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PERSPECTIVES FOR COAL – A POLISH AND EUROPEAN VIEW

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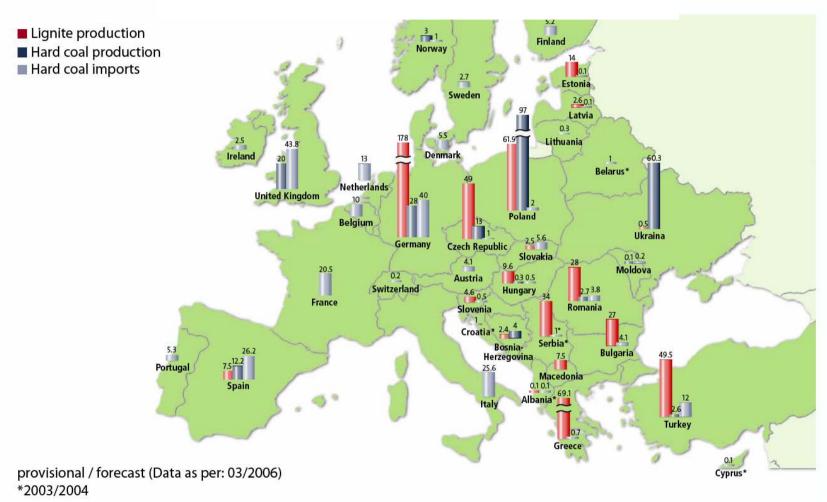
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Perspectives for coal

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Coal in Europe



Polish Coal Basins and Reserves



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Coal Basin

Viable reserves

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Industrial reserves

6 725 million t

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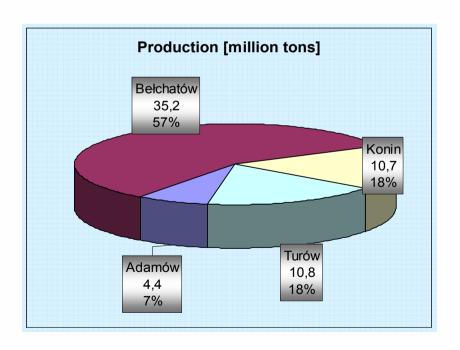
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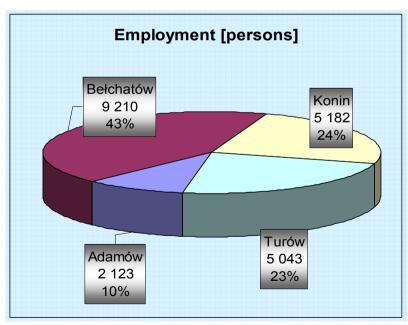
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Brown Coal Industry in Poland in 2005

- The 2005 production of brown coal was 61,6 million tons.
- At the end of 2005 the employment in brown coal industry amounted to 20 148 persons.





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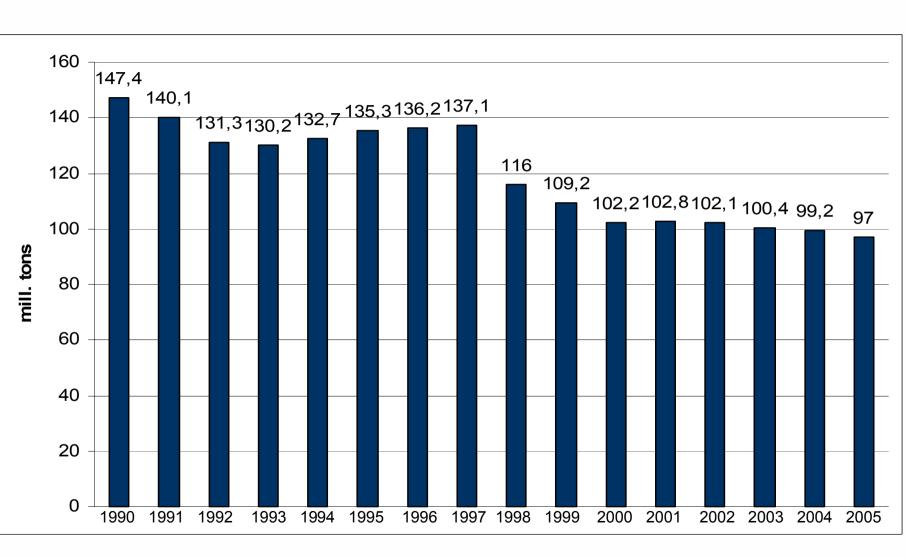
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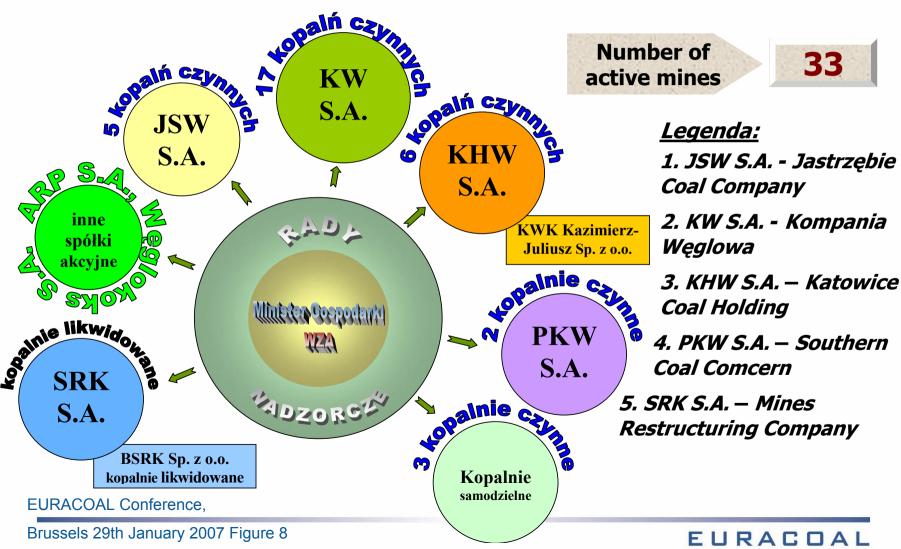
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Hard Coal Production

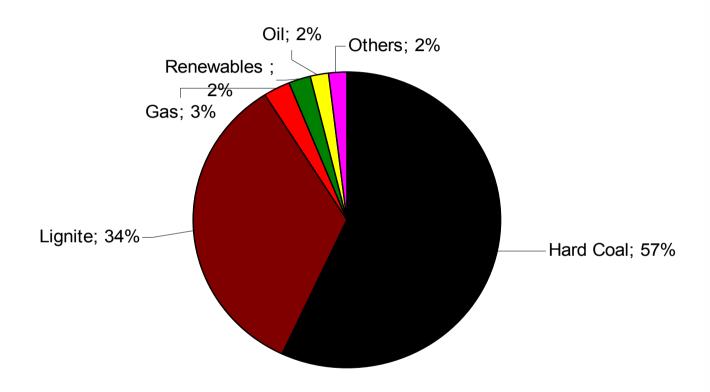


Hard coal mining in Poland Organisation

Structure of hard coal mining industry in Poland — end2006.



Coal and Lignite making a major contribution to Polish electricity production

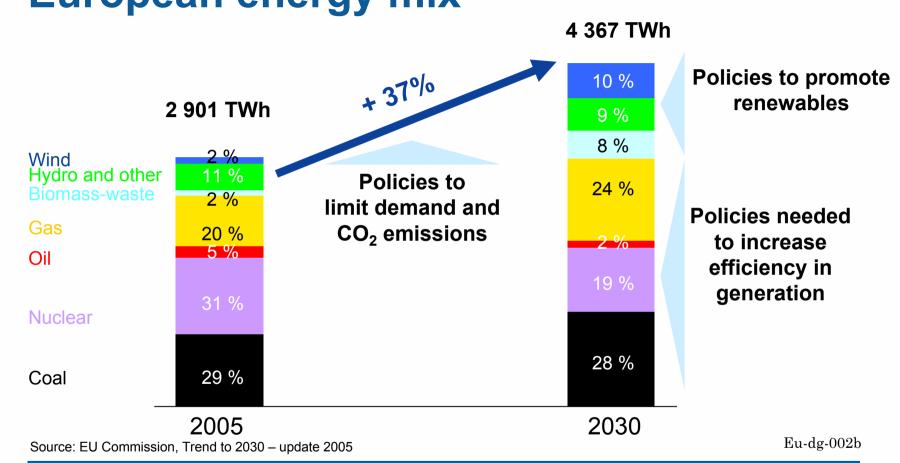


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Coal will remain a major component of the European energy mix



Policies are needed to enable all fossil fuels to contribute to the solutions for climate change

Coal's major advantages

- Large reserves and extraction capacities in Europe and worldwide
- A well-supplied world market
- Coal can be easily stockpiled at mines, power stations or intermediate locations; stocks can be drawn on in emergency situations.
- Coal-based electricity is highly reliable.
- Coal prices are very stable and low; indigenous coal in particular can guard against import dependence and price shocks.
- Indigenous coal enables economic development and creates national as well as regional prosperity and employment.

EURACOAL welcomes major coal-related statements of the EU Energy Package

- Objective to develop efficiency improvements and CCS particularly until 2020 according to the TP ZEP
- Up to 12 large-scale demonstration plants with CCS to be built by around 2015
- About 5 years of demonstration
- Reliable regulatory framework for CCS, particularly storage, as soon as possible

Clean coal comes in three stages

Clean coal I

Retrofit and new-build in line with state of the art, increase in efficiency, reduction of SO₂, NO_x and dust

Clean coal II

Research and development for increase in efficiency to > 50 %

Clean coal III

CO₂ capture and storage

Important aspects to be considered

- CCS is a promising technology route which must first be put in practice; not all countries have sufficient storage facilities.
- Not necessarily all installations have to be retrofitted with CCS after 2020.
- In some places, top efficiencies may be the best option.
- Capture-readiness must be defined.
- Formal decisions must be taken regarding timing of CCS deployment when the technological chain is developed.
- Incentives/Appropriate framework for deployment needed

Emissions Trading - Experiences

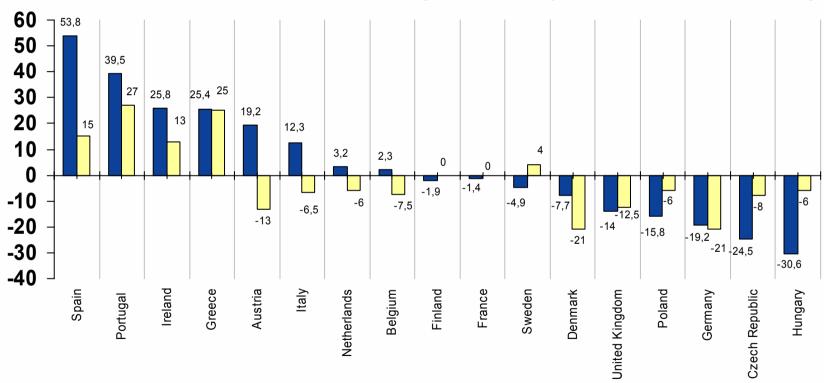
- CO₂ reduction through fuel switch has become increasingly more expensive and will jeopardize European competitiveness as well as security of supply.
- Regulation including Emissions Trading needs to stimulate investments – security for investors in coal-fired power plants beyond 2012 is needed.
- The Member States Kyoto and (for EU-15) the burden sharing commitments should be respected. Major coal-using countries are well on track.

Climate protection policies are to be tackled globally

Emissions Trading – Burden Sharing

EU-Greenhouse Gas Emissions

■ development 1990 - 2005 in % □ agreed after Kyoto, resp. Burden sharing



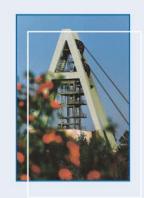
Source: UNFCCC 2006, DIW Berlin

Conclusions

- EU-27 Member States' energy mix and systems differ a lot –
 this is an advantage for security of supply that should be kept.
- The EU to fix the objectives and the details to be dealt with by the Member States according to the principle of subsidiarity.
- Coal has major advantages.
- Industry and national governments must work hard to make a technological leap in coal use happen.
- EU CO₂ regime to ensure investments in coal and coal-fired generation also in the medium term.

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Thank you

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