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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Europe needs to act now to deliver sustainable, secure and competitive energy. The inter-related challenges of climate change, security of energy supply and competitiveness are multifaceted and require a profound change in the way Europe produces, delivers and consumes energy. Harnessing technology is vital to achieve the Energy Policy for Europe objectives adopted by the European Council on 9 March 2007<sup>1</sup>.

This document provides a comparative analysis of energy sources, production costs and performance of technologies for power generation, heating and transport for use in the Second Strategic EU Energy Review (SEER). It builds upon the work performed for the first Strategic EU Energy Review COM(2007)1, and relies on the capacity of SETIS, the information system of the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan). The comparative Tables presented in the previous SEER exercise have been updated. The portfolio of technologies considered for the power sector has been also expanded to include carbon capture power plants, a large scale oil fired plant and an additional biomass conversion route. In addition, two fuel price scenarios have been considered to reflect variations in the future price of energy commodities. All reported values in the Tables for electricity generation, heating and transport fuels have been calculated following a consistent methodology, hence they are directly comparable. The calculations rely on up-to-date available data and information on energy conversion technology performance.

This report consists of two parts. Part I includes the three Tables for use in the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEER. Part II provides a comprehensive description of the implemented methodology and includes the technology-related data used for the calculations, accompanied by a reference list.

### 2. PART I: MAIN TABLES

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<sup>1</sup> European Council conclusions adopted on the basis of the Commission's Energy Package, e.g. the Communications: 'An Energy Policy for Europe' COM(2007)1, 'Limiting Global Climate Change to 2 degrees Celsius - The way ahead for 2020 and beyond' COM(2007)2 and 'A European strategic energy technology plan (SET-plan) - Towards a low carbon future' COM(2007)723

Table 2-1: Energy Technologies for Power Generation – Moderate Fuel Price Scenario <sup>(a)</sup>

Energy source	Power generation technology		Production Cost of Electricity (COE)			Net efficiency 2007	Lifecycle GHG emissions			Fuel price sensitivity
			State-of-the-art 2007	Projection for 2020	Projection for 2030		Direct (stack) emissions	Indirect emissions	Lifecycle emissions	
			€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh	€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh	€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh		kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	kg CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/MWh	kg CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/MWh	
Natural gas	Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)	-	65 ÷ 75 <sup>(b)</sup>	90 ÷ 95 <sup>(b)</sup>	90 ÷ 100 <sup>(b)</sup>	38%	530	110	640	Very high
	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)	-	50 ÷ 60	65 ÷ 75	70 ÷ 80	58%	350	70	420	Very high
		CCS	n/a	85 ÷ 95	80 ÷ 90	49% <sup>(c)</sup>	60	85	145	Very high
Oil	Internal Combustion Diesel Engine	-	100 ÷ 125 <sup>(b)</sup>	140 ÷ 165 <sup>(b)</sup>	140 ÷ 160 <sup>(b)</sup>	45%	595	95	690	Very high
	Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine (CC)	-	95 ÷ 105 <sup>(b)</sup>	125 ÷ 135 <sup>(b)</sup>	125 ÷ 135 <sup>(b)</sup>	53%	505	80	585	Very high
Coal	Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)	-	40 ÷ 50	65 ÷ 80	65 ÷ 80	47%	725	95	820	Medium
		CCS	n/a	80 ÷ 105	75 ÷ 100	35% <sup>(c)</sup>	145	125	270	Medium
	Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)	-	45 ÷ 55	75 ÷ 85	75 ÷ 85	40%	850	110	960	Medium
	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)	-	45 ÷ 55	70 ÷ 80	70 ÷ 80	45%	755	100	855	Medium
CCS		n/a	75 ÷ 90	65 ÷ 85	35% <sup>(c)</sup>	145	125	270	Medium	
Nuclear	Nuclear fission	-	50 ÷ 85	45 ÷ 80	45 ÷ 80	35%	0	15	15	Low
Biomass	Solid biomass	-	80 ÷ 195	85 ÷ 200	85 ÷ 205	24% ÷ 29%	6	15 ÷ 36	21 ÷ 42	Medium
	Biogas	-	55 ÷ 215	50 ÷ 200	50 ÷ 190	31% ÷ 34%	5	1 ÷ 240	6 ÷ 245	Medium
Wind	On-shore farm	-	75 ÷ 110	55 ÷ 90	50 ÷ 85	-	0	11	11	nil
	Off-shore farm	-	85 ÷ 140	65 ÷ 115	50 ÷ 95	-	0	14	14	
Hydro	Large	-	35 ÷ 145	30 ÷ 140	30 ÷ 130	-	0	6	6	nil
	Small	-	60 ÷ 185	55 ÷ 160	50 ÷ 145	-	0	6	6	
Solar	Photovoltaic	-	520 ÷ 880	270 ÷ 460	170 ÷ 300	-	0	45	45	nil
	Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)	-	170 ÷ 250 <sup>(d)</sup>	110 ÷ 160 <sup>(d)</sup>	100 ÷ 140 <sup>(d)</sup>	-	120 <sup>(d)</sup>	15	135 <sup>(d)</sup>	Low

<sup>(a)</sup> Assuming fuel prices as in 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007' (barrel of oil 54.5\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2007, 61\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2020 and 63\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2030)

<sup>(b)</sup> Calculated assuming base load operation

<sup>(c)</sup> Reported efficiencies for carbon capture plants refer to first-of-a-kind demonstration installations that start operating in 2015

<sup>(d)</sup> Assuming the use of natural gas for backup heat production

Table 2-2: Energy Technologies for Power Generation – High Fuel Price Scenario <sup>(a)</sup>

Energy source	Power generation technology		Production Cost of Electricity (COE)			Net efficiency 2007	Lifecycle GHG emissions			Fuel price sensitivity
			State-of-the-art 2007	Projection for 2020	Projection for 2030		Direct (stack) emissions	Indirect emissions	Lifecycle emissions	
			€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh	€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh	€ <sub>2005</sub> /MWh		kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	kg CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/MWh	kg CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/MWh	
Natural gas	Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)	-	80 ÷ 90 <sup>(b)</sup>	145 ÷ 155 <sup>(b)</sup>	160 ÷ 165 <sup>(b)</sup>	38%	530	110	640	Very high
	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)	-	60 ÷ 70	105 ÷ 115	115 ÷ 125	58%	350	70	420	Very high
		CCS	n/a	130 ÷ 140	140 ÷ 150	49% <sup>(c)</sup>	60	85	145	Very high
Oil	Internal Combustion Diesel Engine	-	125 ÷ 145 <sup>(b)</sup>	200 ÷ 220 <sup>(b)</sup>	230 ÷ 250 <sup>(b)</sup>	45%	595	95	690	Very high
	Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine (CC)	-	115 ÷ 125 <sup>(b)</sup>	175 ÷ 185 <sup>(b)</sup>	200 ÷ 205 <sup>(b)</sup>	53%	505	80	585	Very high
Coal	Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)	-	40 ÷ 55	80 ÷ 95	85 ÷ 100	47%	725	95	820	High
		CCS	n/a	100 ÷ 125	100 ÷ 120	35% <sup>(c)</sup>	145	125	270	Medium
	Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)	-	50 ÷ 60	95 ÷ 105	95 ÷ 105	40%	850	110	960	High
	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)	-	50 ÷ 60	85 ÷ 95	85 ÷ 95	45%	755	100	855	High
		CCS	n/a	95 ÷ 110	90 ÷ 105	35% <sup>(c)</sup>	145	125	270	Medium
Nuclear	Nuclear fission	-	55 ÷ 90	55 ÷ 90	55 ÷ 85	35%	0	15	15	Low
Biomass	Solid biomass	-	80 ÷ 195	90 ÷ 215	95 ÷ 220	24% ÷ 29%	6	15 ÷ 36	21 ÷ 42	Medium
	Biogas	-	55 ÷ 215	50 ÷ 200	50 ÷ 190	31% ÷ 34%	5	1 ÷ 240	6 ÷ 245	Medium
Wind	On-shore farm	-	75 ÷ 110	55 ÷ 90	50 ÷ 85	-	0	11	11	nil
	Off-shore farm	-	85 ÷ 140	65 ÷ 115	50 ÷ 95	-	0	14	14	
Hydro	Large	-	35 ÷ 145	30 ÷ 140	30 ÷ 130	-	0	6	6	nil
	Small	-	60 ÷ 185	55 ÷ 160	50 ÷ 145	-	0	6	6	
Solar	Photovoltaic	-	520 ÷ 880	270 ÷ 460	170 ÷ 300	-	0	45	45	nil
	Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)	-	170 ÷ 250 <sup>(d)</sup>	130 ÷ 180 <sup>(d)</sup>	120 ÷ 160 <sup>(d)</sup>	-	120 <sup>(d)</sup>	15	135 <sup>(d)</sup>	Low

<sup>(a)</sup> Assuming fuel prices as in DG TREN 'Scenarios on high oil and gas prices' (barrel of oil 54.5\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2007, 100\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2020 and 119\$<sub>2005</sub> in 2030)

<sup>(b)</sup> Calculated assuming base load operation

<sup>(c)</sup> Reported efficiencies for carbon capture plants refer to first-of-a-kind demonstration installations that start operating in 2015

<sup>(d)</sup> Assuming the use of natural gas for backup heat production

Table 2-3: Energy Sources for Heating – Moderate Fuel Price Scenario<sup>(a)</sup>

Energy source		EU-27 market share by energy source (residential sector) <sup>(b)</sup>	Fuel retail price (inc. taxes)	Production Cost of Heat (inc. taxes)		Lifecycle GHG emissions		
				Running cost	Total cost	Direct (stack) emissions	Indirect emissions	Lifecycle emissions
			€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> /toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/toe
Fossil fuels	Natural gas	45.4%	625	750 ÷ 950	1050 ÷ 1300	2.5	0.7	3.2
	Heating oil	20.0%	640	800 ÷ 1100	1325 ÷ 2025	3.5	0.6	4.1
	Coal	3.1%	375	675 ÷ 750	1500 ÷ 1825	5.4	0.7	6.1
Biomass, solar and other	Wood chips	11.6%	390	700 ÷ 900	1550 ÷ 2650	0.0	0.3	0.3
	Pellets		580	900 ÷ 1300	1675 ÷ 4125	0.0	0.7	0.7
	Solar		-	275 ÷ 300	1350 ÷ 9125	0.0	0.3	0.3
	Geothermal		-	525 ÷ 900	1025 ÷ 3625	0.0	0.2 ÷ 5.9	0.2 ÷ 5.9
Electricity		12.3%	1470	1500 ÷ 1575	1600 ÷ 2475	0.0	0.7 ÷ 15.2	0.7 ÷ 15.2

<sup>(a)</sup> Assuming fuel prices as in 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007' (barrel of oil 54.5\$<sub>2005</sub>)

<sup>(b)</sup> District heating has an additional share of 7.6% of the market

Table 2-4: Energy Sources for Heating – High Fuel Price Scenario <sup>(a)</sup>

Energy source		EU-27 market share by energy source (residential sector) <sup>(b)</sup>	Fuel retail price (inc. taxes)	Production Cost of Heat (inc. taxes)		Lifecycle GHG emissions		
				Running cost	Total cost	Direct (stack) emissions	Indirect emissions	Lifecycle emissions
			€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> /toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/toe	t CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/toe
Fossil fuels	Natural gas	45.4%	1010	1125 ÷ 1400	1425 ÷ 1750	2.5	0.7	3.2
	Heating oil	20.0%	1030	1200 ÷ 1600	1775 ÷ 2525	3.5	0.6	4.1
	Coal	3.1%	590	975 ÷ 1025	1775 ÷ 2100	5.4	0.7	6.1
Biomass, solar and other	Wood chips	11.6%	410	725 ÷ 925	1575 ÷ 2675	0.0	0.3	0.3
	Pellets		610	925 ÷ 1350	1700 ÷ 4175	0.0	0.7	0.7
	Solar		-	275 ÷ 300	1350 ÷ 9125	0.0	0.3	0.3
	Geothermal		-	650 ÷ 1100	1150 ÷ 3775	0.0	0.2 ÷ 5.9	0.2 ÷ 5.9
Electricity		12.3%	1875	1925 ÷ 1975	2025 ÷ 2900	0.0	0.7 ÷ 15.2	0.7 ÷ 15.2

<sup>(a)</sup> Assuming high fuel prices as in DG TREN 'Scenarios on high oil and gas prices' (barrel of oil 100\$<sub>2005</sub>)

<sup>(b)</sup> District heating has an additional share of 7.6% of the market

Table 2-5: Energy Sources for Road Transport – Moderate and High Fuel Price Scenario

Energy source for road transport	Cost of Fuels to the EU		Lifecycle GHG emissions <sup>(c)</sup> t CO <sub>2</sub> (eq)/toe
	Moderate Fuel Price Scenario <sup>(a)</sup> € <sub>2005</sub> /toe	High Fuel Price Scenario <sup>(b)</sup> € <sub>2005</sub> /toe	
Petrol and diesel	470	675	3.6 ÷ 3.7
Natural gas (CNG) <sup>(d)</sup>	500	630	3.0
Domestic biofuel <sup>(e)</sup>	725 ÷ 910	805 ÷ 935	1.9 ÷ 2.4
Tropical bio-ethanol	700 <sup>(f)</sup>	790 <sup>(f)</sup>	0.4
Second-generation biofuel <sup>(e)</sup>	1095 ÷ 1245	1100 ÷ 1300	0.3 ÷ 0.9

<sup>(a)</sup> Values are given for 2015, assuming oil price of 57.9\$<sub>2005</sub>/barrel as in 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007'

<sup>(b)</sup> Values are given for 2015, assuming oil price of 83.3\$<sub>2005</sub>/barrel as in DG TREN 'Scenarios on high oil and gas prices'

<sup>(c)</sup> Data subject to revision pending on an agreement on an appropriate methodology for calculating indirect land use change

<sup>(d)</sup> Requires a specially adapted vehicle, which is not accounted for in the reported values

<sup>(e)</sup> Ranges is between cheapest wheat-ethanol and biodiesel

<sup>(f)</sup> Values are based on an assumed competitive market price of biofuels imported in the EU



### 3. PART II: METHODOLOGY AND DATA

#### 3.1. Energy Technologies for Power Generation

This section describes the methodology and data used for the comparison Table of energy technologies for power generation. Table 3-1, Table 3-2 and Table 3-3 summarise the techno-economic characteristics of the selected state-of-the-art power generation technologies.

##### 3.1.1. Technologies

The technologies addressed are:

1. Natural gas fuelled
  - Open cycle gas turbine
  - Combined cycle gas turbine
  - Combined cycle gas turbine with carbon capture and storage (CCS)
2. Oil fuelled
  - Diesel internal combustion engine
  - Oil fired combined cycle
3. Coal fuelled
  - Pulverised fuel
  - Pulverised fuel with carbon capture and storage
  - Circulating fluidised bed
  - Integrated gasification combined cycle
  - Integrated gasification combined cycle with carbon capture and storage
4. Nuclear fission
  - Water cooled reactor
5. Biomass fuelled
  - Biomass fired combustion steam cycle: large ( $>10\text{MW}_e$ ) and small scale ( $\leq 10\text{MW}_e$ )
  - Biogas from co-digestion and landfill gas
6. Wind
  - On-shore wind
  - Off-shore wind
7. Hydropower
  - Large scale ( $>10\text{MW}_e$ )
  - Small scale ( $\leq 10\text{MW}_e$ )
8. Solar power
  - Photovoltaics
  - Concentrating solar thermal power

It is noted that cogeneration of heat and power is not considered in this analysis.

### 3.1.2. Indicators

For each technology the following indicators are reported:

**(I) Production cost of electricity (current and projected to 2020 and 2030):** The levelized production cost of electricity, expressed in constant €(2005)/MWh of net power generated, is used to compare the economic competitiveness among power generation technologies during their life time. The reported values for the production cost of electricity for each technology refer to a state-of-the-art facility, assumed to start operating in the indicated year (2007, 2020 or 2030), as described in Table 3-1. The reported range reflects variations in capital costs which depend on specific technology choices, plant location, etc. The reported range does not, however, reflect the variability in the fuel retail prices between the Member States<sup>2</sup>.

The reported production cost values have been calculated using the following formula:

$$COE = \frac{SCI \cdot (1 + IDC) \cdot CRF}{8760 \cdot LF} + \frac{FOM}{8760 \cdot LF} + VOM + FC + CC + CTS$$

Where:

*COE* ...is the levelized production cost of electricity, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MWh,

*SCI* ...is the specific overnight capital investment of the power generation facility, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MW,

*IDC* ...is the interest during construction,

*CRF* ...is the capital recovery factor,

*LF* ...is the annual load factor of the facility,

*FOM* ...refers to the annualized fixed operating costs during the facility life time, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MW,

*VOM* ...refers to the annualized variable operating costs during the facility life time, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MWh,

*FC* ...refers to annualized fuel costs during the facility life time, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MWh,

*CC* ...refers to annualized carbon costs during the facility life time, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MWh

*CTS* ...refers to annualized expenditures for transport and storage of captured CO<sub>2</sub> during the facility life time, in €<sub>2005</sub>/MWh (only applicable to plants with CCS).

*All values are reported in net power capacity (MW) or generated electricity (MWh).*

In more detail, values for *SCI* were collected from the most recent available literature. The reported ranges reflect market variations in investment costs for a given technology within the EU and within a same power class. Values reported in the literature in currency other than euros were converted to euros based on the Eurostat exchange rates for the reference year of the data given in the publication and were converted to 2005 euros (€<sub>2005</sub>) using the annual average inflation rates for the Euro area as reported by Eurostat. Finally, to include the recent price increases these values were adjusted to January 2007 using the *chemical engineering*

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<sup>2</sup> An average European fuel price has been considered as discussed below.

plant cost index<sup>3</sup>. The *SCI* values are shown in Table 3-2. Values for future *SCIs* were calculated on the assumption that current prices will decrease due to learning effects. Hence, based on the technology learning theory, the future specific cost of a technology, *SCI<sub>F</sub>*, was calculated using the global installed capacity as a proxy, based on the formula:

$$SCI_F = SCI_P \left( \frac{C_F}{C_P} \right)^{\frac{\ln(1-LR)}{\ln 2}}$$

Where:

*SCI<sub>P</sub>* ...is the current specific capital investment cost,

*C<sub>P</sub>* ...is the current global installed capacity,

*C<sub>F</sub>* ...is the installed capacity of the technology in a future time, e.g. in 2020,

*LR* ...is the learning rate of the technology.

Values for *C<sub>P</sub>*, *C<sub>F</sub>* and *LR* were collected from the literature and are also shown in Table 3-3. Especially, for fossil fuel power plants with CCS, it was assumed that the first-of-the-kind installations will start operating in 2015. Furthermore, the global installed capacity of each technology is kept constant for the two fossil fuel price scenarios.

The *IDC* was calculated considering the construction time for each plant (see Table 3-3) and a capital expenditure profile during construction:

$$IDC = \sum_{k=1}^{CT} W_k (1+r)^{CT-(k-1)} - 1$$

Where:

*CT* ...is the construction time,

*W<sub>k</sub>* ...is the fraction of total capital used in year k,

*r* ...is the interest rate.

For all technologies an interest rate of 10% was assumed for the calculation of *IDC*.

The capital recovery factor (*CRF*) was calculated from the formula:

$$CRF = \frac{d \cdot (1+d)^n}{(1+d)^n - 1}$$

Where *d* is the real discount rate and *n* is the facility life time.

For all technologies a real discount rate of 10% was assumed. Moreover, it was assumed that the economic life time of facility is equal to the technical life time (see Table 3-3).

It was further assumed that all facilities operate in a base-load mode with a *LF* of 85%, including open cycle gas turbines and diesel reciprocating engines that are used also to meet peak load. The following exceptions were made:

- Photovoltaics: 11%

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<sup>3</sup> For more information see: *Updating the CE Plant Cost Index*, Chemical Engineering, January 2002, p. 62.

- Concentrating solar thermal power: 41%<sup>4</sup>
- Wind: on-shore 23% and off-shore 39%
- Landfill: 75%
- Hydropower: Large scale 50% and Small scale 57%

*FOM* costs account for maintenance, which was calculated as a fraction of the total investment costs (calculated using the net capacity and SCI values from Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 respectively) based on standard sectoral costing methodologies; salaries (assuming an annual average salary of €55,000 and estimating the number of people employed in each facility); and overheads (30% of salaries). The evolution of *FOM* costs during the life time of a facility (due to learning effects, etc.) was considered through an annualizing process, where the annual *FOM* values were discounted to the net present value and then multiplied by the *CRF*. *VOM* costs account for the cost of consumables, chemicals, auxiliary power, etc. Values were obtained from the literature. Table 3-2 shows the total operational and maintenance costs (OM)<sup>5</sup> normalised to the installed net capacity.

Fuel costs (*FC*) were calculated for two scenarios, moderate and high. The fuel prices for the moderate scenario are derived from the DG TREN publication 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007'<sup>6</sup>, while fuel prices for the high scenario are based on DG TREN 'Scenarios on high oil and gas prices'<sup>7</sup>. Moreover, prices for biomass were calculated based on values reported in EUBIONET II<sup>8</sup> and adjusted to reflect the biomass price trends considered in the previously mentioned DG TREN scenarios. These values reflect the fuel price at the plant gate. Table 3-2 shows the fuel prices assumed for the years 2007, 2020 and 2030. The evolution of *FC* during the life time of a facility, due to changes in fuel prices, was also considered through an annualizing process, as described above for FOM. In the case of nuclear energy, the fuel price encompasses the whole fuel cycle including provisions for waste management. For concentrating solar thermal power, *FC* were calculated assuming a constant consumption of natural gas of 385 TJ per year for backup heat production.

Carbon costs (*CC*) were considered only for the projected costs of electricity in 2020 and 2030. It was assumed that each tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> directly emitted from the facility was charged with €41/tCO<sub>2</sub> and €47/tCO<sub>2</sub> in 2020 and 2030 respectively. *CC* were also annualized similarly to FOM. The annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during plant operation were derived from the IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories<sup>9</sup>, as explained below. It was assumed that concentrating solar thermal power does not carry carbon costs.

In the case of power plants with carbon capture technology, the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage costs was also taken into account for the calculation of the production cost of electricity and was treated as an additional operational cost element. A value of €20 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> captured was assumed to account for the cost of transport and storage of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.

Dismantling costs were not considered except in the case of nuclear plants, where the cost of decommissioning was included both in SCI and FOM.

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<sup>4</sup> Including thermal storage and natural gas backup. Load factor is assumed constant over time.

<sup>5</sup> This accounts for FOM and VOM, and excludes fuel and carbon costs

<sup>6</sup> See reference [80]

<sup>7</sup> To be published

<sup>8</sup> See reference [56]

<sup>9</sup> See reference [127]

**(II) Net efficiency:** The reported values refer to the current state-of-the-art power generating facility with the exception of the CCS plants. For the latter, the reported values refer to first-of-a-kind demonstration installations, assumed to start operating in 2015 (for references see Table 3-1). These net efficiency values were used for calculating fuel and carbon costs, and hence the production cost of electricity. The net efficiency values used for calculating the projected cost of electricity in 2030 are also shown in Table 3-1.

**(III) Life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions:** Values for the life-cycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for current state-of-the-art facilities were obtained from the pertinent literature and/or calculated by the JRC based on in-house life cycle assessment data.

The lifecycle GHG emissions for fossil fuel technologies comprise the direct (stack) emissions from the combustion/gasification process and the indirect emissions originating among others from the fuel supply chain and plant construction. Direct emissions were calculated according to IPCC Guidelines. In the case of carbon capture, the direct emissions are the difference between the produced and captured CO<sub>2</sub> amounts. Conservative capture rates have been assumed (85% for all CCS technologies), which is the minimum capture efficiency proposed by the IPCC Guidelines. The indirect emissions of plants were based on an average value provided by the Ecoinvent Life Cycle Inventory<sup>10</sup> for the supply of each type of fuel in Europe. Indirect emissions from other stages of the life cycle (e.g. construction) were obtained based on available data for relevant facilities. Finally, the calculated lifecycle emissions were harmonized with the life cycle GHG emission values of similar technologies available in the Ecoinvent database and other relevant literature<sup>11</sup>.

For the non-fossil fuel technologies, lifecycle GHG emissions were obtained directly from available references listed in Table 3-3.

It is noted that the pathways for the supply of fuel and raw materials, and the location of power generation facilities have a significant influence on lifecycle emissions. Table 3-3 shows the range of values calculated by the JRC or reported in the literature with the corresponding references.

**(IV) Fuel price sensitivity:** This refers to the sensitivity of the production cost of electricity to changes in fuel prices, which can be estimated by the fraction of fuel costs to the total production cost of electricity. In the context of this analysis, the following scale was assumed:

Sensitivity	Fraction of fuel cost to COE - $\Delta(\text{FC})$
Very high	$\Delta(\text{FC}) > 60\%$
High	$60\% \geq \Delta(\text{FC}) > 40\%$
Medium	$40\% \geq \Delta(\text{FC}) > 20\%$
Low	$\Delta(\text{FC}) \leq 20\%$

<sup>10</sup> See reference [95]

<sup>11</sup> See reference [103] and [104]

Table 3-1: Technology description, installation size, and current and future conversion efficiency

Technology	Description	Net capacity		Net efficiency			
		[MW]	References	2007 (2015 for CCS)		2030	
				[%]	References	[%]	References
<b>Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)</b>	Industrial gas turbine	250	[1]	38%	[1]	45%	[89]
<b>Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)</b>	Plant with state-of-art heavy duty industrial turbines, optimised heat recovery steam generator and anti-NOx equipment	650	[1],[5],[24],[91]	58%	[1]	65%	[89]
<b>Combined Cycle Gas Turbine with CCS</b>	As above, equipped with post-combustion capture based on MEA scrubbing	550	[7],[5],[97-98]	49%	[5]	55%	JRC
<b>Internal Combustion Diesel Engine</b>	Heavy duty reciprocating engine	50	[24]	45%	[99]	48%	JRC
<b>Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine</b>	Plant with state-of-the-art oil-fired industrial turbines	175	[100]	53%	JRC	59%	JRC
<b>Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)</b>	Supercritical power plant, steam at 600°C, FGD and SCR	800	[1],[5],[24],[91]	47%	[91],[101]	54%	JRC
<b>Pulverised Coal Combustion with CCS</b>	As above, equipped with post-combustion capture based on MEA scrubbing	500	[7],[5],[97]	35%	[5]	42%	JRC
<b>Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)</b>	Circulating fluidised bed plant	300	[1],[24]	40%	[101]	50%	[101]
<b>Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)</b>	Plant with a dry-fed entrained flow gasifier and state-of-the-art syngas turbines	675	[1],[97],[101],[102],[88],[91]	45%	[101],[102]	57%	[101]
<b>Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle with CCS</b>	Mean performance of dry- and slurry-fed IGCC plants with pre-combustion capture using the Selexol process	600	[7],[97],[102]	35%	[102]	47%	JRC
<b>Nuclear fission</b>	Generation III water cooled reactor designs (mainly considering evolutionary light water reactor designs as EPR and ABWR)	1600	[19],[15],[33-38]	35%	[19],[15],[33-38]	36%	JRC
<b>Biomass combustion steam cycle – small scale</b>	Combustion boiler with a steam turbine	5	[54],[55]	24%	[42], [54], [55]	25%	JRC
<b>Biomass combustion steam cycle – large scale</b>	Fluidized bed combustion boiler with a steam turbine	30	[54]	29%	[42], [54]	30%	JRC
<b>Biogas plant</b>	Farm-scale co-digestion biogas plant	0.3	[41],[42],[113]	31%	[41], [43]	32%	JRC
<b>Landfill Gas</b>	Landfill with a gas engine	4.4	[41]	34%	[41], [42]	36%	JRC
<b>On-shore Wind</b>	On-shore wind turbine in a farm configuration	2	[1],[24],[41],[64-65],[119]	-	-	-	-
<b>Off-shore Wind</b>	Off-shore wind turbine in a farm configuration, located in shallow waters (up to 30m)	3.6	[1],[24],[41],[77-78],[119]	-	-	-	-
<b>Hydropower – large scale</b>	Hydropower plant above 10 MWe, considering different configurations from the building of a new facility, the extension of an existing facility and the powering an existing hydro scheme	20	[41],[63]	-	-	-	-
		75	[41],[63]	-	-	-	-
		250	[41],[63]	-	-	-	-
<b>Hydropower – small scale</b>	Hydropower plant below 10 MWe considering different configurations from the building of a new facility, the extension of an existing facility and the powering an existing hydro scheme	2	[41],[63]	-	-	-	-
		10	[41],[63]	-	-	-	-
<b>Photovoltaics</b>	System based on crystalline silicon panels	1	JRC	-	-	-	-
<b>Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)</b>	Parabolic trough collector with storage and natural gas backup power plant	50	[146]	-	-	-	-

Table 3-2: Overnight specific capital investment and O&M costs of power generation technologies, and assumed fuel prices

Technology	SCI <sub>P</sub> (state-of-the-art, 2007) [€ <sub>2005</sub> /kW]			Annualized O&M costs (VOM+FOM) [€ <sub>2005</sub> /kW]			Fuel prices (Moderate / High) [€ <sub>2005</sub> /toe]		
	REF	Range	References	REF	Range	References	2007	2020	2030
Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)	310	200 ÷ 400	[2-3]	10	6 ÷ 13				
Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)	635	480 ÷ 730	[1],[5],[24],[91]	25	19 ÷ 26	JRC,[5]	250	L: 300 H: 510	L: 320 H: 595
Combined Cycle Gas Turbine with CCS	1200	1000 ÷ 1300	[7],[5],[97-98]	40	37 ÷ 44				
Internal Combustion Diesel Engine	800	550 ÷ 1350	[3],[24]	40	29 ÷ 63				
Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine	1000	900 ÷ 1100	[100]	50	48 ÷ 55	JRC	440	L: 550 H: 745	L: 540 H: 920
Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)	1265	1000 ÷ 1440	[1],[5],[24],[91]	60	50 ÷ 67				
Pulverised Coal Combustion with CCS	2250	1700 ÷ 2700	[92],[94],[97]	90	76 ÷ 101				
Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)	1400	1250 ÷ 1500	[1,24]	70	62 ÷ 71				
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)	1550	1400 ÷ 1650	[1],[97],[101],[102],[88],[91]	65	61 ÷ 69	JRC,[5],[94],[102]	90	L: 95 H: 155	L: 105 H: 190
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle with CCS	2100	1700 ÷ 2400	[7],[97],[102]	85	74 ÷ 95				
Nuclear fission	2680	1970 ÷ 3380	[8-32],[1]	90	74 ÷ 107	[1],[22-25],[27],[31],[38-39]	33	L: 35 H: 53	L: 37 H: 63
Biomass combustion steam cycle – small scale	3800	2900 ÷ 5080	[42],[54],[55],[85],[147]	260	235 ÷ 292	[42],[54],[55],[120],[125]	160	L: 215 H: 235	L: 235 H: 275
Biomass combustion steam cycle – large scale	2450	2020 ÷ 3220	[54],[42],[55]	135	124 ÷ 161	[54],[55],[120],[125]	90	L: 120 H: 135	L: 135 H: 160
Biogas plant	3140	2960 ÷ 5790	[41],[42],[43],[45],[108],[113]	245	237 ÷ 334	[113]	270	270	270
Landfill Gas	1530	1400 ÷ 2000	[41],[48],[49]	200	199 ÷ 211	[42],[132]	0	0	0
On-shore Wind	1140	1000 ÷ 1370	[1],[6],[19],[24],[40-42],[64-70]	35	33 ÷ 42	[1],[6],[19],[24],[41-42],[64-65],[68-70]		-	
Off-shore Wind	2000	1750 ÷ 2750	[1],[6],[19],[24],[40-41],[66],[68],[70],[119]	80	71 ÷ 105	[1],[6],[24],[41-42],[64-65],[68],[70]		-	
Hydropower – large scale	2510	1750 ÷ 4500		75	-	[24],[41],[119],[132-134]		-	
	1800	1230 ÷ 3650	[6],[41],[60],[63],[126]	55	-	[24],[41],[119],[121],[132-134]		-	
	1350	900 ÷ 3100		40	-	[24],[41],[119],[132-134]		-	
Hydropower – small scale	4500	2500 ÷ 6600		130	-			-	
	2900	2000 ÷ 4800	[6],[41],[60],[63],[126],[147]	85	-	[24],[41],[119],[132-134]		-	
Photovoltaics	4700	4100 ÷ 6900	[136],[24],[90],[94]	80	72 ÷ 114	JRC,[92]		-	
Concentrating Solar Power	5000	4000 ÷ 6000	[146],[6],[19],[24],[137-143]	115	111 ÷ 121	[146],[24],[137],[139-143]	250 <sup>(a)</sup>	L: 300 H: 510 <sup>(a)</sup>	L: 320 H: 595 <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Natural gas consumed for backup heat production.

Table 3-3: Construction time and life time of facility, current and future global installed capacity, learning rate and lifecycle GHG emissions

Technology	Construct. time [year]	Life-time [year]	Global installed capacity		Learning rate, LR [%]	References	Lifecycle GHG emission	
			C <sub>P</sub> [GW]	C <sub>2030</sub> [GW]			t <sub>CO2</sub> /GWh	References
Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)	1	25	225	1110	5.0%	[6],[7],[87]	520 ÷ 600	[95],[104]
Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)	3	25	350	790	5.0%	[6],[7],[96]	365 ÷ 495	[95],[103-104]
Combined Cycle Gas Turbine with CCS	4	25	1	61	2.2%	[7],[6]	80 ÷ 235	[95],[103-104]
Internal Combustion Diesel Engine	1	25	200	930	3.0%	[87]	670 ÷ 690	[95],[104]
Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine	3	25	350	790	3.0%	[6],[7],[96]	570 ÷ 590	[95],[104]
Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)	3	40	300	790	6.0%	[6],[7],[96]	800 ÷ 860	[95],[103-104]
Pulverised Coal Combustion with CCS	4	40	10	235	2.1%	[7],[6]	240 ÷ 290	[95],[103-104]
Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)	3	40	70	230	6.0%	[101],[101]	950 ÷ 980	[95],[103-104]
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)	3	40	1	3	11.0%	[7]	830 ÷ 860	[95],[103-104]
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle with CCS	4	40	10	235	5.0%	[6],[7]	240 ÷ 290	[95],[103-104]
Nuclear fission	6	40	3 <sup>(a)</sup>	100 <sup>(a)</sup>	3.0%	[26],[40],[6]	3 ÷ 40	[95],[129-131],[103-104]
Biomass combustion steam cycle – small scale	2	30	62	125	12.5%	[6],[41]	42	[119]
Biomass combustion steam cycle – large scale	2	30			12.5%	[6],[41]	21	[119]
Biogas plant	1	25	4	11	12.5%	[6],[41],[46],[47]	245	[119]
Landfill Gas	1	25			11.0%	[6],[41],[46],[47]	6	[119]
On-shore Wind	1	20	95	960	8.0%	[6],[64],[68],[73-76]	7 ÷ 30	[95],[40],[103-104]
Off-shore Wind	2	20	12	210	8.0%	[6],[64],[68],[73-76]	9 ÷ 22	[95],[40],[103-104]
Hydropower – large scale	4	50	770	n/a	-0.5% per year	[6],[41],[73]	3.5 ÷ 40	[95],[119]
	4	50						
	4	50						
Hydropower – small scale	3	50	75	n/a	-1.2% per year	[41],[73]	3.5 ÷ 10	[59],[119],[95]
	3	50					3.5 ÷ 32	[59],[119],[95]
Photovoltaics	0	25	8	150	23.0%	[94],[93],[6],[93]	40 ÷ 110	[40],[95],[103]
Concentrating Solar Power	2	40	0.4	60	10.0%	[6],[138],[144-146]	135 <sup>(b)</sup>	[40]

<sup>(a)</sup> Values represent the global installed capacity of Generation III (and 3+) nuclear reactors only, and not the total installed nuclear capacity operating worldwide (370 GW in 2007).

<sup>(b)</sup> This includes 15 t<sub>CO2</sub>/GWh of indirect emissions and the direct combustion emissions from natural gas use.



## 3.2. Energy Sources for Heating

This section describes the methodology and data used for the comparison Table of energy sources for heating. Table 3-4 summarises the techno-economic characteristics of selected current state-of-the-art heat generation technologies.

### 3.2.1. Technologies

This analysis focuses on central heating systems for households with heat generation capacities between 15 kW<sub>th</sub> and 100 kW<sub>th</sub>. The technologies addressed are:

1. Natural gas fuelled boiler
2. Heating oil fuelled boiler
3. Coal fuelled boiler
4. Biomass fuelled boiler:
  - Wood chips
  - Pellets
5. Solar thermal system
6. Geothermal with heat pump
7. Electricity boiler and heater

District heating and cogeneration of heat and power (CHP) are not addressed in this analysis.

### 3.2.2. Indicators

The methodology used for calculating the cost of heat generation is similar to the one used for the calculation of the production cost of electricity. In this section, only the main differences are described.

**(I) Market share:** The market shares reported in the updated Table refer to the residential sector only. The reported values have been adopted from the publication 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007'<sup>12</sup>. It is noted that district heating, which has a share of 7.6% of the market, has not been considered in the analysis.

**(II) Fuel retail price:** This refers to fuel prices for households, including taxes. Fuel costs for the moderate fuel price scenario are derived from the DG TREN publication 'European Energy and Transport: Trends to 2030 - Update 2007'<sup>13</sup>, while fuel costs for the high fuel price scenario are based on the DG TREN 'Scenarios on high oil and gas prices'<sup>14</sup>. Moreover, prices for biomass were calculated based on values reported in EUBIONET II<sup>15</sup> and adjusted to reflect the biomass price trends considered in the previously mentioned DG TREN scenarios.

**(III) Production cost of heat:** The production cost of heat, expressed in constant €(2005)/toe in useful heat produced, is used to compare the economic competitiveness among different energy sources for heating. The reported values represent a snapshot of costs in 2007. Running costs refer to the annual cost to produce heat without considering the initial capital costs. Total costs refer to the production cost that includes the recovery of capital. The

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<sup>12</sup> See reference [80]

<sup>13</sup> See reference [80]

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<sup>15</sup> See reference [56]

reported values for each energy source refer to a state-of-the-art heating facility, as described in Table 3-4. The reported range reflects different technologies and variations in capital costs but does not reflect the variability in the fuel retail prices between the Member States.

The reported running production cost values have been calculated using the following formula:

$$RCH = \frac{FOM}{8760 \cdot LF} + VOM + FC$$

The reported total production cost values have been calculated using the following formula:

$$COH = \frac{SCI \cdot CRF}{8760 \cdot LF} + RCH$$

Where:

*RCH* ...is the running cost of heat production, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*COH* ...is the total production cost of heat, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*LF* ...is the annual load factor of the heating system,

*FOM* ...refers to the annual fixed operating costs, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*VOM* ...refers to the variable operating costs, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*FC* ...refers to fuel costs, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*SCI* ...is the specific overnight capital investment, in €<sub>2005</sub>/toe,

*CRF* ...is the capital recovery factor.

*All values are reported in useful heat produced*

An annual load factor of 10% was used for the calculations for all technologies except for solar where a value of 8% was used to reflect resource constraints. The former load factor refers to an average of the annual operating time of the heat production facility at nominal capacity to meet the heat demand of a typical European house of about 110 m<sup>2</sup> and of a small residential building of about 550 m<sup>2</sup>, based on an average annual outdoor temperature of 8.8°C and an indoor temperature of 20/19/22°C<sup>16</sup>.

*FOM* costs account for the service, maintenance and repair of the heating facility, while *VOM* costs account for the cost of other consumables, mainly auxiliary power. Table 3-4 shows the total operational and maintenance costs (OM) normalised to the installed net capacity.

The fuel costs were calculated based on the fuel retail prices as noted above for the two scenarios.

The overnight specific capital investment (*SCI*) for each heating facility refers to the price of the heating unit and its installation, excluding the cost of additional infrastructure.

A real discount rate of 15% was assumed for all technologies for the calculation of the capital recovery factor (*CRF*).

No carbon costs were considered in the calculation of the cost of heat generation.

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<sup>16</sup> See reference [117]

**(IV) Life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions:** Life cycle emissions were calculated following the same methodology and databases as for power generation technologies.

Table 3-4: Technology description, installation size, current conversion efficiency, overnight specific capital investment, life-time and O&M costs of heat generation technologies

Technology	Description	Capacity			Efficiency			Capital costs, 2007			Annual O&M costs (VOM+FOM)			Life-time	Lifecycle GHG emissions	
		[kW]	[%]	References	[€ <sub>2005</sub> /kW], VAT excl.			[€ <sub>2005</sub> /kW], VAT excl.			[year]	t <sub>CO2</sub> /toe	References			
					REF	Range	References	REF	Range	References						
Natural gas boiler	Natural gas fuelled boiler, large size, combi, floorstanding	75	89%	[112], [117], [116]	110	95 ÷ 135	[112], [118]	9	9 ÷ 10	[112], [118]	17	3.3	[95]			
	Natural gas fuelled boiler, medium/small size, combi, wall-hung	20	86%	[112], [117], [116]	125	100 ÷ 130	[112]	13	11 ÷ 14	[112]	17	3.4	[95]			
	Natural gas fuelled condensing boiler, medium size, combi, wall-hung	20	104%	[112], [117], [116]	145	115 ÷ 155	[112]	11	10 ÷ 12	[112]	17	2.9	[95]			
Heating oil boiler	Heating oil fuelled boiler, large size, combi, floor standing, with oil reservoir	75	86%	[112], [117], [116]	190	160 ÷ 240	[112], [110], [118]	12	11 ÷ 14	[112], [118]	17	4.2	[95]			
	Heating oil fuelled boiler, medium/small size, combi, floorstanding, with oil reservoir	20	80%	[112], [117], [116]	325	265 ÷ 355	[112]	18	15 ÷ 19	[112]	17	4.5	[95]			
	Heating oil fuelled condensing boiler, medium size, combi, floorstanding, with oil reservoir	20	99%	[112], [117], [116]	390	310 ÷ 425	[112]	13	11 ÷ 14	[112]	17	3.6	[95]			
Coal boiler	Solid fuel fuelled boiler, large size, with heat buffer	50	75%	JRC	340	310 ÷ 410	JRC	13	12 ÷ 15	JRC	17	6.1	[95],[103]			
Wood chips boiler	Wood chips fired boiler, large size, with hot water reservoir and heat buffer	50	79%	[110]	385	325 ÷ 440	[109], [110], [111]	16	14 ÷ 18	[110]	17	0.3	[59], [95]			
	Wood chips fired boiler, medium size, with hot water reservoir and heat buffer	35	79%	[110]	575	490 ÷ 665	[109], [110], [111]	22	20 ÷ 25	[110]	17	0.3	[59], [95]			
Pellets boiler	Pellets fired boiler, large size, with hot water reservoir and heat buffer, inc. pellets silo	50	84%	[110]	355	300 ÷ 410	[109], [110], [111]	15	13 ÷ 17	[110]	17	0.7	[95]			
	Pellets fired boiler, medium size, with hot water reservoir and heat buffer, inc. pellets silo	35	84%	[110]	505	430 ÷ 585	[109], [110], [111]	19	17 ÷ 22	[110]	17	0.7	[95]			
	Pellets fired boiler, small size, with hot water reservoir and heat buffer, inc. pellets silo	15	84%	[110]	940	800 ÷ 1080	[109], [110], [111]	34	29 ÷ 38	[110]	17	0.8	[95]			
Solar heat	Water heating system	3.5	98%	[135]	980	340 ÷ 2800	[92]	16	-	[92]	20	0.3	[95]			
Geothermal heat pump	Large size electrical operated heat pump with geothermal heat source	100	100%	[116]	500	200 ÷ 1150	[92]	39	34 ÷ 60	[92]	25	0.2 ÷ 3.7	[95]			
	Medium size electrical operated heat pump with horizontal or water ground heat source	15	100%	[116]	640	550 ÷ 720	[115]	55	54 ÷ 69	[112]	17	0.3 ÷ 5.9	[95]			
Electrical heating	Electric combi heating/water boiler, medium/small size, wall-hung	20	100%	JRC	75	65 ÷ 90	JRC	5	-	JRC	17	0.7÷14.8	[95]			
	Resistance heaters with fan assisted air circulation	2	97%	[123]	140	30 ÷ 300	JRC	n/a	-	[123]	10	0.7÷15.2	[95]			

### 3.3. Energy Sources for Transport Fuels

The techno-economic characteristics of the selected transport fuels reported have been calculated by the JRC based on the methodology developed in the Well to Wheel JRC–EUCAR-CONCAWE study<sup>17</sup>, but using the fuel prices used in this analysis. The time horizon considered is 2015.

Domestic biofuel production encompass ethanol produced from wheat grain with by-product credits for animal feed and heat supply from natural gas fired CCGT, and RME biodiesel with credits for animal feed. The second generation biofuel pathways are based on ethanol from straw and BTL using short rotation forestry as a feedstock.

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<sup>17</sup> See reference [4]

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