

# The STR in the reduction of energy consumption

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# Europe's 2020 strategy

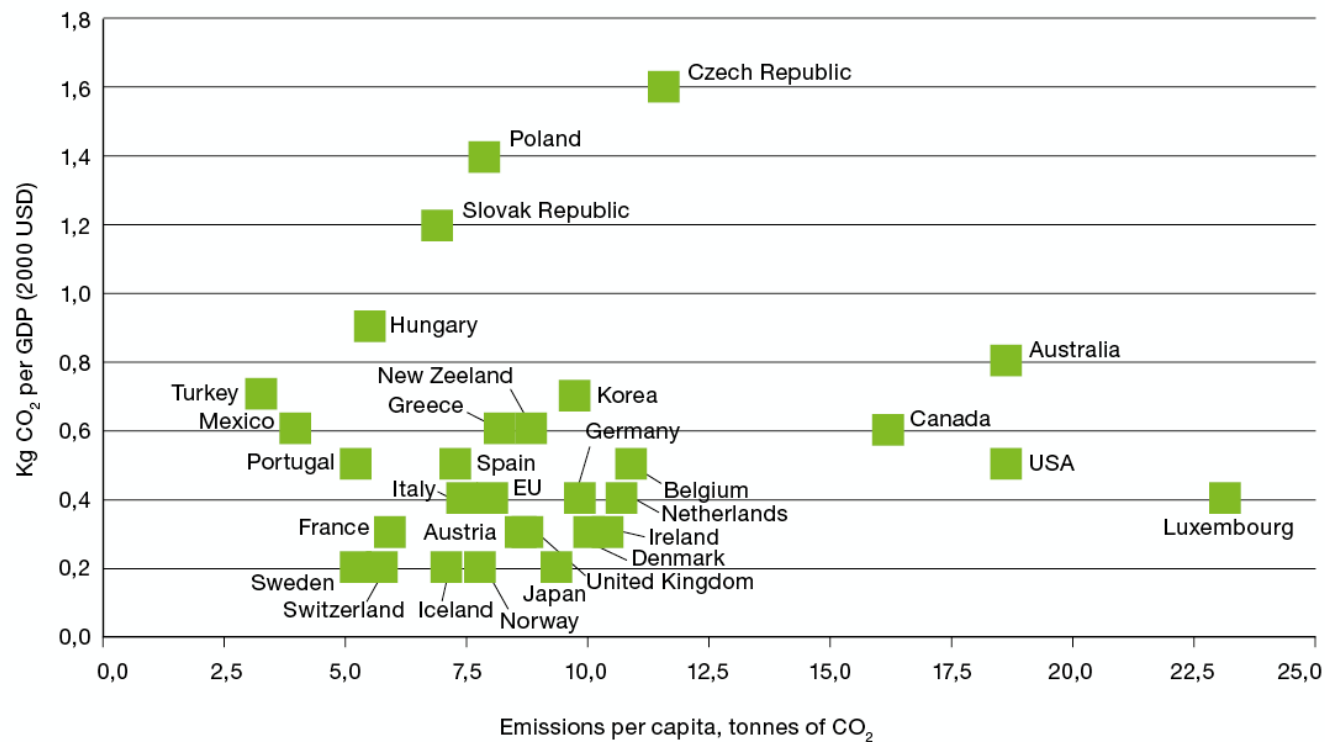
## Climate change and energy sustainability

EU 2020	Sweden
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 1990 levels	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% (outside the system of emissions trading) compared to 1990 levels
Increase the share of renewables in final energy consumption to 20 %	Increase the share of renewables in final energy consumption to least 50 %
10% of energy use in the transport sector shall consist of renewable fuels	
20% increase in energy efficiency	20% increase in energy efficiency compared to 2008 levels



# Sweden is a leader in low emission of green-house gases..

**Figure 57** Emissions of carbon dioxide in total, per capita and per GDP in EU and OECD countries, 2007



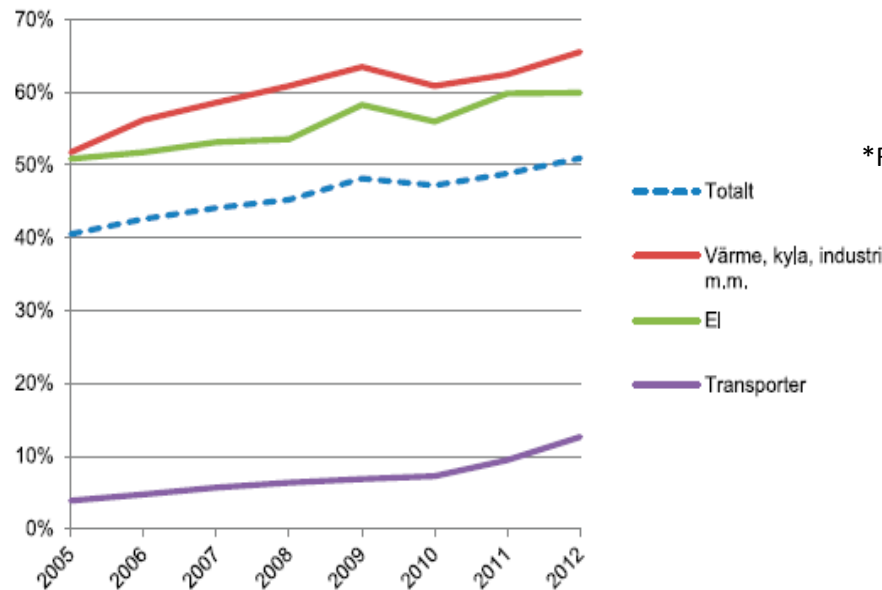
Source: OECD in figures - 2009 edition.



# Share of renewable energy in final consumption

- In 2012, energy from renewable sources\* was estimated to have contributed 14.1% of gross final energy consumption in EU28
- In Sweden share of renewable energy amounted 51 percent of final energy use, and thus already achieved the 2020 target

Figur 18. Andel förnybar energi i Sverige, 2005–2012.



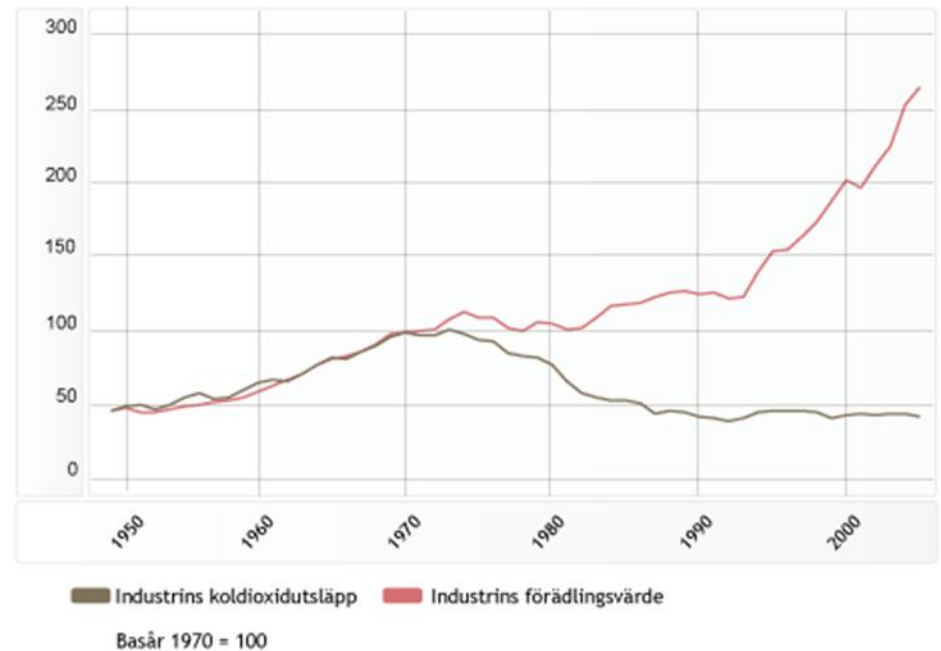
\*Renewables Directive 2009/28/EC

Källa: Energimyndigheten, Eurostat.



# Economic development does not necessarily increase CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions

- Sweden's industrial value-added has **increased 2,5 times** while CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions have **decreased by 55%**.
- This has been made by changes in energy mix and by increased energy efficiency



*Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences,  
June 2014:*

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# ”Energy efficiency can be increased by 50% until 2050”

- Energy intensity must decrease by 1.8% per annum 2014-2050
- *Comparison:* Energy intensity has decreased by 1.4% per annum 1974-2012
- *Hence:* Not unrealistic - More efforts necessary!



# Factors for success:

- Competition for limited resources - concentration on "core business"
- Knowledge and know-how
- Correct calculation models, taking into account LCC
- Demands from customers, owners, authorities and society





# Way forward

- Many actions - many actors
- Combination between energy systems and energy sources
- Cooperation between actors, customers, suppliers, energy companies, industry..
- Not only technology - not even primarily technology. What matters most is: organisation, incentives, attitudes, leadership..



# Actions needed

- Leadership
- Data transparency
- Incentives and goals
- Know-how and competence

Solutions are often regional or local

⇒ Role for the STR!



# It requires regional cooperation..

- STR's have played an important role in making this transition possible.



# Fields of action for the STR

- Promotion of locally adapted solutions
- Dialogues with regional and local actors in industry, building, facility mngmnt, municipalities
- Energy information and education
- Energy monitoring projects
- Linking energy efficiency to regional development



# Västernorrland

Inhabitants: 242 000

Area: 21 700 km<sup>2</sup> (of which forests app 75%)

Three major rivers and several smaller

15 TWh/year renewable power

Leading export province



# Regional challenges in Västernorrland

- To handle the industrial heritage, restore biodiversity, clean polluted areas, restore waterways, take care of industrial waste in the sea..
- To increase energy efficiency in the second most energy intensive region in Sweden
- To exploit the vast potential for renewable energy
- To break a negative population curve and find new ways to sustainable growth



# Environmental work and Regional Development are interrelated!

- Sustainable solutions are often small scale and local. Successful measures need to be well adapted to local conditions
- A focus on CleanTech can give rise to many new companies and a dynamic business development
- Regional approach is important also because of the regional nature of renewable resources



# The role of regional policies and dedication is important

- Demanding public actors and dedicated enterprises provide a good framework and give opportunities for SME development
- Regional authorities - like the STR - close to citizens and companies can influence attitudes and behaviour concerning energy savings and the use of clean technology
- Close co-operation in "triple helix" is ideal to provide solutions to local problems and to exploit local opportunities
- Co-operation between CleanTech actors brings ideas and inspiration



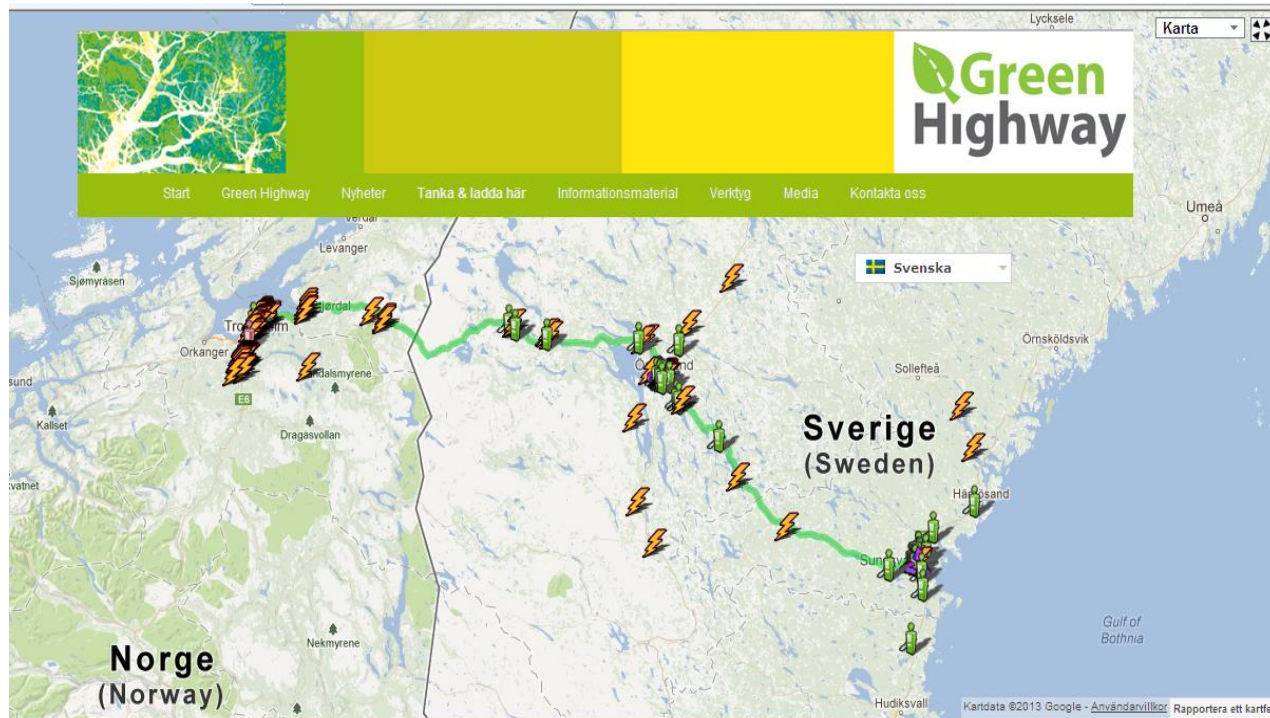


# Examples

- Integration of industrial plants into municipal heating networks (Sundsvall, Gävle, Örnsköldsvik..)
- Regional climate and energy strategies gather regional actors
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# Green Highway - the road to a sustainable future



# Domsjö Bio Refinery - *"All that can be made from oil can be made from cellulose"* - successful example of regional cooperation



# Thank you!

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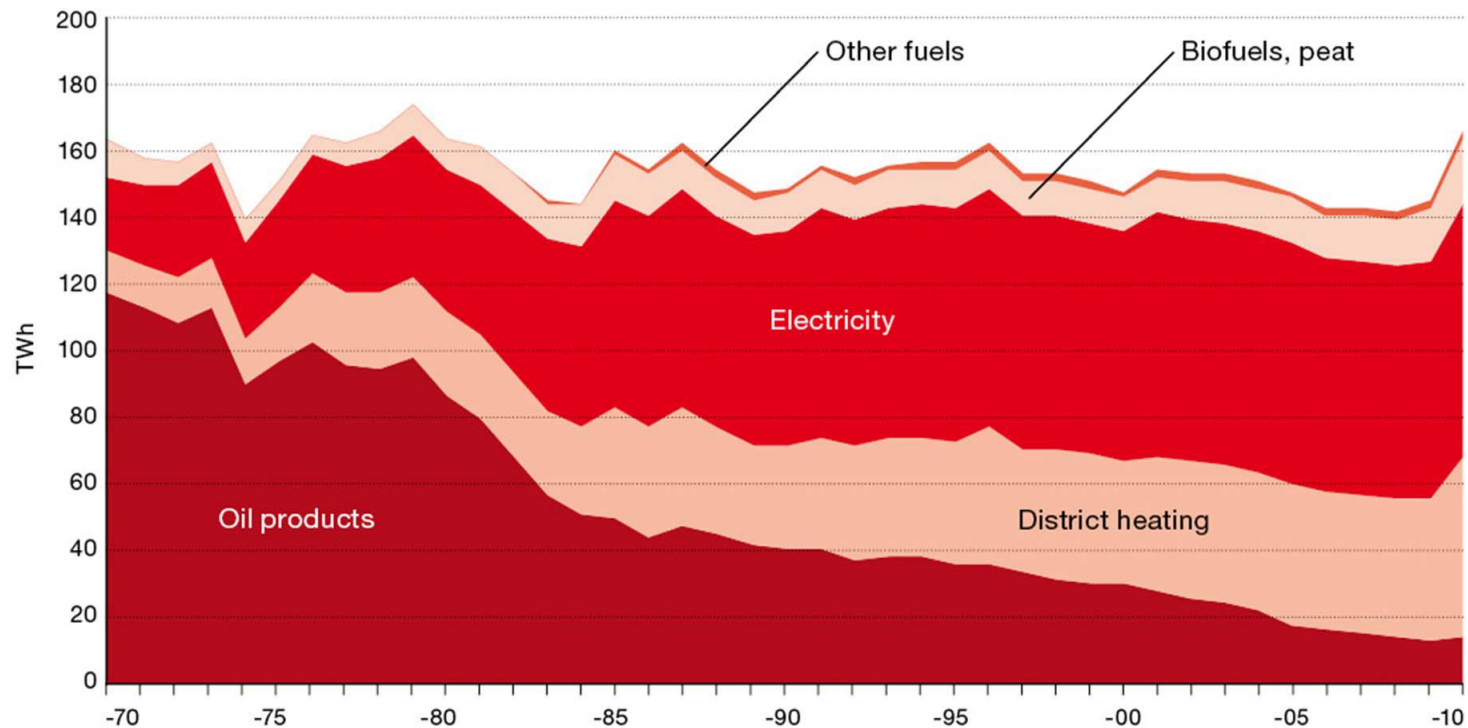


# Extra pictures



# Success story: Residential heating. Use of oil has decreased by 90%

**Figure 12** Final energy use in the residential and services sector, 1970–2010, in TWh



Source: Swedish Energy Agency and Statistics Sweden.



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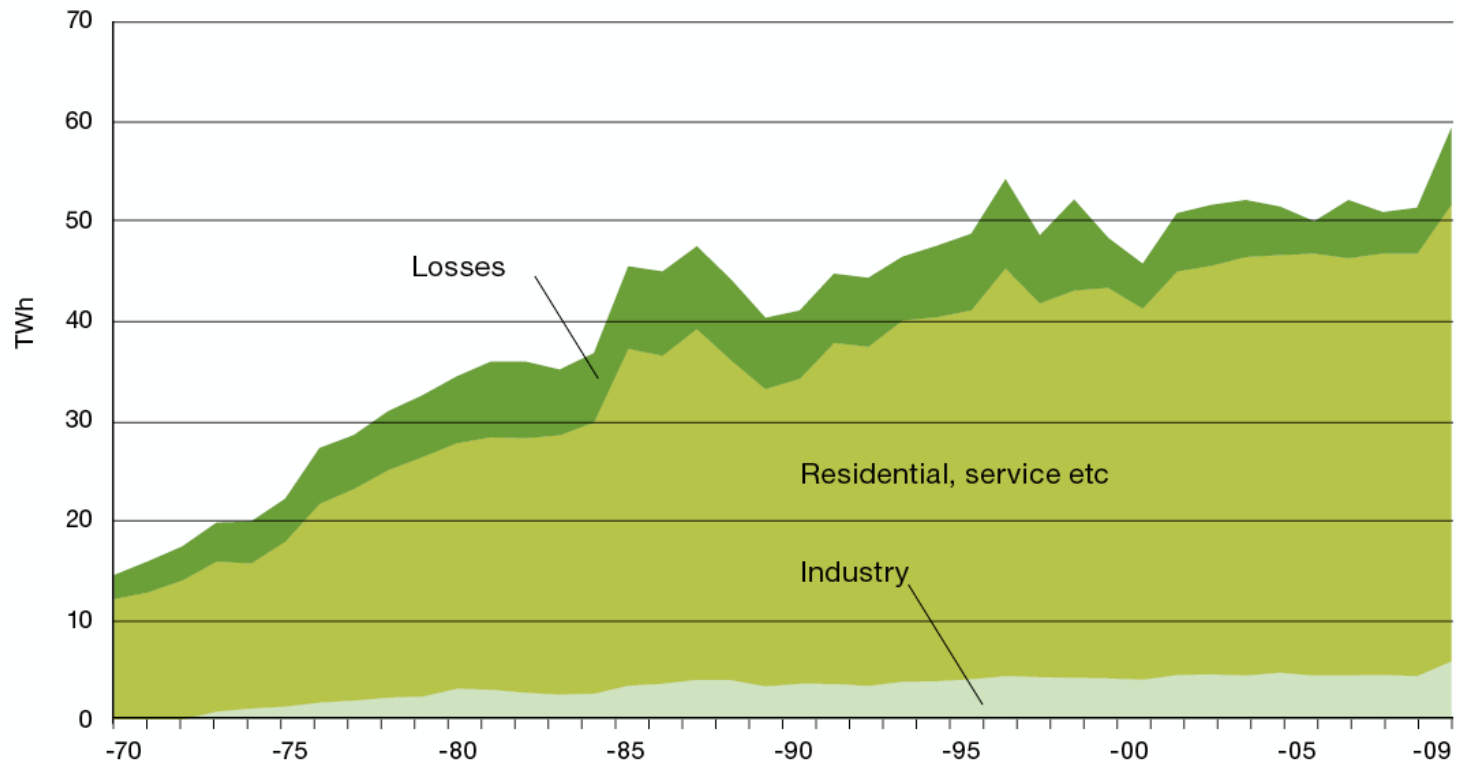
# Major actions to reduce oil dependance in the residential sector

- Conversion from oil to electricity (1970-90)
- Rapid introduction of district heating to replace oil and electricity (1975-2010)
- Replacement of direct electricity by heat-pumps (1995-2010)
- Better insulation, new building standards, conversion grants
- Solar panels, wood-pellets etc



# District heating permits a very efficient use of the fuel..

**Figure 29** Use of district heating, 1970–2009



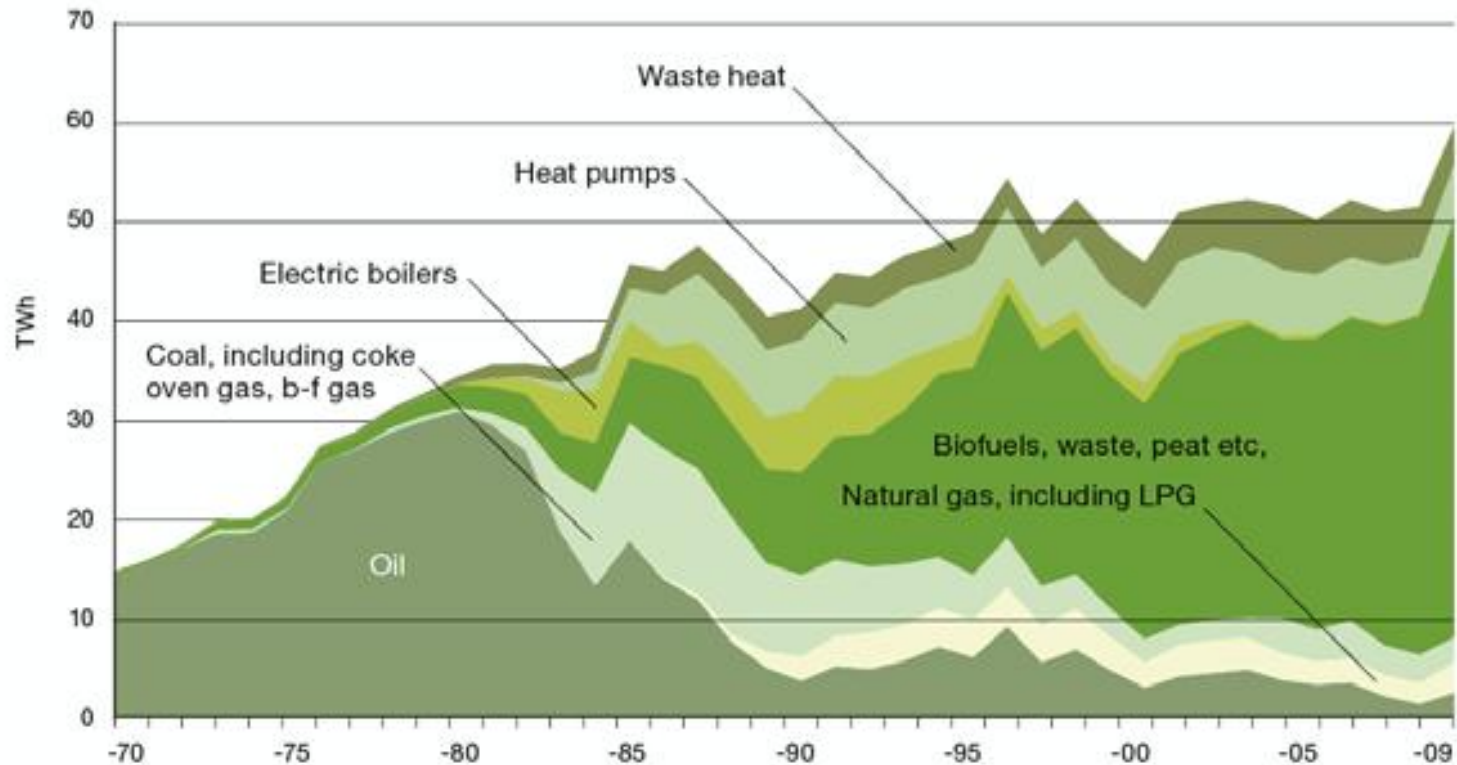
Source: Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Energy Agency





..therefore, biomass can be competitive  
(even if it takes some incentives)

**Figure 30** Energy input for district heating, 1970–2009



Source: Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Energy Agency

