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Development of renewable
energy islands in Croatia
- what went wrong and how
to fix it ?

Status report



- 1) without any doubt, the potential of the renewable energy on the croatian islands are impressiv.
- 2) realization capacity are symbolic. Why ? ? ?
- 3) because all croatian governments made everything what they could to stop the renewables, in the interest of the fossil fuel lobys (who very often paid them the cost of the

History



First installations of the renewables in Croatia started in the 80 of the 20 century (first factory of the photovoltaic panels has been made in Split).

After the war, serious discussion about renewables started around 2007. (first feed-in tariff).

Enthusiasm was very high. We made a Solar cluster at 2009, a thousands of people planned

"Empire strikes back"



New energy strategy from 2009. allowed only 50 MW of the solars in Croatia, but 1.200 MW of the windmills (24 times more !!!).

In the same time, they planned double consumption of the energy in Croatia (from around 250 PJ to 500 PJ), totally ignored that Croatian are under strong depopulation.

But, **THE POINT IS THAT** they proposed 2 new big power-plant on the imported coal (from the Columbia), on the coast !!!

All that killed the development of the renewables in Croatia until now

The Resistance



Parallel with all that pathological processes of the national level we started to develop ("under the radar") local independent initiative for the sustainability in the energy sector (mostly on the islands).

Allies was found out of Croatia, mostly in EU.

A lot of preparing activities has been made, although there was no possibility for deployment of the equipment.

But now, a new hope has downed...

New moments



Climate change

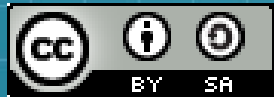
- EU regulations and EU friends
- Low price of the technology for the renewables
- A huge accumulation of the local capital (mostly from the tourism and agriculture).

• Strong and smart local community lead by the

Path to the success

- Energy cooperatives as a main tool
- Close cooperation with the academy community
- Close cooperation with the EU friends
- Learning from the world experiences
- Sophisticated and interactive process.





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