

2012 annual installations

- 11,895 MW of wind power capacity (worth between €12.8bn and €17.2bn) was installed in the EU during 2012.
- The National Renewable Energy Action Plans forecast a net increase in 2012 of 11,360 MW, 328 MW less than the actual net annual increase of 11,688 MW.
- EU wind power installations for 2012 do not show the significantly negative impact of market, regulatory and political uncertainty sweeping across Europe since the beginning of 2011. The turbines installed during 2012 were generally permitted, financed and ordered prior to the crisis feeding through to a destabilisation of legislative frameworks for wind energy. The stress being felt in many markets across Europe throughout the wind industry's value chain should become apparent in a reduced level of installations in 2013, possibly continuing well into 2014.