



Key Barriers for Cogeneration in Slovenia

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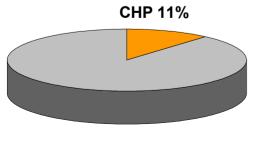
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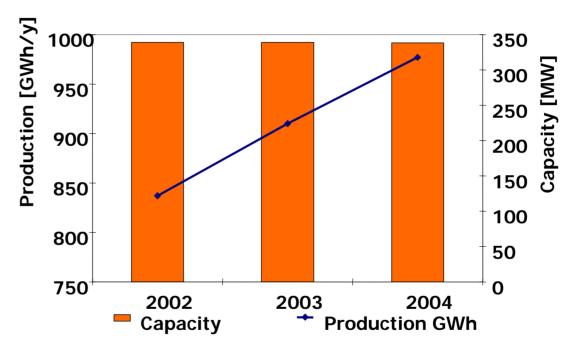
CHP in Slovenia

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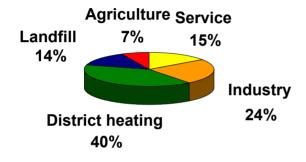
- 11% in total installed capacity
- 7 % in electricity production
- 42% high efficiency cogeneration

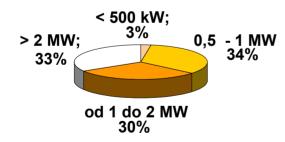


Electricity only 89%

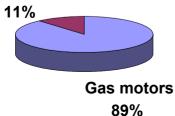


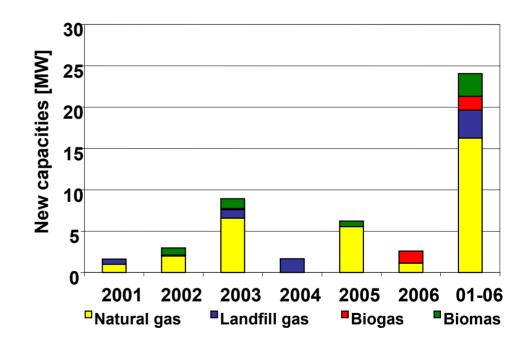
CHP Development 2001 - 2006











CHP Support Schemes

Main support mechanism:

- Feed-in tariffs and premium for qualified producers (QP includes RES-E and CHP)
- DSO/TSO obliged to purchase all power offered by QP at the price determined by the government
- Network (only minimum justified network costs can be charged to small QP)
- Balancing costs are not charged for QP

Other financial instruments:

- Tax on carbon dioxide emissions: tax rebates, based on CHP-E produced
- National allocation plan
- Investment subsidies; soft loans (Environmental fund of RS)

Planning:

- CHP should be installed if Environmental Impact Assessment indicates it is economically and technically feasibile
- Financial support for feasibility studies
- An element of local energy plans

Conditions for QP Status

Conditions:

- Fossil fuelled CHP:
 - Efficiency > 78 %
 - PES > 8 % iff (P > 1 MW) and (90% > efficiency > 78%)
 - PES > 0 % otherwise

(For existing DH units, 5 years of transition period when minimum efficiency should be > 70 %)

- Biomass: if share of biomass fuel is at least 90 %
- Appropriate metering devices required

Definitions and calculation rules:

- PPE reference values:
 - Heat: 100 % (natural gas in LPG) in 90 % (other fuels) in
 - Electricity: 55 % (> 20 kV), 50 % (< 20 kV) and 45 % (micro units < 35 kW)
- Overall efficiency: ratio between sum of net electricity production and useful heat and fuel used excluding renewable sources (LCV considered)

Price Setting Rules

Forms:

- Feed-in tariffs for guaranted purchase
- Premium for independent electricity sales
- 30% of premium for use inside company

market price + premium = feed-in tariff

An option: seasonal/time of use rates (obligatory for industrial CHP)

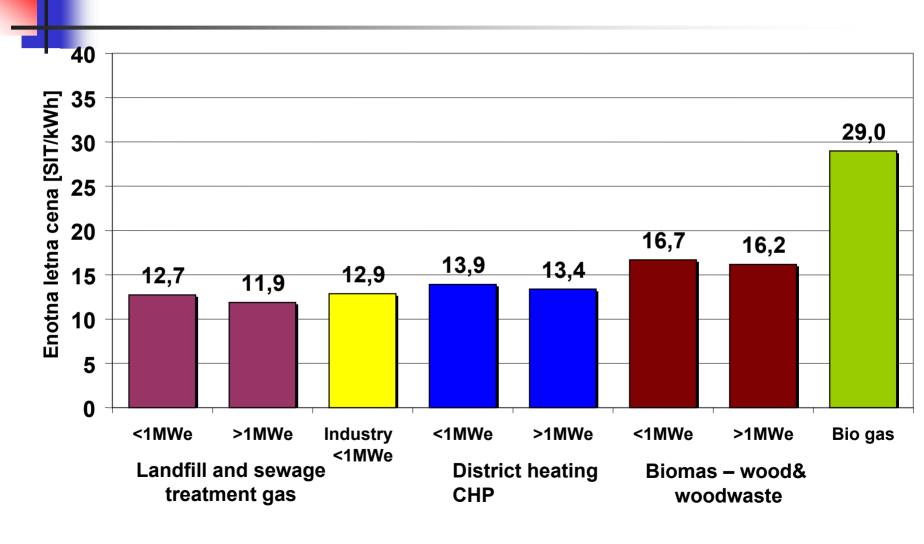
Prices vary by:

- Application:
 - Industrial CHP up to 1 MW (no special rates for medum size industrial CHP)
 - District heating: up to 1 and up to 10 MW (over 50% of heat produced should be sold to the public grid)
- Voltage level (5 % lower rates when connected at 20 kV or higher)
- Age (5 % lower rates after 5 years)
- State aid received (5 % lower tariff rate for each 10 % aid received in share of investment)

Changes:

A rule: rates are corrected once per year

Feed in Tariffs for CHP



Legal Basis

Energy Act (1999, 2004)

- Determines support mechanisms: network system operators are responsible for the purchase of all electricity offered by QP at the price determined by the Government
- Sets legal basis to grid system issues for qualified producers (QP, using renewable sources or high efficiency cogeneration)

Decrees on QP

- Decree on condition to obtain status of qualified producer of electricity (2001)
- Decree on rules for price setting and for purchase of electricity from qualified producers (2002)



Resolution on the National Energy Programme (2004)

National target:

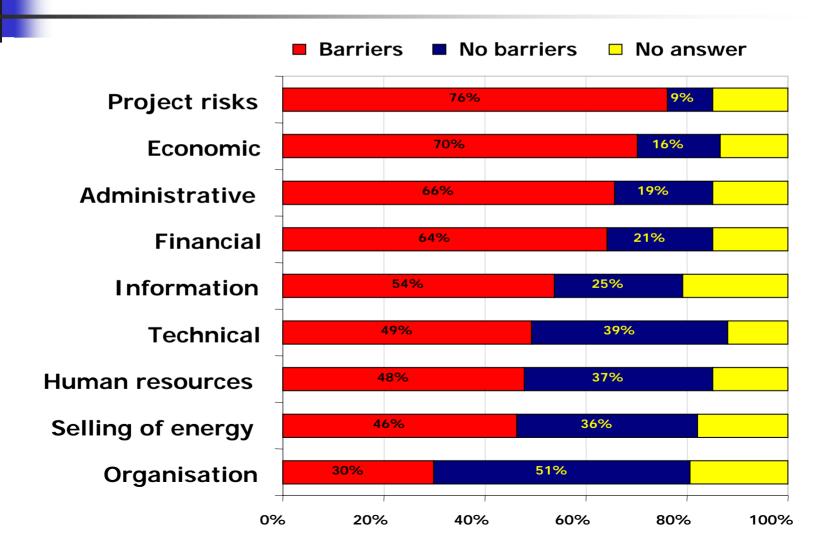
to increase electricity produced in CHP from 800 GWh in year 2000 to 1600 GWh in 2010



A Pool on Barriers for CHP

- A pool in November 2005 in the frame of analysis of national potentials for CHP in Slovenia – focused on industry
- Purpose: to assess market potential
- Good response

Barriers for CHP in Slovenia



Project Risks Related Barriers

Fuel price

Electricity prices (selling)

CO₂ emission allowances

Back up and top up power

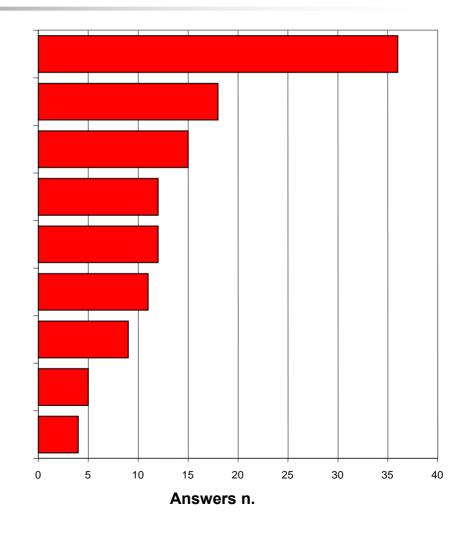
Heat sales conditions (prices, quantities, etc.)

Operational risks

Implementation of investment

Other

Unknown



Conclusions

- An adequate system for CHP support is set up in Slovenia
- Certain specific conditions need to be improved to boost further CHP development:
 - Higher support to industrial CHP is needed (support is needed also for medium size units and for electricity used in a firm)
 - Stronger link between fuel price and feed-in tariff is needed to reduce/share risks related to the fuel price
 - Certain feed-in prices categories need to be increased to cover all costs including capital costs
- Availability of financial resources is a problem for many potential CHP locations, and the administrative procedures can be shortened and simplified
- Variety of measures is in force in the frame of energy and climate policy. Several planned policy instruments in ReNEP still need to be carried out



Thank you!

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