

Mot ett energi- och vattensmart samhälle

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Important WWW messages

- Among the Sustainability Development Goals: ***specific water goals***
- Relation between ***water use and climate change***
- ***Integration*** of water and energy political decisions

Political actions

Swedish climate goals 2020

- 40% reduction of GHG emissions (relative to 1990)
- At least 50% renewables
- 20% more efficient energy use
- At least 10% renewables in the transport

How far are we? 80% remains!

How do we measure?

How do we report?

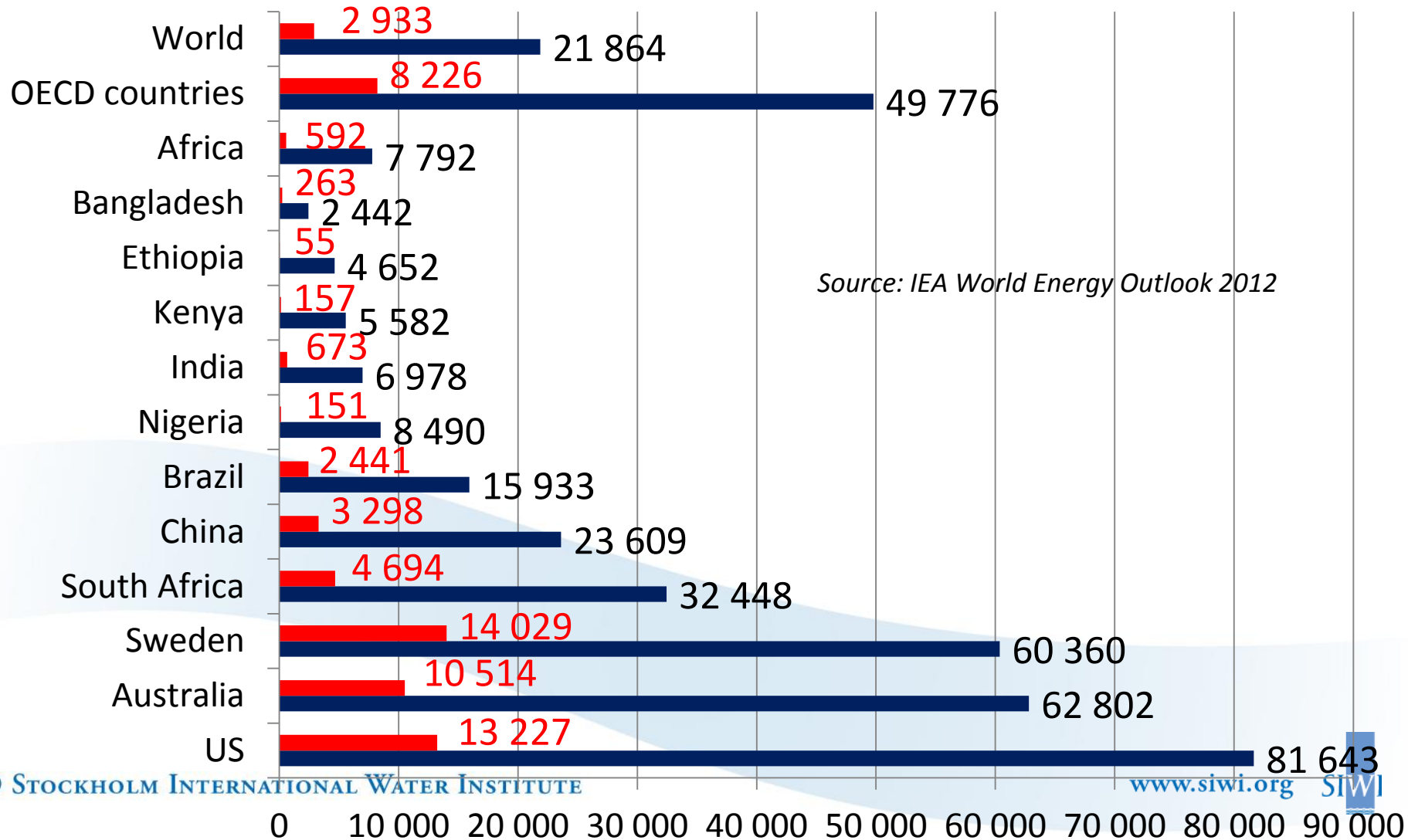
Political driving forces

- Carbon tax
- Implementing EU decisions
 - Allocation of emission rights - emission trading systems (ETS)
 - Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- Investment in climate actions in developing countries

Carbon capture and storage (CCS)

- Capturing CO₂ from large point sources
- Transport the gas, inject it into a deep geological formation
- CCS takes energy – **el. output decrease 20-30%**
- Increased water consumption **40-120%**
- Current cost for a typical 500 MW thermal plant: **+80%**
- "The technology has not been developed in a water-constrained environment"

Electrical energy consumption and total primary energy supply



Swedish action plans

- Renewable energy
- Fossil fuel independent transportation sector
- Increased efficiency

Renewables

Renewables

- How are renewables defined?
 - Hydro
 - Biofuels
 - Wind
 - Solar PV
- Wind and solar are intermittent.
Can we balance them?

Renewables

- New renewables
 - Wind and solar PV

Financial support globally (2012):
Renewable energy US\$101 billion
Fossil fuel US\$544 billion

Hydropower

- Advantages
- Environmental consequences
 - Evaporation (not a problem for Sweden)
 - Flood control and flood risks
 - Water storage
 - Sediment transport
 - Consequences for biodiversity and fishing
 - Displacement of people
 - Human health

Energy and environment

- We need a checklist – based on *scientific* methods
- The decision is ***always*** subjective and political
 - How to weight the various positive and negative consequences of energy generation

Biofuels

Biofuel

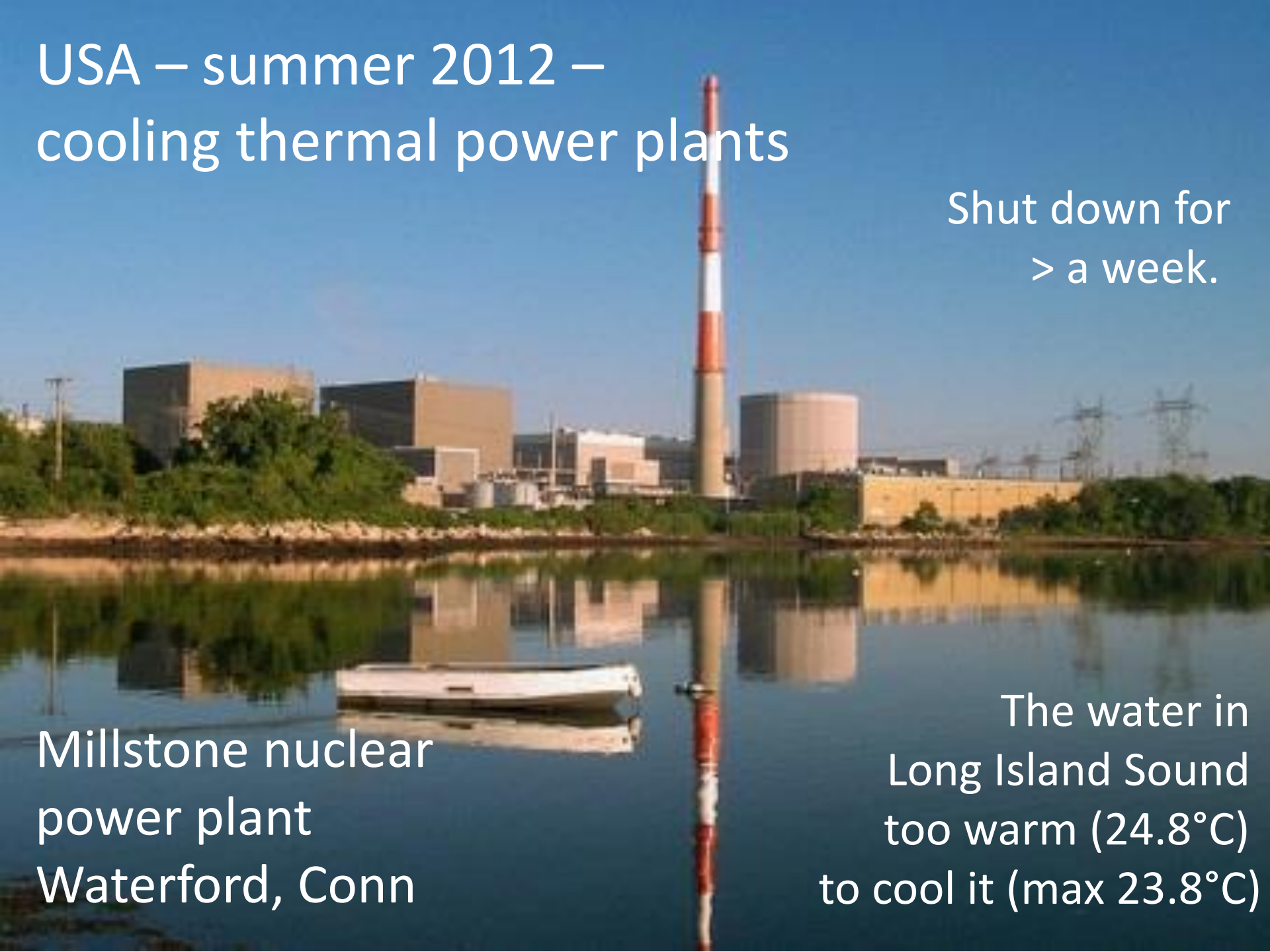
- First generation biofuel
 - Should be rainfed and not irrigated
 - Huge water need
 - Competition with food
 - The EU goal
- Second generation biofuel
 - Cellulosic material
 - No competition with food

USA – summer 2012 – cooling thermal power plants

Shut down for
> a week.

Millstone nuclear
power plant
Waterford, Conn

The water in
Long Island Sound
too warm (24.8°C)
to cool it (max 23.8°C)



Summer 2012 in the USA

- Worst drought since the 1950s - 80% of agricultural land was affected
- Price of corn soared
- **Corn for ethanol or for food?**
- **USA - corn for ethanol production:**
 - 2000: **7%** of supply
 - 2014: **40%** of supply

Biofuels in EU

Goal: 10% of transport from biofuel

Biodiesel

- 5.8 million m³ in 2006
- 24 million m³ in 2013
- Biodiesel mostly from vegetable oil
- Palm oil from Malaysia – rainforest vs. drivers

Ethanol

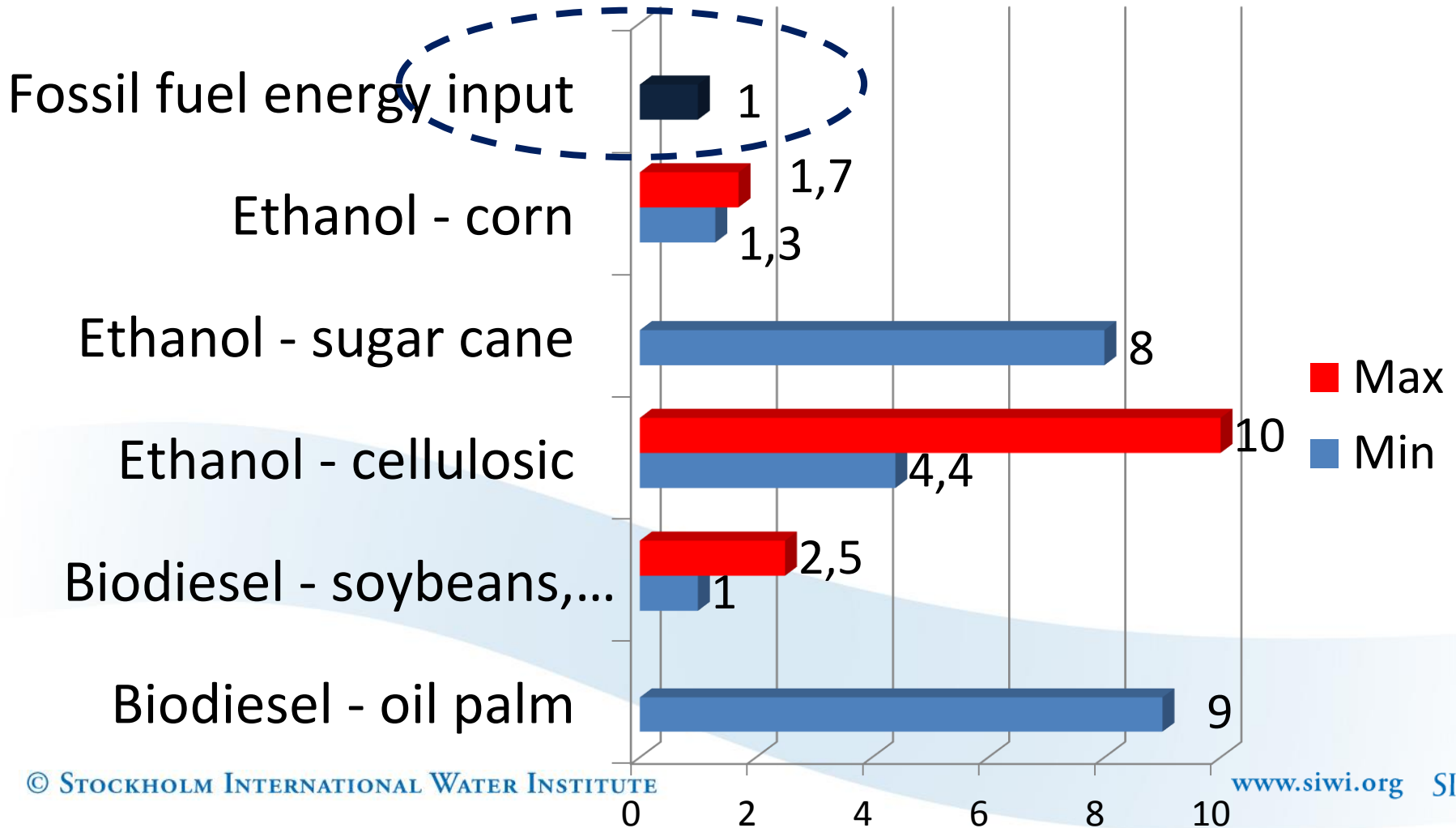
- 8.4 million m³ in 2013
- Distilled from grain (France, Germany, Spain)

EU Biofuel subsidies 2011

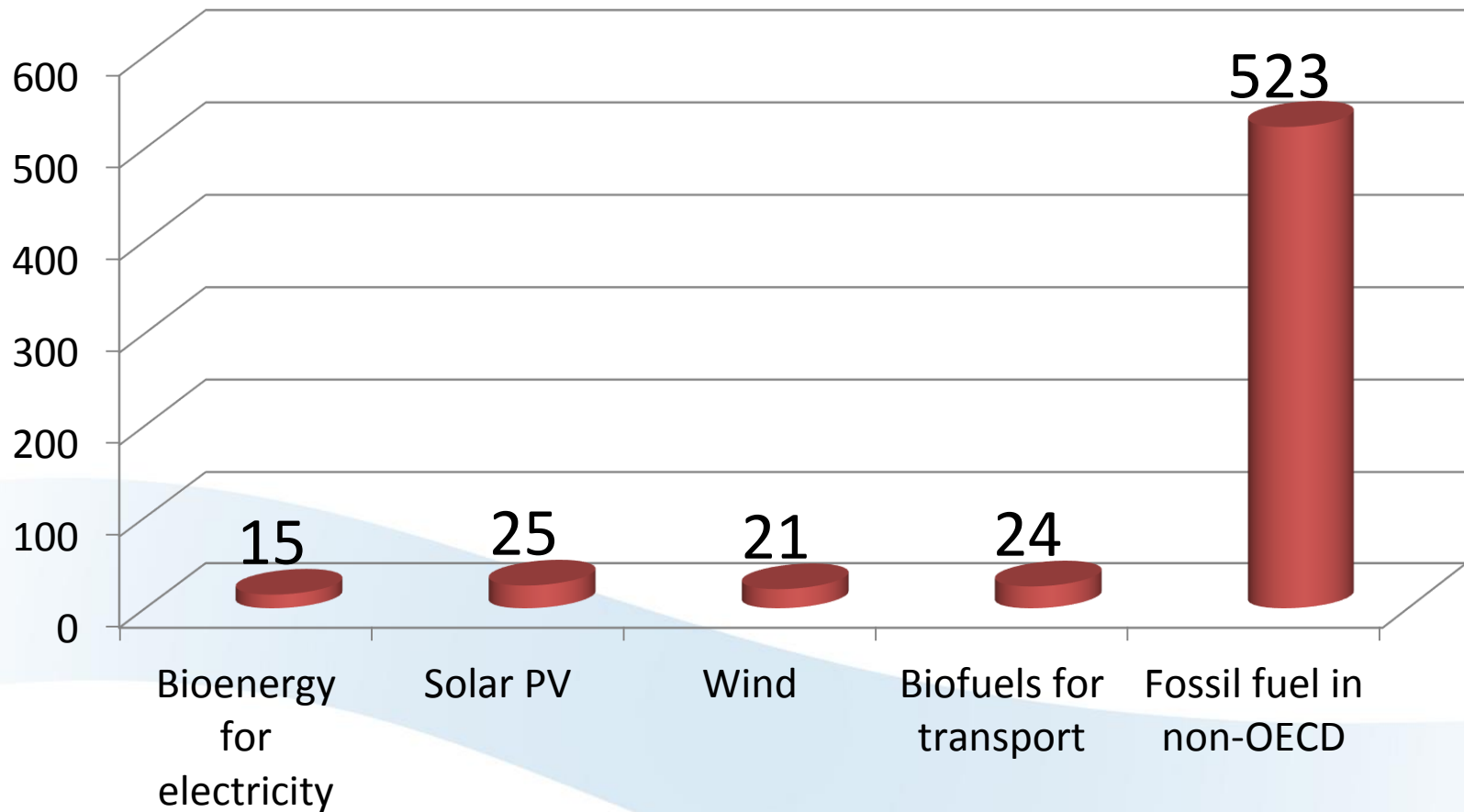
€ 8.4 billion

46% of the global subsidies to biofuels

Energy balance for biofuels



Subsidies renewables / fossil billion US\$ 2011



Source: IEA World Energy Outlook 2012

Biofuels in EU

Int. Institute for Sustainable Development (2013):

- The CO₂ and climate benefits from replacing petroleum fuels with biofuels like ethanol are ***basically zero***
- Much more effective, much less costly, to significantly ***reduce vehicle emissions*** through more stringent standards.
- ***20-100 times cheaper*** than the average CO₂ abatement cost for biofuels

Biogas

- The zero energy wastewater treatment
- In Sweden: **only 50%** of the capacity is used
- With more advanced operation and control – a lot more capacity
- **Incentives** for more digestion?
- Legal and tax obstacles
- **Lack of integration:** incineration vs. thermal power of wastewater effluent vs. biogas

Wind and solar

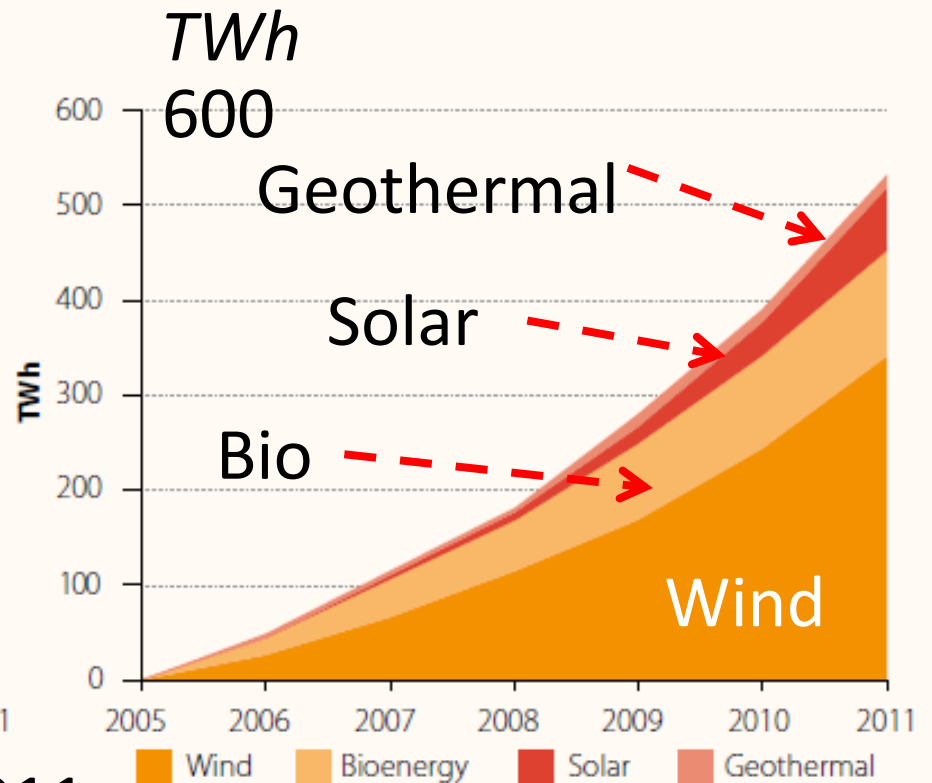
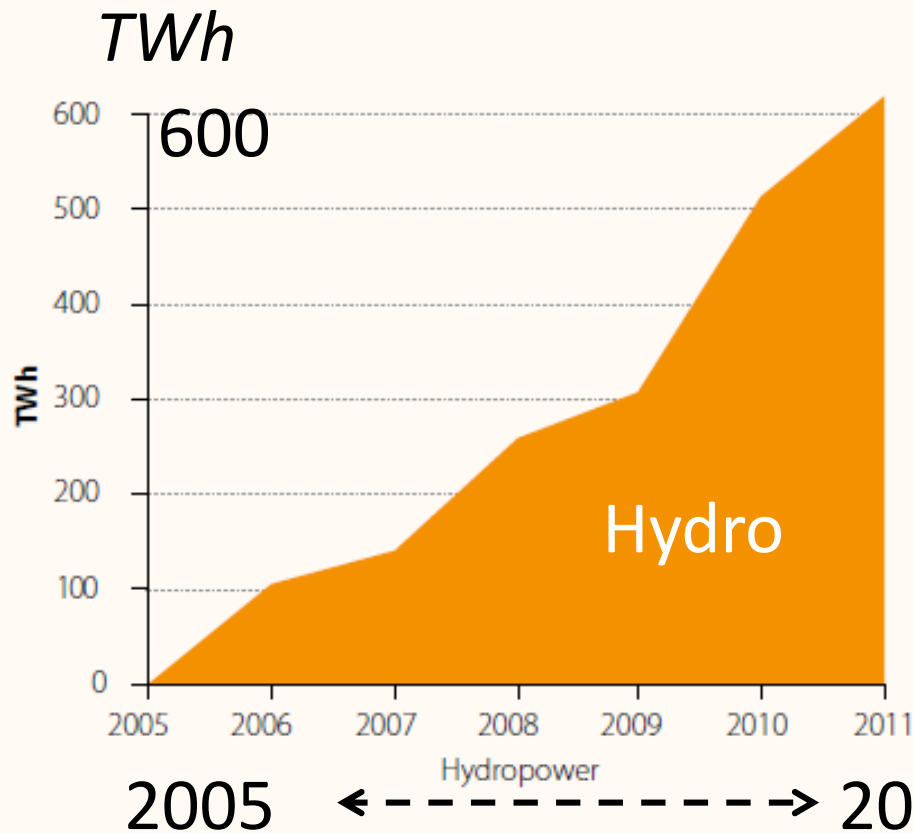
Wind power

- Denmark:
 - 41% of electrical energy from wind during first half year 2014
 - At times – 100% electrical power from wind
- Sweden:
 - 150 TWh total electric energy 2014
 - 11 TWh total wind energy 2014 (= 7.3%)

Solar PV

- Example from **Kenya**: 1 MW at a tea factory
- **Germany** June 2013: During 1 hour, 100% el. capacity from solar PV (24 GW)
- Is solar **competitive**?
- **Tax** rules?
- Surface area requirements

Electricity generation - recent additions to hydropower and other renewables



Source: IEA (2012)

Land use and water consumption

Hydropower

0.08 – 17 MW/km²
1 – 3000 l /kWh

Biofuel

Corn ethanol ~ 1 MW/km²
0.5 - 90 l /kWh

Palm oil biodiesel
0.08 – 0.5 l/kWh

Wind

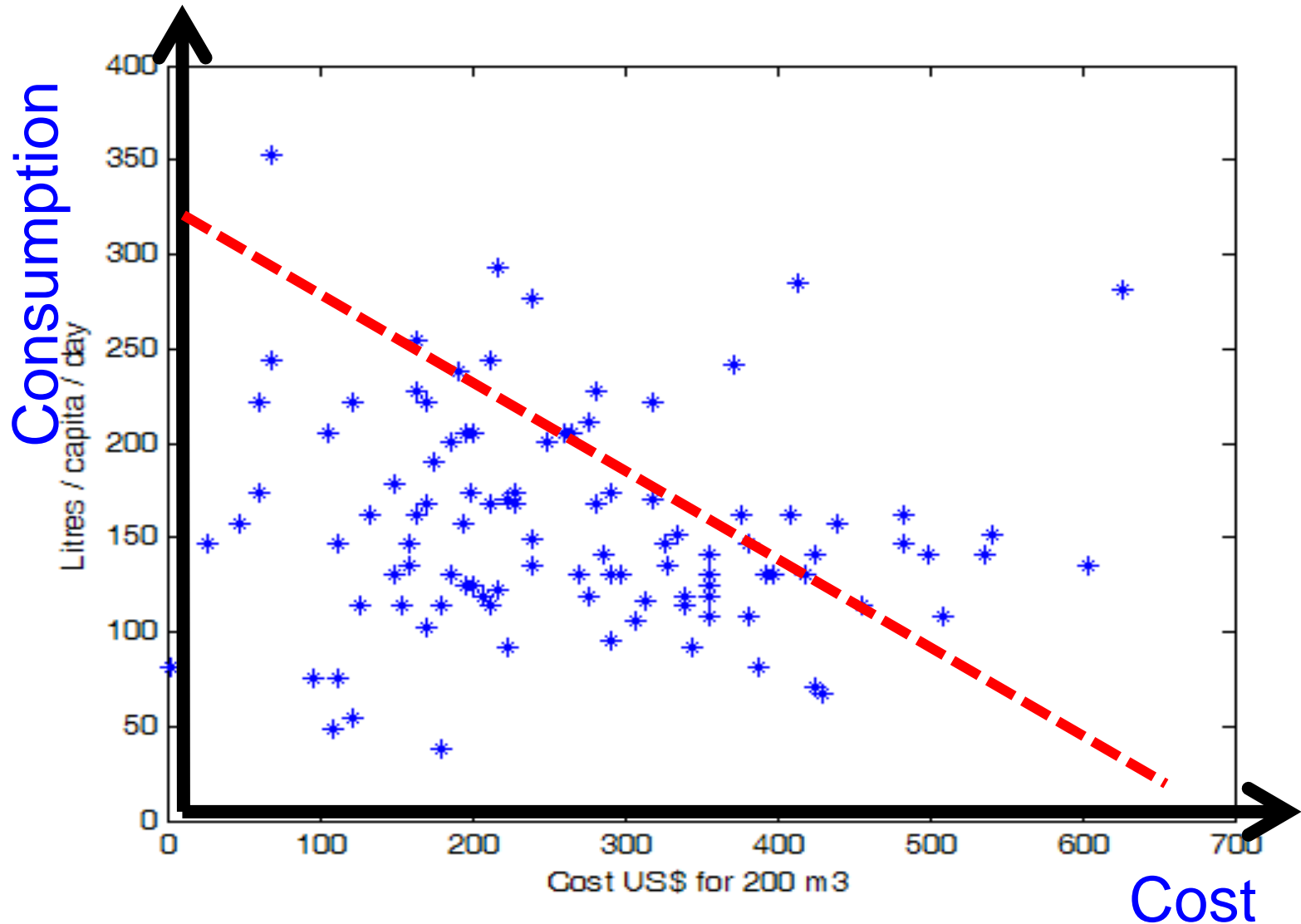
On-Shore: 3 MW/km²
Off-Shore: 8 MW/km²

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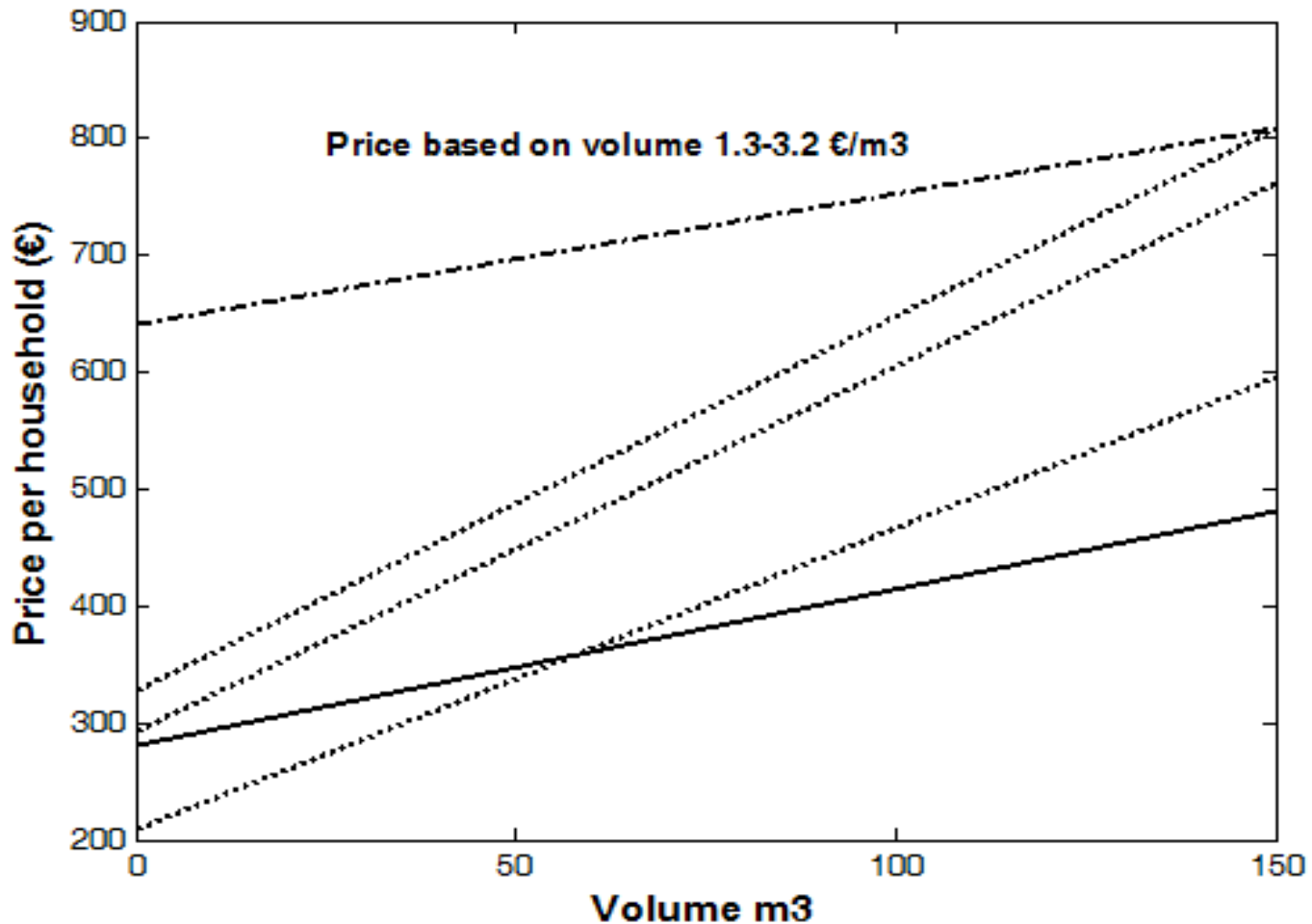
Up to: 100 MW/km²

Water economy

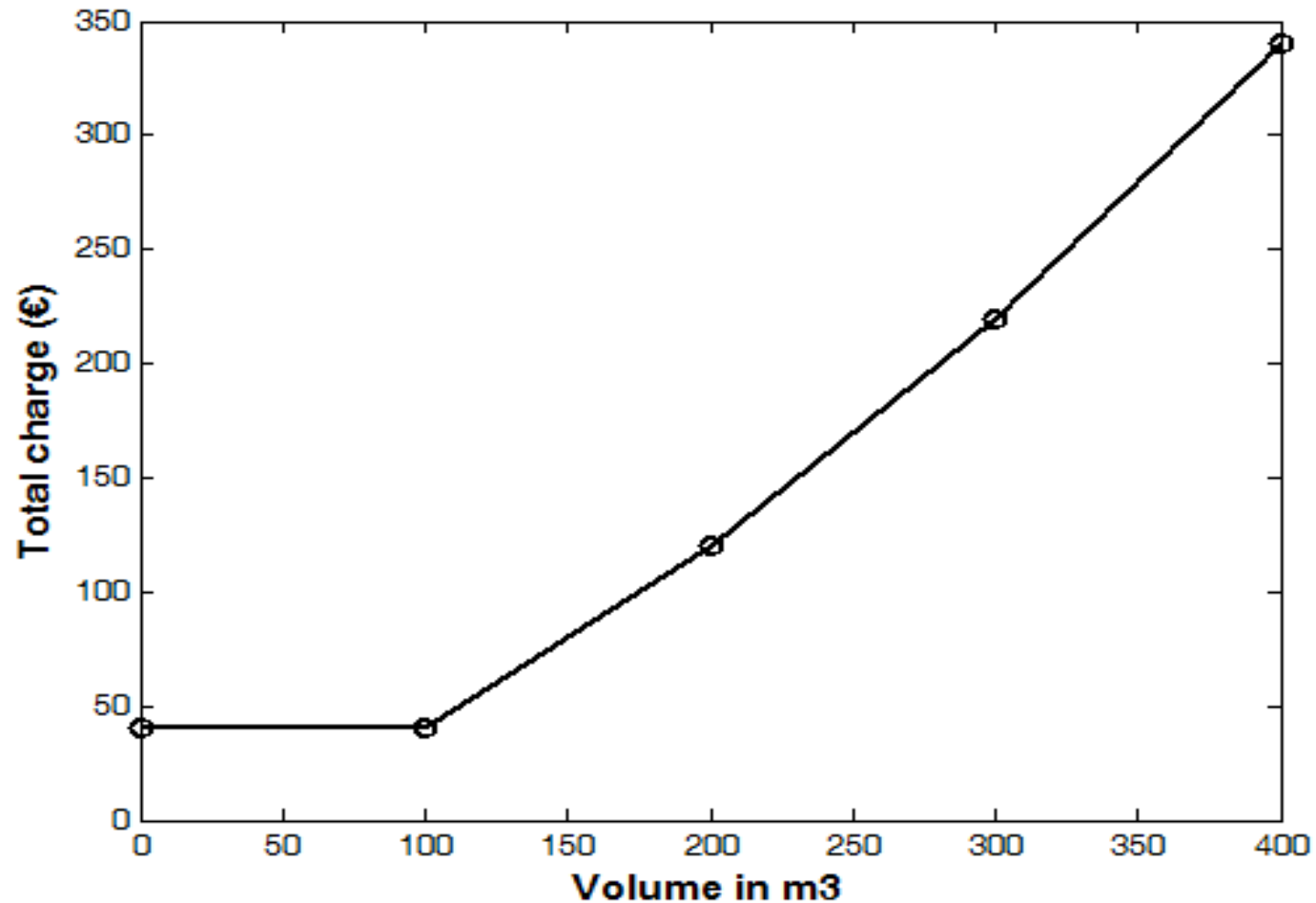
Water consumption vs. cost for 200 m³ (104 cities)



Water tariffs in 5 municipalities in West Sweden



Progressive water tariff



***Swedish climate
achievements***

Does Sweden satisfy the climate goals?

- According to the Government: yes
- Hydropower and nuclear power save us
- Transportation: are biofuels OK?
- *How much have we actually done in the last 5 years to mitigate the climate change?*
- Is the Swedish population aware?
Or – are we complacent?

Is Sweden a role model?

- What has Sweden done during the last 5 years?

Concluding reflections

- The ***political will*** is the key to establish a successful strategy for the water-energy nexus
- How do we ***measure and report*** progress in climate actions in Sweden?