

# ENERGY STRATEGY 2050 AFTER THE POPULAR VOTE



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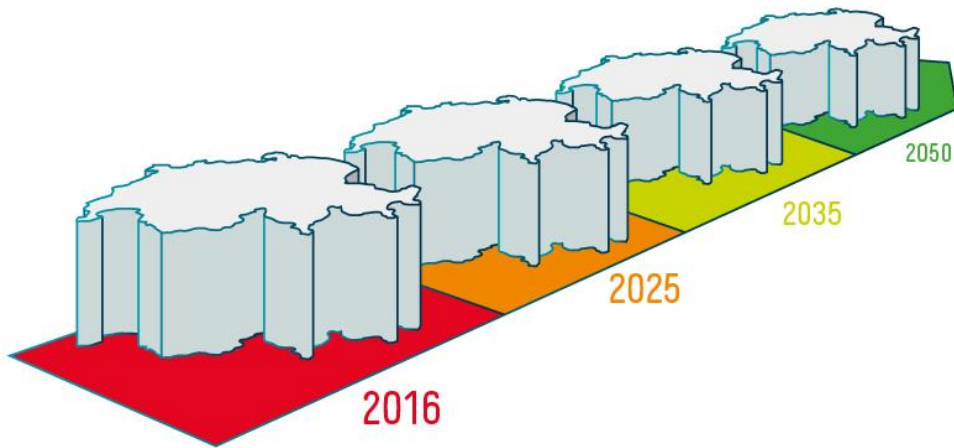
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# CURRENT STATUS OF ENERGY STRATEGY 2050

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**4 September 2013**

Federal Council adopts Dispatch to Parliament on new Energy Act



**30 September 2016**

Final vote in Parliament



**21 May 2017**

Referendum



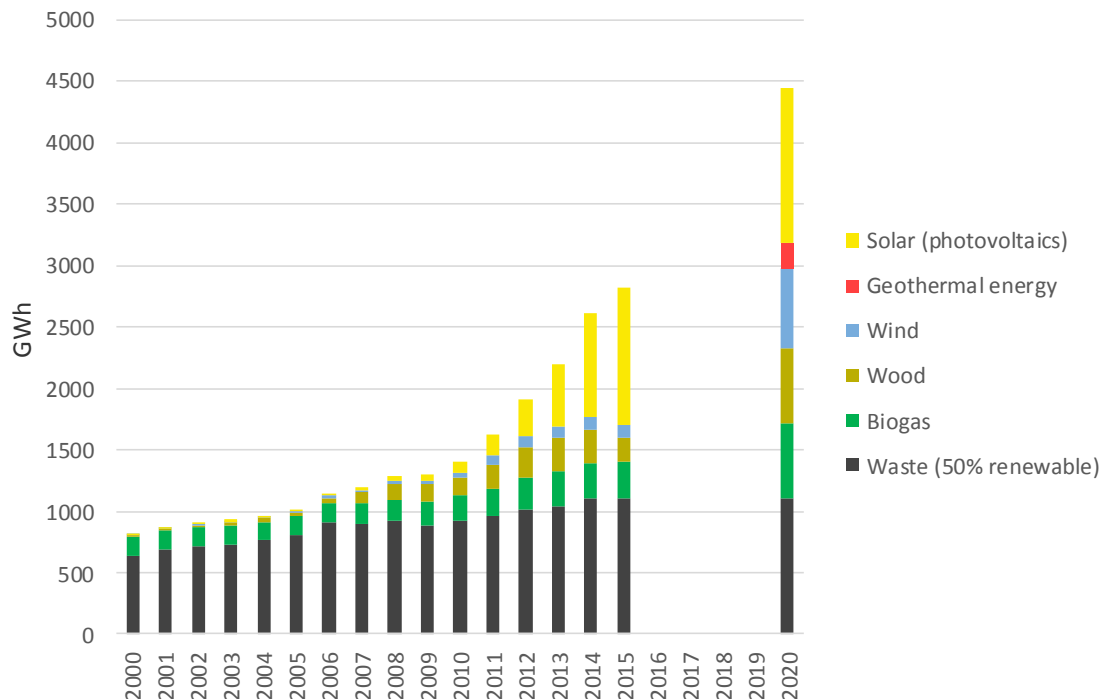
**1 January 2018**

Entry into force of revision of applicable legislation\*

\* The entry into force of the revised law on the federal direct tax is planned for 1 January 2020.

# ENERGY STRATEGY 2050: INITIATED ACTIVITIES

## Renewable energy – electricity (excluding hydropower)



## Energy research

“Coordinated Energy Research in Switzerland” action plan –  
Swiss Competence Centres for Energy Research

## Innovation promotion

- Promotion of pilot, demonstration and flagship projects by the SFOE
- Market launch support by SwissEnergy
- Competitive tenders

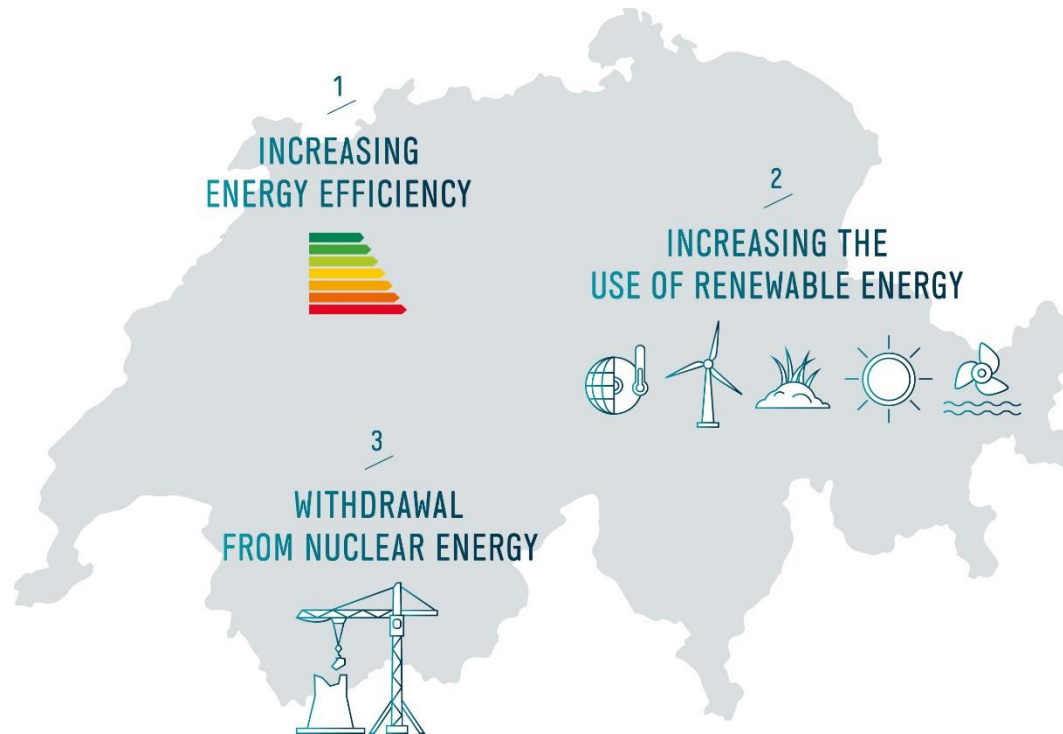
## Parliamentary Initiative 12.400

- Increase in network surcharge to 1.5 cents/kWh
- Partial to full refund for companies with high electricity consumption
- Regulation governing own consumption



# NEW ENERGY ACT: THREE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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## Measures to increase energy efficiency

- Buildings
- Mobility
- Industry
- Appliances

## Measures to increase the use of renewable energy

- Promotion
- Improvement of legal framework

## Withdrawal from nuclear energy

- No new general licences
- Step-by-step withdrawal – safety as sole criterion



# NEW ENERGY ACT: ENERGY EFFICIENCY – TARGETS/GUIDELINES

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## Average per capita energy consumption

Reduction versus level in 2000

- 16% in 2020
- 43% in 2035

## Average per capita electricity consumption

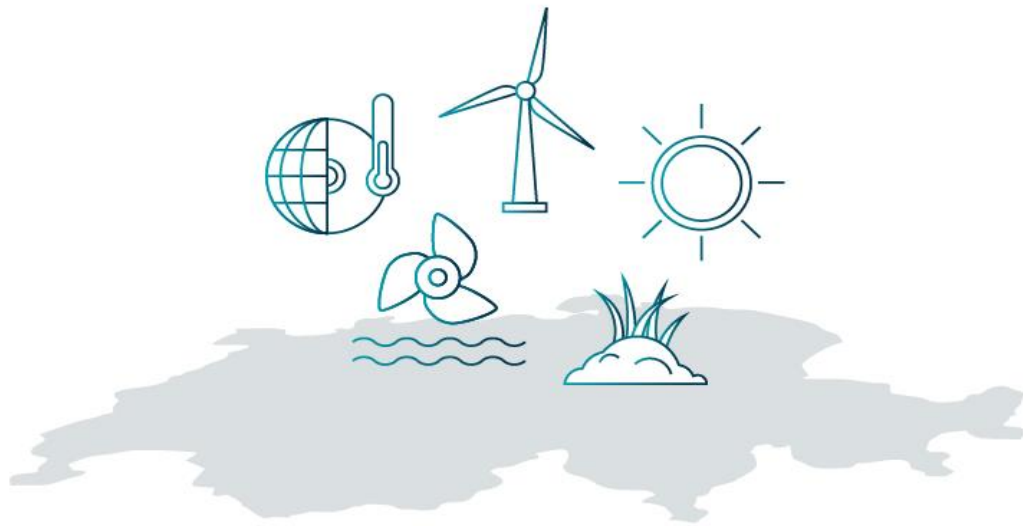
Reduction versus level in 2000

- 3% in 2020
- 13% in 2035



# NEW ENERGY ACT: RENEWABLE ENERGY – TARGETS/GUIDELINES

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## Average domestic production of renewable energy excluding hydropower

- in 2020: 4'400 GWh
- in 2035: 11'400 GWh

## Hydropower

37'400 GWh in 2035



# NEW ENERGY ACT: NETWORK SURCHARGE

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2.3 cents per kWh



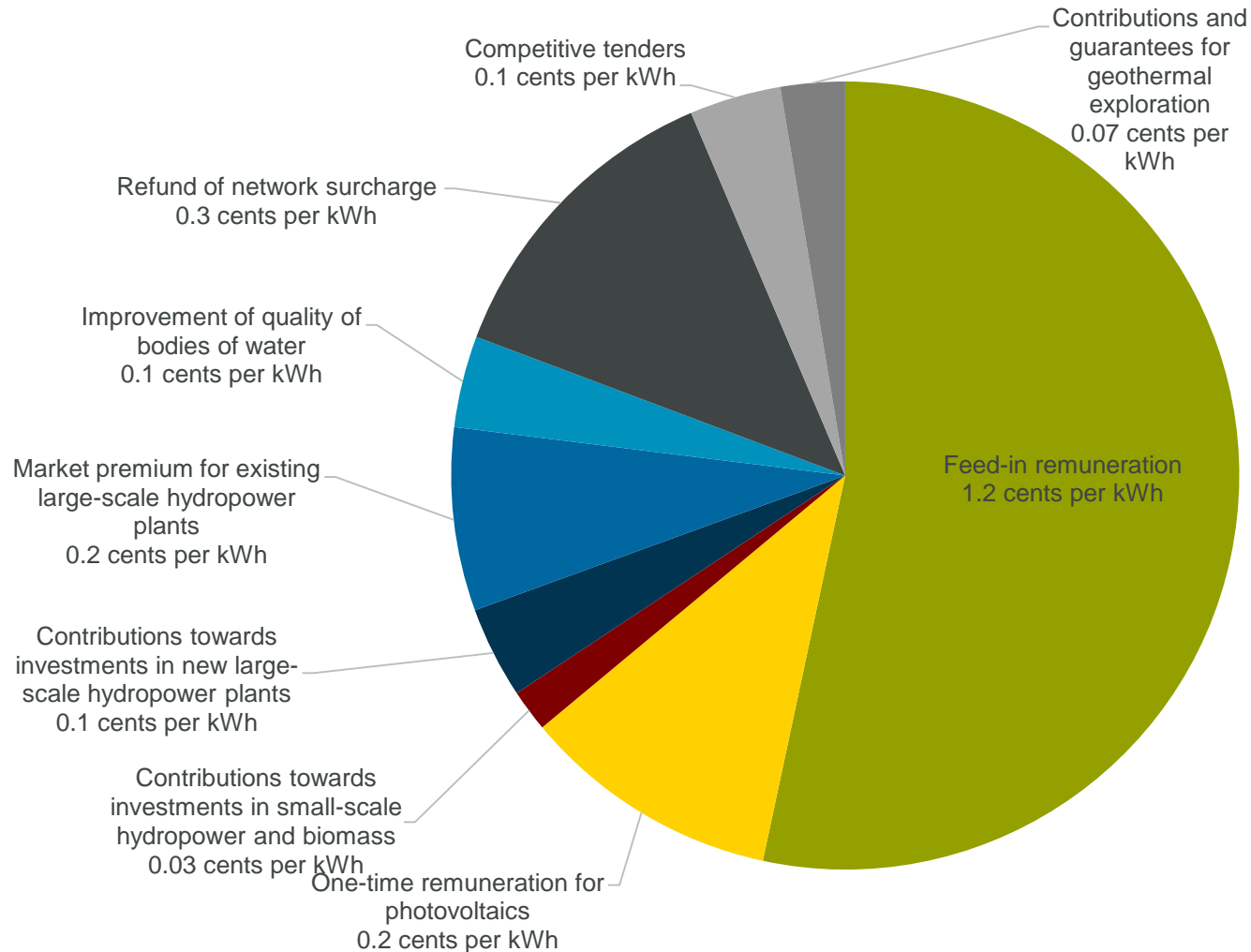
**Network surcharge for promotion of electricity from renewable energy, energy efficiency and improvement of quality of bodies of water**

- new surcharge: 2.3 cents/kWh
- including 0.2 cents for market premium to existing large hydropower plants





# NEW ENERGY ACT: NETWORK SURCHARGE – USE



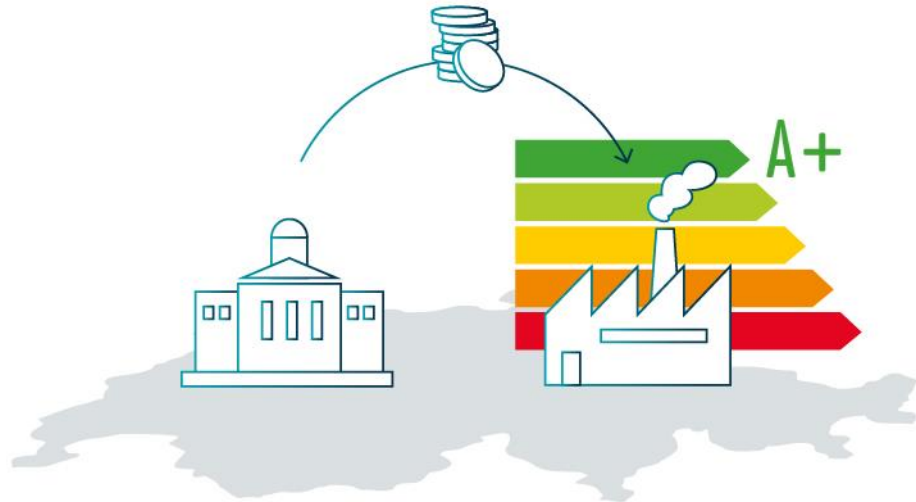
## Use of network surcharge (2.3 cents/kWh)

Timeframe: For the duration of market premium for large hydropower plants (2018 to 2022), i.e. reduced one-time remuneration, geothermal energy contributions, investment contributions for small hydropower plants and biomass



# NEW ENERGY ACT: NETWORK SURCHARGE – REFUND

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## Lower prerequisites for refund to companies with high electricity consumption

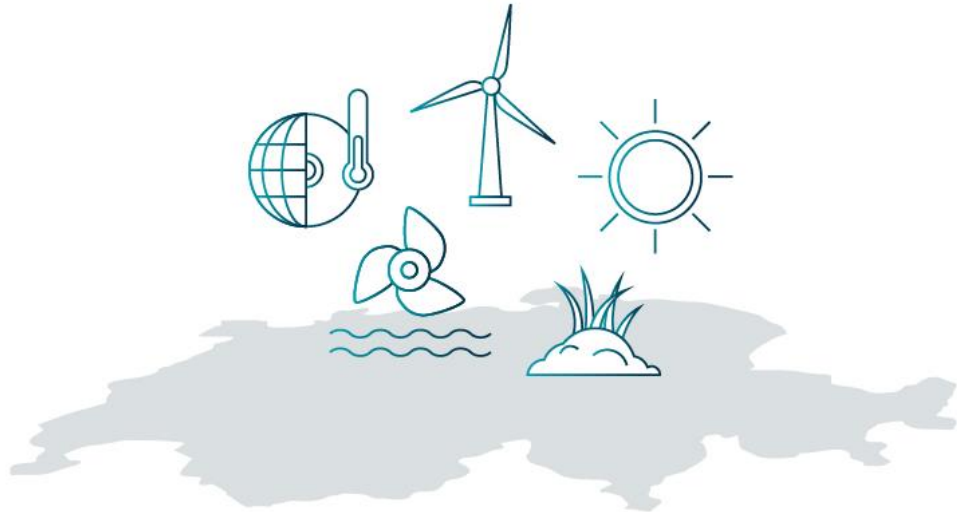
Repeal of requirement to use part of refunded network surcharge for energy-efficiency measures

*Current requirement in accordance with applicable energy legislation:  
At least 20% of the refunded amount must be used for energy-efficiency measures.*



# NEW ENERGY ACT: PROMOTION SYSTEM – DIRECT MARKETING

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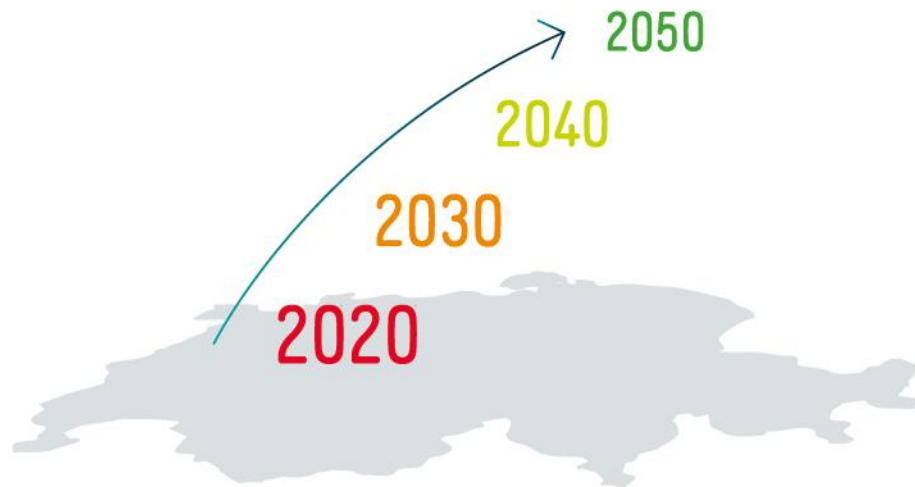
**Changeover from current feed-in remuneration at cost scheme to feed-in remuneration with direct marketing**

- Better market integration
- Direct marketing as basic principle, exemptions for small facilities



# NEW ENERGY ACT: LIMITATION OF PROMOTION

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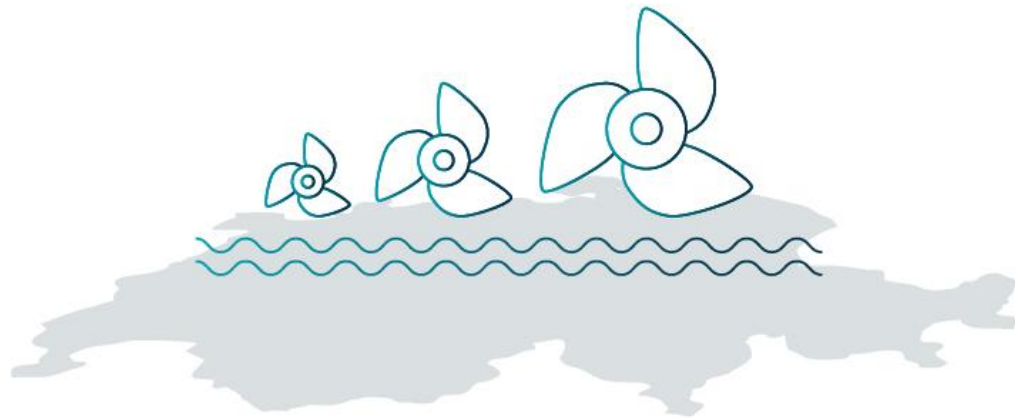
## Limitation of promotion in legislation

- With effect from the sixth year after entry into force of the initial package of measures, no new commitments in the feed-in premium scheme
- With effect from 2031, no new investment contributions / one-time remuneration



# NEW ENERGY ACT: LARGE-SCALE HYDROPOWER PRODUCTION

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## Market premium for existing power plants

- Compensation of difference between production costs and lower market price
- Power plants receive a premium of max. 1 cent/kWh for electricity they sell on the free market below production cost
- Financing via network surcharge (0.2 cents/kWh)

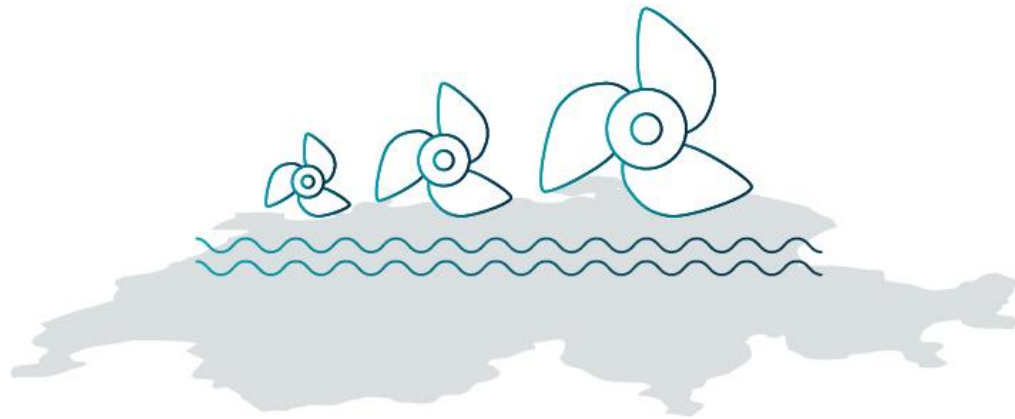
## Investment contributions for new power plants

- Amount to be specified on a case-by-case basis; max. 40% of recoverable investment costs
- Financing via network surcharge (max. 0.1 cents/kWh)



# NEW ENERGY ACT: SMALL-SCALE HYDROPOWER PRODUCTION

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## Lower limit for promotion of small-scale hydropower production: 1 MW

- Only hydropower production facilities with an output of at least 1 MW will be able to participate in the feed-in remuneration scheme
- Exceptions apply for facilities with low environmental impacts



# NEW ENERGY ACT: NATIONAL INTEREST

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**The use and continued expansion of renewable energy are in Switzerland's national interest**

- Improved basis for weighing up interests
- Shift of focus in favour of renewable energy
- Exclusion of new facilities in biotopes of national importance and in certain nature reserves



# NEW ENERGY ACT: LICENSING PROCEDURES

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## **Renewable energy: shortening and streamlining**

- Cantons must endeavour to speed up licensing procedures
- Federal government as single point of contact
- Deadline for assessments by the Federal Commission for the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage

## **Networks: acceleration of licensing procedure**

- Shortening of appeals procedure thanks to restriction on access to the Federal Supreme Court
- Official time limits for sectoral plan and planning approval procedures





# NEW ENERGY ACT: BUILDING PROGRAMME

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## Partial earmarking of revenue from CO<sub>2</sub>-levy for improving energy-efficiency in buildings

- Increase in upper limit from the present-day 300 million to 450 million SFr./annum (as before 1/3 of revenue)
- Increase in CO<sub>2</sub>-levy as before if interim targets are not reached (current levy 84 SFr./tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>)

## Modification of “Buildings” programme

- Payout in the form of global contributions; cantons responsible for implementation
- New requirements placed on the cantons



# NEW ENERGY ACT: TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUILDING RENOVATION

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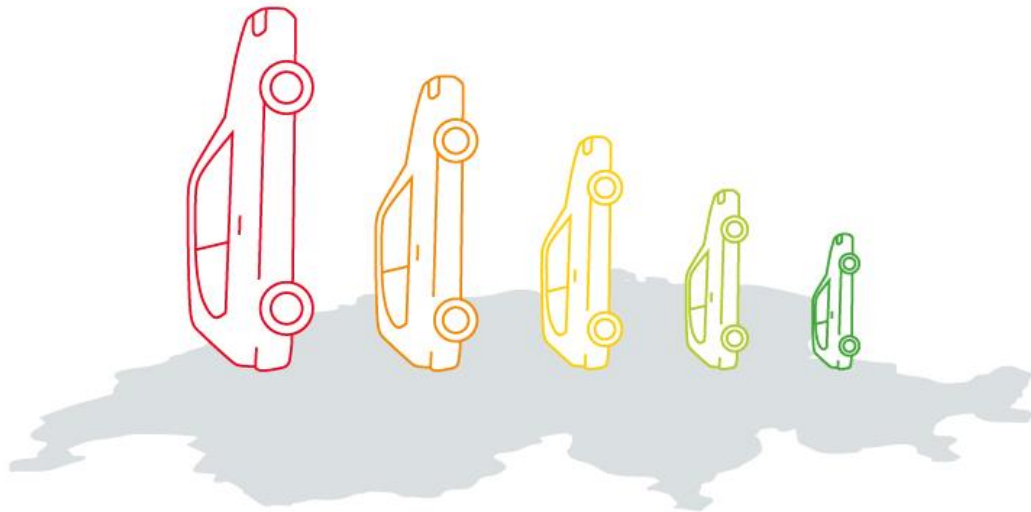
## Higher tax incentives for improving energy efficiency in buildings

- Option of allocating energy-efficiency investment costs to the two following tax periods
- Tax deduction of demolition costs when replacing old buildings



# NEW ENERGY ACT: MOBILITY

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## More stringent emission regulations for cars

- Reduction to 95 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km by the end of 2020
- Harmonisation with the EU

## Extension of emission regulations to utility vehicles and light semi-trailers

Reduction to 147 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km by the end of 2020

*Currently applicable regulation for cars as per CO<sub>2</sub> Act:*

*Reduction of emissions to 130 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km by the end of 2015*



# NEW ENERGY ACT: SMART METERING

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## Basis for introduction of Smart Metering

- Clear framework conditions for introduction of Smart Metering
- Intelligent control and adjustment mechanisms



# NEW ENERGY ACT: WITHDRAWAL FROM NUCLEAR ENERGY

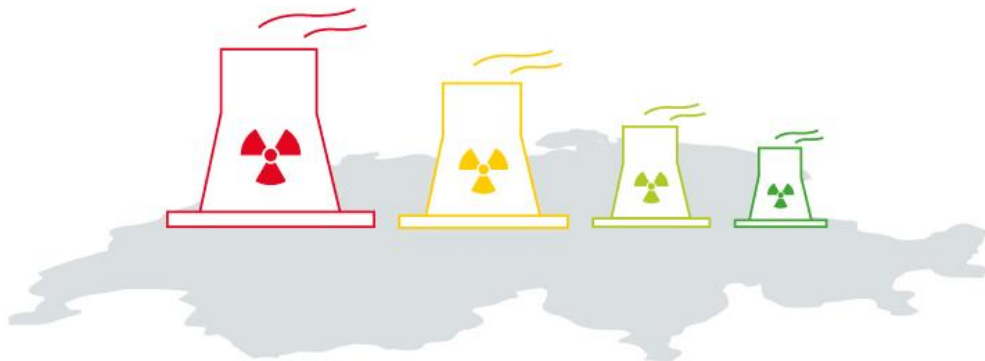
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## No new general licences for nuclear power plants

- No ban on nuclear technology
- Continued operation of existing power plants as long as their safety is guaranteed
- Long-term operation to be regulated by Ordinance

## Reprocessing of spent fuel elements

- Ban instead of the existing moratorium
- Extension of moratorium until June 2020 (separate regulation in effect)





# NEW ENERGY ACT: NEXT STEPS

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**21 May 2017**

Referendum

**1 January 2018**

Entry into force\*

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# NEW ENERGY ACT: NEXT STEPS

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## Need for comprehensive revision of applicable ordinances as a consequence of the new Energy Act

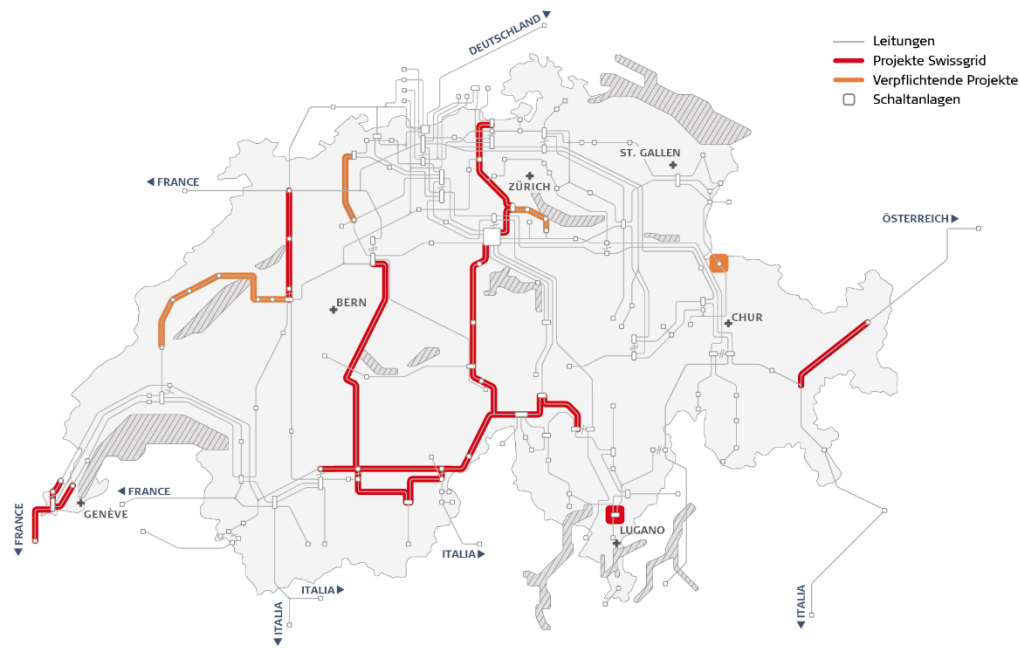
- Complete revision of Energy Ordinance
- Partial revision especially of CO<sub>2</sub> Ordinance and Electricity Supply Ordinance

## Timetable (ordinances)

- Consultation procedure: 1 February to 8 May 2017
- Entry into force on 1 January 2018



# ELECTRICITY NETWORKS STRATEGY: CURRENT SITUATION



Source: Swissgrid

## Need for action...

- Congestion in the transmission network, need for renovation
- Increasingly decentralised energy supply structure

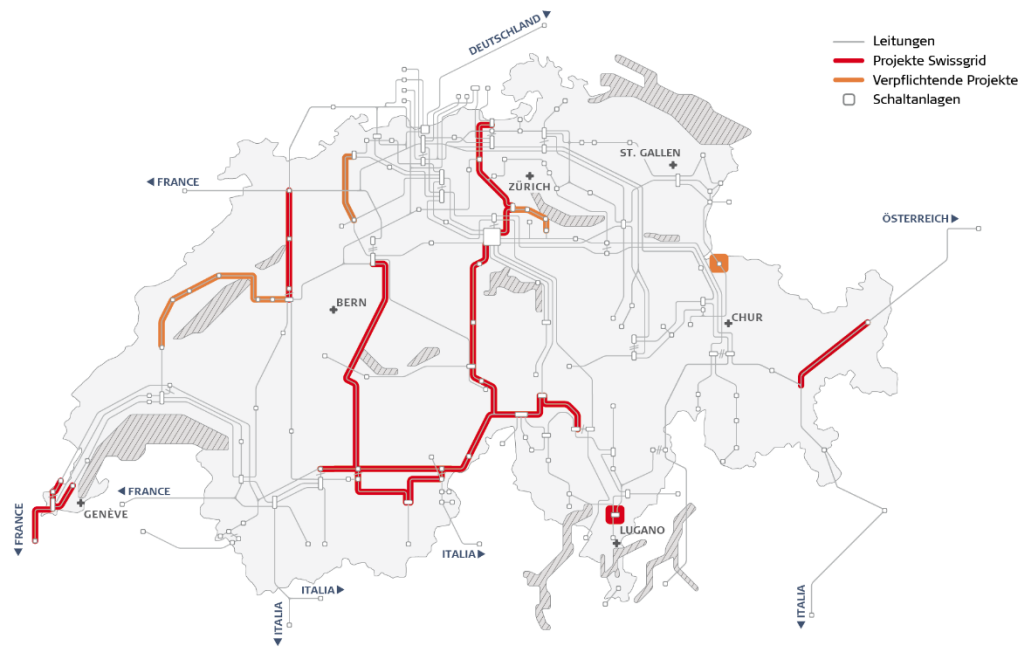
## ... but slow progress

- Various conflicts of interest
- Insufficient transparency of processes
- Lack of understanding among the general population
- Lack of social acceptance





# ELECTRICITY NETWORKS STRATEGY: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Source: Swissgrid

## Objective of revision

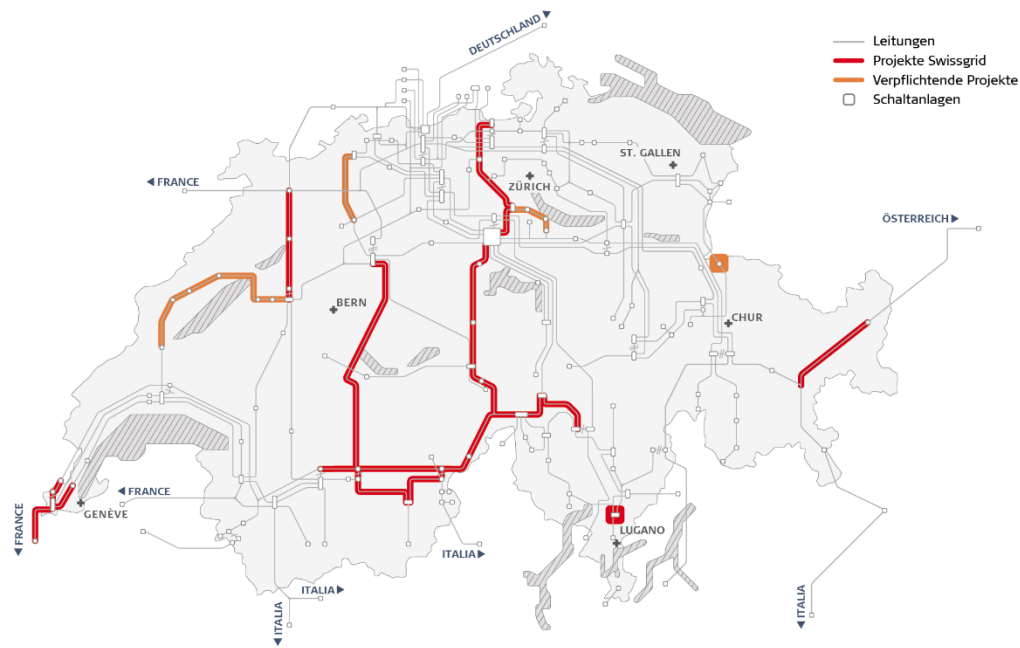
Availability of the right network at the right time

## Key points

- Criteria for further development of electricity networks
- Optimisation of licensing procedures for transmission line projects
- Criteria for decision concerning use of cabling or overhead lines
- Better acceptance of transmission line projects



# ELECTRICITY NETWORKS STRATEGY: STATUS OF DEBATE



Source: Swissgrid

**13 April 2016**

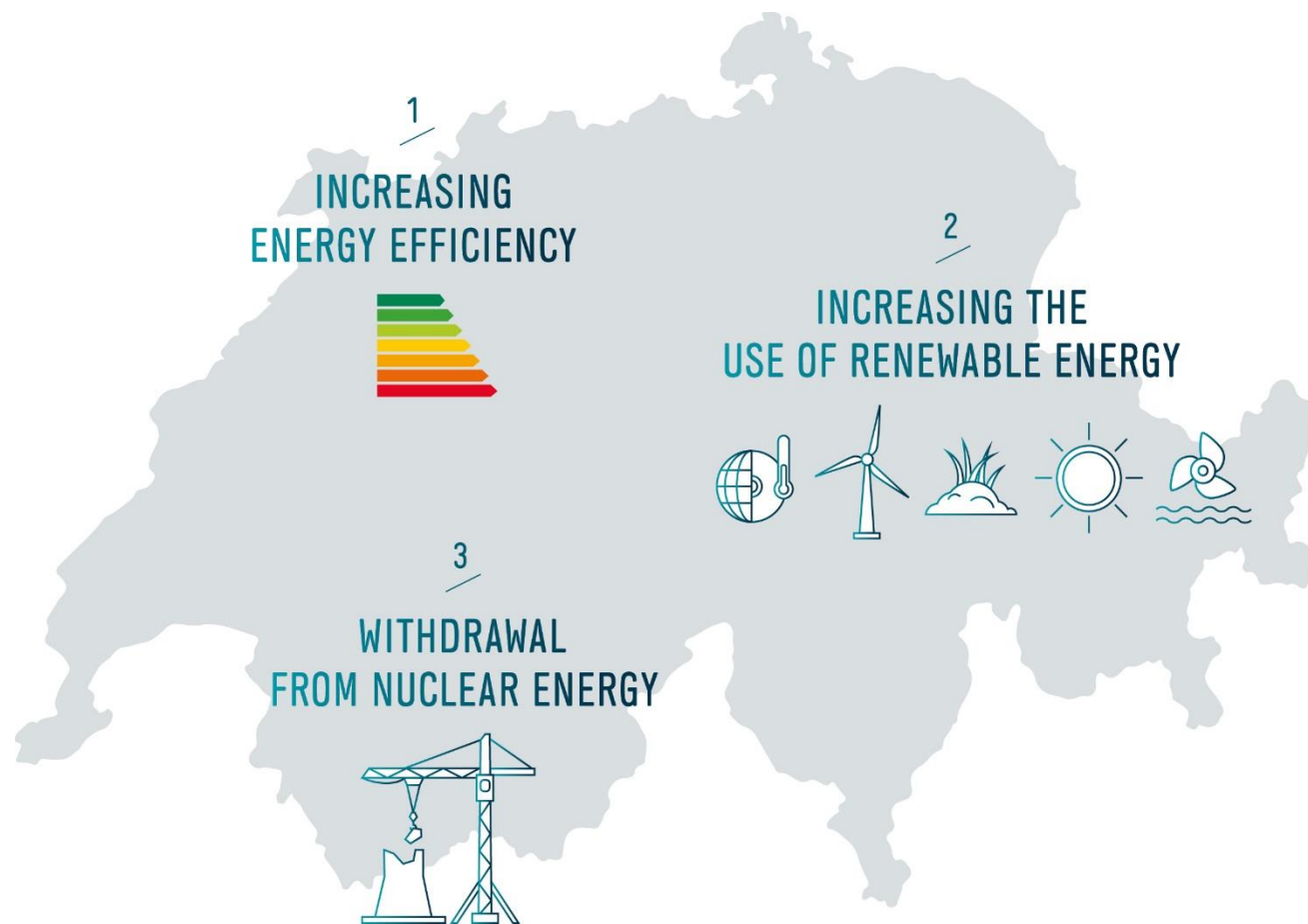
Adoption by Federal Council of Dispatch to Parliament

**15 December 2017**

Adoption by Parliament in final vote



# FURTHER INFORMATION



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