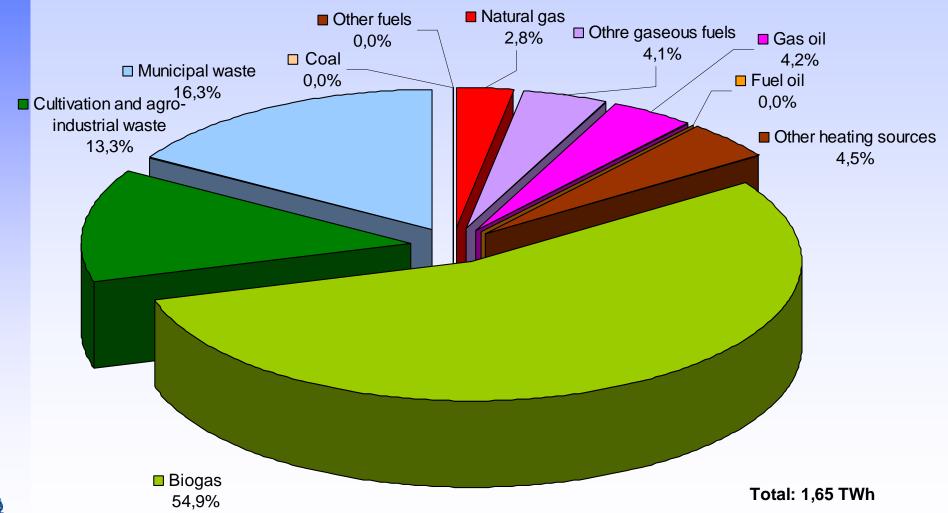


Distributed Generation, year 2005



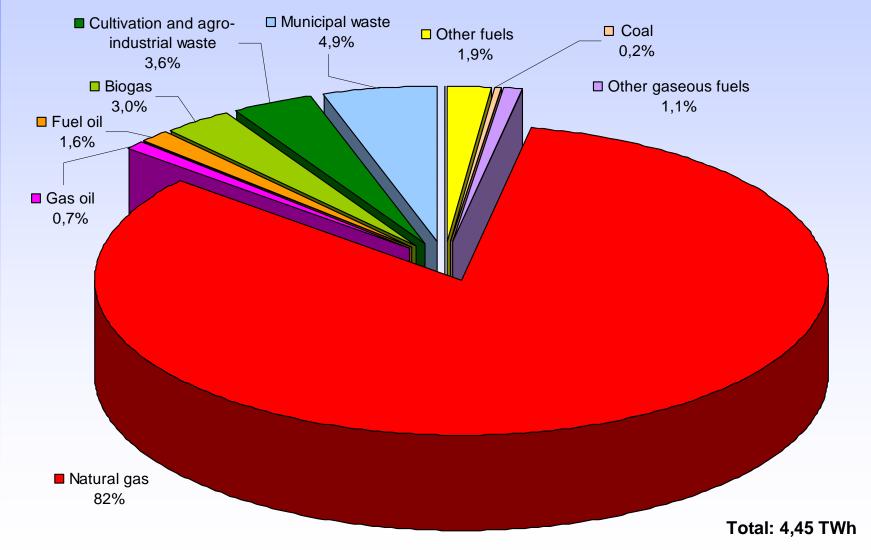


Distributed thermoelectric generation from renewable sources, year 2005 (generation of only electricity)



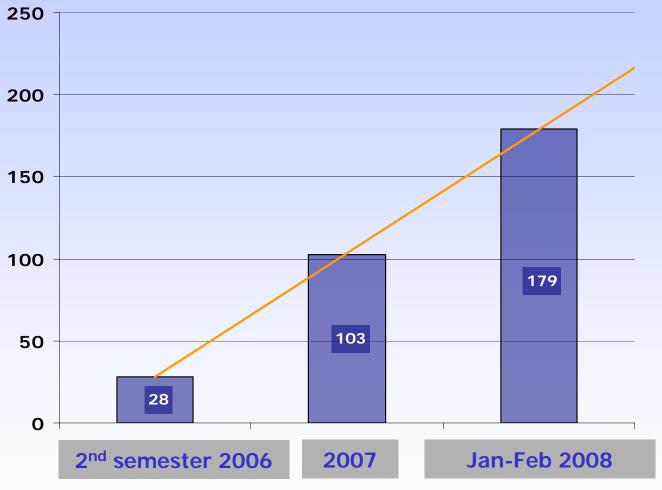


Distributed thermoelectric generation from renewable sources, year 2005 (combined generation of electricity and heating)





NUMBER OF REQUESTS OF CONNECTION TO ENEL DISTRIBUZIONE GRIDS



Monthly average of requests (P< 10MVA) received by Enel distribuzione



Source: Enel distribuzione

EFFECTS OF THE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ON GRIDS - Research

- Voltage quality: more voltage variations, different voltage profile, more harmonics
- Short circuit power: increasing
- Network operation (automation, selectivity of protection relays, communication systems): review
- Network planning: review
- Losses: reduction?

