

How will climate change impact the energy system – main conclusions

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Manageable impacts for the energy system to 2040

But important to prepare for climate change

in coming investments





1. Sudden events and gradual changes



SUDDEN EVENTS... ... GRADUAL CHANGES Decades ... Seconds Hours Days Seasons Years Increased temperature Extreme precipitation Lull (low wind) Thunderstorms Sea level rise Dry periods Hydro power Wind power Energy demand Electricity grids Bioenergy General Risk of spill Low production Risk of forest Reduced heating Risk of fires and Impact on (impacts for the fires increased cooling coastal overloads energy system) demand infrastructure





2. Other external factors often at least as crucial



	Impacts of climate change to ca 2040	Other external factors
Hydro power	Medium → large	Future electricity system and demand, environmental requirements and legislation
Wind power	Small (uncertainties)	Massive expansion, acceptance, permit processes
Nuclear power	Small	Politics, technical development, acceptance
Bioenergy	Medium	Competition for biomass, sustainability aspects
District heating/ cooling	Large	Population development, energy efficiency improvement, competition
Electricity grids	Medium → large	Increased electricity demand → need for new investments







3. Possibilities to prepare and adapt

	Impacts of climate change to ca 2040	Examples of measures
Hydro power	Medium → large	Improved forecasts, production and water planning
Wind power	Small (uncertainties)	Increased knowledge of future wind climate, ice problems etc.
Nuclear power	Small	Indirectly: increased knowledge on future thunderstorm events, impact on external electricity grids
Bioenergy	Medium	Utilise increased growth and suppply, e.g. increased storage capacity
District heating/ cooling	Large	Seasonal heat storage, develop district cooling
Electricity grids	Medium $ ightarrow$ large	Improved thunderstorm forecasts, continued adaptation to weather events







Thank you!

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