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
Do We Need Capacity Instruments?; and if yes, Which Ones?

Institutional Economic Analysis on the Rationality and the Realization of Capacity Instruments

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Objectives and evaluation criteria

Effective achievement of objectives

Short- and long-term security of supply


Limiting consumer payments (long-term perspective)

- Welfare effect of instrument choice
 - Risk bearing and risk costs
 - Incentives to efficient investments from system perspective
 - Incentives to efficient dispatch decisions
- Distributive effects
 - Generators - consumers
 - To distinguish: neighbour countries' consumers and generators

Constraint: Avoid opportunistic behaviour towards sunk investments

Compatibility with environmental objectives

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Despite nuclear phase-out no „power gap“

Results of recent studies: No „power gap“ at least until 2020

- ENTSO-E (2011)
- Consentec, EWI, IAEW (2010, cf. table)
→ Monitoringbericht des BMWi (2011)

Leistung [GW]	2008		2010		2015		2020*	
	installiert	gesichert	installiert	gesichert	installiert	gesichert	installiert	gesichert
Erneuerbare	38,4	4,5	46	5,3	61,4	7	78,4	8,6
Wasserkraft	8	7,2	8	7,3	9	7,5	9	7,5
Kernenergie	20	17,6	19	16,6	13	11,5	7	5,8
Gas	25	21,1	20	17,3	25	21,3	31	26,3
Braunkohle	20	17,4	23	19,6	21	18,3	20	17
Steinkohle	26	22,2	31	26,9	31	27	28	24,3
Summe	137,4	90	147	93	160,4	92,6	173,4	89,5
Last		86,8		86,8		87,5		88,2

Source: Consentec et al. (2010), S. 42/46; generation in 2008, 2010 and 2015 based on known building projects, in 2020 based on cost minimization at given reliability level


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Overview of capacity instruments

- 1) Strategic reserve
- 2) Operative reserve
- 3) Capacity payments
- 4) Capacity certificates
 - 4.1) Capacity tender
 - 4.2) Capacity requirements
- 5) Capacity options
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Capacity options tender – evaluation

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Fundamentally

- Possible to meet security of supply objective
- Flexible coverage of residual load can be realised efficiently due to incentives for availability
- Consumer payments can be limited to any preferred degree
- Positive welfare effects resulting from risk allocation: aggregated demand side can take risk better than single suppliers
- High complexity

Depending on design

- If only new utilities are addressed, pitfalls regarding opportunistic behaviour towards old investments have to be avoided by an appropriate design
- Hazard of market power problems if tendered, especially if:
 - existing utilities participate
 - spatial differentiation
 - technological differentiation

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