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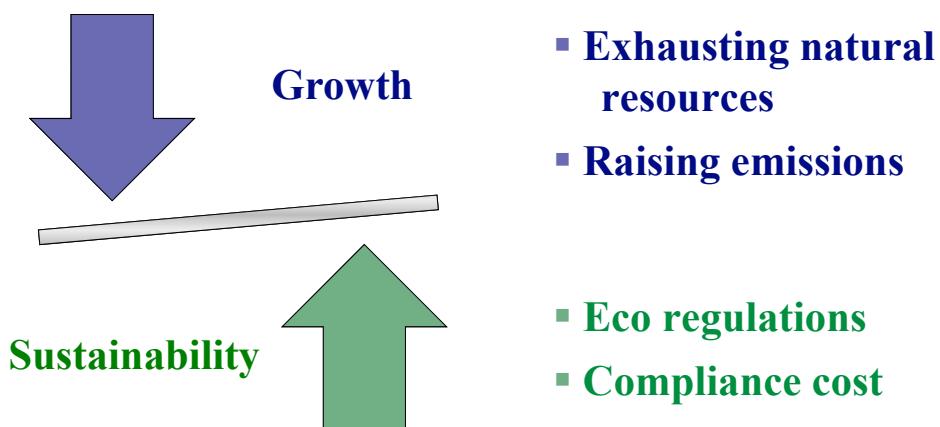
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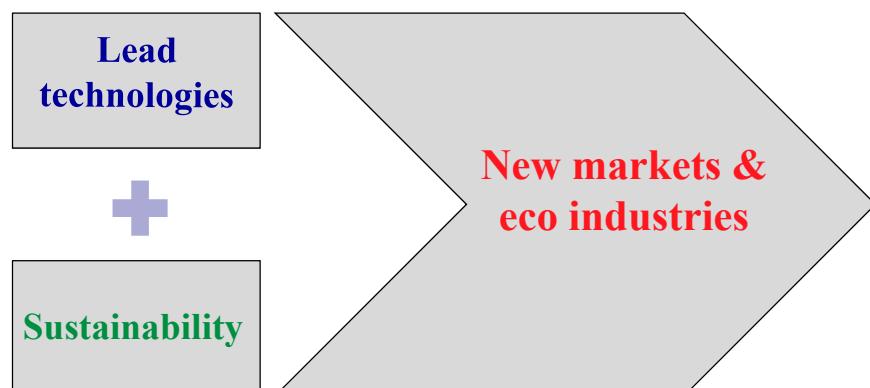
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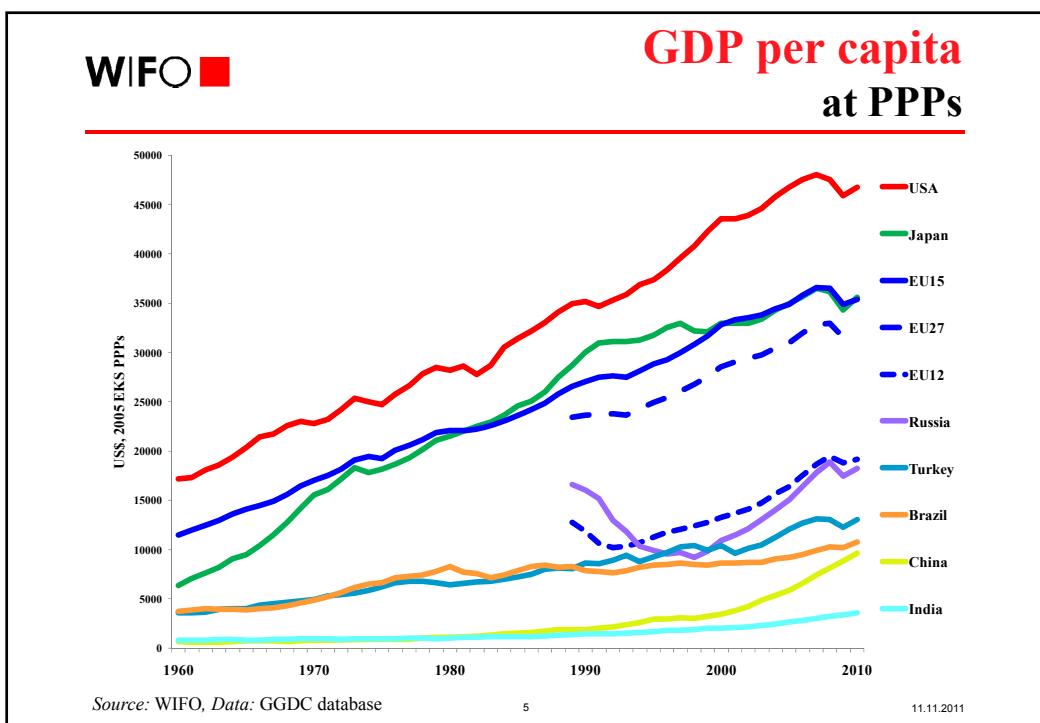
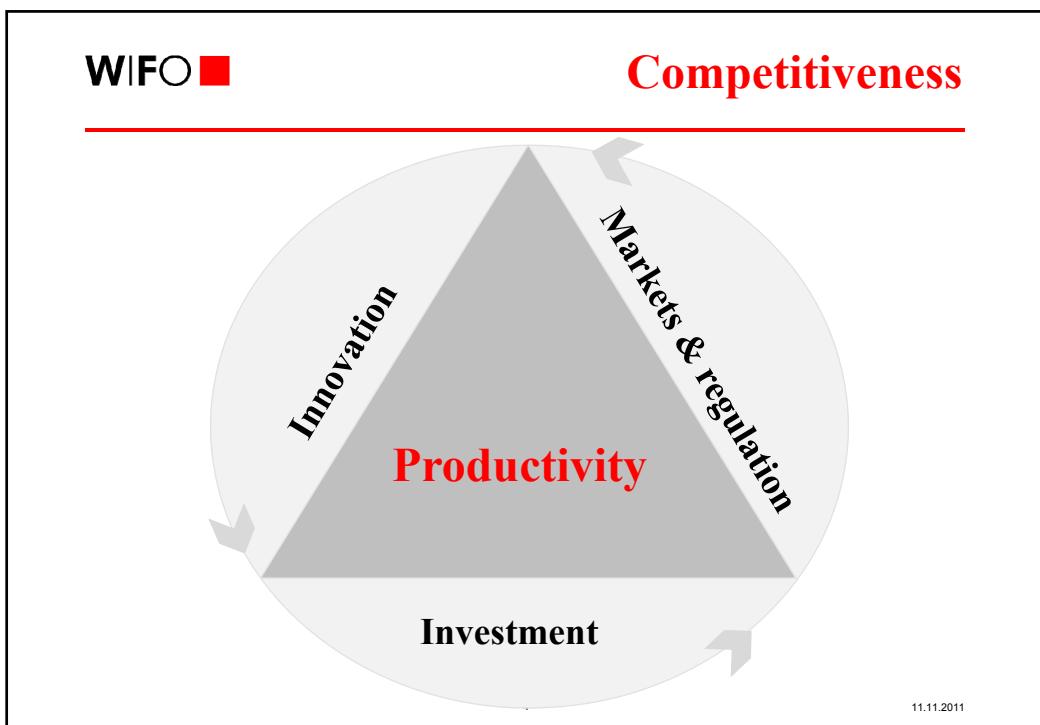
- Trade-offs & opportunities
- Competitiveness
- Eco performance, focus on *energy*
- Step up the gear!

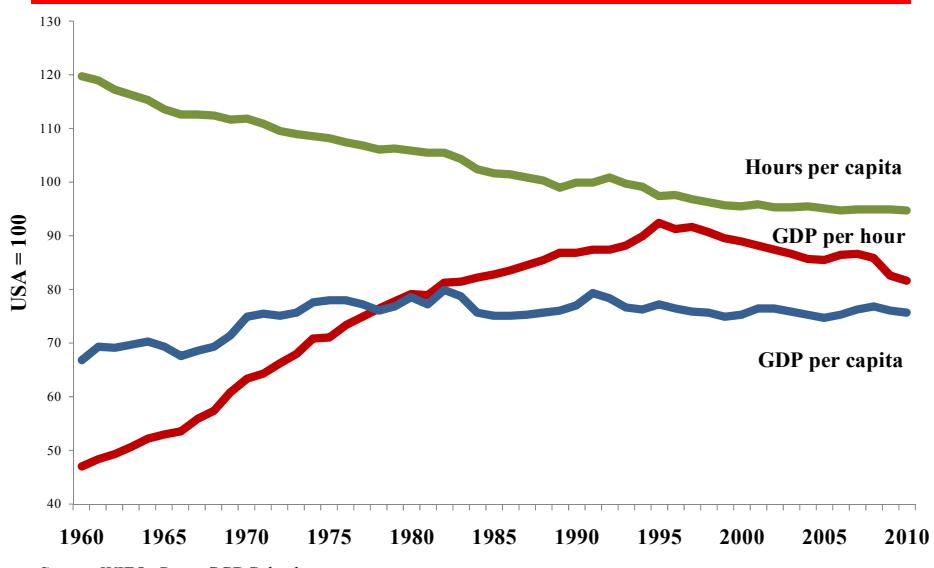
## Some heavy trade-offs ...



## ... and opportunities!



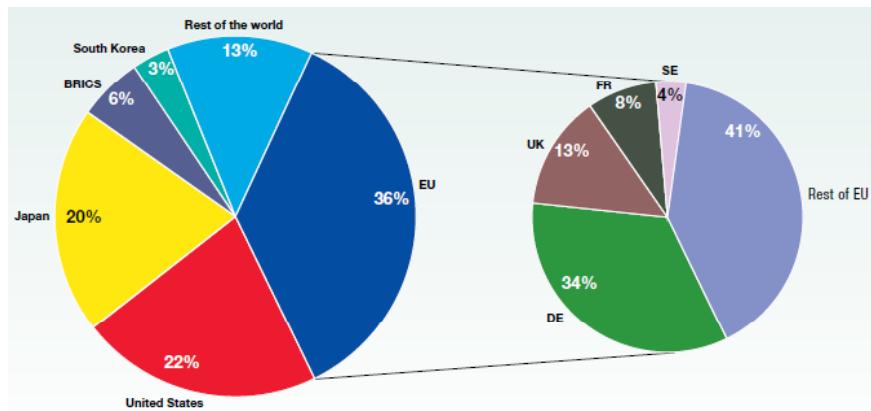




- **Catching-up vs US**
  - Missed opportunities >> danger of falling behind
  - Critical success factors in favour of U.S., e.g.
    - **Higher innovation capacity** (e.g., universities, venture capital, lead in many ICT technologies)
    - **Entrepreneurial opportunities** (e.g., more integrated markets)
- Competition from **emerging countries** (e.g., China)
  - High growth potentials from catching-up
  - Pro-active competitiveness & industrial policies
  - New capital stocks and industrial expertise will shape competitive advantages for long !

## Eco patents

### World shares, 2004-2006



Source: DG Research and Innovation (Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011)

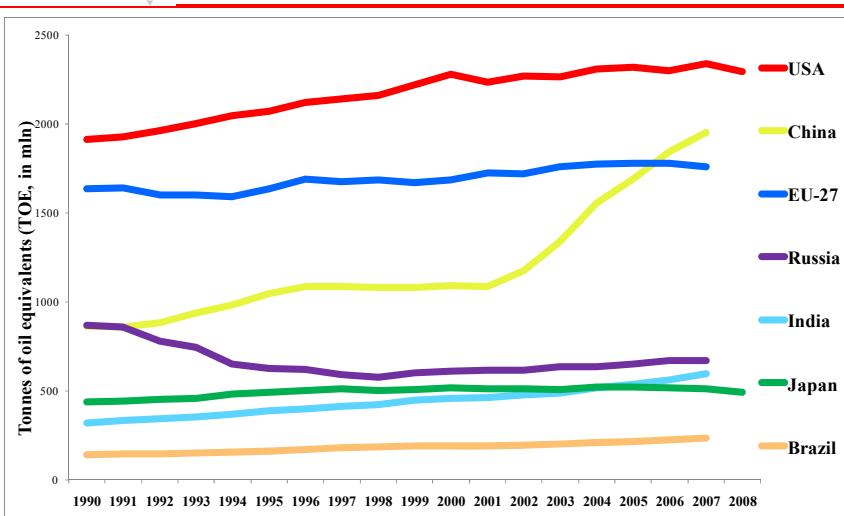
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## Energy use

### TPES, 1990-2008



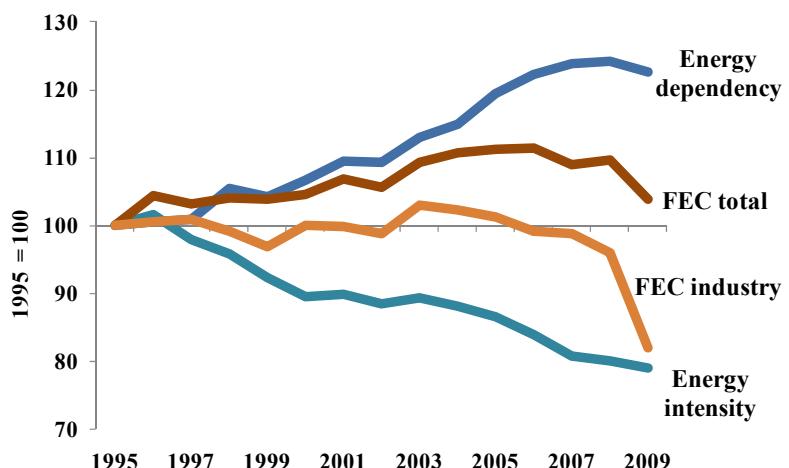
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Note: TPES = total primary energy supply (i.e. input of all fuels into energy use)

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## Energy trends in the EU27

**1995 = 100**



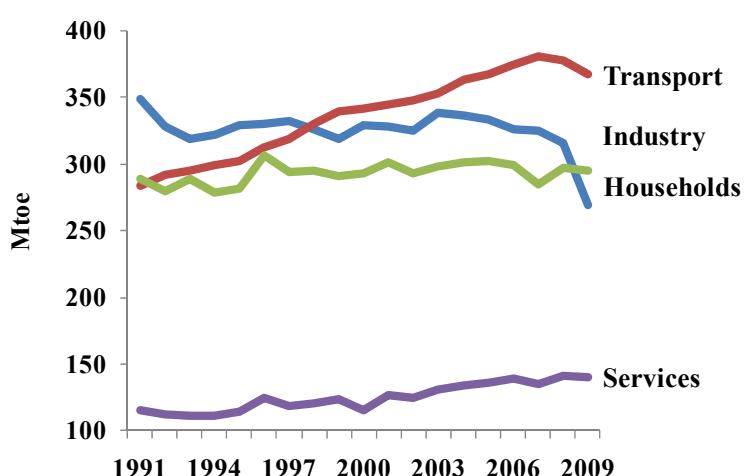
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## FEC by sector

**EU 27, Mtoe**



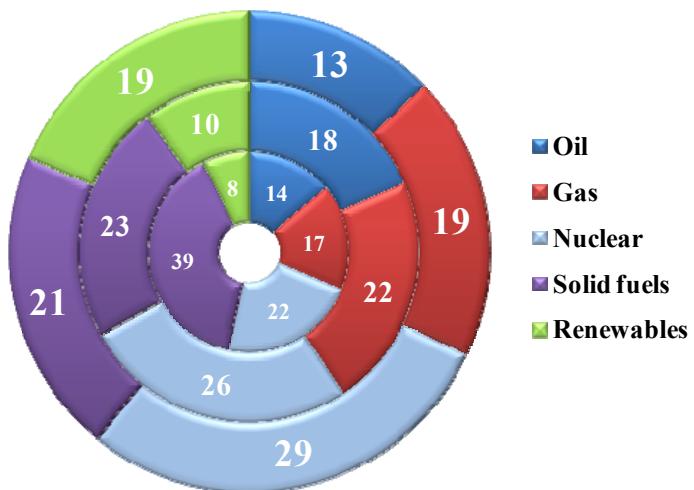
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## Shares in energy production

EU 27, in %, 1990/2000/2009



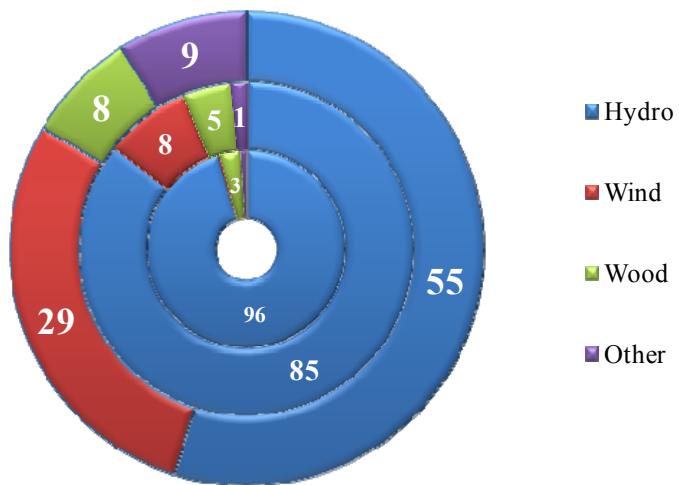
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## Shares in renewable electricity

EU 27, in %, 1990/2000/2009



Source: WIFO; Data: Eurostat

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**➤ Policy makes a difference**

- **Regulation:** channel resources, effort & creativity towards sustainable and productive activities
- **Innovation:** foster new eco-technologies & practices
- **Investment:** promote the diffusion of new technologies

**➤ Green growth aims for a double dividend**

- **Competitiveness:** resource efficiency & new eco-industries
- **Sustainability:** eco-efficiency & quality of life

**➤ Coupling of industrial and environmental policies**