# **Energy Strategy City of Zurich**

The 2000-Watt Society



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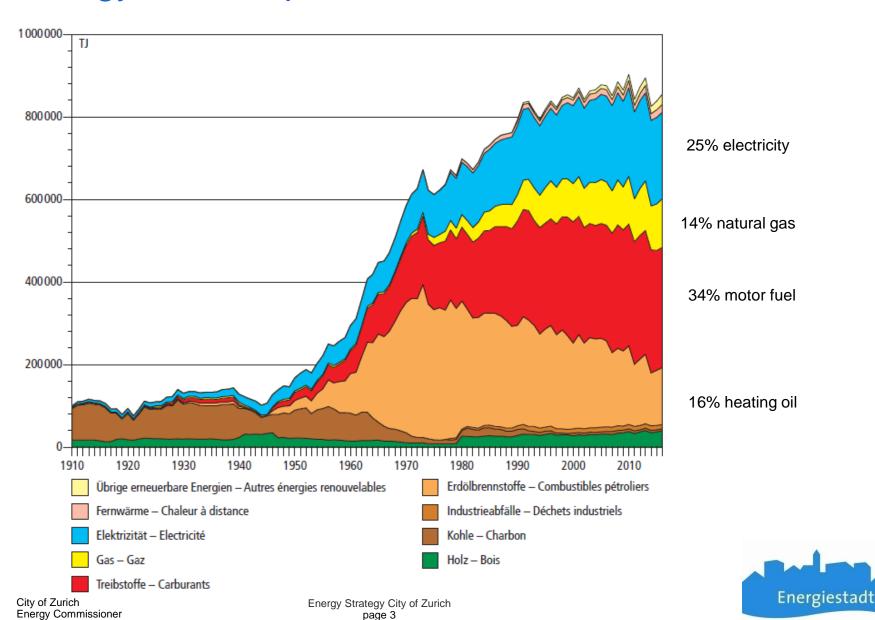


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## **Energy Consumption Switzerland**



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### Who regulates?



#### Federal Government

- energy consumption of appliances and vehicles
- CO<sub>2</sub>-levy on fossil fuels (heating only)
- subsidising renewable electricity production



#### Cantons

- building standards
- subsidising building renovations

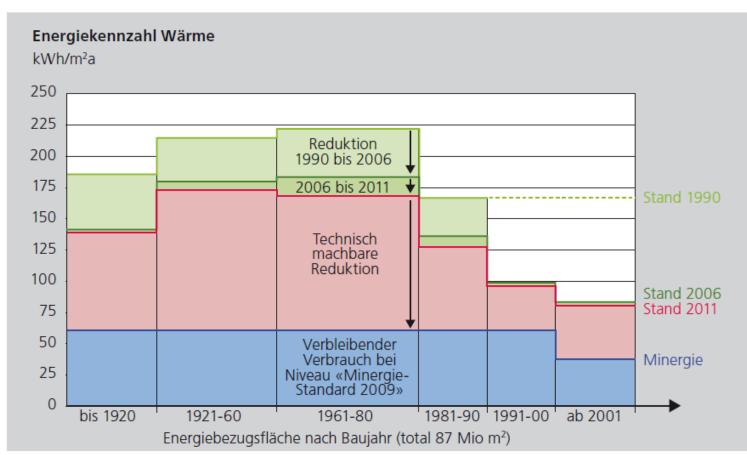
Beyond those regulations cities have a high level of autonomy



# Example regulation: building standards

#### heating energy

renovations: 1.3% reduction per year new buildings (substitution): factor 4 reduction



source: Energieplanungsbericht, Kanton Zürich



# Zurich is an early mover of energy politics

1979

1989

1993

1996

2000

2001

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2002

2004

2006

2010

2014

2015



Energy officer, energy savings in city buildings
Energy counseling, energy tariffs with saving
incentive, energy saving fund
Additional energy specifications for buildings
Solar exchange for photovoltaics installations,
energy services for companies
Label "Energy City"
"7-Mile-steps" for low impact/energy efficient
buildings
Label "naturemade" for green power
Energy Master Plan
European Energy Award Gold
energy tarif revision (e.g. default renewable
energy, efficiency bonus)
wood-fired cogeneration plant Aubrugg
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natural power company  $\rightarrow$  Energy 360°

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100% renewable electricity

## Global challenges

#### 1. Limited resources

life-style Switzerland average: 3 planets life-style world average: 1.6 planets







### 2. Climate change

Paris Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2°



#### 3. Fairness

intra- and intergenerational sustainability

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pictures: Living Planet Report, unricadjouv.ca

#### Referendum of 30 November 2008

Reliable power supply Flourishing economy



76.4 % Yes

2000-Watt-Society

goal becomes part of city's constitution

YES TO SUSTAINABILITY

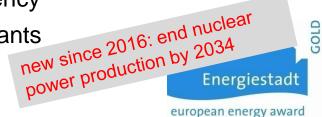


## A Groundbreaking Decision 2008



By voting "yes" to sustainability and a 2000-Watt society the electorate voted in favour of Zurich doing the following:

- Reducing its energy consumption to 2000 watts per person
- Reducing its annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to one tonne per person by 2050
- Promoting renewable energies and energy efficiency
- Not renewing its investments in nuclear power plants

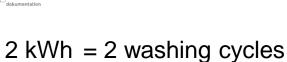


## How much are 2000 Watt and 1 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>?

**2000 W** per person means that you can use 2kWh each hour on average for all your energy needs (transport, building, infrastructure, consumption etc).

1 tonne CO<sub>2</sub> is your personal budget for one year!





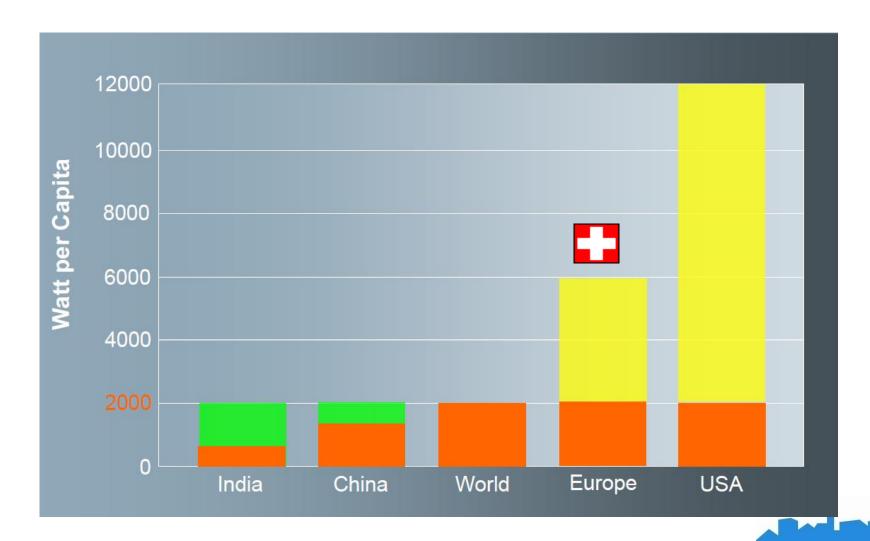


1 tonne CO<sub>2</sub> = flying Zurich - New York (one-way!)

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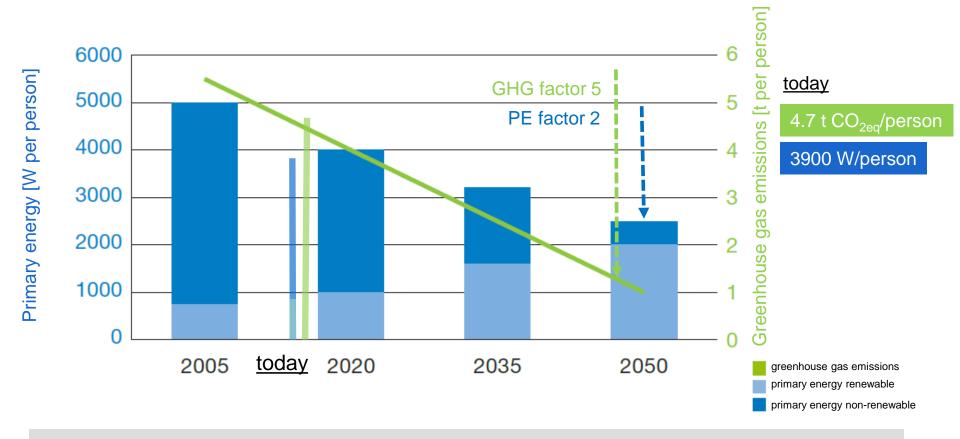
# Where are we today? Global perspective



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# 2000-Watt targets City of Zurich according to Energy Masterplan



- ☑ all energy sources incl. grey energy part of the balance

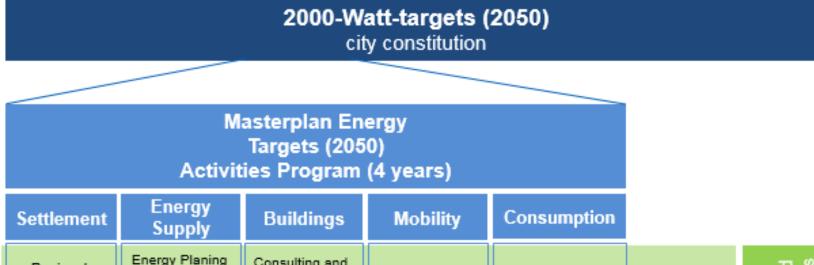
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## **Energy Masterplan City of Zurich**



Regional Development Strategy

> 2000-Watt sites

Energy Planing Power of Tomorrow Energy Concept

> Eco-power for city buildings

Consulting and Information Energy Concept

> «7-Miles» Building Code

Urban Traffic Program

Travel policy Car policy Environment Masterplan

Procurement Guidelines city area

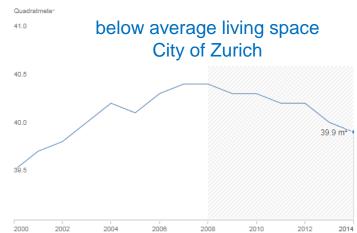
city-owned buildings and administration strategies and concepts relate to energy politic

Energy Plans of 17 City Departments (1-2 years)

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### Local factors influencing 2000-Watt achievement





- energy regulation federal and state governments
- energy companies in city's ownership
- high volume of mobility / well-established public transport (53% of households don't own a car)
- below average living space (39 m²/person, CH: 45 m²/person)
- growing city (2030: + 20% inhabitants, +15% workplaces, tourism)



### How to become a 2000-watt society



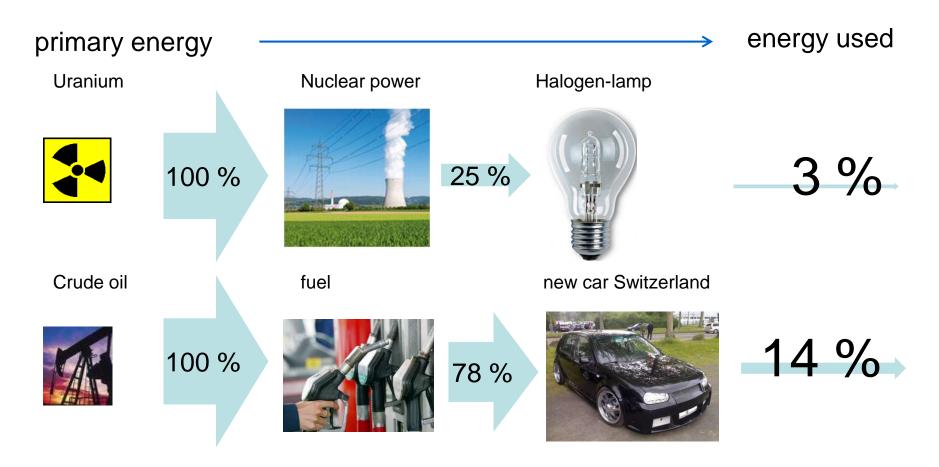
Substitution – using renewable energy sources and waste heat (low-carbon and low-primary energy supply)

Efficiency - using less energy to serve the same purpose regarding living, working and mobility

Sufficiency – reduce volume of energy-consuming activities and services



# Improving efficiency - avoiding conversion losses



reducing conversion losses by using

- efficient energy sources and technologies
- efficient appliances and vehicles



# Substitution - Challenges

#### **TODAY**

50% nuclear







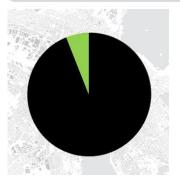
2050

50% wind, solar





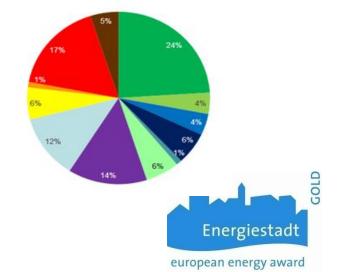
80% non-renewable







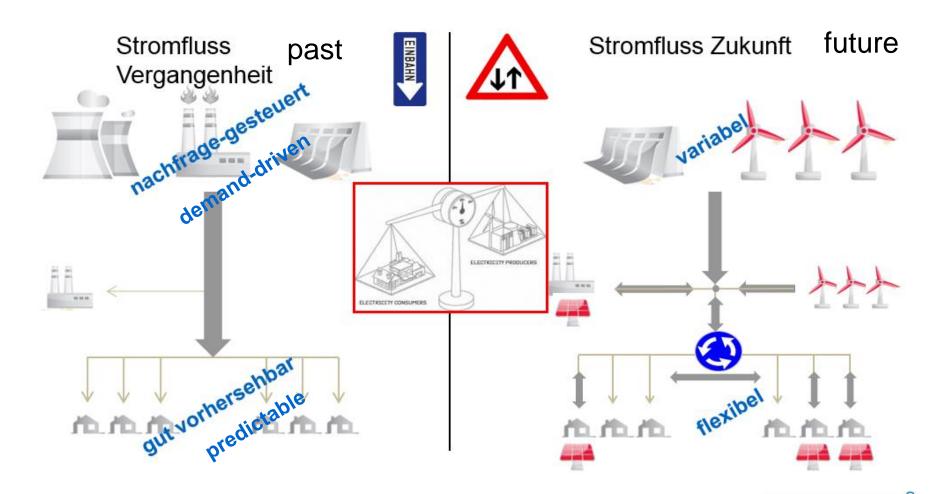
80% renewable



heat

electricity

# From central production and predictable demand to variable production and flexible demand



from «Nachhaltigkeits- und Innovationsprojekte ewz», presentation by Benedikt Loepfe, «VIP-Anlass zur Eröffnung des Unterwerks Zürich-Oerlikon», August 24th, 2015

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# Important strategies on the way to a 2000-Watt society



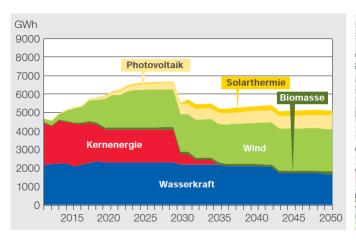
electricity strategy 2012-2050

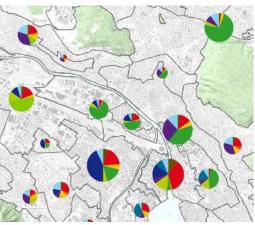


energy concept 2050

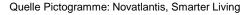


urban traffic 2025









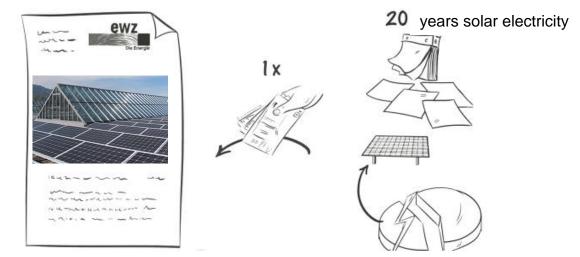


## Improving the city's electricity mix





participation product «ewz.solarzüri» for tenants, launch 2015



- 2015: all products 100% renewable
- 220 Mio. CHF investments in wind power



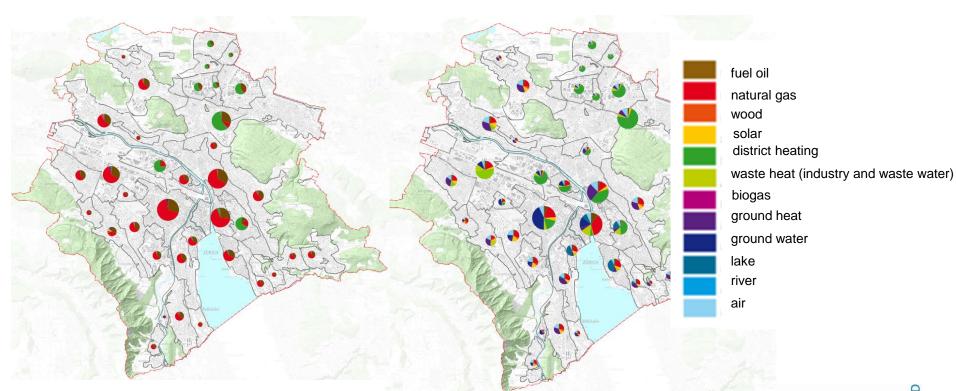
### example energy concept

#### heating

today 80% oil and gas, nonrenewable energy

#### <u>future</u>

> 80% renewable, diverse: waste heat and energy from local renewable ressources or incineration



see energy planning and energy concept 2050»

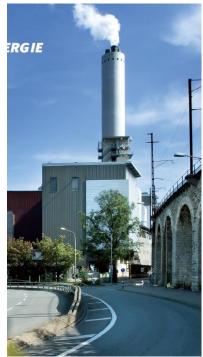
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Quelle: Räumliche Differenzierung des
Energiesystem-Mixes 2015 und 2050
(Effizienzszenario), Konzept Energieversorgung 2050,
Stadt Zürich



# Heating and Cooling with energy networks using locally available ressources







lake water networks

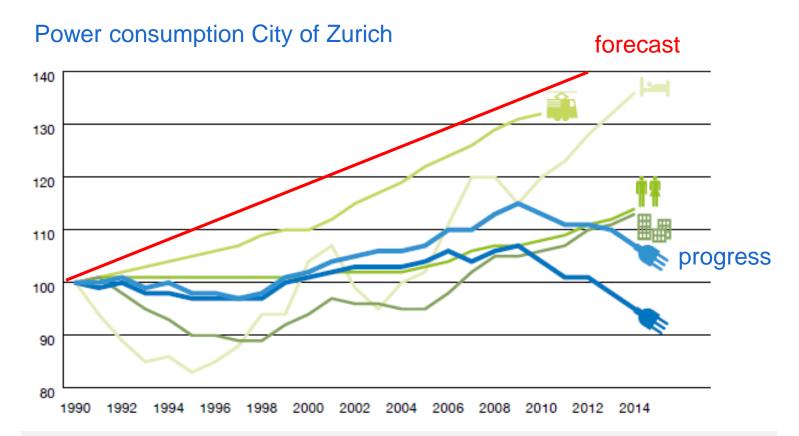
waste incineration network

waste heat from waste water plant (in planning)

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# Efficiency



- growing city
- shifting towards non-fossil fuels
- → reduction by 5% per inhabitant compared to 1990



## Efficiency - a city's contribution

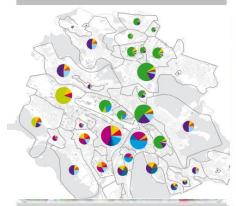


«2000-watt» city hospital opened 2016

- Set example: energy efficient buildings and infrastructure building code and energy management for city buildings, Energy Masterplan, supporting 2000-Watt Sites, e.g. Greencity, «mehr als wohnen»
- Promoting energy efficient appliances in households and businesses («energy saving fund»)
- Bonus on electricity tarif for energy efficient companies
- Energy consulting and information for households, companies and schools

## 2000-Watt Society - different players

#### cities



energy politics according to the

2000-Watt concept

#### area/site



investors, developers, owners, city planning

2000-Watt sites

#### buildings



builder, architects, planer,

Swiss building norms according to 2000-Watt concept

#### people



households, residents

2000-Watt living standard

pictures: www.zurich.ch, www.mehralswohnen.ch, www.2000watt.ch

# 2000-Watt Site For the community of the future



- Swiss national certificate
- comprehensive view on
  - site instead of single building
  - total energy balance instead of only operational energy (includig construction and mobility)
  - operational phase after construction is monitored
- first five certificates «in operation» in 2016

# 2000-Watt-Sites typical measures

#### construction



- «sufficient» living/working space per person (e.g. «Kalkbreite» 32 m²)
- compact low-energy building
- limited basement floors
- construction/material with low «grey» energy footprint (e.g. lightweight wood construction)

#### operation



- compact building shell, good isolation
- heating/cooling site supply according to 2000-Watt concept (low CO<sub>2</sub>, PE)
- waste heat supply
- renewable energy supply
- photovoltaic
- smart grid

#### mobility



- excellent provision of public transport
- limited car parking /large bicycle parking space (sometimes no private cars)
- convenient walking and bicycling routes
- good daily shopping infrastructure
- (electric) car-sharing facilities

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# Challenges to the 2000-Watt transformation process







- (1) faster modernization of buildings
- (2) accelerated change of energy sources, meaning in the city context more line-based energy sources (district heating, lake water, waste water, biogas etc.) → coordination of energy planing and stimulation necessary
- (3) only with comprehensive measures (substitution, efficiency, sufficiency) on all levels of regulations is it possible to reach the 2000-Watt targets by 2050
- (4) mobility: traffic on its own uses up the GHG-contingent
   2050 → measures regarding air travel are imperative
- (5) potential actions by the city are limited
   → lobbying towards Canton and federal administration necessary

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### Success factors for a 2000-Watt society





**Energy Plans of** 

17 City Departments (1-2 years)



### 1) Strong Political Commitment

- long term goals as part of municipal law based on consistent methodology
- 2) Assertive Implementation and Management
  - energy politics is a cross-sectoral task (challenge in line-organisations)
- 3) Financial Ressources
  - transition phase: from subsidies to incentive taxes and market solutions



## A 2000-Watt future can look very bright



This story was filed by CBS News correspondent Elizabeth Palmer.



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#### **CBS** news report

"Can a City Cut Its Energy Use by 2/3?"

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