

## **Wind Europe's End-of-Life Issues & Strategies Seminar 2020**

Plenary Session: Repowering in EU countries, what are the frameworks in place?

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# Repowering in Italy: status quo and perspectives

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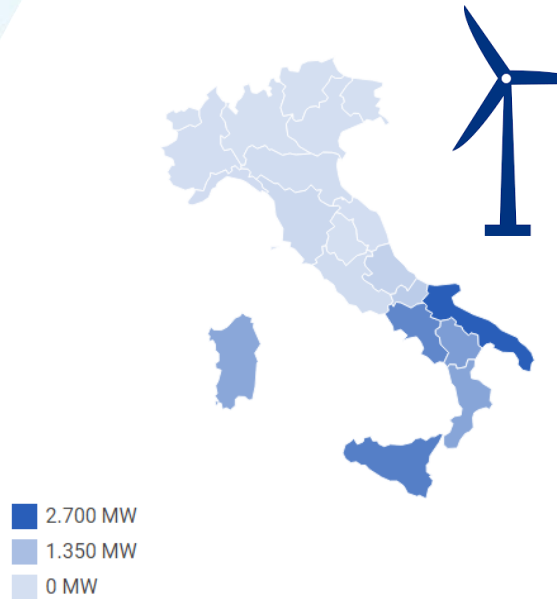
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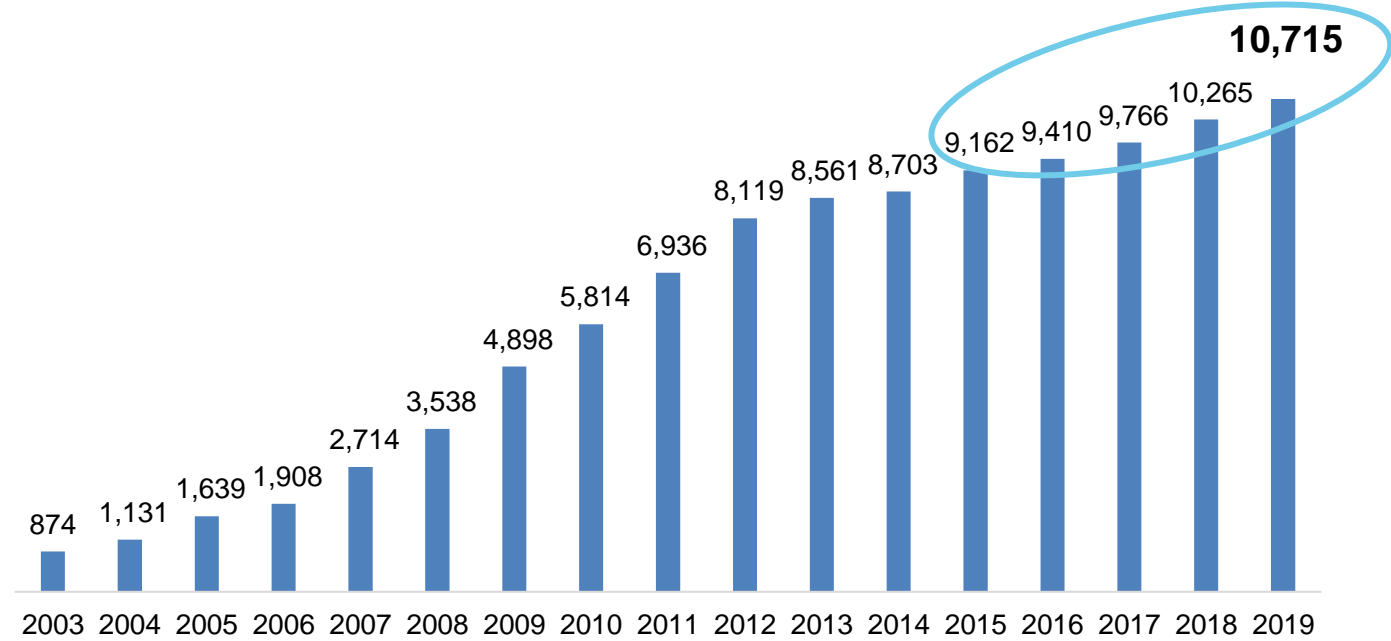
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# Wind Energy in Italy

Geographical wind capacity distribution in Italy



Cumulative wind capacity evolution in Italy [GW]

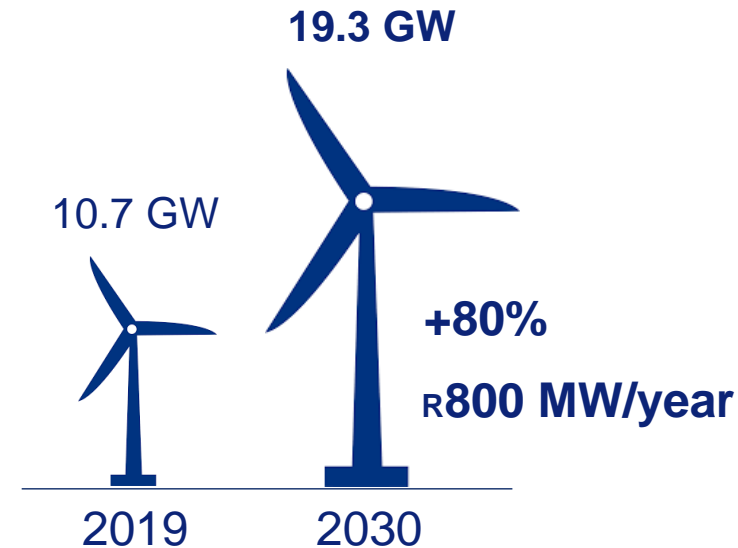


In the last five years, an average of **300 MW / year** has been installed in Italy

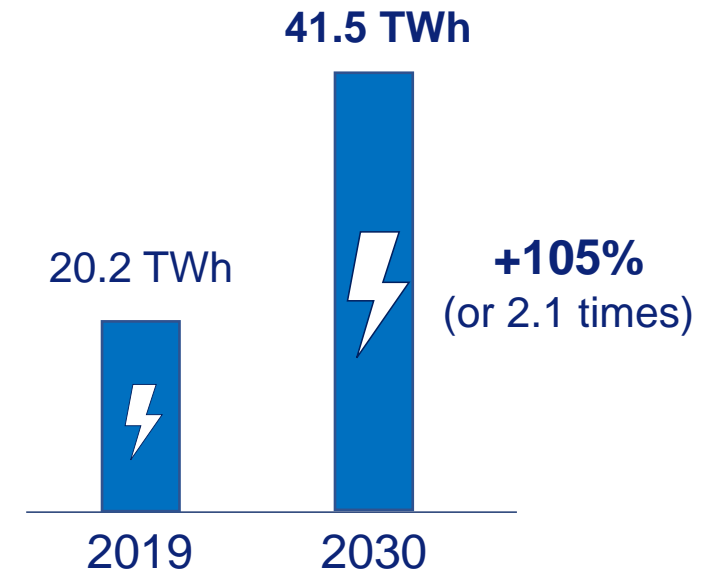
Source: Terna, GSE

# Wind Energy in Italy

Evolution of the overall wind capacity according to the Italian NECP



Evolution of the overall wind energy production in Italy according to the Italian NECP



The installation rate will have to be multiplied by 2.6 to meet the current NECP targets and further increase in the **Green Deal** scenario

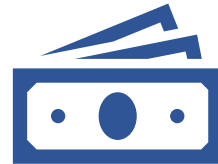
Source: Terna, GSE, Italian National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) proposal submitted to EC in December 2019

# Repowering Perspectives

Potential for repowering linked to the current wind 2030 NECP targets in Italy:

**8 Billion €**

additional investments



**26 million tons**

avoided CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



**4000**

average new temporary  
jobs per year in 2020-2030



**2,800 MW/hectare**

energy density compared to 1,000  
MW/hectare before Repowering



The incremental repowered capacity could cover **over one third** of the additional power needed to meet the current NECP target in Italy

*Source: data from Elettricità Futura's Members (assuming about 9 GW capacity potential for Repowering by 2030)*



## Permitting

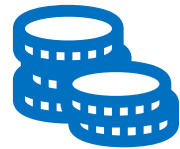
# The current framework: key challenges

According with RED II, it should take **1 year** (2 years in exceptional cases)

→ In practice, it regularly takes up to **4-5 years!** (same as **Green-Field Projects**), also leading to projects approved with obsolete technologies

Recent simplifications for *reblading* but any other repowering/revamping is considered a “**substantial**” change (even for power reductions!) → **lengthy and complex authorisation process**

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## Support Schemes Constraints

The “**Spalma-incentivi volontario**“ has been overcome recently, removing the main barriers for repowering/revamping projects to access support schemes. However some limitations and penalties remain.

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## Retroactive Changes

such as **extra unplanned constraints**, for example due to the creation of Natural Parks/environmental constraints after wind farms had been installed

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## Concluding remarks



- To achieve the Italian NECP wind target, wind capacity in Italy will have to increase up to **19.3 GW** (+80% vs 2019) The installation rate will have to double to meet the current NECP targets and further increase **in the Green Deal scenario**
- Repowering can account for **over one third of the capacity additions** and can benefit from a **unique feature**: it can multiply wind power production without any need of new land, making it **one of the smartest investment in green power generation**



- Repowering holds **strong industrial potential**, which can lead up to **8 Billion€** investments and **4000 jobs/year** creation in Italy by 2030



- Some **decisive steps forward will have to be taken**:
  - *Introducing **clearer and uniform rules** as well as **simplified procedures** to promote:*
    - **Lifetime Extension and Repowering** projects
    - **Upgrading technology** for approved but not yet realised projects
  - *Introducing **effective measures to reduce permitting timescale** (e.g. penalties, “tacit approval”), thus **adopting the provisions on authorization timing stated in the RED II***
  - *Creating a **fair level playing field with green-field installations**, particularly for **participation to support schemes***



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