

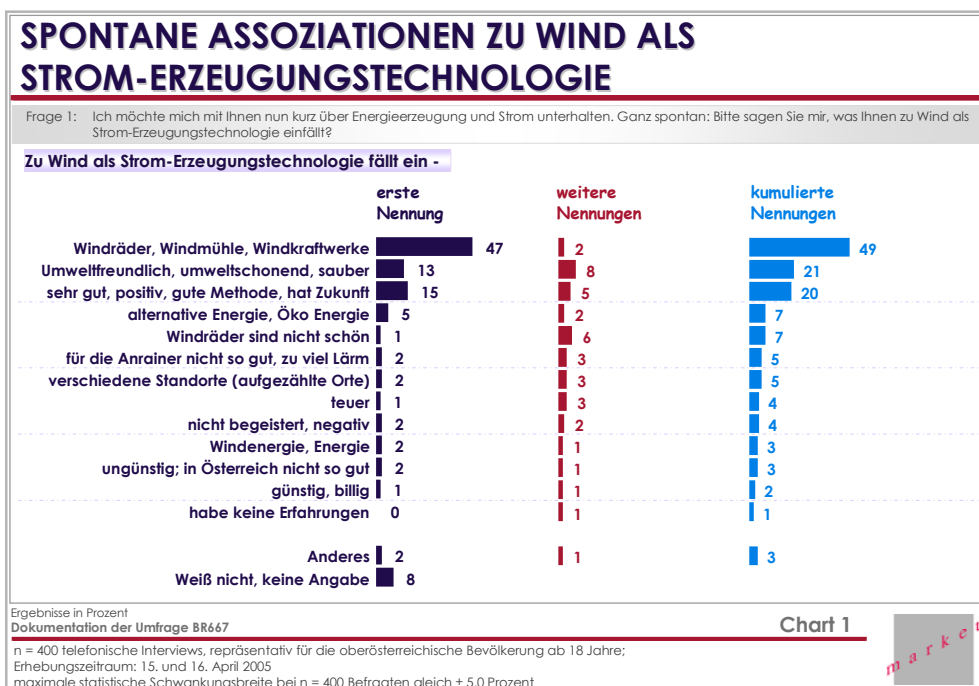
RES-e Regions

Representative survey on public opinion on different RES-e technologies in Upper Austria

In the frame of work package 1 of the RES-e regions project, a representative survey on public opinion on different RES-e technologies was carried out. 500 persons were interviewed by telephone.

1. Wind, biomass, biogas and photovoltaic

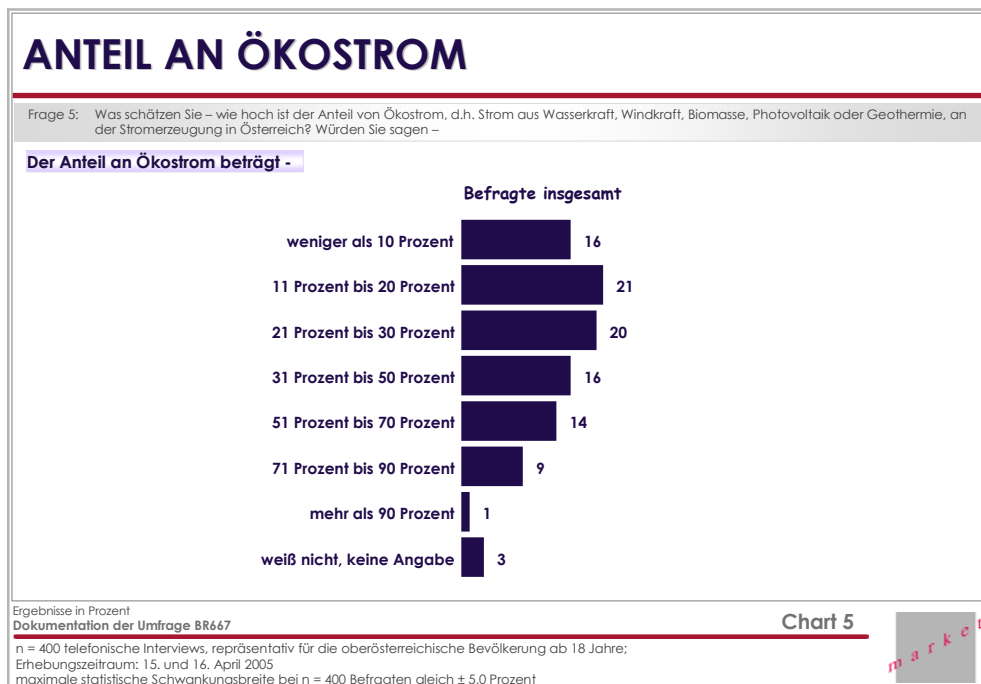
When asked about their spontaneous reaction about wind as renewable electricity technology (open question), every second Upper Austrian names windmills and wind power stations. A fifth mentions that it is a good way to produce electricity – and just as many think that wind energy is environmental friendly and clean. Regarding biomass, people mention wood, wood chips and pellets and 13 percent say that this green electricity technology is environmental friendly and the same percentage sees it as a good and interesting option.



With biogas, nearly a fifth of the Upper Austrian population associates renewable energy and environmental friendliness. The knowledge about biogas is relatively low. Photovoltaic is for nearly 20 % a very good and interesting way to produce electricity and it also scores in environmental friendliness.

2. The energy sources for the future

Regarding the share of renewable electricity on the electricity production in Austria, lack of information is obvious; 16 percent think the share of renewable electricity is less than 10 %; respectively a fifth of the people asked think that the share of renewable electricity lies between 11 and 20 % and between 21 and 30 %. A third of the Upper Austrians assesses that the share of renewable electricity is between 30 and 70 %. Actually, the share of renewable electricity including hydro power in Upper Austria is about 70 %.



Compared with a survey done last year, the importance of renewable electricity increased in total, especially biomass, solar energy and energy from large-scale hydro power plants have seen an increase in importance. Only wind energy did not increase in comparison with the year 2004, still only a half of the Upper Austrians think that wind power is an important energy technology for the future.

3. Method No. 1 for saving energy: switch off the light

Concerning energy saving, the Upper Austrians know a lot of measures: for about 40 % is it important to switch off the light as soon as it is not used anymore. The switching off of appliances, a sensible and economical use of energy and also the use of energy-efficient lamps are other proposals mentioned.

