



# ACTION PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ISLAND

***EL HIERRO ISLAND (2012-2020)***

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## *Executive summary*

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The Canary archipelago has a high economic vulnerability due to the almost exclusive dependence on fossil primary energy sources and its high exposure to volatility of oil market. Facing this reality, over the past two decades the Regional Government has developed the regional energy plans in order to define the actions that aim at sustainable development of the sector and ensure future energy supply.

Canary Islands have some unique peculiarities, reflected in various documents of agreement, both the state wide and European of Outermost Region. The singularities in the energy sector are also recognized. The remoteness of the continent and the fragmentation of the territory configurate the independent island power systems with small and weak grids that suppose an important technical restriction to maximization of Renewable Energy sources (RES) penetration, by its variable and intermittent nature. In addition, the land is a scarce property in the archipelago so to facilitate the implementation of renewable energy systems there is a need in territorial planning to makes the land use compatible with the development of these energies.

The current Action Plan for Sustainable Energy Island for the island of El Hierro is a firm commitment to energy diversification that promotes the use of renewable energy and gives a fresh impulse to the efficient use of energy. The design of this Plan is done considering the protection of the environment as a complementary and necessary element to ensure sustainable development of the island.

There are four basic objectives which are set to achieve the following goals:

Objectives		Targets
1.	<b>Ensure the power supply</b>	Strategic stocks of hydrocarbons to ensure a minimum autonomy of 90 days
		Increased use of autochthonous sources to reduce dependence on foreign energy
2.	<b>Promote the rational use of energy</b>	Reduce by at least 25% the ratio between energy and GDP in relation to 2005
3.	<b>To encourage maximum use of renewable energy sources</b>	Use of autochthonous sources to increase up to 20% the participation of renewable energy resources in primary energy demand

<b>4. Integrate the environmental dimension in all energy decisions</b>	Reduce by 30% CO <sub>2</sub> emissions compared to 2005
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Through this Plan of Action, the Island Local Government of El Hierro is aware of the economic, social and environmental importance of the energy and the need for political commitment of authorities to create conditions that accelerate the insular energy planning in a sense of preserving the fragile island ecosystems, contributing to energy independence, to supply security, to reduce the transfer abroad of income associated with oil import and to help achieve the objectives that EU assists in the adoption of measures to:

- Achieve and exceed in the Islands the goals set by the EU by 2020 by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in their respective territories by at least 20%, increasing energy efficiency by 20% and generating electricity with at least 20% of renewable energies.
- Ensure that energy market participants operate with maximum efficiency in generating, transmission and distribution.
- Promote Islands to become a platform for developing, testing and exports of new technologies and knowledge in the field of RES.
- Mobilize sustainable energy investments, creating public and private financing mechanisms that provide resources for investors to implement their most promising projects.
- Initiate a specific framework for promoting renewable energy sources to give them the opportunity to compete in a heavily subsidized market for conventional generating.
- Promote the development of regulatory/remuneration frameworks specific for energy storage systems that contribute to the stability of electrical networks in high-penetration settings of renewable energies.
- Support small-scale energy production, which is considered as a vital strategy for renewable energy penetration in island systems.
- Promote the associate consumption in the sector of water desalination as a way of increasing the RES penetration.
- Accelerate the introduction of electric vehicles as a means to promote the development of RES as a primary source in the transport sector.
- Make profitable the organic fraction of urban solid waste and sewage sludge, to turn existing problems in this area into an energetic opportunity that contributes to sustainable development of the Islands.
- Promote the restructuring of existing conventional generating plant replacing it by more flexible and efficient groups that meet the priority introduction of renewable energies in the Islands.
- To raise the level of public awareness about the efforts of the islands in the fight against climate change.

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- Support small and medium enterprises sector of renewable energies as a sector that contribute to the diversification of the economy, and move towards a productive model that generates quality employment and wealth.

These are processes of change that require extensive involvement and social requirements in addition to acquiring both the administration and the energy companies, without whose commitment to its success would be indeterminate.

The total budget for the implementation of this plan reaches the amount of € 80,317,943 €, obtained financing for the achievement of the proposed actions both regional and national resources and European programmes.

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## 1. CONTEXT

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In Canary Islands, the Regional Government, being concerned about the high external dependency of petroleum products and energy vulnerability of the archipelago, has developed in the last two decades the energy plans in order to define actions aimed at sustainable development of the sector to ensure future energy supply.

The last Energy Plan developed in the Canaries is the PECAN 2006-2015. It provides an energy liberalization framework which is only subject to planning the infrastructure for generation and transmission of electricity and natural gas in a free market in the choice of supplier and negotiating prices and conditions. This Plan is a firm commitment to energy diversification promoting the use of renewable energy and giving a fresh impulse to the use of natural gas and efficient use of energy. The design of this Plan was made considering the protection of the environment as a complementary and necessary element to ensure sustainable development of the region.

On the other hand, the Canary Agency for Sustainable Development and Climate Change, as a part of commitments made at global European and state levels to reduce emissions has developed the Canary Strategy to Fight Against Climate Change. Canaries are particularly obliged to consider a series of challenges to climate change, to be consistent with their greater wealth, greater vulnerability, responsibility, and their border situation. The reduction of emissions by reducing electricity consumption and use of private cars will be the work of a multitude of users that reduce their needs and consumption. Therefore, it deals with change processes that require extensive involvement and social demand. The emissions' mitigation plan that constitutes the core of this Strategy puts the most emphasis on education and training, as essential elements for changing attitudes and social and individual habits. In the medium and long term, these will be the exclusive guarantors of success.

Thanks to the initiative of ISLE-PACT project, which proposes the development of specific plans for sustainable development in each of the islands, that make up the consortium preparing this Action Plan for the Sustainable Energy Development on the island of El Hierro in the time horizon until 2020. In drawing up this Plan of Action have been taken into account the various initiatives listed above as well as national plans developed in the energy sector, with emphasis on those that promote the use of renewable energy and rational use of energy. In this Plan, specific actions are defined in El Hierro in order to achieve the objectives, which are:



- To achieve an overall target of over 20% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2020;
- Show the political commitment of the European islands to achieve the objectives of EU Sustainable Energy;
- To raise the level of awareness on the islands to help in the fight against climate change.

## **1.1. Geography and territory**

### **1.1.1. Position and general characteristics**

The Canary Islands can be roughly described geographically as African, biogeographically as Macaronesian and subtropical and culturally as European, particularly Mediterranean, basing their economic development on a privileged geostrategic position and mid-Atlantic climate.

The archipelago is situated in the central-eastern margin of the Atlantic Ocean, being part of the Macaronesian Region. The Canary Islands consist of two groups of islands, which correspond to two canary provinces, called for their situation, East and West.

- The group of eastern islands forms the province of Las Palmas. Formed by the islands of Lanzarote and its five island territories (Roque del Este, Alegranza, Roque del Oeste, Montaña Clara and Graciosa), the island of Fuerteventura and its island (Lobos) and the island of Gran Canaria. La Graciosa is the only island territory which is inhabited.
- Moreover, the province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife is composed by the Western group of islands: Tenerife, La Gomera, La Palma and El Hierro.

The two main islands, economically and administratively speaking, are Gran Canaria and Tenerife. They occupy the geographical centre, taking on one and other side their respective Eastern and Western groups. On those islands there are two provincial capitals, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Santa Cruz de Tenerife, respectively.

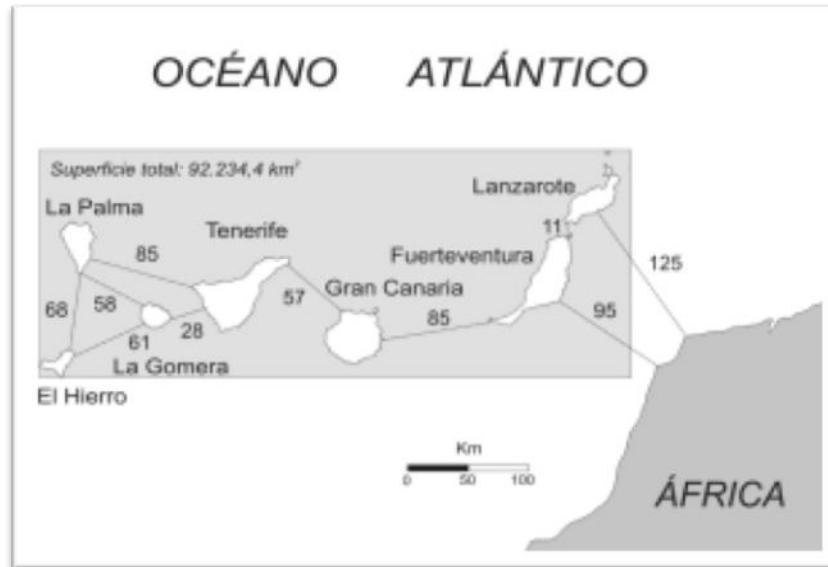


Figure 1 Distance between islands and Africa

Source: Islas Canarias, ¿una región aislada? (Canary islands, aisolated region?) Guillermo Morales Matos. University of LPGC/Carlos III of Madrid



Figure 2 Canary Islands

Source: Google Earth

The island of El Hierro, as shown in Figure 1, is the westernmost and southernmost of the Canary Islands. It belongs to the province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Its capital is Valverde, where, apart from La Villa (town), are also the Puerto de la Estaca and the island airport. Besides Valverde, El Hierro has another two municipalities: Frontera and El Pinar.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2000 it was declared by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve. Currently it is developing a plan promoted by the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism to make it the world's first island entirely renewable energy supplies.

El Hierro is made up of 3 municipalities distributed as shown in the following illustration:



Figure 3 Municipalities of El Hierro  
 Source: <http://www.canary-travel.com/>

The main features of the physical environment of each of the municipalities are presented in the following table:

	Area <sup>1</sup> (km <sup>2</sup> )	Municipal Perimeter (km)	Length of coastline (km)	Altitude <sup>2</sup> (m)	Distance <sup>3</sup> (km)
<b>EL HIERRO</b>	<b>268.51</b>				
Frontera	84.20	----	----	300	32.0
Valverde (C.I.)	103.65	71.01	41.05	571	109.0
El Pinar de El Hierro	80.66	----	----	----	----

Table 1 General characteristics of the municipalities of Hierro

Source: Canary Statistical Yearbook 2008. Collection and Statistical Synthesis. Canary Institute of Statistics. Canary Islands Government.

<sup>1</sup> Ground measurements of the townships include those of the islets and rocks

<sup>2</sup> The altitude is the capital city.

<sup>3</sup> The distance of each municipality refers to the capital island.

### 1.1.2. Orography and Surface

The archipelago's total surface is 7,273 km<sup>2</sup>, which represents 1.44% of total Spanish territory. The length of its coastline is 1,583 km. The highest point of the islands is the Teide peak situated at about 3,718 meters above sea level.

El Hierro is the smallest island, south and west of the Canary Islands. It has an area of 268.51 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 10,995 inhabitants (INE, 2011).

It is crossed from west to east by a line-shaped dorsal with numerous mountains and coastal areas consist of badlands with steep cliffs that reach up to 1,000 meters.

With these conditions prevailing, it is very difficult to find sandy beaches, small coves reducing them to access difficult. Instead, they often use incoming sea and natural swimming pools and bathing areas and leisure (La Maceta de Frontera, Pozo de Las Calcosas in coastal of El Mocanal or Tacoron, near La Restinga). 90% of the coastal zone is formed by cliffs.

The island is compared with a boot because of its resemblance to the garment and has a volcanic origin, most recently in the Canary Islands with a rough estimate of the length of 3 million years. It has a central plateau and two great depressions: one open to the northwest, the Valle del Golfo, forming a coastal plain, and another to the east, the Valle de Las Playas.

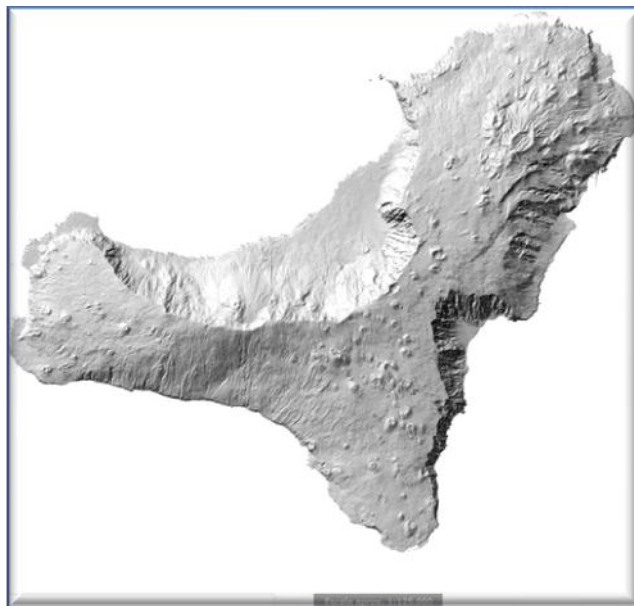


Figure 4 Digital model of shades of El Hierro.  
Source: GRAFCAN

The maximum height is at the centre of the island, at the peak of Malpaso, with 1,501 m of altitude. Among other geographical feature the Valle del Golfo stands out, produced after sliding one part of the island. It should be noted also the Punta de La Restinga (southernmost point of Spain) and the tip of the Orchilla (westernmost point of Spain). The island is the largest protected area of the archipelago (58% of its territory) in proportion to its size; it is recorded by the Canary Network of Protected Natural Areas.

The islands of Roques de Salmor (Roque Grande and Roque Chico) with an area of 0.03 km<sup>2</sup>, which form a natural reserve, also belong to El Hierro.

Despite its small area, El Hierro has different vegetation zones: from desert lava fields to laurel forests through pine forests, pastures and banana plantations. In the south of the island is located the Cueva de Don Justo, the biggest cave of the island. It consists of volcanic pipes formed by cooling lava flows abroad. Hot lava continued flowing into the tube until it was empty. There are many craters on the island, which were used by the *bimbaches* as shelters or areas of burial.

### **1.1.3. Climate**

The Canary Archipelago is situated between 28-29° latitude north of Ecuador and, therefore, near the Tropic of Cancer, should provide higher temperatures. However, thanks to the influence of trade winds the temperatures do not reach the values of the tropics. Due to their latitude position nearness Azores anticyclone, the islands are affected, during most of the year by the *trade winds*. These winds are originated as a result of the pressure difference between two areas; one of high pressure situated around 30° N, corresponding to the Azores anticyclone and another of an equatorial low pressure situated in the south of the archipelago.

The temperature and humidity differences between these two types of trades are what cause the so-called *thermal inversion*. This means that it is not always at higher altitudes colder or wetter. Another phenomenon that is caused by the effect of these two components of the trade winds is known as the *sea of clouds*: the lower trade winds are carrying moisture as they move to the south (passing over ocean area), while increasing their temperature. When the winds reach the north side of the islands, they begin their rise up the slopes condensing and increasing their relative humidity. The movement of upper dry and lighter winds stops the mentioned above rise from approximately 1,500 meters, causing more condensation that leads to the formation of the famous sea of clouds, very typical of the northern slope of the high islands. Depending on the increase of relative humidity and air velocity condensation or *horizontal precipitation* phenomena are frequent, which produce significant local rainfalls with that may exceed 300mm. per year. The influence of the trade winds on the Canary Islands is not the same throughout the year, as the Azores anticyclone shifts their position between winter and summer.

The Canary Islands are also influenced by other winds, not being constant have a local regularity. These are the Saharan winds, the polar seas' and the southern ones.

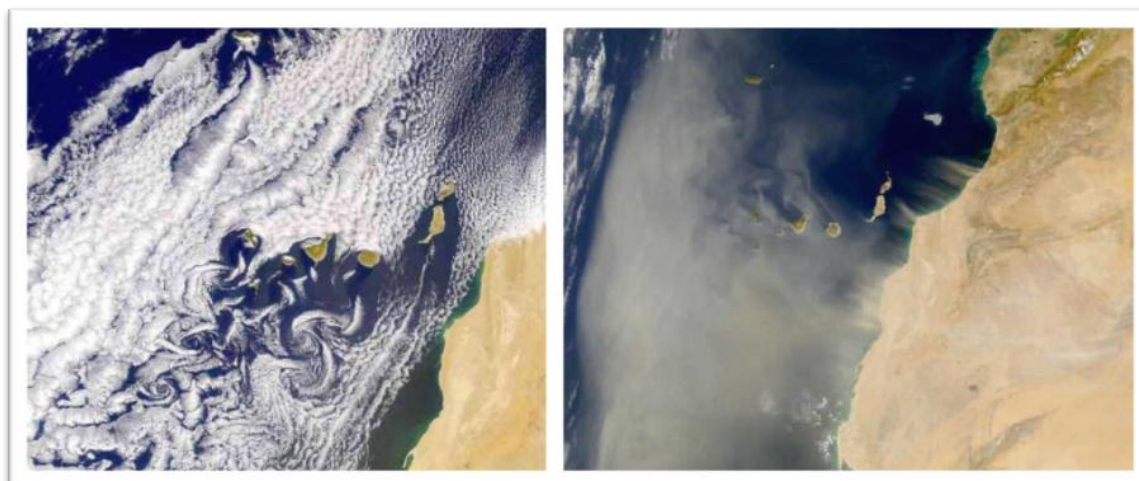


Figure 5 Influence of the trade winds and Saharan winds, respectively, on the Canary Islands.

There are also other irregular air masses that form weather fronts. On rare occasions, those pass through the archipelago, produce very intense heavy showers benefiting from this water the islands of smaller height as well.

The trade winds carry clouds full of water to the heights of El Hierro, where showers are generated. The south area of the island, get dry winds and cloudless, so the temperature and aridity is greater in that part. Valverde, which is at 600 metres, has an average summer temperature of 18°. However, the average temperature drops to 11.5° in winter. Winter precipitation rise to 80 mm per month in Valverde, while in summer, 5 mm are recorded monthly.

## 1.2. Demography

2,126,769 inhabitants residing in the Canary Islands (updated data on 01/01/2011 INE), to which ones must be added more than 12 million of tourists who visit the islands each year, making this region the one of the most densely populated areas of the European Union.

The population is divided between the province of Las Palmas with 1,096,980 inhabitants which represents 51.58% of the regional total and the province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife with 1,029,789 inhabitants, 48.42%.

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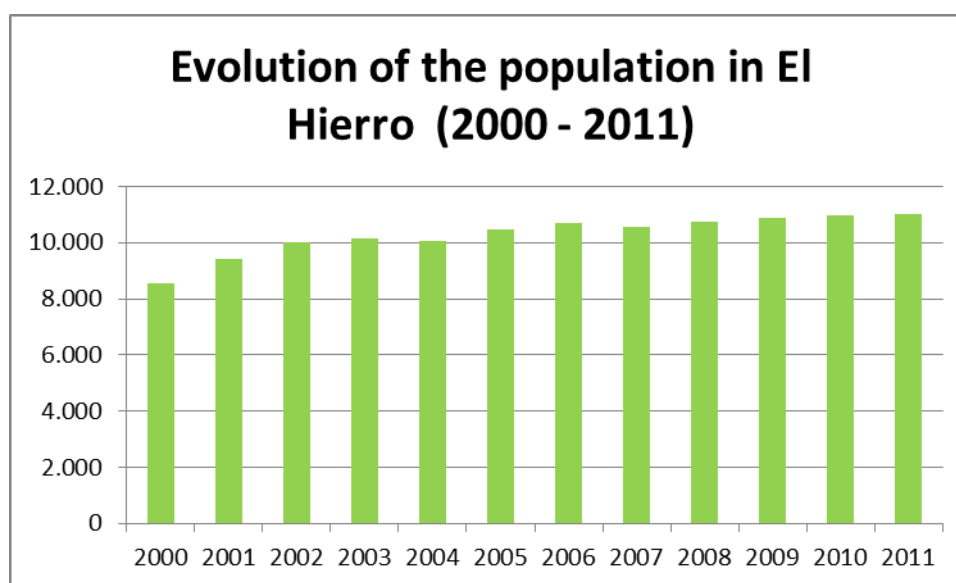
Taking as a data source provided by the Canarian Institute of Statistics (ISTAC) and the National Statistics Institute (INE), de jure population from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, latest available data, is detailed in the following table.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Frontera	5,435	5,231	5,570	5,733	5,644	3,941	4,009	4,124	4,143

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Valverde</b>	4,727	4,840	4,907	4,955	4,914	4,938	4,995	5,035	5,048
<b>El Pinar de El Hierro</b>	---	----	----	----	----	1,874	1,888	1,801	1,804
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,162</b>	<b>10,071</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>10,558</b>	<b>10,753</b>	<b>10,892</b>	<b>10,960</b>	<b>10,995</b>

Table 2 De jure population 2003 - 2011 in the municipalities of El Hierro  
 Source: INE. Data updated on 1st January 2011.

Using historical data, the population had grown by 28.85% from 2000 to 2011.



Graph 1 Population changes 2000-2011 in El Hierro

The island is far from the concept of mass tourism, and in the opinion of its inhabitants, should be kept this way. It is estimated that the maximum number of beds that the island could support is 2.000. The difficulty of access and the absence of great beaches make it unattractive for family visits. For the calculation, hotel occupancy and extra hotel industry used is the average of 2011, latest available data, source ISTAC.

	Hotel Beds	Load factor	Total Hotel occupancy	Non-hotel Beds	Load factor	Total extra hotel occupancy	Total floating population
<b>Frontera</b>	180	0.1801	32	333	0.186	62	94
<b>Valverde</b>	191	0.3817	73	319	0.186	59	132
<b>El Pinar de El Hierro</b>	36	0.1801	6	269	0.186	50	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>407</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>921</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>283</b>

Table 3 Average hotel and extra hotel occupancy in 2011

Source: Department of the Presidency of Canary Island Government and ISTAC. Data updated on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2012.

Using data covering 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 the de facto population would be reflected in the following table:

Municipality	De jure population	Total floating population	De facto population
<b>Frontera</b>	4,143	94	4,237
<b>Valverde</b>	5,048	132	5,180
<b>El Pinar de El Hierro</b>	1,804	57	1,861
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,995</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>11,278</b>

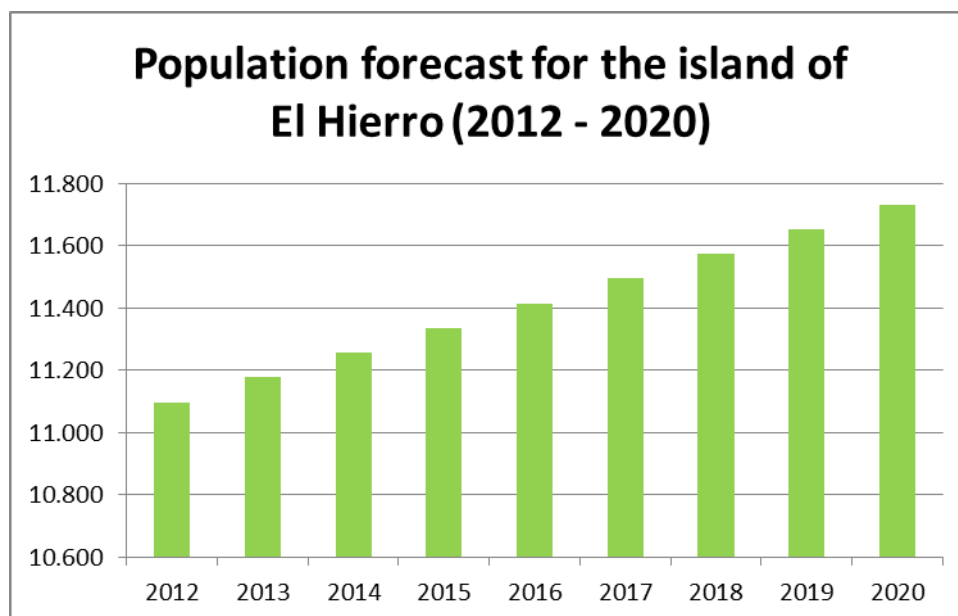
Table 4 Order of the municipalities according to population  
 Source ISTAC

Building a simple regression line, using the method of least squares, we estimated de jure population until 2020, which is shown in the following table:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Frontera</b>	4,234	4,307	4,379	4,451	4,523	4,595	4,667	4,739	4,811
<b>Valverde</b>	5,097	5,134	5,171	5,208	5,245	5,282	5,319	5,356	5,393
<b>El Pinar de El Hierro</b>	1,768	1,738	1,708	1,678	1,649	1,619	1,589	1,560	1,530
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,099</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>11,257</b>	<b>11,337</b>	<b>11,416</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>11,575</b>	<b>11,654</b>	<b>11,734</b>

Table 5 Estimated de jure population until 2020





Graph 2 Population forecast for the island of El Hierro 2012-2020

Forecasts of population evolution, for the island of El Hierro conducted by the ISTAC are reflected in the table below.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
El Hierro	11,568	11,782	12,014	12,249	12,446	12,653	12,860	13,066	13,278

Table 6 Population forecast for the island of Hierro 2012-2020

Source ISTAC

The importance of the floating population in recent years is scarce in El Hierro compared with the other Canary Islands. The lack of beaches and their size prevent the development of mass tourism specializing the island in nature and sports tourism. As shown in the table, the data from the previous groups of six months show poor results.

Year / Quarter	Tourists
<b>First half 2010 (p)</b>	5.473
<b>Second half 2010 (p)</b>	1.645
<b>First half 2011 (p)</b>	2.249

Table 7 Evolution of tourism on the island of El Hierro

Source ISTAC

### 1.3. Economy

Traditionally, the economy on the Canary Islands was based on agriculture and trade, but since the sixties the utility industry has experienced tremendous growth due to tourism, which is now the most important economic activity. The industry remains in a second place, with the construction industry as its main engine followed by production of food and water, gas and electricity. Due to the specific characteristics of the Islands' economy (remoteness, land fragmentation, small market size ...), the size of the industrial sector is significantly lower than the national average.

The participation of different economic sectors reflects the absolute predominance of the service sector (75%), followed by construction (13.9%), industry (8.5%) and agriculture (2.6%). These data correspond to the situation at the end of 2006. The present economic situation has changed the landscape, being the construction sector the most negatively affected by this situation. In 2011, the percentage of stoppage unemployment reached 30% of the population.

One of the main structural problems of the Islands' economy is the archipelago's remoteness from the rest of the Spanish state and the other European Union countries. This has led to the same frame in the group of regions called "remote" with a broad legal recognition to the regulatory framework of the European Union. The disadvantages caused by the remoteness, to the Islands' economy, are heightened by the following factors:

- a) Lack of raw materials.
- b) Insularity or fragmentation of the territory on seven islands remoted one from each other.
- c) Relief generally rugged.
- d) A climate dominated by water scarcity.

All this leads to the segmentation of their island economies and a notable increase of production and distribution costs.

This fragmentation involves the rise in the price in terms of costs and time of the inputs and outputs as well as the limited power of attraction to the locations of numerous productive activities.

On the other hand, the small land area of the islands, with a high population density, makes the pressure on existing natural resources, particularly soil and water, as well as on natural ecosystems.

Moreover, the Canary Islands have other characteristics which differ them from other existing economies in the rest of Spain and the continental European Union:

- An agriculture highly concentrated in a few export products mainly pointing out the banana and tomato.
- Excessive dependence on the tourism sector that has a high instability in the demand side.
- A commercial balance with structural deficit.

- Economical growth based in recent years, on the construction.

During the first decade of XXI century, Canary Islands underwent a process of unprecedented economic growth, which led them to considerable improvement of its Gross Domestic Product per inhabitant, at the same time increased the population itself. Much of this growth was due to the proceeded aid from structural funds of the European Union and the creation of the Canary Islands Investment Reserve (RIC).

The current situation of the Islands' economy is a true reflection of the economic environment that exists both nationally and globally. Today, the Islands' economy has been plunged into a crisis that began to take shape with the deterioration of Spanish and European economies and their effects on the tourism product.

Around 24.32% of the tourism product is purchased by Germans and about 34.72% by British. For better or worse about 60% of tourist flow largely depends on the progress of these two economies.

As shown in the table below, the gross domestic product at market prices has fallen from the levels reached in recent years, with a slight upturn in 2010.

	2008	2009	2010
<b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES</b>	<b>42,097,124</b>	<b>40,289,791</b>	<b>40,343,614</b>
Agriculture, ranching, forestry and fishing	466,033	468,958	459,129
Mining and quarrying, manufacturing, supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning, water supply, sewerage, waste management and decontamination. Of which:	3,156,369	2,984,800	2,986,855
- Manufacturing	1,858,625	1,616,366	1,577,613
Construction	4,757,240	4,104,771	3,725,458
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, transportation and storage, catering	12,619,863	12,243,299	12,281,474
Information and communications	1,156,714	1,088,386	1,016,247
Financial and insurance	1,607,268	1,678,129	1,275,739
Real estate	3,527,425	3,198,777	3,669,918
Professional, scientific and technical, administrative and support service activities	2,516,910	2,542,818	2,537,006
Public administration and defence, compulsory social security, education, human health and social services	7,366,950	7,671,206	7,561,344
Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services	1,409,875	1,436,306	1,386,427
<b>Total gross value added</b>	<b>38,584,647</b>	<b>37,417,450</b>	<b>36,899,597</b>
Net taxes on products	3,512,477	2,872,341	3,444,017
<b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES</b>	<b>42,097,124</b>	<b>40,289,791</b>	<b>40,343,614</b>

Table 8 Canary islands gross domestic product at market prices 2008-2010

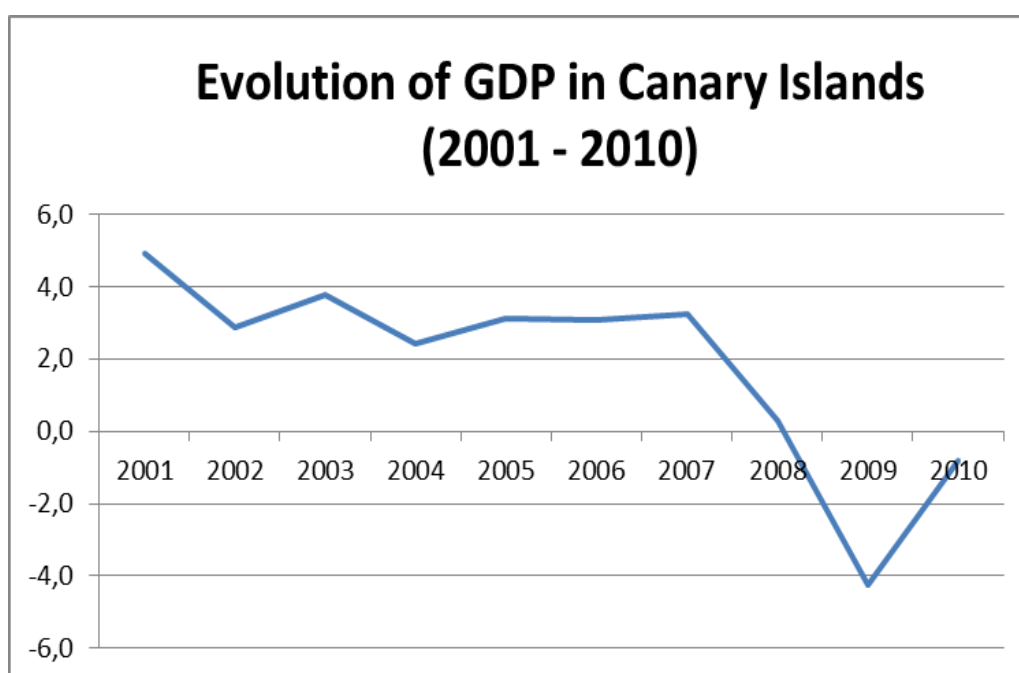
Source: Regional accounts of Spain. INE

GDP had grown in the Canary Islands during the period between 2001 and 2007. Since 2008 the growth has been virtually nil or negative.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
GDP Canary Islands	4.9	2.8	3.8	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.3	-4.2	-0.8

Table 9 Evolution of GDP in 2001-2010 in Canary islands

Source: Regional accounts of Spain. INE



Graph 3 Evolution of GDP in 2001-2010 in Canary islands

In the absence of data from the last quarter, the year 2011 will end with a negative GDP growth, but close to 0%, a figure which shows a slight recovery of the island's economy after spending the last two years with negative growth. According to the Office of Regional Economics Foundation of Savings Banks (FUNCAS) in 2012 growth is projected to be 0.0% in the Canaries.

Of note is the participation of sectors in GDP, which indicates the weight of them in the Islands' economy. Using the table of gross domestic product at market prices and its components developed by the INE. We can see that approximately 30% of the regional economy comes from the service sector, retail and hospitality. Second, it highlights the public sector and social services with 18.7%. Emphasize the role that is gradually losing the construction sector.

	2008 (P)	2009 (P)	2010 (P)
<b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Agriculture, ranching, forestry and fishing	1.1	1.2	1.1
Mining and quarrying, manufacturing, supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning, water supply, sewerage, waste management and decontamination. Of which:	7.5	7.4	7.4
- Manufacturing	4.4	4.0	3.9
Construction	11.3	10.2	9.2
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, transportation and storage, catering	30.0	30.4	30.4
Information and communications	2.7	2.7	2.5
Financial and insurance	3.8	4.2	3.2
Real estate	8.4	7.9	9.1
Professional, scientific and technical, administrative and support service activities	6.0	6.3	6.3
Public administration and defence, compulsory social security, education, human health and social services	17.5	19.0	18.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services	3.3	3.6	3.4
<b>Total gross value added</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>91.5</b>
Net taxes on products	8.3	7.1	8.5
<b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

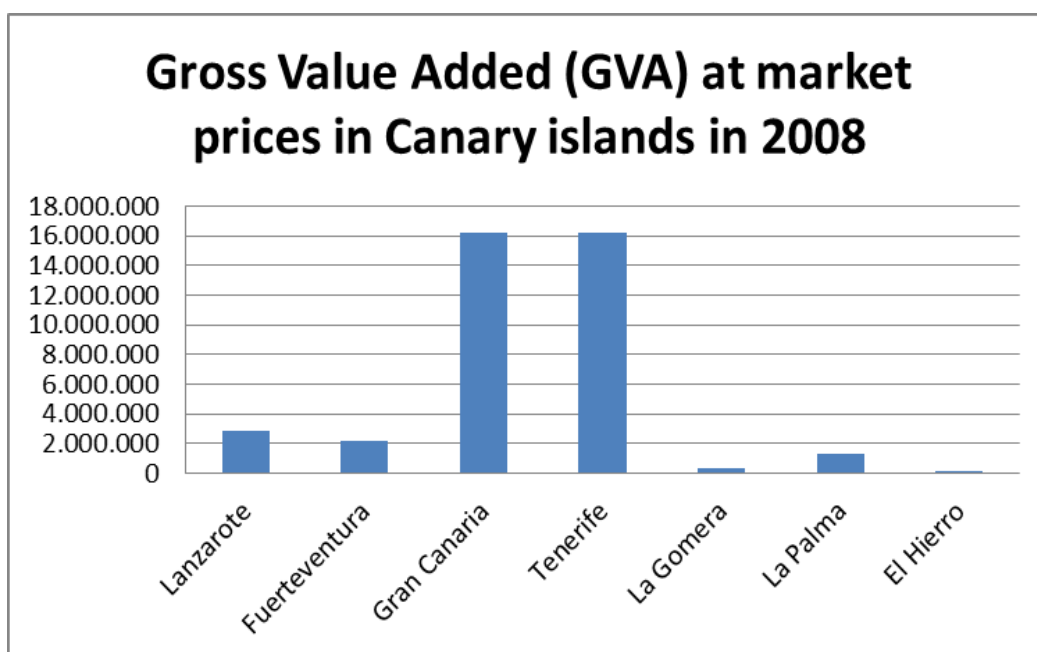
Table 10 GDP in Canary in % at market prices 2008-2010

Source: Regional accounts of Spain. INE

It is also important to analyze the contribution that makes each island to the economy of the archipelago. Using the Gross Value Added (GVA) at market prices during 2008, we can see that there are two largest islands which offer greater participation with more than 80%. At the other extreme there are islands like La Gomera and El Hierro which do not reach to 1%.

	GVA	%
Lanzarote	2,889,629	7.36
Fuerteventura	2,154,289	5.49
Gran Canaria	16,182,806	41.20
Tenerife	16,245,473	41.36
La Gomera	360,240	0.92
La Palma	1,277,408	3.25
El Hierro	165,120	0.42
Canarias	39,274,964	100

Table 11 Gross Value Added (GVA) at market prices in 2008  
 Source ISTAC



Graph 4 Gross Value Added (GVA) at market prices in Canary islands in 2008

The greatest scourge of the Islands' economy is undoubtedly the high rate of unemployment. In the last three years this ratio has grown to the level of 26.2% in 2009, 28.7% in 2010 and 30.93% in the third quarter of 2011.

Registered unemployment in the Canaries increased strongly in January 2012, in such way that after an increase of 8,414 unemployed in respect to the previous month, registered unemployment raised to the 273,983 people, the largest number of registered unemployed in the Canary Islands to date.

In a social context strongly marked by high unemployment, punishing especially the young, the main bottlenecks facing the employment of new workers are not explained only by a limited labour demand, but also by the low general level of training and professional

qualifications and its clear inadequacy of the existing job, probable cause, among others, the frequency of recorded migration.

For the whole of Spain, the registered unemployment figure also strongly increased in January 2012, the way that after a rise of 177,470 unemployed in respect to the previous month, the national unemployment figure increased to 4,599,829, which is also the highest figure to date. The percentage changes are accelerated to 8.7%, reflecting an increase in unemployment in the last twelve months of 368,826 people.

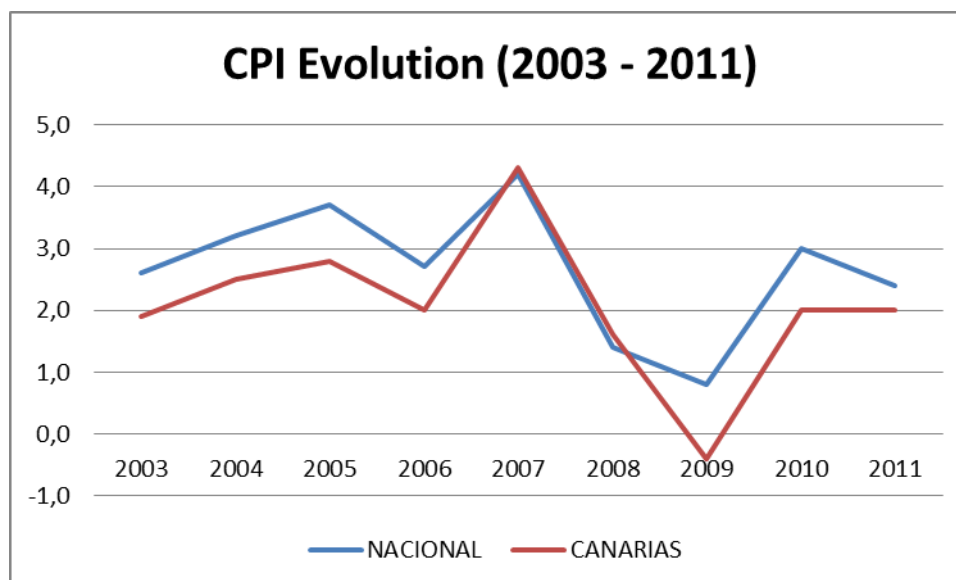
From island-wide estimates made by the ISTAC on the main variables of the EPA we can make an approach to territorial unemployment rate in the Canaries. This shows that in 2011 the eastern islands, the same as in previous years, remain being those with higher unemployment rates, with Gran Canaria (32.0%), Fuerteventura (31.91%) and Lanzarote (31.81%) with above-average rates of Canary Islands. The island with the lower percentage is Tenerife with 27.19%

By provinces, in the last quarter of 2011 the province of Las Palmas had an unemployment rate of 32.36% versus 29.46% of the province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife. The worst thing about it is that it is not expected to improve in the short term as the Regional Economics Department of Savings Banks foundation (FUNCAS) predicts that in 2012 regional will exceed 30% versus 23% national.

Analyzing the evolution of prices, in annual terms, inflation is significantly reduced, so that by the end of 2011 the Canary Islands were placed at 2.0% and at 2.4% of national average. With this information Canaries closed the year as the region with lower inflation in the state. Far from being a positive data it reflects the serious stagnation in existing consumption in the islands. In 2010 the data reflected an increase of 2.0% and 3% respectively.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
National	2.6	3.2	3.7	2.7	4.2	1.4	0.8	3.0	2.4
Canary Islands	1.9	2.5	2.8	2.0	4.3	1.6	-0.4	2.0	2.0

Table 12 CPI Evolution 2003-2011  
 Source ISTAC



Graph 5 CPI Evolution 2003-2011

Economic activity indicators altogether still do not show as a whole a clear tendency toward recovery. In all economic sectors except tourism, the tendency toward recovery is weak.

As for industrial production in the Canaries, in annual terms, the growth is negative, keeping up the tendency marked by previous years, mainly due to structural reasons mentioned above.

Both the Canary Islands and Spain are still suffering negative growth in retail sales, as the result of the mentioned above decrease domestic consumption.

In the contrast to the above, there are good results of the tourism sector. Only this sector indicators show month after month positive results, strengthening its recovery.

In addition, the accumulated data of arrivals over the last twelve months confirm these good results, also showing a more positive profile in Canaries to the national average, which is undergoing slower progress.

Moreover, ISTAC statistics of travellers and overnight stays at tourist accommodation confirm this trend.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Canary islands	10,318,178	8,590,081	7,982,256	9,216,585	9,328,546	9,530,039	9,276,963

Table 13 Tourism evolution in Canary Islands

Source: ISTAC

Regardless the arrival of more tourists the drop on average tourist spending per tourist per day Canary Islands is worrying.



	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Canary Islands	36.94	37.72	37.73	39.47	40.50	39.98

Table 14 Canary average tourist spending  
 Source: ISTAC

The consequence of the drop on tourist spending is the decrease of profit margins of hotel and extra hotel industry. This means a cutback in investment and replacement and upgrading of fixed assets.

The expected outlook on the economy in the coming years is uncertain. The problems of the euro zone countries and bailouts to troubled countries such as Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Italy and Spain, create greater uncertainty about the final solution to the crisis.

Without venturing far, it does not seem that in 2012 or even in 2013 it could be possible to reach levels of growth that can match the boom years of the middle of the last decade and create jobs.

With respect to the island of El Hierro the structure of gross value added (GVA) in terms of the representativeness of the industries in 2008 was as follows.

Activity	Participation (%)
Trade, Hotel and Transportation	25.7
Other Services	31.6
Financial Intermediation and Business services	15.2
Construction	17.6
Industry and Energy	7.0
Agriculture, Livestock and fishing	2.9

Table 15 GVA in El Hierro in 2008  
 Source ISTAC. Elaboration: Confederation of Canary Entrepreneurs

The island of El Hierro is set as the smallest economy of the archipelago. Its economic structure is characterized by the high degree of concentration of the group 'Other Services', comprising the public sector-related productions, representing 31.6% of the whole island. Also, the activities of 'Commerce, Catering and Transport "and the" Construction ', meant for 25.7% and 17.6% of all productive canary, respectively.

The economy of El Hierro is based on the primary sector and tertiary. The Island Local Government of El Hierro is responsible for regulating and promoting the four pillars of El Hierro on which the economy depends, i.e. agriculture, livestock, fisheries and tourism.

El Hierro livestock consists of sheep and goats. Meat production, however, is limited, because the livestock is developed primarily for milk production and is used to make cheese which is then exported to other islands and the peninsula.

Fruit crops are concentrated in the Golfo valley, which is cultivated pineapple, papayas, avocados, bananas, mangoes, etc. Dried or "past" figs for centuries are considered the best in the Canaries and grow, especially in the area of El Pinar. But other fruits are grown for local consumption and the time-dependent.

El Hierro also produces wine, through a cooperative that brings together the winemakers. There is a denomination of origin "El Hierro". The wines of this island are known for its high graduation.

La Restinga is the main fishing port on the island. These fishing in the Mar de las Calmas being the most important catches of skipjack and other bonito.

Finally, unlike the other islands, the craft remains a major source of income for El Hierro:

- Any craft and knowledge of the properties of plants that was used before the establishment of the Spanish Crown was still underway, with sophisticated new techniques introduced.
- The processing of wool from sheep who introduced the technique of loom on the island is still underway but with little activity.
- Wood, both mulberry and pine, beech and chestnut is used for carving bowls and spoons as well as barrels for wine, *chácaras* (a typical percussion instrument) and tweezers to pick rogues.
- Three potters still work in the towns of Valverde, Guarazoca and El Pinar who create ceramic works using mud of the island and imported clay.

The basket-makers, as these artisans are known make wicker baskets, which previously had to be softened putting them in seawater for weeks.

## **1.4. Political and administrative structure**

### **1.4.1. Institutions with responsibility for energy**

The **Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism**, is the governing body of State's General Administration responsible for proposing and implementing government policy on energy, industrial development, tourism, telecommunications and information society.

In addition, the **Institute for Energy Diversification and Energy Savings** (IDAE) is a public company assigned to the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade through the General Secretary of Energy, whose mission is to promote energy efficiency and rational use of energy in Spain, and the diversification of energy sources and promotion of renewable energy. Among its objectives, emphasizes promoting the use of new saving technologies, manage and keep to the savings plans and national energy efficiency cooperating with the European Commission in its management, and support to Spanish companies in obtaining the funds to implement such programmes.

Meanwhile, Spanish **National Energy Commission** is the regulator of energy systems, created by Law 34/1998 of 7<sup>th</sup> October, of hydrocarbon industry, and developed by the Royal Decree 1339/1999 of 31<sup>st</sup> July, which approved its Regulations. Its objectives are to ensure effective competition in energy systems and the objectivity and transparency of its operation, to the advantage of all agents operating in such systems and consumers. For this purpose, the electric market and the markets of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons (natural gas, oil ...) are understood as energy systems.

The company that dedicates to the transmission of electricity is **Red Electrica de España**. It does not make power distribution, and owns nearly 100% of high-tension electricity transmission. In recent years it has acquired new assets of the transmission grid from other companies. It also acts as operator of the Spanish electricity system. Its duties as manager of the transmission grid are to develop and expand the facilities of the same, perform maintenance and improvements under homogeneous and consistent criteria, and managing the flow of electricity among foreign systems requiring the use of Spanish electricity system. In addition, Red Electrica guarantees third party access to the grid, so that all sector agents can use it on the same conditions.

The **Canary Islands Government** is the institution that holds the executive power under the competence of the Canary Autonomous Community conferred by the Canary Autonomy Status, which is the institutional norm that constitutes the Canary Islands, providing it with basic organizational and functional framework. At the top management, and as an exponent of regional executive power, we find, then, with the Canary Islands Government.

On the other hand, **Union Electrica de Canarias**, SAU (UNELCO, known since 2002 as UNELCO-ENDESA) is a Spanish company that dedicates to the generation of electricity, founded in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 1930, it had and has control of almost all electricity production in the Canary Islands.

The Canary Islands Government currently has a low voltage electricity market liberalized in the islands, where compete five trading companies authorized by the State. These are Iberdrola, Union Fenosa Metra, Hidrocantábrico and E.ON, and Endesa as well.

In the insular area the governing organ is the **Island Local Government of El Hierro**. Like all governments, it has been established according to the Island Local Governments' Act of 1912. It is a governmentally and administratively own form of Canary Islands, that in addition to the functions of the insular government, provides services and exercises own powers of the Canary Autonomous Community.

Under Article 43 of the Act on the Legal Regime of Public Administrations of the Canaries, the Island Local Government has exclusive powers, among which are:

- Approve Island Plans of Works and Services being developed with the city councils of each municipality. To this end, the city councils make the proposals of works related to the municipality, which may not be modified by the respective Island Local Government, except for good cause and after hearing the council involved.
- Environmental protection
- Rural infrastructure of insular character
- Subrogation of municipal powers on urban planning in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force.

- Hydraulic works without regional or general interest, maintenance and policing of hydraulic works and insular management of ground waters on the terms lay down by regional sectorial legislation.
- Road and by cable transport. Railways, within those established by the regional sectorial regulations.

Finally, note that each city council has the ability to establish ordinances and regulations specific for each of the existing municipalities.

### **1.4.2. Legal framework**

In the Community framework stands out the **Directive 2009/28/EC** of the European Parliament and Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, in which is fixed for each member, a target for the share of energy from renewable sources in gross final energy consumption by 2020. This goal fits with the overall objective "20-20-20" of European Community. Also, before 2020, the share of energy from renewable sources in the transport sector should be at least 10% of final energy consumption in this sector.

Also, Member States should establish a national action plan for 2020 to determine the share of energy from renewable sources consumed in transport, electricity and heat production. These action plans should take into account the effects of other measures relating to energy efficiency in final energy consumption (the most important is the decrease of energy consumption that would be required to produce less energy from renewable sources). These plans must also establish ways to reform the planning regulations and tariffs and access to electricity grids in favour of energy generated from renewable sources.

On other hand, Member States may "exchange" energy from renewable sources by a statistical exchange and develop joint projects related to the production of electricity and heat from renewable sources.

Also, they can establish co-operation with third countries. To do this, they must meet the following conditions: that electricity is consumed in the countries of the European Community, which is produced in a newly constructed installation (after June 2009) and the quantity of electricity produced and exported is not the subject of other support.

The Directive takes into account the energy generated from biofuels and bioliquids. For the latter can be taken into consideration, they should help to reduce at least by 35% the emissions of greenhouse gases. From entering in force from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, its contribution to reducing emissions should reach 50%.

Biofuels and bioliquids produced from raw materials from abroad and from within the Community should not be produced with raw materials from land with high value for biodiversity or showing a large reserve of carbon. To receive financial aid they should be classified as "sustainable" under the criteria of this Directive.

With respect to electricity, stand out the **Directive 2009/72/EC** of the European Parliament and the Council, of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 on common rules for the internal electricity market.

Regarding the transit of electricity it should be mentioned the **Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009** of the European Parliament and the Council of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 on conditions for cross-border trade access to the electricity grid.

As regards security of supply of petroleum products stands out the Council **Directive 2009/119/EC** of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, which obliges Member States to maintain minimum reserves of crude oil or petroleum products.

Biofuels include, the **Directive 2009/28/EC** of the European Parliament and the Council of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, and the **Directive 2009/30/EC** of the Parliament and of the Council of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, that amends the Directive 98/70/EC in relation with the specifications of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introduces a mechanism to control and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and modifies the Directive 1999/32/EC of the Council in respect of the specifications of fuel used by inland waterway vessels.

Referring the basic legislation on natural gas, at European level the following directives should be mentioned:

- **The Directive 2009/73/EC** of the European Parliament and the Council of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 on common rules for the internal market of natural gas.
- **The Regulation (EU) No. 994/2010** of the European Parliament and the Council of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 on measures to ensure security of supply.
- And finally, the **Regulation (EC) No. 715/2009** of the European Parliament and the Council of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 on conditions for access to natural gas transport grid.

#### **1.4.2.1. National energy policy**

##### *1.4.2.1.1 Electrical regulations*

Regarding Spanish state legislation it should be mentioned first, as basic law, the **Royal Decree-Law 7/2006** of 23<sup>rd</sup> June, which adopts urgent measures in the energy sector and corrects certain inefficiencies attributable to energy legislation previously existing.

These corrections are applied to the **Law 54/97** of 27<sup>th</sup> November, which suppresses the transition costs to competence. Remain the incentives to the consumption of autochthonous coal and to support facilities which develop specific plans of particular technological relevance. Also, a bonus scheme is approved up to 10 euros per MWh produced.

It also stands out the **Law 17/2007** of 4th July that amends the Law 54/1997 of 27<sup>th</sup> November in order to adapt it to the common rules for the internal electricity market.

Also by this **Royal Decree-Law 6/2009** of 30<sup>th</sup> April the measures are adopted in the energy sector and the social bond is established.

As development of the Royal Decree Law 6/2009, it is published the **Royal Decree 437/2010** of 9<sup>th</sup> April, which implements the securitization process control of electrical system deficit.

**The Law 25/2009** of 22<sup>nd</sup> December involves the modification of legislation relevant to its adaptation to the law on free access to activities and its implementation. Therefore, this law affects the exercise of activities to be undertaken by certain agents in the electricity sector.

Subsequently, it was published the Royal Decree 198/2010 of 26<sup>th</sup> February, aimed at developing the provisions of Law 54/97 of 27<sup>th</sup> November of electricity sector and amended by the Law 25/2009 of 22<sup>nd</sup> December with the purpose to adapt existing regulations to the new requirements specified in this rule.

**The Royal Decree-Law 6/2010** of 9<sup>th</sup> April takes steps to establish new activities for upgrading the energy sector and thus promote an employment and economic recovery.

Finally, to be mentioned the Royal **Decree-Law 14/2010** of 23<sup>rd</sup> December that establishes the urgent measures for regulating the power sector tariff deficit which affects photovoltaic installations covered by the Royal Decree 661/2007, limiting the hours of production according to the climate zone where the installation is located, although in 2011, 2012 and 2013 the hours shall be limited regardless of its location. On the other hand, it extends the deadline to receive the regulated rate to 28 years.

Regarding the economical and technical functioning of island and mainland systems (SEIE), the regulatory framework is formed by **Royal Decree 1747/2003** of 19<sup>th</sup> December, that regulates the island and areas outside the mainland electrical systems and the Decrees **ITC/913/2006** and **ITC/914/2006**, published on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, that define the basic rules of economic and technical operation of mainland electrical systems and provides the implementation of the System Operator and Market Operator on the areas outside the mainland.

These rules are to be completed by the **Resolution of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009** that approves the settlement system rules and payment guarantees of the mainland and areas outside the mainland systems and with the Decree **ITC/1559/201** of 11<sup>th</sup> June which regulates aspects of the mainland and areas outside the mainland regulation electricity systems.

With regard to the remuneration of transmission and distribution of electricity activities, there are the following regulations:

- The **Royal Decree-Law 325/2008** of 29<sup>th</sup> February that establishes the remuneration of the transmission of energy for installations put in service from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.
- The **Decree ITC/368/2011** of 21<sup>st</sup> February that approves unit values of reference for investment costs and operation and maintenance of transmission facilities, per fixed element, which shall apply to facilities put in service from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.
- **The Royal Decree 222/2008** of 15<sup>th</sup> February, which establishes the remuneration of the activity of electricity distribution.
- **The Royal Decree 1202/2010** of 24<sup>th</sup> September, which establishes deadlines for inspection of tolls of access to transmission and distribution electricity grid.

There are other regulations related to transportation and distribution, such as:

- **The Royal Decree 1110/2007** of 24<sup>th</sup> August, that approves the unified rules of measurement points of the **electrical system**.
- **The Royal Decree 223/2008** of 15<sup>th</sup> February, that approves the regulation on technical and security guarantees in high-voltage power lines and their complementary technical instructions.
- **The Decree ITC/2906/2010** of 8<sup>th</sup> November, that approves the annual programme of facilities and exceptional performances of the transport networks of electricity and natural gas.

With respect to electricity supply, it is interesting to mention the approval of the **Law 17/2007** of 4th July that modified the Law 54/1997 of 27th November, of the electricity sector, in order to adapt it to the provisions of the directive 2003/54/EC. This law becomes a new model in which the tariff supply activity and is no longer part of the distribution activity and supply becomes exercised by marketers in free competition being the consumers who freely choose their supplier. Also, with the Law 17/2007, it is established the obligation to create the rates of last resort.

In this context, it is published the Royal Decree 485/2009 of 3rd April, by which is regulated the implementation of last resort supply in the electricity sector. As development of this royal decree, it is published ITC/1659/2009 Order of 22nd June, which provides a mechanism of tariff market customers transfer to the last resort supply of electricity and the calculation procedure and the structure of electricity last resort tariffs.

#### *1.4.2.1.2 Renewable energy policy*

Meanwhile, in terms of current legislation on renewable energy within the national sphere, we find a lot of provisions approved in recent years, in order to promote the use of them.

With regard to cogeneration, we find the **Royal Decree Law 7/2006** of 23<sup>rd</sup> June, according to which urgent measures in the energy sector are adopted. This royal decree eliminates the need for electricity consumption in plants that use cogeneration, focusing not only on the electricity surplus, but all co generated electricity.

By the **Royal Decree 616/2007** of 11<sup>th</sup> May on the promotion of cogeneration, it is intended to lay the basis for establishing a stable framework for the promotion and public support for high-efficiency cogeneration in order to allow both maintenance of existing facilities and the development of new ones, thus increasing energy efficiency and saving the country's primary/raw energy.

Given the great relevance for the promotion of renewable energy, it should be mentioned the **Royal Decree 661/2007** of 25th May, which regulates the activity of electricity production in special regime. Thus the renewable energies become to be regulated within the special regime, along with the cogeneration and waste treatment.

It also establishes a transitional economic system for facilities belonging to their scope of application. In addition, the **Royal Decree 661/2007** determined a premium/bonus for power plants above 50 MW which were using renewable energy (excluding hydro), cogeneration and facilities of co-combustion of biomass and / or biogas.

The most significant changes that this Royal Decree asserts against the previous regulation are:

- The remuneration of the special scheme is not linked to the Average Tariff or of Reference one. The updating of tariffs, bonuses and allowances/supplements will be linked to the evolution of different factors (such as the CPI or the price of natural gas).
- Set a reference premium and upper and lower limits for generation from renewable energies that participate in the market.
- Set a guarantee that must meet the special regime facilities to request access to the distribution grid. The guarantee was already necessary in the case of producers who would like to connect to grid of transport.
- New wind farms should be able to stay connected to the grid to a brief voltage drop across it.
- Hybridization permits biomass facilities and solar thermal ones.
- Obligation of the special regime of installed capacity/power above 10 MW to be connected to a control centre.
- The right of the special regime to a fee/tariff, to which the distributor will be its representative for participation in the market until 31/12/2008. The distributors will start to charge in the special regime for this service a fee of 0.5 c € / kWh from 1/07/2008.
- The costs of facilities deviations will be applied in the special regime to a tariff that should have time measurement equipment.

Meanwhile, the **Law 17/2007** 4<sup>th</sup> of July, states that the government may determine a premium for those facilities of co generated electricity production or those that use as primary energy, non-consumable and non-hydraulic renewable energies, biomass, biofuels or agricultural residues, livestock or services, even though the installed capacity exceeds 50MW.

In November 2011 the **Plan to Promote Renewable Energies** was modified in order to adapt it to the goals established by the European Union, in this regard, of 20% by 2020, maintaining the commitment of 12% that this plan established for 2010. These objectives will be taken into account in fixing the premiums for these installations.

With regard to photovoltaic installations, the Resolution of September 2007 establishes the period of maintenance of the regulated tariff for photovoltaic technology.

Subsequently, the **Royal Decree 1578/2008** of 26<sup>th</sup> September is published, on remuneration of the electricity production activity by means of photovoltaic solar technology for installations after the deadline for the maintenance of the remuneration of the Royal Decree 661/2007 of 25<sup>th</sup> May, for this technology.

Finally, in relation to photovoltaic installations should be mentioned the **Royal Decree 1003/2010**, of 5<sup>th</sup> August, which regulates the settlement of the premium equivalent to the electricity production facilities of photovoltaic technology in special regime. This Royal Decree establishes the procedure for the accreditation of different photovoltaic systems when entering the different compensation frameworks that the current law provides for these installations.

In the same line as for photovoltaic installations, and because of the economic impact that suppose renewable energies on the tariff system, it is approved the **RD-Law 6/2009** of 30<sup>th</sup>



April according to which one are adopted certain measures concerning energy sector and the social bond is approved.

**The Resolution of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 of the Secretary of State for Energy**, by which is published the Council of Ministers Agreement of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 that proceeds the management of projects or facilities submitted to the administrative record of pre-allocation for facilities producing electricity, provided by the **Royal Decree-Law 6/2009** of 30<sup>th</sup> April which adopts certain measures in the energy sector and establishing the social bond.

Related to the above provisions, should be mentioned the following rules that affect the facilities in the special regime:

- **The Royal Decree 1565/2010** of 19th November, which regulates and modifies certain aspects related to the activity of electricity production in special regime. This RD responds to the growing number of production electricity facilities from renewable energy sources, cogeneration and waste, and photovoltaic systems.
- **The Royal Decree 1614/2010** of 7th December which regulates and amends certain aspects of the activity of electricity production from wind and solar thermoelectric technologies. This decree establishes a limitation of equivalent operating hours eligible for premium or premium equivalent and also /plus a reduction of them.
- **The Royal Decree-Law 14/2010** of 23<sup>rd</sup> December that establishes urgent measures to correct the revenue shortfall/tariff deficit in the electricity sector. This Royal Decree provides, in general, the possibility of limiting the hours of operation with a right equivalent to the regime have recognized that economic primacy. Thus, these values are set explicitly of reference in accordance with the values used for calculation of remuneration set out in the Renewable Energy Plan 2005-2010 and those reflected in the **Royal Decree 661/2007** of 25<sup>th</sup> May that regulates the activity of electricity production in the special regime, taking into account the solar climatic zone where the facility is located, according to the classification of climatic zones according to the average solar radiation in Spain established in the Royal Decree 314/2006 of 17<sup>th</sup> March that approves the Technical Building Code. At the same time and in order to ensure the reasonableness of the compensation is extended to 28 years for the facilities of b.1.1 type, references within the first 25 years established in the Royal Decree 661/2007 of 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Recently, in order to encourage the installation of renewable technologies to reduce power consumption in the tertiary and domestic sectors, it was promulgated the **Royal Decree 1699/2011** of 18<sup>th</sup> November, which regulates the connection to electricity production facility grid of small power. This R.D. is repealed by the Royal Decree 1663/2000 of 29<sup>th</sup> September and, as a novelty, simplifies requirements for small power plants that seek to connect at points where there is already a supply.

Other provisions related to renewable energies are:

- **The Order ITC/1522/2007** of 24<sup>th</sup> May establishes the regulation of the guarantee of origin of electricity from renewable energy sources and high efficiency cogeneration.

- **The Order ITC/1673/2007** of 6<sup>th</sup> June approves the programme on conditions of application of input power/contribution to the electrical system associated with certain producers and consumers who help ensure security of electricity supply.

Regarding the authorization of the facility, there is also the **Royal Decree 1028/2007** of 20th July, which establishes the administrative procedure for processing applications for approval of electric generating facilities in the territorial sea.

**The Law 2/2011** of 4<sup>th</sup> March, of sustainable economy, is very important and deserves to be mentioned specially because of its transversely and structural approach to a lot of changes, with force of law, which are necessary to encourage and accelerate the development of a more competitive, more innovative economy able both to renew the traditional productive sectors and decidedly open to new demanding activities of stable and quality employment.

This law sets out the broad principles applicable in the matter, that is, the ensuring security of supply, economic efficiency and environmental respect as well as national targets for 2020 on energy savings and efficiency and use of renewable energy consistent with those established in the European Union and derived an energy model that, by planning instruments under the same law, seek to increase the share of renewable energy, increase the predictability and efficiency of decisions of energy policy and in particular the incentive framework and reduce the participation of more potential energy CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. On the other hand, it promotes cooperation among Public Administration, under the Energy Sector Conference, and encourages research, development and innovation in renewable energy and energy savings and efficiency, with special attention to new obligations for Public Administration.

Given its special importance for the Canaries, it included the fourteenth additional provision of the law, regarding the development of the Comprehensive Strategy for the Canary Islands Autonomic Community. It identifies that the Government will pay attention to the specific characteristics which contribute to the Canary Autonomic Community as a peripheral region, because of its remoteness, insularity and population dispersion.

In particular, the Government will take into account the specific conditions of the Canaries and the requirements set out in the Community Energy Plan in renewable energy. For this purpose special quotas for renewable energy are established in the Canary Islands in response to technical and economic criteria when they are competitive with conventional technologies in each of the subsystems of SEIE of Canaries. So, the technology needs to support renewable generation will be revised, in order to ensure power system stability Canary, as provided in the regulations of the SEIE.

Due to the present economic situation in the country the **Royal Decree-Law 1/2012** of 27<sup>th</sup> January is published, by which it proceeds to the suspension of pre-allocation procedures and the removal of economic incentives for new production of electricity facilities from cogeneration, renewable energies and waste.

#### *1.4.2.1.3 Legislation related to oil*

What is referred to security of supply of petroleum products, include the **Royal Decree 1766/2007** of 28<sup>th</sup> December, regulating the obligation to maintain minimum security

stocks, the diversification of natural gas supply and strategic reserves corporation of petroleum products.

In terms of specifications for petroleum products, the **Royal Decree 61/2006** of 31<sup>st</sup> January should be mentioned which determines the specifications of petrol, diesel, fuel oils and liquefied petroleum gases and regulates the use of certain biofuels.

Referred to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) it emphasizes the **Royal Decree 919/2006** of 28<sup>th</sup> July, which approves the technical regulation of distribution and use of gaseous fuels and their supplementary technical instructions ICG 01 to 11.

As for the prices of LPG, the **ITC/1968/2007 Order** of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, updates the system for automatic determination of maximum retail prices, before tax, of bottled liquefied petroleum gases and modifies certain provisions on hydrocarbons.

The **ITC/1858/2008 Order** of 26<sup>th</sup> June updates the system for automatic determination of maximum retail prices, before tax, of bottled liquefied petroleum gases.

The **Order ITC/2608/2009** of 28<sup>th</sup> September amends the previous Order ITC/1858/2008 of 26<sup>th</sup> June, in the sense of modifying the final weight of freight in the regulated price and establishes a formula for annual review of the marketing costs.

Finally, the **Order ITC/3292/2008** of 14<sup>th</sup> November amends the system of automatic determination of the rates of sale, before tax, of liquefied petroleum gases by pipeline.

As mentioned oil installations only, the **Royal Decree 1416/2006** of 1<sup>st</sup> December approves the Technical Additional Instruction MI-IP 06 "How to leave out storage tanks of liquid petroleum products".

Regarding the transfer of information, the **Royal Decree Law 6/2000** establishes the obligation to inform the general direction of energy policy and mines about the prices on gas stations, both by operators and owners of independent service stations. This obligation has been further developed by the Order ITC/2308/2007 of 25 June, which determines how to send information to the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade on the activities of supply of petroleum products.

Besides, the **Resolution of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 of the General Directorate for Energy Policy and Mines** approves the new official forms for submission of information to the General Directorate for Energy Policy and Mines, the National Energy Commission and the Strategic Reserves of Petroleum Products.

With respect to biofuels, it includes the **Royal Decree 1088/2010** of 3<sup>rd</sup> September, amending the Royal Decree 61/2006 of 31<sup>st</sup> January regarding the technical specifications for gasoline, diesel and use of biofuels and sulphur content of marine fuels. With this royal decree transposing Directive 2009/30/EC as regards the specification of petrol and diesel, modifies aspects of the use of biofuels and makes changes related to the specification of fuel used by inland navigation vessels.

Concerning the degree of penetration of biofuels and other renewable transport and other renewable fuels for transport purpose, first, the **ITC/2877/2008 Order** of 9<sup>th</sup> October establishes a mechanism to promote the use of biofuels and other renewable fuels for transport purposes. The sixteenth additional provision of Law 34/1998 of 7<sup>th</sup> October, the hydrocarbon sector, sets annual targets for biofuels and other renewable fuels for transport, which are mandatory targets from 2009, and reach the 5.83% in 2010. Furthermore, it

enables the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Commerce to issue the necessary provisions for a mechanism to promote the incorporation of biofuels and other renewable fuels for transport purposes.

On this basis, this Order establishes minimum targets by product type, temporal flexibility mechanisms to account for the amount of biofuels sold or consumed, and a system of certification and compensation payments to be managed by the Energy National Commission will be obligated to transfer certificates, while served as a control mechanism of the obligation.

This is expected to reach an overall target of 7% of the energy content of petrol and diesel sold for transport purposes.

To contribute to the development of this order Circular 2/2009 of 26 February is issued, the National Energy Commission, which regulates the implementation and management mechanism to promote the use of biofuels and other renewable fuels for transportation purposes.

Finally, the **Decree 459/2011** of 1<sup>st</sup> April sets mandatory targets for biofuels for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Therefore, the objectives set out in the **Royal Decree 1738/2010** of 23<sup>rd</sup> December on biofuels in diesel rise to 7.0% and the global objectives of biofuels, rise to 6.4%, 6.5 % and 6.5% in the same years. Taking into consideration the date of entry into force of this Royal Decree and the time required to consume the product currently on the system, the global objective for 2011 is set at 6.2% and the target for biofuels in diesel at 6.0%.

#### *1.4.2.1.4 Legislation related to natural gas*

In the field of natural gas, the **Law 12/2007** of 2<sup>nd</sup> July is included, that amends the Law 34/1998 of 7<sup>th</sup> October, of the hydrocarbon sector, in order to adapt to the provisions of the Directive 2003/55/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2003 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas.

On the other hand, the **Royal Decree 326/2008** of 29<sup>th</sup> February establishes the remuneration of the transport activity of natural gas for installations put into service from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

Finally, **Royal Decree 197/2010** of 26<sup>th</sup> February amends certain provisions related to the hydrocarbon sector to the provisions of the Law 25/2009 of 22<sup>nd</sup> December, for its amendment of various laws to adapt to Law on free access to activities and its exercising.

### **1.4.2.2. Canary energy legislation**

#### *1.4.2.2.1 Electricity regulatory*

As for the general measures taken by Canary Autonomous Community in electricity field we can find the following:

- The **Law 2/2011** of 26<sup>th</sup> January, that amends the Law 11/1997 of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, regulating the canary islands electricity sector and the Law 19/2003 of 14<sup>th</sup> April, approving General Management Guidelines and the Guidelines on Tourism of the Canary Islands. The act also amends Article 6-bis of the Law 11/1997 of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, regulating the Canary electricity sector as amended by the Law 8/2005 of 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- The **Law 8/2005** of 21<sup>st</sup> December, amends the Law 11/1997 of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, of regulating the Canary electricity sector, it has a main purpose to face the problems that from the point of view of the territorial generic or urban rules, difficult to deal with situations that arise as a matter of urgency or exceptional interest in the Canary electrical system, the same as in the generation and in transmission and distribution.
- In terms of approval of electrical installations, it includes the **Decree 141/2009** of 10 November, which approves the regulations on the administrative procedures governing the implementation and commissioning of electrical installations in the field of the region.
- The **Order of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010** approves the special rules for liaison facilities in the Canary Islands.

On the other hand, the **Law 6/2009** of 6<sup>th</sup> May is published, on urgent measures in territorial planning for the revitalization and management sector of tourism. It should be noted that paragraph 7 says that in the protected rural land because of their economic value can be deploy networks and power lines, hydraulic and communications, without requiring Territorial Rating, always when there is no expressed prohibition in the Island Plan Management in Territorial management Plans of Orientation or in the planning of protected natural areas that are applicable to the area where the installation should be placed and carried out in a underground way. The performance of these nets and lines will be subject to environmental assessment that in this case should be obtained the relevant municipal license.

The same rules apply to processing power stations, compactly prefabricated or covertly run, and small telecommunications entity, excluding towers or repeaters communication centres and supply depots for public water up to 4,000 m<sup>3</sup> of underground construction, not exceeding 1 m in height measured from the natural ground elevation.

#### **1.4.2.2 Renewable energy legislation**

Meanwhile, in renewable energy, was approved by **Decree 32/2006** of 27<sup>th</sup> March, which regulates the installation and operation of wind farms in Canary Islands. This decree is issued for the purpose of ordering the establishment of wind farms on the islands, so as to facilitate the maximum development of wind energy without compromising the quality of electricity supplied to end users.

This decree regulates the installation and operation of wind farms of an output exceeding 10 kW grid-connected electricity distribution or transportation of any of the island electrical systems. Are excluded, the mini-wind turbines, whose influence on the network is not relevant.

It also sets the maximum wind power that can be installed and connected to the network in 2015 in the island electrical systems, for the case of mains El Hierro is 14 MW. It also sets the tender procedure taking into account, mainly energy efficiency criteria, environmental protection, security of supply and condition the electrical system, which will be specified in the relevant calls. All this is in order to achieve the establishment of integrated solutions that streamline the use of scarce existing soil in the Canary Islands, to limit the environmental impact, and provide comprehensive treatment to the electricity infrastructure.

Therefore, only can be granted an administrative approval for the installation or expansion of wind farms, to whom have obtained previously by public tender for the purpose, the corresponding wind power. The upgrading of existing parks, which are not associated with consumption facilities and wind farms engaged in research and technological development connected to electricity grids and those associated with energy accumulation singular systems, which must apply for the extension of pre-allocation of power are exempt from going to public tender

Yet, the **Decree 7/2011** of 20<sup>th</sup> January amending the Decree 32/2006 of 27<sup>th</sup> March regulates the installation and operation of wind farms in the area of the Canary Islands. This amendment relaxed the rules and conditions for wind turbines with associated energy storage systems, in particular, the requirements for implementing them. It also establishes the compulsory of the report of the system operator and extends the deadline for resolving the proceeding six months setting, express the sense of rejection to the silence.

As development of the Decree 32/2006 the **Order of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006** is included, by establishing technical and administrative conditions for the repowering of existing wind farms. And it regulates the installation and operation of wind farms located in the area of the Canary Islands.

By the **Order of April 27 2007**, the allocation of power in the form of new wind farms intended to pour all the energy in the Canary island electrical systems was called to a public tender and the Order of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 was rules by governing the Periodic Inspection of the low voltage electrical installations.

**Order of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2007**, by announcing a public competition for allocation of power in the form of installation or expansion of consumption associated with wind farms in Canary Islands power systems.

#### **1.4.2.3. Specific regulations in El Hierro**

For specific regulations regarding the island of El Hierro, we have the document **Advance Special Territorial Plan of the Energy Infrastructure Planning**, where we study the current situation and existing problems, and determining the forecast consumption of land

for future energy infrastructures and their conditions: oil, electricity generation in ordinary regime electricity transmission, wind, solar, geothermal, tidal power, wave power, hydro and mini hydro, biogas and hydrogen.

The Island Local Government of El Hierro, with the support of IDEA and the Canary Islands Government has prepared the Master Plan for Sustainable Mobility (PDMS), which complements the initiatives on sustainable energy and contains guidelines for the development of mobility the island in a sustainable and an ambitious set of proposals for action. The need of a framework for mobility planning in El Hierro is also provided in the Plan of Action that supported the declaration of the island as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO. This document makes an assessment of the current situation and presents a set of actions that the short, medium and long term will consolidate the island's future mobility model.

## 2. GLOBAL STRATEGY

### 2.1. Current framework and future vision

The coal is introduced in Canary Islands in the nineteenth century, imported, almost entirely from Great Britain. It was used mainly to drive the boats and also for street lighting and domestic use, but it was only from the middle of the century when it began to be used to generate electricity. In the first half of the twentieth century it disappeared as fuel with the introduction of oil and its derivatives at the beginning of the last century.

Consumption of fuel oil, whose evolution is linked to electricity generation, increased considerably in the same way as the new plants were built and expanded existing ones and expanding the distribution grids. It is also noteworthy, the use of fuel in the water treatment plants whose development, given the need for water in certain islands, has been growing in recent years.

The energy situation in El Hierro and the rest of the archipelago is characterized by heavy dependence on foreign energy. In the 70's the first great oil crisis (1973) occurred, and with it arose, in the Canaries, the need to diversify the energy sources.

The power supply is essential for the functioning of our society, adding a strategic value to all economic sectors. It is, therefore, an essential goal in defining energy policy, that energy supply takes place under optimum conditions of security, safety and quality, all of them with the utmost respect to environmental criteria.

One of the main advantages of designing an energy plan is that it requires designing scenarios for the future, even being uncertain for the long-term projection and volatile world energy markets can limit the risk areas and allow great possibilities of action.

The main objectives mentioned in the different Energy Plans that have been developed in the Canary Islands since the early 80's have been, among others, increasing the penetration of renewable energy generation park of the island (in order to diversify the energy mix and reduce this heavy dependence, the same as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions).

The first Canary Islands Energy Plan, approved by the Parliament of the Canary Islands in 1980 (PECAN 86), advocates the introduction of coal as the new option (at that time, the European Community prevented from using natural gas to generate electricity). The introduction of coal plants in the vicinity of tourist areas has issued great controversy, which led to the Canary Islands Government to reconsider the situation, weighting up the use of natural gas in plants of combined cycle. This is why in 1989 another Canary Islands Energy Plan was written, PECAN 89, approved by the Parliament of Canary Islands in 1990.

El Hierro has a set of structural problems that make difficult the introduction of measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Besides the enormous dependence on oil for electricity generation, we find that the scarcity of drinking water in the island, derived from the climatic conditions in the region, requires its production (usually by desalination processes) with an intensive energy consumption, which also significantly contributes to worsen our relative situation with regard to the rest of Europe.



In the range of this Autonomic Community, the current energy policy is contained in the Canary Islands Energy Plan 2006 (PECAN 2006) - approved by the Parliament of Canary Islands, in sessions of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 - which constitutes the basic indicative document activities to develop in the energy sector, both within the government, and companies involved in energy supply of energy users.

Future energy planning is aimed at ensuring energy supply, promoting rational energy use and maximum utilization of endogenous energy sources, integrated in the environmental aspect for sustainable development in the region.

## 2.2. Objectives and targets

The objectives set out are headed to encourage the electricity generation from clean technology. In this sense, it is committed to promote maximum penetration of renewable energy and application of saving measures end energy efficiency, primarily in the electricity generation sector and additionally, in other applications.

Four basic objectives are fixed and they are summarized in:

1. Ensuring power supply to all consumers in optimum conditions in terms of regularity, quality and price.
2. Making the most rational use of energy, which involves minimizing its use, keeping it both at the public level, as a whole, and general economic system, an equivalent level of satisfaction measured in terms of environmental quality, social positive impacts and maintaining the competitiveness of our business.
3. Promoting the highest possible use of renewable energy sources, especially wind and solar ones as a way to reduce the external vulnerability of the economy system and improve the environmental protection.
4. Integrating the environmental dimension in all energy decisions contributing to progress on the path towards sustainable growth of environment.

The following table sums up the objectives to be achieved with this plan and goals to succeed:

Objectives		Targets
1.	<b>Ensure power supply</b>	Strategic stocks of hydrocarbons to ensure a minimum autonomy of 90 days
		Increased use of autochthonous sources to reduce dependence on outside energy

2.	<b>Promote the rational use of energy</b>	Reduce by at least 25% the ratio between energy and GDP in respect of 2005
3.	<b>To encourage maximum use of renewable energy sources</b>	Use of autochthonous sources to increase up to 20% the participation of renewable energy resources in primary energy demand
4.	<b>Integrate the environmental dimension in all energy decisions</b>	Reduce by at least 20% of CO <sub>2</sub> emissions compared to 2005

Table 16 Objectives and targets to achieve

## 2.3. Strategic guidelines

The solution to reduce energy dependence and emissions of greenhouse gases, goes through the strengthening the promotion of autochthonous renewable and clean energies use, which will favour the improvement in energy supply security and, at the same time encourage savings and energy efficiency as a complementary part of this proposal.

As for the contribution of renewable energies to energy supply, it is clear that it should be enhanced very significantly, because of being endogenous sources that consequently, reduce energy imports and vulnerability of the energy system. El Hierro has to go for achieving the EU target set out in the Directive 2009/28/EC of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 that promotes the use of energy from renewable sources, relying primarily on an intensive development of wind and solar energies abundant renewable recourses with technologies mature for their mass exploitation.

The strategies have been developed for the mentioned above objectives. They are detailed in the following table:

Objectives		Strategic guidelines
1.	<b>Ensure power supply</b>	Diversification of energy sources and promotion of autochthonous sources
		Maintenance of strategic stocks of hydrocarbons
		Sufficient stocks capacity to meet expected demand growth and to solve specific problems
		Public service obligations with satisfactory conditions of supply and quality of service
		Extra costs compensation regarding the rest of national territory in the electricity and natural gas sectors
2.	<b>Promote the rational use of energy</b>	Reducing the ratio between energy and GDP by increasing the global efficiency of the electricity sector and reducing consumption of petroleum products in the transport sector

3.	<b>To encourage maximum use of renewable energy sources</b>	Participation of renewable sources in energy supply and electricity generation by means of an intensive use of wind, solar photovoltaic and termic energies. It does not stand out the use of another renewable sources that can reach appropriate levels of technological development, reliable use and costs
4.	<b>Integrate the environmental dimension in all energy decisions</b>	<p>Reduce the emission of greenhouse effect gases associated with energy consumption</p> <p>Increase the transparency in decision-making related to new energy infrastructure</p>

Table 17 Strategic guidelines to be followed by objective

With the plan, being articulated according to the presented lines, it is intended to enable both the Government and energy supply companies to gain commitments to public opinion, to define time-limited actions for the implementation. On the other hand, it is a call to public awareness in general, as the solution to the energy challenges involves not only the participation of Government and business sector, but also end users, who have decision-making capacity when it deals with the choice of technologies or measures of rational use of energy.

### **3. ENERGY BALANCE AND QUANTIFICATION OF EMISSIONS**

In this section we analyze the energy situation in the island based on the current situation, considering as reference the year 2005. The base year analysis is performed using data that are obtained from the different authorities and companies involved in the energy sector.

Once having defined the situation of reference is the estimation of the energy situation in 2020, is proceeded considering, on one hand, a trend development according to the progression of the last years for which data are available, and on another hand, the expected situation from the measures proposed in this plan of action.

The energy analysis for the three considered matters is divided into:

- Primary energy: Energy obtained from sources of imported energy or local ones (fossil fuels, hydropower, wind, solar, biomass, etc.).
- Secondary energy: the energy converted from other types of energy to power users (electricity, heat for urban heating, cold for district cooling).
- Final energy: It means commercial energy supplied to end users (electricity, heat, cold and fuels) and renewable energy sources used directly by end users, excluding the energy sold to a public distribution grid (solar, biomass, etc.).

#### **3.1. Baseline**

This section will detail the different energy consumption by sectors and energy sources, using available data from different sources. We study the final energy consumption of petroleum fuels, electric power from classification codes of the National Code of Business Activities (CNAE) and renewable sources that exist on the island, studying the existing technologies in the island for the production of electricity and fuel consumption associated with them.

Nowadays and as it is deduced from this analysis, the degree of energy dependence of the island on oil and its derivatives is almost 100% and energy diversification is almost nil.

##### **3.1.1. Primary energy demand**

Primary energy is all forms of energy available in the nature before being converted or transformed, and from which energy needs are met for final consumption.

In some cases these energies are consumed directly to obtain mechanical energy or heat or turning it into electricity, known as secondary energy.

Besides this classification, between primary and secondary energy, we can distinguish between renewable energy and non-renewable.

Primary energy available on El Hierro mainly comes from fossil fuel derived oil for internal use plus renewable energy, wind and solar, in form of solar thermal and photovoltaic.

Some of the supplies of petroleum products are used directly for the final consumption of different economic sectors and residential use. The rest is used for processing power. Renewable energies are mainly used for electricity production both for the connection to the grid and in the self consumption way, except for solar thermal water heating.

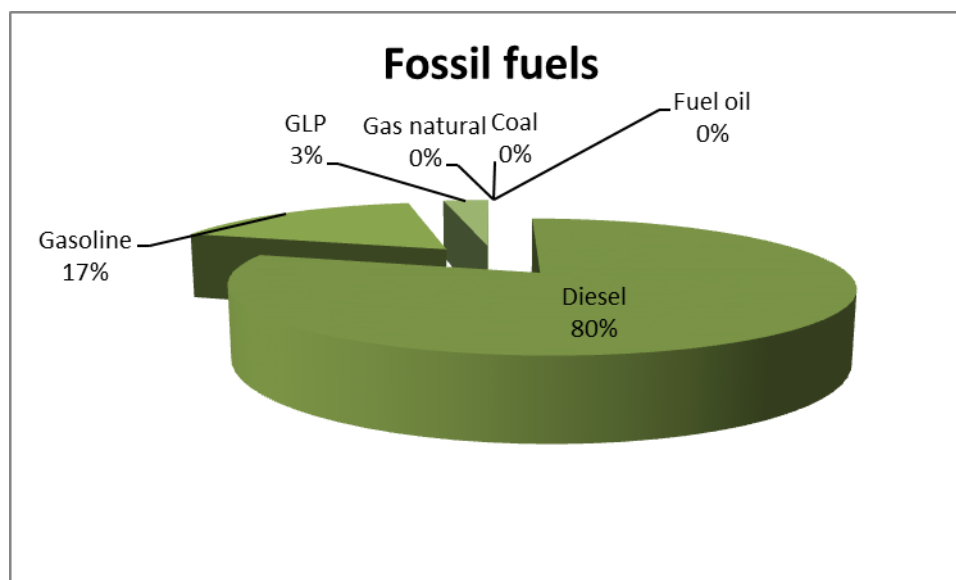
### **3.1.1.1. Fossil fuels**

As it can be seen in the following table, the diesel (diesel oil and diesel) and fuel oil are the most used fuels in the island.

Fossil fuels	MWh	%
Fuel oil	0	0.00%
Diesel	144,728	79.66%
Gasoline	31,409	17.29%
LPG	5,552	3.06%
Natural gas	0	0.00%
Coal	0	0.00%
Subtotal	181,689	100.00%

Table 18 Fossil fuel demand in El Hierro

These fuels are mainly used in the processing power. In addition, diesel and gasoline are used primarily in the transportation sector, while the LPG (liquefied petroleum gas), especially butane and propane are the most used, in the residential and tertiary sectors respectively.



Graph 6 Fossil fuel demand in El Hierro

As shown in the graph, the diesel (diesel oil and fuel oil) account for 80%, 17% gasoline and LPG (butane) 3%

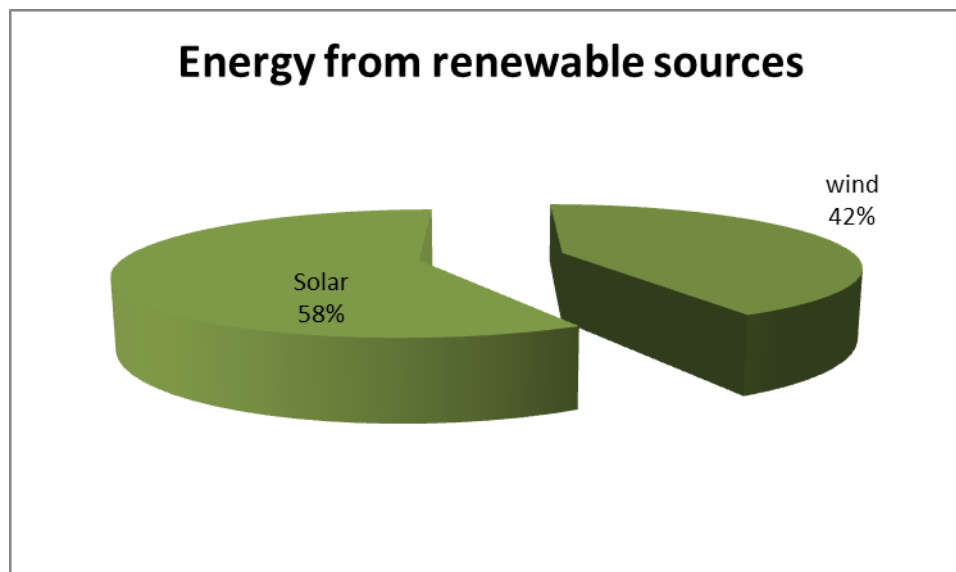
### 3.1.1.2. Renewable energies

The island has two types of renewable energies, wind and solar (the latter takes into account both thermal and photovoltaic).

Renewable energy sources	MWh	%
Hydraulic	0	0.00%
Wind	251	41.76%
Solar	350	58.24%
Geothermal	0	0.00%
Marine	0	0.00%
Biomass	0	0.00%
Municipal waste	0	0.00%
Energy recovery	0	0.00%
Subtotal	601	100.00%

Table 19 Renewable energy in El Hierro

From the data presented in the table above, it is noted that wind power produced by a single 100kW wind turbine, is nearly 42% of the total renewable. The solar thermal and solar mainly used for heating water in the tertiary sector and domestic, is the remaining 58%. The installed capacity of solar photovoltaic off-grid installations is 13,198 Wp.



Graph 7 Energy produced in El Hierro from renewable sources

The contribution of generation systems from renewable sources is very low, reaching only 0.33% of total primary energy demand of the island.

As you can see, the island has a significant dependence on energy resources that force it to import petroleum products in order to meet the demand (99.67%).

### 3.1.2. Production of secondary energy.

The island has centralized power, without having any type of centralized services in order to meet the demands of heat or cold.

The production of secondary energy and energy flows in El Hierro are reflected in the following table:

Energy products	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources (connected to public grid) MWh	%	Total MWh	%	Losses	%
Electricity	34,993	100.00%	251	100.00%	35,244	100.00%	2,489	7.06%
Heat	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Cold	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	<b>34,993</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>35,244</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>7.06%</b>

Table 20 Secondary energy production and energy flows in El Hierro

### 3.1.2.1. Description of the production.

The primary energy that was converted into secondary energy in 2005 is as follows:

Energy products	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources (connected to public grid) MWh	%	Total MWh	%	Losses	%
Electricity	91,790	100.00%	251	100.00%	92,041	100.00%	56,797	61.71%
Heat	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Cold	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	<b>91,790</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>92,041</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>56,797</b>	<b>61.71%</b>

Table 21 Conversion of primary energy in secondary en El Hierro

As mentioned, the electricity demand of the island is covered primarily with diesel oil and diesel fuel from the power plant located in White Plains Valverde, the capital of the island, near the port of the stake, with the following generating units:

Central	Technology	Nº Groups	Unit power (kW)	Total power (kW)	Current fuel
Llanos Blancos	Motor Diesel	4	1460	5,840	Diesel Oil
Llanos Blancos	Motor Diesel	1	1280	1,280	Diesel Oil
Llanos Blancos	Motor Diesel	1	1100	1,100	Diesel Oil
Llanos Blancos	Motor Diesel	1	1020	1,020	Diesel Oil
Llanos Blancos	Motor Diesel	1	775	775	Diesel Oil
<b>Total</b>				<b>10,015</b>	

Table 22 Conventional generation units in El Hierro

In addition to the power station, the island has, since 1992, a wind farm (Montaña San Juan) of 100 kW.

### 3.1.2.2. Description of the distribution system

El Hierro does not have a grid of electricity transmission, it only has a 20kV distribution grid consisting of two main lines: one that elapses from the north and one in the south shed. This grid is distributed by the three municipalities of the island.

The energy efficiency of conversion of fossil fuels can be seen in the following table:



Energy products	Fuel oil	Diesel	Gasoline	LPG	Natural Gas	Coal	Subtotal
Electricity	-	38%	-	-	-	-	38%
Heat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 23 Conversion efficiency (fossil fuels) in El Hierro

The conversion of petroleum products to electricity reaches 38% for diesel oil.

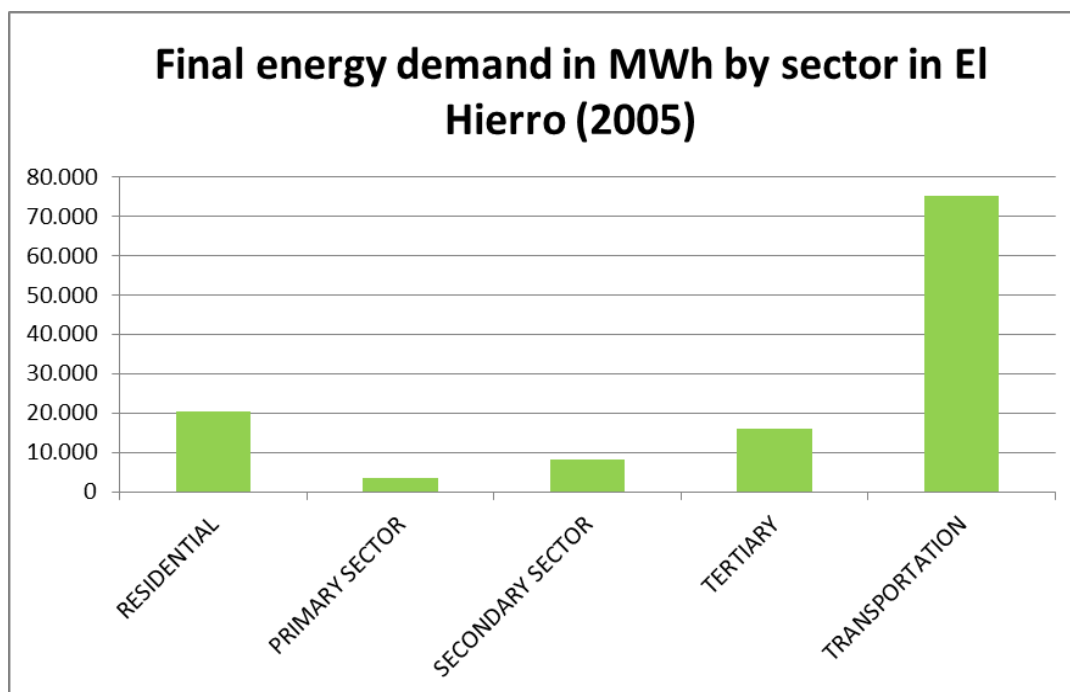
### 3.1.3. Final energy demand

In the absence of centralized services of heat or cold, in the study of final energy demand by sector only electricity demand is discussed. In the transport sector, following the breakdown by UNELCO-ENDESA according to CNAE, they are considered auxiliary electricity consumptions for operation and maintenance services of vehicles (garages, repair shops, etc). The fossil fuel emissions are the result of their use in each of these sectors.

As shown in the table below, the sector which demands more energy is the transport which has 61% of total energy demand of the island. It is followed by residential one with 16%, the tertiary sector (administration and services) with a 13% and the secondary sector with 7%. Finally, the primary sector represents only 3% of final energy consumption.

Sector	Centralized power MWh	%	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources	%	Total MWh	%
Residential	14,864	45.38	5,523	6.14	70	20.00	20,457	16.63
Primary sector	3,079	9.40	278	0.31	0	0.00	3,357	2.73
Secondary sector	931	2.84	7,116	7.92	0	0.00	8,047	6.54
Sector tertiary	13,881	42.38	1,916	2.13	280	80.00	16,077	13.07
Transportation	0	0.00	75,066	83.50	0	0.00	75,066	61.03
	<b>32,755</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>89,899</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>123,004</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Table 24 Final energy demand by sectors in El Hierro



Graph 8. Final energy demand in MWh by sectors in El Hierro

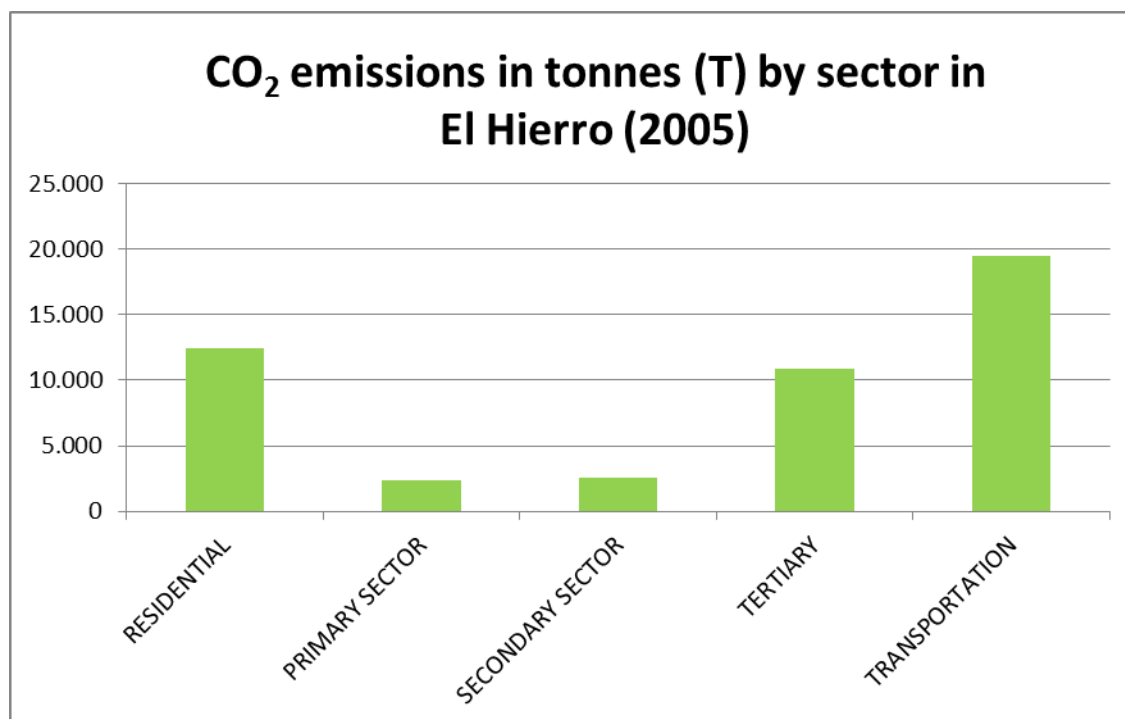
### 3.1.4. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Sector	Centralized power T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Fossil fuels T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Total T CO <sub>2</sub>	%
Residential	11,121	45.38%	1,326	5.69%	12,447	26.04%
Primary sector	2,304	9.40%	74	0.32%	2,378	4.98%
Secondary sector	697	2.84%	1,900	8.16%	2,596	5.43%
Sector tertiary	10,386	42.38%	510	2.19%	10,896	22.80%
Transportation	0	0.00%	19,478	83.64%	19,478	40.75%
	<b>24,508</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>23,288</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>47,796</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Table 25 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector in El Hierro

In the above table the centralized energy services make reference to emissions from the production of electricity for the end use of the different sectors concerned. In the transport sector the auxiliary electricity consumptions are considered for the operation and maintenance services of vehicles (garages, repair shops, etc). The fossil fuel emissions are the result of their use in each of these sectors.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are produced mainly in the transport sector (41%), followed by residential one (26%) and tertiary (23%). The fuel produces more emissions than the diesel (diesel oil and diesel) used mainly for electricity production.



Graph 9 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in tonnes (T), by sector in El Hierro (2005)

## 3.2. Projections 2020 – trend scenario

Having defined the energy situation in the reference year a trend analysis can be made with the real data that are available (until 2010) of the energy evolution until 2020. This is to analyze the progression of the energy evolution of the years between 2005 and 2010 and make an estimation based on the progression trend, of the following years till 2020. For this also it was taken into account the revised document PECAN 2006 and the Planning of electricity and gas sectors 2012-2020.

This section seeks to study the energy scenario of the island in 2020 following current and projected trends of consumption but without implementing activities that promote energy savings and efficiency, and greater penetration of renewable energy in the system.

### 3.2.1. Primary energy demand

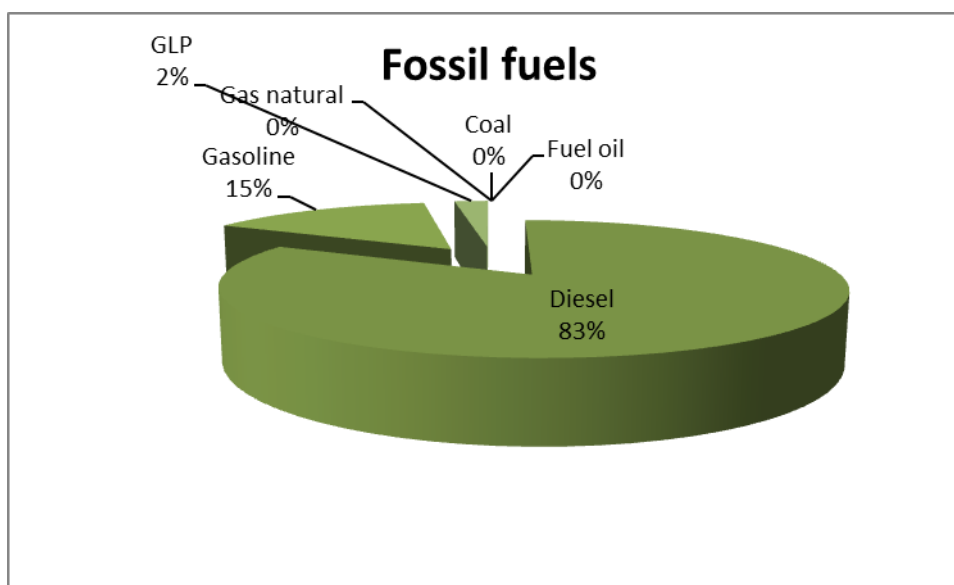
With the current progression of total primary energy demand it is estimated that in 2020, it will be of 208,815MWh, having increased by 14.6% since the base year.

#### 3.2.1.1. Fossil fuels

As much as the diesel oil as diesel and fuel oil, will remain to be the most used fuels on the island, they are mainly used in electricity transformation. Gasoline will remain highly important in transport and the LPG (liquefied petroleum gas), especially butane and propane, will keep its significant presence in the residential and tertiary sectors respectively.

Fossil fuel	MWh	%
Fuel oil	0	0.00%
Diesel	172,171	82.69%
Gasoline	31,316	15.04%
LPG	4,722	2.27%
Natural Gas	0	0.00%
Coal	0	0.00%
Subtotal	208,209	100.00%

Table 26 Fossil fuel demand in 2020 in El Hierro



Graph 10 Fossil fuels demand in 2020 in El Hierro

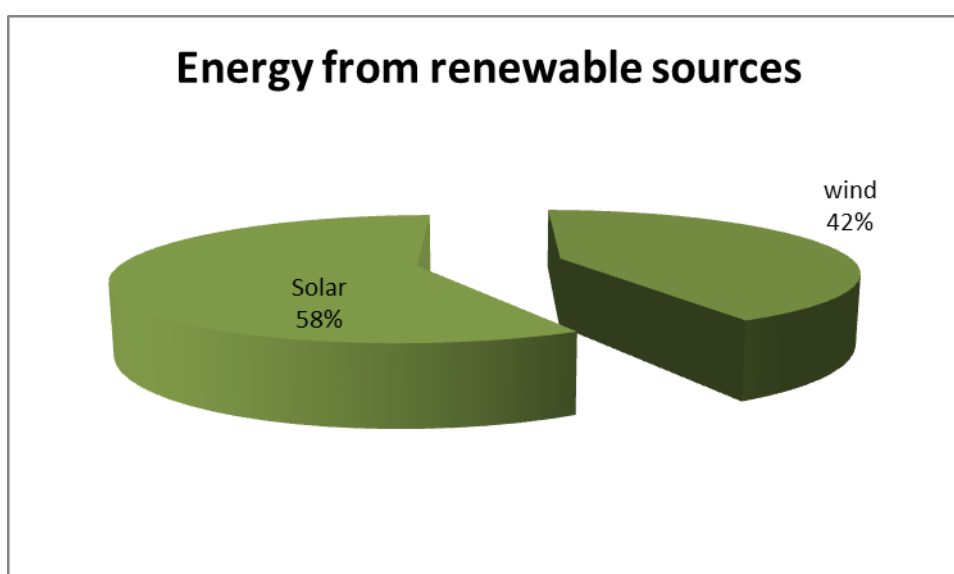
### 3.2.1.2. Renewable energy

The contribution of renewable energy remains practically the same as in the base year.

Renewable energy sources	MWh	%
Hydraulic	0	0.00%

Renewable energy sources	MWh	%
Wind	256	42.25%
Solar	350	57.75%
Geothermal	0	0.00%
Marine	0	0.00%
Biomass	0	0.00%
Municipal waste	0	0.00%
Energy recovery	0	0.00%
Subtotal	606	100.00%

Table 27 Renewable energy produced in 2020 in El Hierro



Graph 11 Energy production from renewable sources in 2020 in El Hierro

### 3.2.2. Production of secondary energy

The production of secondary energy and energy flows in El Hierro are reflected in the following table

Energy products	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources (connected to public grid) MWh		Total MWh	%	Losses	%
			MWh	%				
<b>Electricity</b>	47,364	100.00%	256	100.00%	47,620	100.00%	4,762	10.00%
<b>Heat</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

<b>Cold</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	<b>47,364</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>47,620</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>10.00%</b>

Table 28 Secondary energy production and energy flows in 2020 in El Hierro

### 3.2.2.1. Description of the production systems.

The primary energy is converted into secondary energy during 2020 is as follows:

Energy products	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources (connected to public grid) MWh	%	Total MWh	%	Losses	%
<b>Electricity</b>	118.409	100,00%	256	100,00%	118.665	100,00%	71.046	59,87%
<b>Heat</b>	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%
<b>Cold</b>	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0	0,00%
	<b>118.409</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>118.665</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>71.046</b>	<b>59,87%</b>

Table 29 Primary energy converted into secondary energy in 2020 in El Hierro

### 3.2.3. Final energy demand

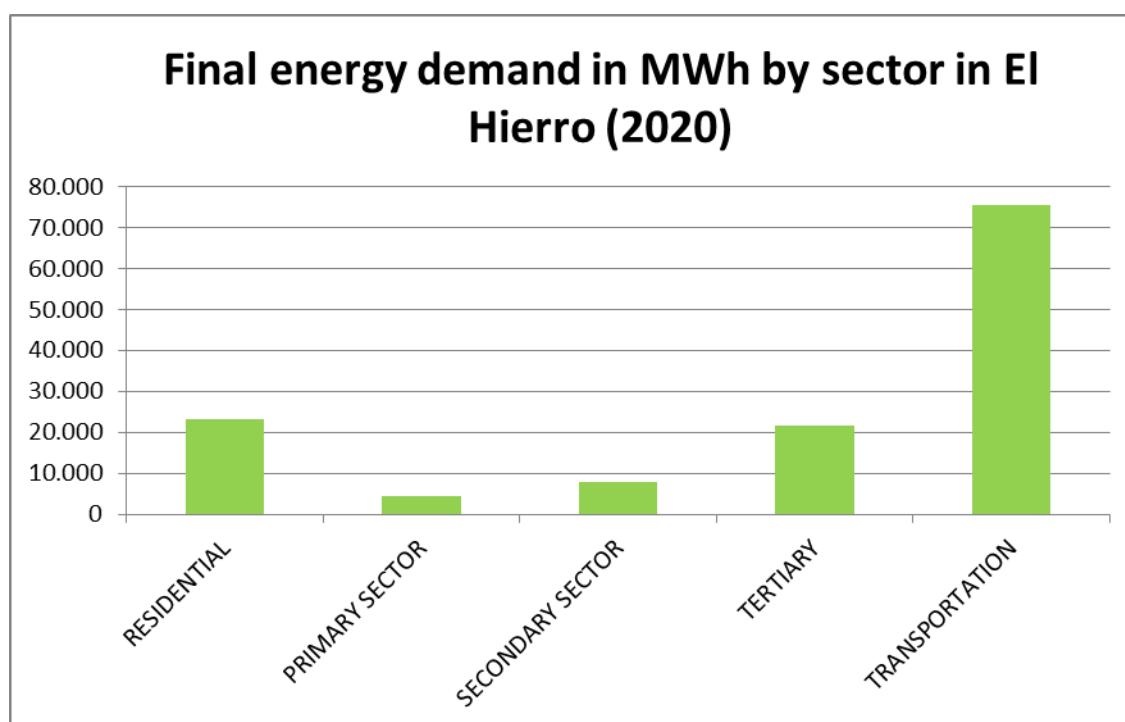
In the 2020 scenario it is not expected to implement centralized services of heat or cold, so in the study of final energy demand by sectors it is analyzed only electricity demand. In the transport sector the electricity consumptions are considered to the operation and maintenance services of vehicles (garages, repair shops, etc). The fossil fuel emissions are due to their use in each of these sectors.

As shown in the table below, for the year 2020, the sector that will demand more energy is transport. This will involve 57% of total energy demand, followed by the residential sector with 17% and the tertiary sector (administration and services) with 16%.

Sector	Centralized power MWh	%	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources MWh	%	Total MWh	%
Residential	18.379	42,88	4.698	5,23	70	20,00	23.147	17,40
Primary sector	4.250	9,92	285	0,32	0	0,00	4.535	3,41
Secondary	699	1,63	7.286	8,11	0	0,00	7.986	6,00

Sector	Centralized power MWh	%	Fossil fuels MWh	%	Renewable energy sources MWh	%	Total MWh	%
sector								
Tertiary sector	19.530	45,57	1.956	2,18	280	80,00	21.765	16,36
Transportation	0	0,00	75.575	84,16	0	0,00	75.575	56,82
	<b>42.858</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>89.799</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>133.007</b>	<b>100,00</b>

Table 30 Final energy demand by sectors in 2020 in El Hierro



Graph 12 Final energy demand by sectors in 2020 in El Hierro

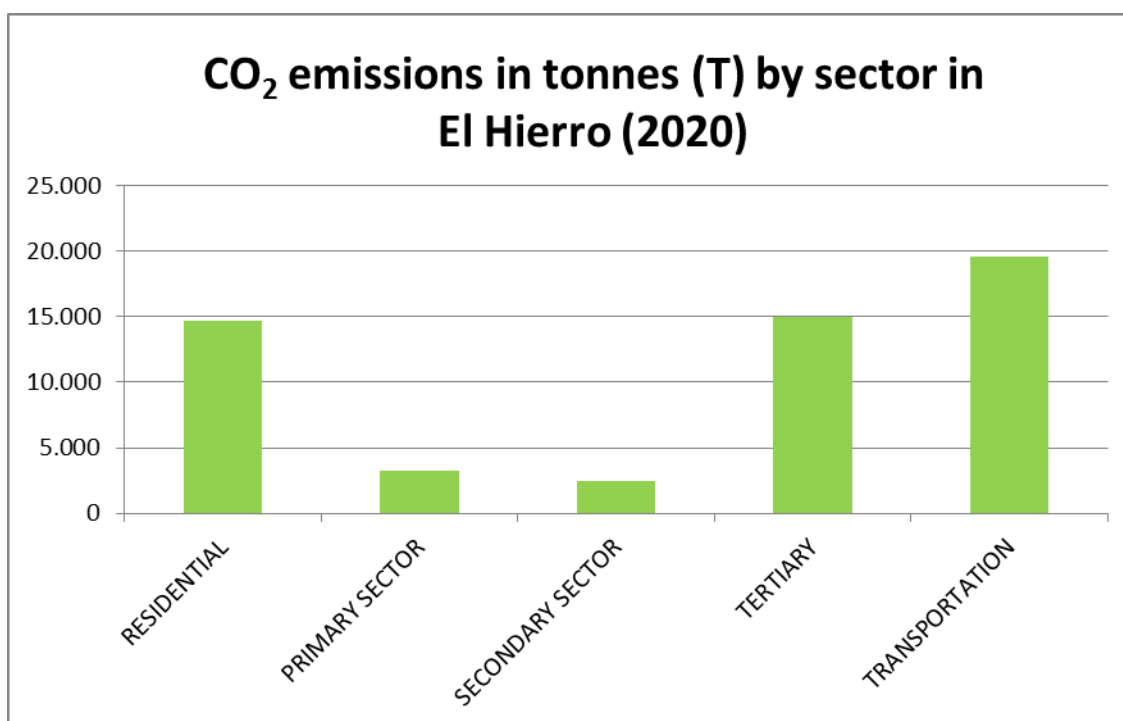
### 3.2.4. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Sector	Centralized power T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Fossil fuels T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Total T CO <sub>2</sub>	%
Residential	13.558	42,88%	1.128	4,84%	14.686	26,75%
Primary sector	3.135	9,92%	76	0,33%	3.211	5,85%
Secondary sector	516	1,63%	1.945	8,35%	2.461	4,48%
Tertiary Sector	14.407	45,57%	521	2,24%	14.927	27,19%

Sector	Centralized power T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Fossil fuels T CO <sub>2</sub>	%	Total T CO <sub>2</sub>	%
Transportation	0	0,00%	19.615	84,24%	19.615	35,73%
	<b>31.615</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>23.285</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>54.901</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Table 31 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector in 2020 in El Hierro

The breakdown presented in the table above, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are produced, mainly, in the tertiary sector (36%), followed by the residential sector (27%) and transportation (27%). For fuel, the diesel (diesel oil and fuel oil) is the one that produces more emissions followed by fuel oil used for electricity production.



Graph 13 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sectors in 2020 in El Hierro

The following tables summarize the expected changes from the base year (2005) until 2020.

Primary energy demand			
Type of energy		Type of energy	Type of energy
Fossil fuels	Fuel oil		
	Diesel	144,728	172,171
	Gasoline	31,409	31,316



Primary energy demand			
Type of energy		Type of energy	Type of energy
	LPG	5,552	4,722
	Natural gas		
	Coal		
	Subtotal	181,689	208,209
<b>Renewable energy sources</b>	Hydraulic		
	Wind	251	256
	Solar	350	350
	Geothermal		
	Marine		
	Biomass		
	Municipal waste		
	Energy recovery		
	Subtotal	601	606
<b>Total</b>		<b>182.290</b>	<b>208,815</b>

Table 32 Forecasts of the primary energy demand in 2020 in El Hierro

CO <sub>2</sub> emissions			
Type of energy		2005 [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	2020 [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]
<b>Fossil fuels</b>	Fuel oil		
	Diesel	38,642	45,970
	Gasoline	7,821	7,798
	LPG	1,332	1,133
	Natural gas		
	Coal		
	Subtotal	47,796	54,901
<b>Renewable energy sources</b>	Hydraulic		
	Wind		
	Solar		
	Geothermal		
	Marine		
	Biomass		

CO <sub>2</sub> emissions		
Type of energy	2005 [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	2020 [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]
Municipal waste		
Energy recovery		
Subtotal		
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,796</b>	<b>54,901</b>

Table 33 Forecasts of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2020 in El Hierro

Primary energy demand						
Year	Fossil fuels [MWh]	Renewable energy sources [MWh]	Electricity [MWh]	Heat [MWh]	Cold [MWh]	Total [MWh]
2005						
2005	181,689	601				182,290
2006	184,311	604				184,915
2007	190,759	606				191,365
2008	186,643	606				187,249
2009	190,703	606				191,309
2010	175,727	606				176,333
2011	186,771	606				187,377
2012	192,103	606				192,709
2013	194,725	606				195,331
2014	197,370	606				197,976
2015	200,134	606				200,740
2016	202.081	606				202.687
2017	202.837	606				203.443
2018	205.475	606				206.081
2019	206.291	606				206.897
2020	208.209	606				208.815

Table 34 Forecasts of the primary energy demand per year in El Hierro

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Year	Fossil fuels [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	Renewable energy sources [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	Electricity [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	Heat [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	Cold [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]	Total [T CO <sub>2</sub> ]
2005						
2005	47,796					47,796
2006	48,496					48,496
2007	50,221					50,221
2008	49,117					49,117
2009	50,202					50,202
2010	46,233					46,233
2011	49,188					49,188
2012	50,618					50,618
2013	51,324					51,324
2014	52,037					52,037
2015	52,780					52,780
2016	53,290					53,290
2017	53,482					53,482
2018	54,182					54,182
2019	54,394					54,394
2020	54,901					54,901

Table 35 Forecasts of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year in El Hierro

### 3.3. Projections 2020 – scene of the action plan

For the study of the projections in 2020 in the plan scenario, the PECAN data from 2006 and their later review, PECAN review 2006-2015 (January 2012) have been observed. It has also been taken into account the Planning of the electricity and gas sectors 2012-2020 (MITyC).

This section proposes actions that help to improve and increase energy efficiency and savings, and to increase the penetration of renewable energy in the system.

#### 3.3.1. Primary energy demand

##### 3.3.1.1. Fuel consumption growth

In the table shown in the following subsection we can see how to get a reduction in fossil fuel consumption by 49.3% in 2020 with the proposed actions.

### 3.3.1.2. Renewable energy

Today there are 100 kW from wind and 30 kW photovoltaic and it is pretended to achieve 1MW from wind and 14MW of solar photovoltaic. It is also introduced other technologies that do not currently exist on the island, such as biomass to produce biogas (1 MW) and small hydro (1MW).

Primary energy demand			
Type of energy		2005 [MWh]	2020 [MWh]
<b>Fossil fuels</b>	Fuel oil	0	0
	Diesel	144,728	58,913
	Gasoline	31,409	29,420
	LPG	5,552	3,824
	Natural Gas		
	Coal		
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>181,689</i>	<i>92,157</i>
<b>Renewable energy sources</b>	Hydraulic		1,585
	Wind	251	35,005
	Solar	350	2,492
	Biomass		10,000
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>49,082</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>182,290</b>	<b>141,239</b>

Table 36 Primary energy demand in El Hierro implementing the action plan

According to data obtained in this table, 34.8% of primary energy comes from renewable sources by 2020. In 2005, the percentage was much lower, reaching only 0.3%.

### 3.3.2. Secondary energy production

### 3.3.2.1. Conventional power generation

As discussed in previous sections, the electrical demand of the island is covered primarily with diesel oil and diesel fuel from the Llanos Blancos power station located in Valverde, the capital of the island, near El Puerto de la Estaca, which has only diesel motors generation technology. The island has currently an installed capacity of about 12MW.

The actions that have been introduced to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and increase the penetration of renewable energy in electricity production consist, as discussed above, in improving the efficiencies of generation units by replacing the most obsolete and inefficient by others working in higher output, or by the placement of new groups, so as to pass from an efficiency of 40% to 52% in 2020. On the other hand it is also recommended to improve the transmission and distribution, in order to reduce the losses that occur today. With respect to renewable energies, an increase in sources of renewable source electricity system is proposed. In this case, we must also highlight the importance of the reversible Hydroeolian power station to be operational in late 2012. It aims to supply 100% of the electricity demand of the island leaving the power plant as support in case of failure or any contingency.

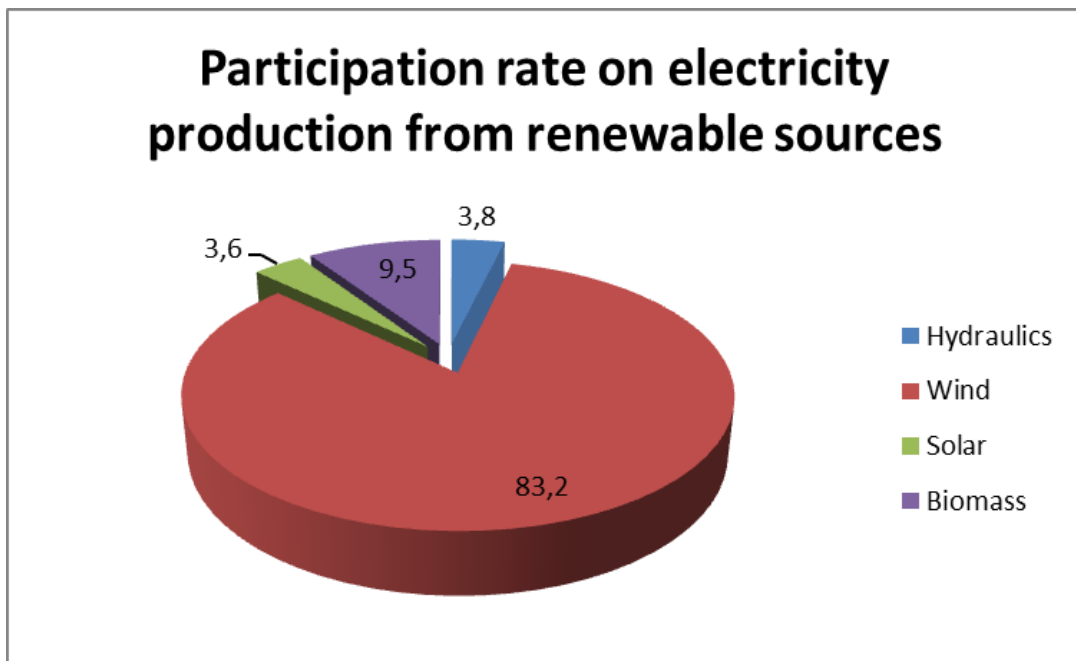
The results obtained for the year 2020, using the model-PACT ISLE project are as follows:

Secondary energy production and flows of energy					
Type of energy		Electricity [MWh]	Heat [MWh]	Cold [MWh]	Total [MWh]
Fossil fuels	Fuel oil	0			0
	Diesel	3,606			3,606
	<i>Total partial</i>	<i>3,606</i>			<i>3,606</i>
Renewable energy	Hydraulic	1,585			1,585
	Wind	35,005			35,005
	Solar	1,500			1,500
	Biomass	4,000			4,000
	Energy recovery	0			0
	<i>Total partial</i>	<i>42,090</i>			<i>42,090</i>
Subtotal		45,696			45,696
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,696</b>			<b>45,696</b>
Distribution losses and own use		3,656			3,656

Table 37. Secondary energy production and energy flows in 2020 in El Hierro, applying the action plan

The greatest contribution of renewable energy for electricity production comes from wind, followed by photovoltaic.

In turn, the distribution of renewable energy production in the various technologies is as follows:



Graph 14 Participation rate on electricity production from renewable sources

Under the proposed hypotheses and the results obtained along this section, it can be concluded that the stronger energy commitment for 2020 is to adapt the electrical system, by increasing the installed power capacity and providing it with smaller unitary equipment, flexible and rapid-response coupling for high wind penetration.

As shown in the chart above, the greatest contribution of renewable energy corresponds to the wind with an installed capacity of 14MW quite unlike the others.

In favour of wind power it must be said that, despite being highly variable and intermittent, systems and more reliable models of wind forecast are increasingly being developed which reduces forecast errors of wind energy production but does not eliminate them, so this kind of energy is still being very little managed.

### 3.3.3. Final energy demand

#### 3.3.3.1. Electricity consumption growth

A moderation in the growth of final energy consumption in the next decade is envisaged in the residential sector due to the small expected increase in the number of households. However, it is expected to continue the growth of household energy consumption, especially electricity, as given that the electrical appliances and air conditioning equipment still have growth potential, reaching the saturation only at the end of the projection period. Efficiency measures will continue to encourage the replacement of domestic equipment with more efficient ones.

The services sector will maintain its growth both in activity and energy consumption. Its energy intensity will fall less than other economic sectors, given that the greatest increase in activity will come from significantly sub-intensive sub sectors in power consumption, especially those related to information technology and telecommunications. It is, therefore, in this sector where it is detected a greater potential for efficiency improvement in the electrical equipment in offices (office computerization and air conditioning) and other buildings of the tertiary sector (hotels, hospitals, etc...).

Final energy consumption in the industry will decline slightly throughout the foreseen period due to the stabilization of production capacity in the sectors of more intensive energy consumption and continuous improvement of efficiency that comes from the introduction of new technologies. The energy price scenario favours this improvement in order to maintain competitiveness.

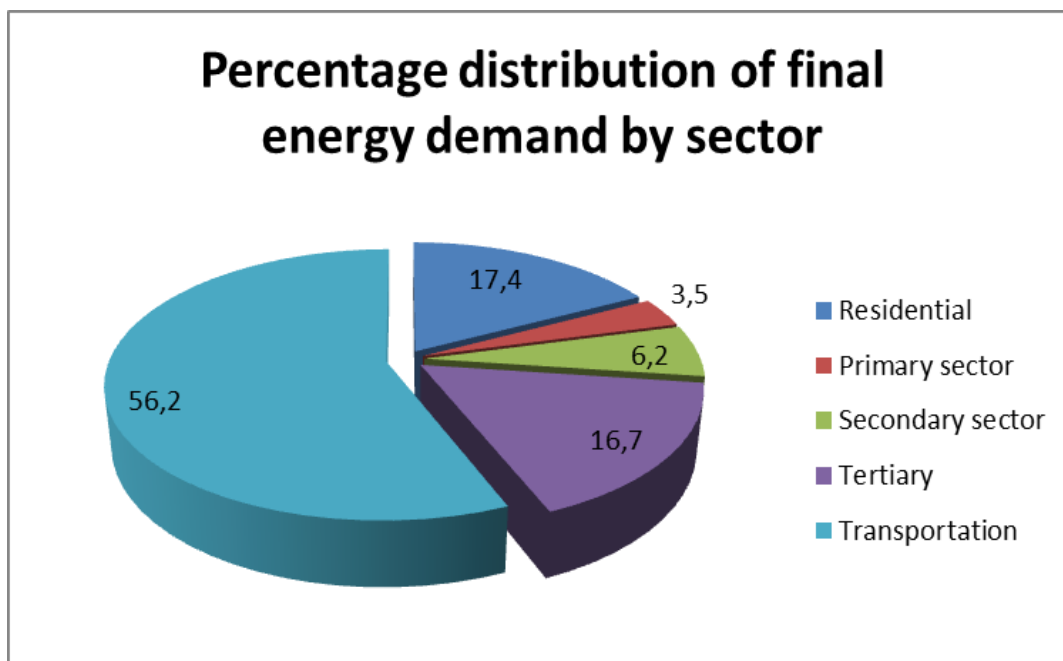
The data obtained in the final energy demand are:

Final energy demand		2020					
Type of energy		Residential [MWh]	Primary sector [MWh]	Secondary Sector [MWh]	Tertiary Sector [MWh]	Transportation [MWh]	Total [MWh]
Centralized power	Electricity from public grid	17,829	4,250	699	19,210	52	42,040
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>17,829</i>	<i>4,250</i>	<i>699</i>	<i>19,210</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>42,040</i>
Fossil fuels	Fuel oil	0	0	0	-10	0	-10
	Diesel	16	282	7,275	1,891	42,525	51,988
	Gasoline	0	3	12	15	29,391	29,420
	LPG	4,268	0	0	-444	0	3,824
	Natural gas	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Coal	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>4,285</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>7,286</i>	<i>1,451</i>	<i>71,915</i>	<i>85,222</i>
Renewable energy sources (excluding electricity and heat sold to public grid)	Hydraulic	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wind	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Solar	247	0	0	745	0	992
	Geothermal	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Marine	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Biomass	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>992</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>22,361</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>21,406</b>	<b>71,967</b>	<b>128,255</b>

Table 38. Final energy demand

In the above table, it is shown why the transport sector is the most demanding of energy followed by residential. In this case, the tertiary sector is not as important as the capital and

eastern islands. This is the smallest island of the archipelago, where the hotel capacity, utilities, etc... do not represent a mass market for the island, at least not as transportation or residential. El Hierro, like La Gomera and La Palma, has not been as aggressively exploited for tourism purposes as above. For this reason, in these islands, there is less influence on the residential services sector. We must also review the relevance with respect to the capital and eastern islands, taking in the island of El Hierro the primary sector, reaching 3.5%. This data is quite remarkable if compared with the capital and eastern islands where it is scarcely situated just be over 1%.



Graph 15 Percentage distribution of final energy demand by sector

### 3.3.4. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The actions that have been introduced to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions consist, as discussed above, in improving the efficiencies of generated units by replacing the obsolete and inefficient ones by others working in higher output, or by placing of new units, the way that efficiency of 40% will increase to 52% in 2020. On the other hand, it is also recommended to improve the transmission and distribution grid in order to reduce the losses that occur today. With respect to renewable energies, it is proposed an increase renewable source in electricity system. In this sense it will provide a significant increase mainly in wind energy and photovoltaic.

Today there are 100 kW from wind and 30 kW photovoltaic and it is pretended to achieve 1MW from wind and 14MW of solar photovoltaic. It is also introduced other technologies that do not currently exist on the island, such as biomass to produce biogas (1 MW) and small hydro (1MW).



Thus, taking into account all the actions the emission reductions of 50% compared to 2005. Most beneficial actions this reduction are, firstly, the high penetration of wind energy and, secondly, improving the efficiency of conventional groups.

Year	Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (tonnes)	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reduction compared to 2005
2005	47,796	0%
2005	47,796	0%
2006	48,435	-1%
2007	50,070	-5%
2008	48,925	-2%
2009	49,938	-4%
2010	45,965	4%
2011	48,826	-2%
2012	28,108	41%
2013	26,961	44%
2014	27,465	43%
2015	26,203	45%
2016	26,519	45%
2017	26,344	45%
2018	26,858	44%
2019	25,851	46%
2020	23,973	50%

Table 39. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction

## 4. ACTIONS

Regardless the actions that will be proposed next on the island they have been carried out through its institutions, stressing at this point the work of the Island Local Government of El Hierro, actions aimed at saving and preserving the natural beauty of the island.

Among them, the Gorona del Viento project has to be highlighted, it has been developed together with the *Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias*, which will put the island at the forefront of renewable energy in Europe and worldwide, allowing energy self-sufficiency.

Among the actions which are being carried out in the water sector the works for improving irrigation in the municipalities of Valverde and Pinar have to be highlighted. Another activity in this sector, in relation to energy conservation and efficiency, is the reuse of wastewater for irrigation in Valverde, La Restinga, Tamaduste, Frontera, Well Health and the Parador de Turismo.

Among the measures aimed at reducing emissions is the use of sludge by installing bio digesters in different parts of the island, as the island abattoir and farms.

A study to use as an energy source, biomass and natural ranching and farming has also been conducted.

In the transport sector, a sustainable mobility plan for the island has been produced. In addition, there is a cooperation agreement between the island Local Government of El Hierro, Endesa Renault and Nissan for the progressive introduction of electric vehicles.

To promote efficiency and energy saving in demand, regular awareness campaigns are conducted throughout the island schools, associations, etc., On recycling, saving energy and water savings.

The actions detailed below, will promote and encourage Canary Islands Government, the Island Local Government of El Hierro and Local Administration, each one of them according to its competence in each of the actions that are mentioned.

### 4.1. Primary energy demand

#### 4.1.1. Transportation

The transport sector has an extraordinary importance both for the high volume of its emissions and by the strong growth they experienced, therefore, and it has been a subject to measures and specific programmes to promote a more efficient transport system that preserves the environment and non-renewable resources. Because of this, and the estimated changes in population, it is expected to moderate the growth of energy demand for transport.

Moreover, road transport will remain to be the way of transport of higher growth. In the next decade it is expected that the number of cars will be slightly increasing till reaching the population relative values similar to those of European countries with higher income.

The specific consumption of new vehicles would be reduced as a result of technological improvements, partly forced by specifications of environmental protection and the development of electric vehicles or biofuels. In addition, energy consumption in the transport sector will be reduced by the enhancement of ways of transport alternative to private vehicle in order to absorb the demand for mobility.

#### **4.1.1.1. Public transport**

Among all the actions that can be applied in the transport sector, the promotion of public transport is one of the most important action due to its strong and immediate impact on reducing fuel consumption and therefore reduce emissions.

To encourage the use of public transport several additional steps are required to enable an improvement in the quality, availability and reliability of this type of transport.

In this regard, the Island Local Government of El Hierro has a Master Plan for Sustainable Mobility (PDMS), which complements the initiatives on sustainable energy and defines the guidelines for the development of mobility on the island in a sustainable manner and proposed specific actions to advance, thus, to an effective mobility model, which allows to combine the criteria of eco-efficiency and competitiveness by improving services and quality of life of citizens. Some of the measures to be applied to this area of activity are:

- Improved signalling and equipment of the bus stops.
- Improvement and standardization of user information.
- Optimization of existing routes.
- Pricing policy.
- System optimization and system control issue tickets.
- Flexible transport strategy.
- Improved understanding of the mobility of bus travellers.
- Adjust the number of taxi licenses to actual demand.

The public passenger transport by road on the island currently consists of a regular service buses that operates a total of eight lines operated by the Associated Labour Cooperative Society Passenger Transport on the island of El Hierro (Transhierro).

It should be noted that in addition to the regular lines of buses, Transhierro also operates a taxi service (representing 90% of licenses in force in El Hierro) and has a fleet of buses to provide transportation to students and discretionary type.

This company has a fleet of buses of 28 High Occupancy Vehicle (over 9 seats per vehicle) of which 9 of them are engaged in regular passenger service, while the rest is aimed at

occasional services, school transport and fleet reserve or reinforcement of regulating service.

El Hierro has currently a total of 19 taxi licenses to meet the demands of taxi service in the three municipalities of the island. It should be noted that most of the fleet (a total of 17 vehicles) is integrated into Transhierro, so only 2 licenses operate independently.

The importance of using public transport to achieve the goal of reducing fuel consumption is such that whereas only 1% of drivers in El Hierro stop using their private car to become commuters, annual savings of 512 MWh, would be achieved, representing approximately 0.7% of total annual consumption of land transport on the island in the base year 2005.

It is estimated that an annual 3% of drivers will start using public transport which will help to achieve total cumulative savings of 13,836 MWh MWh in the period 2012-2020 and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 441 Tm compared to base year..

#### **4.1.1.2. Electric Vehicle**

The introduction of electric vehicles on a significant scale only makes sense if their needs in energy recharging are met by renewable energy.

Given the high penetration of wind energy planned for the Canaries, electric vehicles can play a key role to avoid disconnection of wind farms in hours "valley" for the excess peak of energy they produce and pour into the grid. This utility electric vehicle as regulator of the electrical system would help to accelerate the development of renewable energies in the Canary Islands, given the size and strong involvement of road transport in final energy consumption on the Islands.

To this end, a special action will be developed and promoted, that will include quantified objectives and financial support for the purchase of electric vehicles, reinforced with a unique initiative for the implementation of recharging points linked to renewable energy.

In the Master Plan for Sustainable Mobility (PDMS) of the Island of El Hierro is noted that, to reverse the trend of increased use of fossil fuels in transport and respond to the needs outlined in the Review of Sustainable Development Plan El Hierro (2006) as the "adoption of estimates of the impact, still weak, pollution associated with transport and mobility," appears as a key element in the substitution of conventional fleet vehicles with low environmental impact.

The Plan proposes that, without ruling out other options for alternative ecological engines and considering the hydro-wind power plant that will enter service, the more attractive transport option from the standpoint of energy, environmental and even economic is electric propulsion.

In this sense, from the Island Local Government it is envisaged to encourage a progressive conversion program of the current fleet of cars on the island in electric drive vehicles. The initiative is based on the end user to purchase the vehicle without the batteries, which would be owned operating company of the hydro-wind (Gorona del Viento) and used as a storage of excess electricity production, complementing energy accumulation in the reservoir of the pumping station. This would keep the cost of acquiring the vehicle by margins similar to those of a conventional vehicle.

This is an ambitious initiative that for its full implementation will require a period of not less than 10 years for technology assessment (choice of type and standard capacity battery, vehicle type, characteristics of the recharge centres, ...), validation through pilot operations, development of final design, preparation of legal, financial schema definition and implementation.

During the transition phase to full electric mobility low cost individual actions contribute to spreading the culture of the electric vehicle among the citizens of El Hierro and visitors could be developed.

Apart from passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, there are other categories of vehicles, including motorcycles, buses or bicycles, model versions of plug-in hybrids or pure electric market which starts to be competitive and that could be implemented immediately, by means of a basic network of recharging on the island.

The electric vehicle is the alternative for the future in terms of urban transport as it brings a considerable reduction of energy consumption, and most importantly, a reduction in environmental pollution in big cities. The islands are an ideal place for the deployment of these vehicles, given the short distances to travel.

Annually the Canary Islands Government makes a campaign for subsidies, called Plan Renove, to purchase vehicles powered by alternative energy. The aim of these campaigns is to encourage that the substitution of the vehicles should be made by other ones much more energetically efficient than most of the vehicles on the road. To exploit these advantages of lower consumption of modern vehicles, it will boost the renewal of the vehicle fleet through support to the acquisition of more efficient vehicles, including electric propulsion, hybrid, fuel cell, etc. These subsidies will reduce the extra initial purchase cost.

Nationally there is also an Action Plan 2010-2012, which is a part of the Comprehensive Strategy to Promote Electric Vehicle in Spain 2010-2014, called Plan MOVELE. This plan consists of a number of measures to be implemented over the coming years to encourage decisively the introduction of electric vehicles. These measures are referred within four basic areas defined by the Strategy: to promote the demand for these vehicles, support industrialization of and R&D this technology, facilitate the adjustment of the electrical infrastructure for proper recharging and demand management, and enhance a number of transversal programmes related to information, communication, training and standardization of these technologies.

However the acquisition of vehicles powered by alternative energy do not increase at a pace that would be desirable in the archipelago, with sales figures for hybrid and electric vehicles in 2011 in the Canary Islands around 300 units.

However according to forecasts by the International Energy Agency it is expected that from 2013 sales of gasoline hybrid vehicles will increase to 7% of sales in that year, with the purpose of increasing the sales of gasoline plug-in hybrids in 2014 and of diesel hybrids and electric ones in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

According to the International Energy Agency in 2020 it is expected that approximately 14% of sales will be gasoline hybrid vehicles, 5% fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles, hybrid vehicles 4% and 2% diesel electric vehicles.

In Spain in the National Action Plan for Renewable Energy of Spain (PANER) 2011 - 2020, in the fleet renewal measures it is included the goal of achieving by 2020 a 10% of the national park of these vehicles. It is expected that the energy savings will follow the next patterns: conventional hybrids could save 20-25% of the average annual energy consumption, while plug-in hybrids would be at 35-40%, estimating the cost savings associated with pure electric vehicles the environment of 50-55%.

In relation to the objectives of PANER by 2020, it is important to note that due to what has been explained above, the objectives included in the Master Plan for Sustainable Mobility (PDMS) on the island of El Hierro about vehicles powered by energy alternatives are more ambitious, considering the stage of good practice that approximately 14% of the fleet of the island of El Hierro is of this kind, while in the stage of excellence is considered about 21%.

According to the above and assuming an intermediate position between the two scenarios, i.e. considering that 18% of the fleet is powered by alternative energy, vehicle fleet forecast of El Hierro in 2020 is as follows:

El Hierro fleet forecast year 2020	
Gasoline vehicles	4,803
Gas oil vehicles	3,886
Gasoline hybrid vehicles	1,283
Gas oil hybrid vehicles	199
Gasoline hybrid plug vehicles	309
Electric vehicles	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,597</b>

Table 40 Forecast fleet by 2020 El Hierro

Estimated savings in 2020 of 6,187 MWh which represent approximately 8% of total annual consumption of land transport in El Hierro in the base year 2005 and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to base year of 277 Tm, due to the new composition of the fleet, with the prominent presence of conventional hybrids, plug-in hybrids and pure electric vehicles.

#### **4.1.1.3. Biofuels**

In the Canary Islands there is a problem regarding the introduction of biofuels, due to lack of infrastructures, and the extra costs off the prices of the Peninsula, in addition to storage costs and logistical investment required in the Canary Islands.

Therefore, in order to meet annual targets for biofuels minimum **established by the Royal Decree 459/2011, of 1<sup>st</sup> April** for transport purpose setting regulations to raise consumption by **6.4%, 6.5% and 6.5%, in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively**; the competent advice on energy will suggest to the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, the adoption of the exceptions or flexibilities for the Canaries as deemed necessary regarding the general mechanism of promoting the use of biofuels.

With regard to fuels, the objective posed by Sustainable Mobility Plan (PDMS) of El Hierro is to consolidate a sustainable mobility strategy in order to reduce energy consumption in transport, based on recycling and diversifying clean energy carriers.

This highlights that the Island Local Government is undertaking a project to obtain bio diesel from used vegetable oils collected from the island itself.

In principle, the bio diesel plant is estimated to have a nominal capacity to produce between 150 and 300 litres per day of bio diesel that will feed a total fleet of 50 vehicles which average 100 miles a day.

With an eye on the horizon of 2020, the **Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009** on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, it is established that each Member State shall ensure that the share of energy from renewable sources in all types of transport in 2020 is at least **10%** of final energy consumption in transport, so this value could be set as a minimum annual target of selling or consumption of biofuels for transport purposes for that year.

The table below shows the forecast consumption of biofuels for transport in El Hierro in the period of 2012-2020:

Year	Biofuels for transport (MWh)	Annual rate of change (%)
2012	4,264	-
2013	4,283	0.5
2014	4,446	3.8
2015	4,684	5.3
2016	4,932	5.3
2017	4,976	0.9
2018	5,185	4.2
2019	5,481	5.7
2020	5,793	5.7

Table 41 Forecast of consumption of biofuels for transport in El Hierro 2012-2020

Based on the above and following the trend of the forecast consumption of biofuels for transport purposes of the revised PECAN 2006-2015, shown in the table above, it is estimated that the savings in the transport sector of the island of El Hierro will be 3,083 MWh in the period 2012-2020 and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to the base year of 119 Tm, considering fossil energy savings of 7% in the consumption of biofuels versus conventional fuels.

#### 4.1.1.4. Awareness campaigns

Among the initiatives that can have a major impact, both in short and long term there are those responsible for developing, through 2020, annual specific campaigns of information and awareness for citizens in general, on alternatives to car use (walking, cycling, bus, private car sharing) and to promote citizen initiatives regarding bicycle and pedestrian mobility, such as the commitments and agreements on the use of bicycles, European week of mobility, weeks without cars, and others.

Among the actions that already have been fulfilled it stands out efficient driving courses for professionals in the transportation of persons and goods, for employees of public administration and drivers in general, interested in obtaining savings in both CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and in fuel.

The driving courses allow fuel savings of between 15% and 20% without reducing the average speed. Besides the cost savings, that this entails, they also have important environmental benefits, significantly reducing emissions of greenhouse gases: 50% less CO<sub>2</sub>, 78% less carbon monoxide and 50% less nitrogen oxide.

These measures also help reduce noise pollution and the costs of vehicle maintenance (brakes, clutch, gearbox and motor), while raising safety and comfort of drivers.

On the island of El Hierro it is suggested that at least 800 drivers will make driving courses between 2012 and 2020, from which are expected to be about 600 car drivers and 200 drivers of commercial vehicles (buses and trucks). This action will produce energy savings of approximately 1,546 MWh, and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to base year of 48 Tm.

As for the courses for employees of public administrations it is estimated that approximately 300 employees with driving license, from the Government of Canary Islands, Island Local Government of El Hierro and councils, would have conducted courses in 2020. This will result in energy savings of approximately 563 MWh, and a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to base year of 18 Tm.

In the Master Plan for Sustainable Mobility (PDMS) on the Island of El Hierro other actions that affect awareness and promote participation to achieve the objective of sustainable transport are proposed. These actions and objectives are:

- **Establishment of the Institute for Sustainable Mobility.** Consolidate a sustainable mobility strategy for reducing energy consumption in transportation.
- **Communication and Participation Plan.** Encourage citizens to use alternatives that reduce the number of transfers and, in particular, the use of private vehicles.



## 4.1.2. Actions to increase renewable energy contribution

### 4.1.2.1. Wind energy

The development of technologies for exploiting renewable energy, especially wind power technology, has been dramatic in both technical potential and through a substantial reduction in costs that approach the threshold of competitiveness with conventional generation sources.

The PECAN envisages for the island of El Hierro 14MW wind power by 2015, and this power is expected to be installed in the timeframe set and that, as of March 2012 is 11.60 MW (0.1 MW had and 11.5 MW have been installed recently in the context of the proposed Hydroeolian power station of El Hierro). In the last tender for allocation of power any megawatt wind for the island of El Hierro are started out, so it would be 2.40 MW to achieve the proposed power by PECAN. If the 14 MW not being installed on the horizon of the PECAN it would, for sure be installed, by the year 2020. From this power, in the island about 35,000 MWh per year would be produced.

*Offshore* wind energy (marine) is another very attractive field of action. At sea, the wind has a very low surface roughness and without obstacles, which implies that wind speed does not undergo major changes. Moreover, the wind is less turbulent than on land, which, on one hand, will obtain a more stable production of electricity and 20% higher than the wind *onshore* (ground) and, on the other hand, it will enlarge the time period of wind turbine useful work.

The main problem for its implementation lies in the fact that it should be installed in shallow water, a circumstance not common on our coast. It also requires a significant financial investment.

However, this kind of energy is experiencing strong support from international private investors that could give satisfactory results in the medium term. In the Canary Islands, the offshore wind potential is attracting researchers and companies who want to initiate innovative projects in the Canaries. It should ensure its development through support to experimental and unique projects.

Another action to consider, and that should be encouraged from the public administration, is to promote installations with small wind power<sup>4</sup> (less than or equal to 100 kW) associated with consumption centres interconnected to the grid, especially at low voltage, thus allowing the integration of renewable generation without need for new electricity infrastructures, and also encouraging further public participation improving energy efficiency and fighting against climate change. It also seeks to increase the system stability, by promoting the distribution of generation all over the island and involving consumers in the energy management to make them small producers through these small facilities.

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<sup>4</sup> Royal Decree 1699/2011, November 18, by regulating the network connection of production facilities of small power electrical energy.

#### **4.1.2.2. Solar energy**

##### *4.1.2.2.1 Solar photovoltaic*

Given that the objectives that were established by PECAN in respect of involving solar photovoltaic were to reach the figure of 160 MW installed in the Canary Islands in 2015, to meet this forecast it should have had 92.50 MW installed in 2009.

At the end of 2009 the real power installed in the Canary Islands was almost 100 MW, which is above expectations, and therefore, it is expected that by the end of 2015 it will reach an installed capacity of 238MW, almost 50% more MW of the 160 originally planned.

However, it should continue promoting the installation of photovoltaic panels in the Canaries and therefore keep generating facilities for their installation. Therefore, to support the installation of solar photovoltaic applications isolated from the power supply in order to provide electricity to consumption points being away from the grid.

Also, it will make easier the implementation of solar photovoltaic connected to the grid, being compatible with maintaining the quality of electric service and environmental protection. In this regard, the rules to limit or make easier the implementation of these facilities could be issued, either in terms of size, from the point of connection to the grid or by criteria related to the occupation of land.

The provisions that could be used to promote of these installation shall be conditioned on the expected profitability of them, considering the amount of the premium that at any time could be set by the State to encourage the production of electricity through photovoltaic panels.

Also it should be considered, as well as for wind energy, the promotion of installations with photovoltaic building small power (less than or equal to 100 kW) whose regulation is included in the Royal Decree 1699/2011 and from which the requirements have been simplified for small power plants that can be connected to the points where there is already a supply. This Royal Decree will promote the development of distributed generation that provides benefits to the system such as reduction of losses in the grid, lower investment needs in new grids and, ultimately, a minimization of the impact of electrical installations in their surroundings.

For El Hierro, the revision of PECAN expects that photovoltaic capacity will reach 0.05 MW in the horizon of 2015. Given this situation, and if the mentioned above actions would be fulfilled and promoted, it could be expected to reach 1 MW in 2020 which would mean a photovoltaic annual energy of 1,500 MWh.

##### *4.1.2.2.2 Solar Thermal Energy*

Given the contribution to energy savings and energy efficiency, it will be considered the implementation of a plan to revitalize support for the installation of solar panels for domestic hot water and other applications, using agile and effective economic instruments.

It will ensure that the new building rules are fulfilled the installation of solar panels on new buildings, thus, to meet the objectives proposed.

It will also assess the possibility of using regulation instruments that can establish compulsory schedules for the implementation of flat solar panels linked to certain economic activities.

Likewise, it will ensure that Local Authorities require the installation of solar panels in the restoring projects of residential buildings or existing accommodation plant, while it is not legally compulsory in the new Technical Building Code.

At the end 2009, the installed surface of solar panels in Canaries reached approximately 123,000 m<sup>2</sup>, compared to 175,000 m<sup>2</sup> estimated by the PECAN, which is 30% less than expected.

Of these, 832 m<sup>2</sup> are installed in El Hierro, which is equivalent to a thermal capacity of approximately 5,956 kWt. If the forecasts and prior actions in 2020 could reach about 1,050m<sup>2</sup> (735 kW t) this would prevent emissions of 336 Tm of CO<sub>2</sub>. The installation of solar collectors is mainly divided between the tertiary sector with 70% and 30% residential.

#### **4.1.2.2.3 Thermal energy**

Canary Islands have a significant potential for solar energy. The possible application of this technology in Canaries goes through small installations with a power limit of 10 MWe and an occupation of land of 1 ha/MW, particularly for seawater desalination, an energy-intensive activity with a widespread use Canary Islands, using waste heat from solar plants.

Based on this, it will favour in making an inventory-survey of the solar potential resources in order to avoid problems of quality and development in solar thermal energy in the Canaries. At the same time, the policy changes needed to enable this technology a logical evolution in terms of resources, the state of technology and social interest in the development of solar energy will be analyzed.

#### **4.1.2.3. Forest and agricultural biomass**

The competent Department for energy will favour the development and dissemination of specific studies of potential generation using this technology, especially for thermal domestic hot water (DHW) and air conditioning (cold and heat). There will be particular interest in heavy users of such energy, such as hotels and public buildings (hospitals, schools, etc). It will also seek proper dissemination of the measures taken and the applications in order to set an example and encourage the use of such technology. Finally, it will seek to improve the conditions of access to credit and ease of application of formulas such as leasing for installations that use biomass

#### **4.1.2.4. Wave energy**

IDEA places the Canary Islands as one of the best locations for harnessing this energy source for the high persistence of the annual appeal and the low frequency of extreme storms. Since this technology has been under development and it is not expected in the short terms that it may be brought into the market, there will be monitoring of their progress, proceeding, where appropriate, to establish measures of support to business and technology development, and making easier their integration into power grids for experimental purposes.

Although it is difficult to predict the evolution of these technologies, in the world there is a growing interest in developing commercial equipment after many years of research and development. Contacts are being made internationally to attract companies to the Canaries. That is why it is expected that by 2020 the pre-commercial equipments would be installed in the areas of trials or associated to facilities that demand a high energy intake and which are situated near the coast, for example desalination plants of seawater.

Gorona del Viento, a company responsible for developing the promotion of the project "Hydroeolian power station of El Hierro," by means of which it is intended to cover 100% of the electricity demand of the island using only renewable energy, an agreement with the University of La Laguna for the development of a Collection System wave Energy has been recently signed. The project proposal is to install a pilot wave near the hydroelectric Gorona near Valverde (capital of El Hierro), thus reducing costs for energy transport from the generator to earth and easy maintenance of the unit. In each case, it has been considered the point of installation depth criteria, average power of the sea, available land and proximity to points of connection to the mains, always getting a good ratio of investment cost/installed capacity, with levels of highest annual energy production, which combined with wind power would provide a good production.

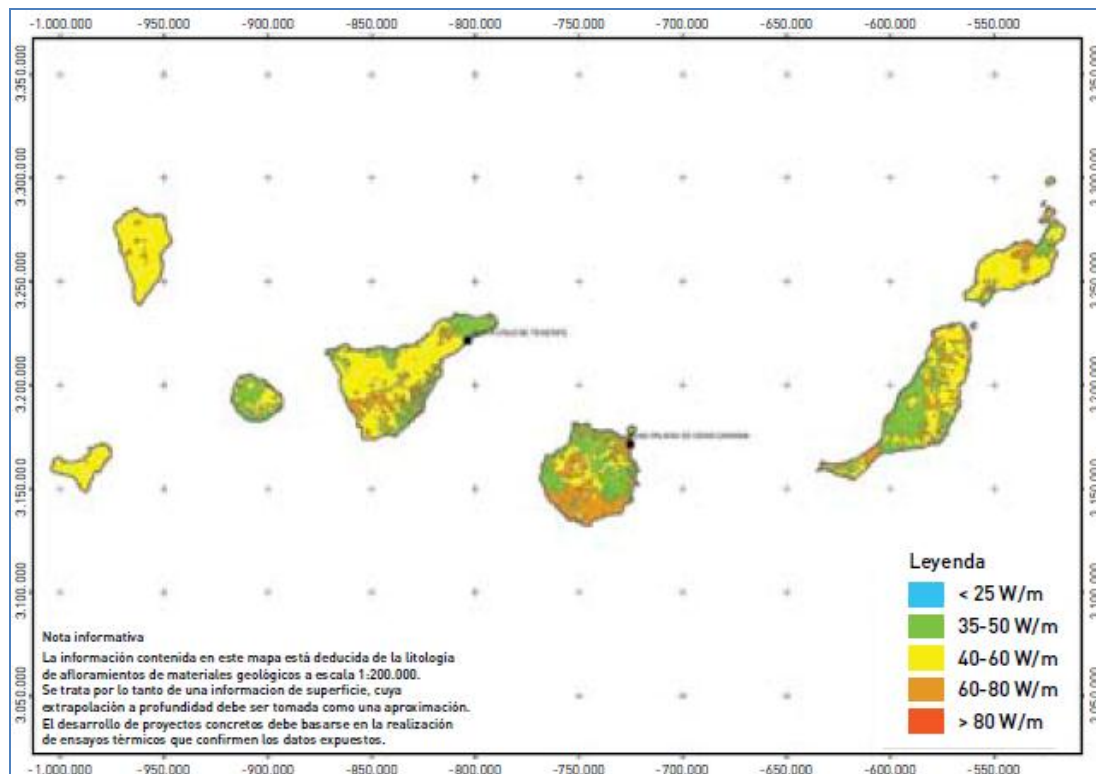
#### **4.1.2.5. Geothermal energy**

Canary Islands have a significant geothermal potential, which is being investigated in the light of new geochemical and geophysics prospecting techniques applied in active volcanic zones that allow to define the hidden hydrothermal systems in the basement of the island. It is also a manageable power, and therefore, geothermal energy can contribute significantly to the so-called "renewable mix" bringing stability to the grid.

Therefore, it should make easier the studies which are necessary to determine the potential of generation of this technology and its possible application.

The conditions for the existence of high temperature geothermal resources related to magmatic events, the geothermal of high conventional enthalpy only occur in Spain, in the Canary Islands.

There are no detailed studies of the geothermal potential of El Hierro and it would be very interesting, in a short-term future, to carry them out to see the opportunities presented by the island from this type of energy that could contribute further to meet the challenge of self-sufficiency 100% of the island by renewable energy.



#### 4.1.2.6. Small hydro power

Currently there are two mini-hydro plants installed in the Canary Islands, one in Tenerife and another one in La Palma, with a total capacity of 1.26 MW.

The centre of El Mulato is located on the island of La Palma, first plant of its kind in the Canary Islands, with an installed capacity of 800 kW. However, since 2005 it is inoperative and it is expected its upgrading (currently in draft form) to reach a total capacity of 5,400 kW in 2015.

On the horizon of the application of PECAN (2015) the possibility that small hydro to be installed on the island is not considered but by 2020 it would be possible to reach at least 1 MW of power with this energy source.

#### 4.1.2.7. Biogas

Apart from energy coming from renewable sources mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, the PECAN also contemplates the biogas produced from both landfills and waste water in sewage sludge through. In this sense, the forecast for El Hierro is to reach an installed

power of 1 MW in 2020 (In the time horizon of PECAN it is not expected the biogas production).

## **4.2. Production of secondary energy**

### **4.2.1. Proposals for conventional power**

At present, the low penetration of renewable energy in the electrical system of El Hierro is not a problem for the management and stability of conventional electricity generation. However the fact of significant increase of the penetration of renewable energies, mainly wind power, raises questions of power system stability. This implies that the operator of the system needs more spinning reserve and power generation capacity to ensure the system's stability with a high penetration of renewable energies.

In isolated power systems, space-saving, as the case of the Canary Islands, is a major indication of the maximum size of the generators in such systems. This limitation of the maximum size is determined by the fact that, in a closed system, a group size decreases excessively large generator system reliability, since it increases the probability of loss, and requires an increase, consistent with the group size larger of the values of spinning reserve and tertiary, with a consequent increase in operating costs of the system. Also from the point of view of integration of renewable energy it is also preferable to have regular arrangements generator sets with minimal technical low value.

El Hierro is estimated to a maximum size of 2 MW for conventional generating units of the electrical system of the island. (Source: "Planning for the electricity and gas. 2012-2020"). These values are based on the results of studies by the system operator, which combine probabilistic analysis of coverage with analysis of actual incidents that cause significant loss of generation and sometimes actions of load shedding mechanisms for excessive variation frequency.

On this island has not been identified the need for further action to meet expected demand in the planning horizon. It has to be kept in mind, as described in the following subsection that in El Hierro will become operational in the year 2012, the reversible hydroeolian power station, which seeks energy self-sufficient island. So, after installing the entire renewable power and pumping schedule, and that experience is gained in wind and solar behaviour, the decline in older diesel groups of the Llanos Blancos central that supports required reliability indices can be analyzed.

In "The Canary Strategy of Fighting against Climate Change" prepared by the Canary Agency for Sustainable Development and Climate Change it is established as a goal the improvement of generation units' yield in electricity production. It could increase by 1% of the total yield, calculating the ratio between final energy produced and used as a primary energy input of the generation between 2010 and 2015. The responsibility lies with supply companies, although the administration shall act through emission permits by application of the Directive on Integrated Prevention and Control of Pollution. This initiative is promoted the same as two previous performances, partially by the Regulations on Emission Trading. This measure is not specifically provided in PECAN 2006, but it is

compatible with it. It will suppose the emissions of greenhouse gases savings of 400 Gg in 2015. These are the business-like measures, even though it could be influenced through integrated environmental permits.

#### **4.2.2. Energy storage**

One of the greatest difficulties for the penetration of renewable energies in the Canaries is the need for immediate response to the unscheduled shutdown of power generation facilities from this type of energy, mainly solar and wind power. The incorporation of energy storage systems such as installation of the load curve regulation, transferring energy from the overrun moments into the ones of lack will allow the energies of random generation (like wind or solar), to compete with programmable energy (as heat).

The current technology and the conditions of our islands make that Canary reversible hydro power stations can become a very important tool operation to stabilize the island electrical systems, thanks to its dynamic response to address incidents of grid (which can immediately enter to regulate load generation-demand balance without the problems of cold start thermal power plants). This makes that these reversible systems shall be considered as essential elements and members of the power system stabilization of the islands, as well as elements of power generation.

Thus, it will support the implementation of reversible hydroelectric systems in the Canary Islands, allowing maximum use of renewable energy and, in turn, bring more stability to the canary electrical system, trying to agree upon with the State Government to define a suitable remuneration framework that encourages its implementation, and where appropriate, encourage policy changes necessary for this.

In this regard, the Comprehensive Strategy for the Canary Islands (Canaries Plan), adopted by Council of Ministers on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009, referred to in paragraph 1.1, the incorporation of reversible hydro power stations in some Canary systems, based on two main sectorial objectives:

- To promote autochthonous energy sources to provide renewable energy in 2015, 30% of electricity generation.
- Reduce the energy dependence of the Canaries.

For this purpose, the Canary Islands Plan contemplates several reversible hydroelectric systems which will allow greater use of renewable energy by storing surplus nonintegrable (mainly wind) while, more stable will equip the electrical system of rapid response that technology brings to the current generation fleet, improving as a result, security and power quality.

The hydroeolian power station of El Hierro, in progress, will be operational during the second half of 2012. This unit consists basically of a pumping station of 6 MW, a power of 11.32 MW turbine stations and a wind farm of 11.5 MW). The sizing of water piping and tanks, because they are not expandable in a modular way, it will be based on expected demand in 2030. Also the upper reservoir capacity will be increased to meet the needs of water required for the island. The ultimate aim is that the consumption of the island is covered with energy from renewable sources.

They also support the implementation of any other energy storage technologies, which help to preserve as far as possible a certain amount of energy to inject into the grid when required, to achieve a generation and management of electricity more efficient buffering and intermittent fluctuations that increased penetration of renewable energies could result, analyzing the current regulatory framework and encouraging, where appropriate, the modifications necessary to facilitate such implementation.

### **4.3. Final energy demand**

To understand a little better how the different measures and energy policies have been developed and implemented in Spain, it must take into account the different economic and energy crises that have occurred worldwide in recent decades. In Spain, the energy demand had been experiencing an upward trend over the past three decades, during which there have been four energy and economic crises (1973, 1979, 1993 and 2008), worldwide, with negative impact on the economic activity and energy demand in most developed countries. That is why, under these circumstances, there were started to undertake policies aimed at reducing energy dependence and improving its efficiency.

The economic expansion of our country, since its joining to the EU, resulted in an increase in purchasing power, which was reflected in increased automobile and domestic equipment and a strong real estate sector development, factors among others, which have been decisive in the upward trends in energy consumption. In the early 90's, a new crisis was echoed by a slight attenuation of the energy demand. Subsequent developments had an upward trend until 2004, beginning, thereafter, a new stage in the evolution of energy demand, driven, among others, by the implementation of actions under the Strategy of Energy Savings and Efficiency in Spain 2004-2012 (E4), adopted in November 2003.

These features remain today, although there have been reinforced by the effect of the international financial crisis, which began around the second half of 2008. In Spain, the effect of this crisis is evident because of the slowdown in the construction sector that has traditionally been one of the engines of the national economy and also of the Canary Islands (the second largest sub sector important in the islands after the tourism). The loss of productivity in that sector and, in general, the economy as a whole, has been accompanied by an even sharper decline in energy demand, which confirms the existence of factors related to energy efficiency, external and prior to this crisis, with implications for improving indicators of intensity.

Currently observed trends have, therefore, synergy effects arising from a change since 2004 in improving the efficiency and the crisis which together affect a decrease in energy demand. In large part, this has been possible, because of the actions contained in the various schedules of electricity and gas sectors, which have led to further development of energy infrastructures needed for integration of new energy from renewable sources.

In a current context marked by uncertainty, it is expected that the crisis can act as a catalyst that stimulates the necessary changes designed to continue the improvements in efficiency and energy savings, which in the longer terms, will suppose economical savings and improve competitiveness of our economy. In this sense it should be borne in mind that oil is the first import product in Canaries and represents an expenditure of more than 1,200 million euros a year, just over 12% of the canary budget. Hence, and given the urgent need to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, due to environmental issues, the importance of achieving



maximum energy savings by improving on one hand energy efficiency and increasing on the other, the penetration of renewable energies in the system.

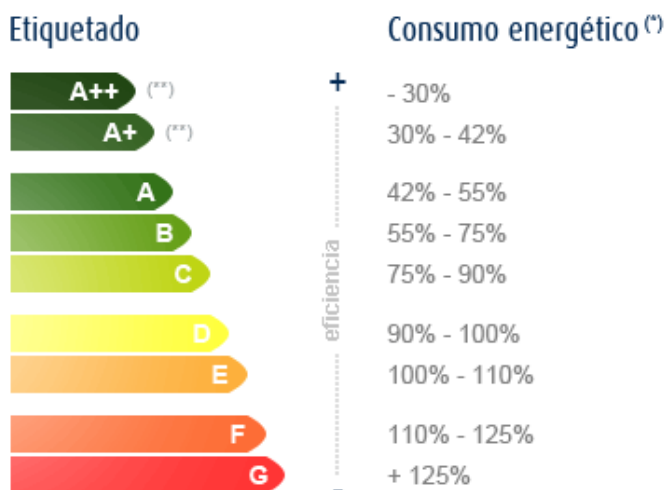
Regarding the consumption of final energy, the evolution has followed a similar trend to that observed in primary energy with a tendency to stabilization and contraction of demand since 2004, as well as the effect of the current crisis in the period 2009 -2011.

Based on the sectorial distribution of demand in the Canaries, the transport sector is the largest consumer, with just over 50% of total final consumption, based primarily on petroleum products, which determines, in large part, the high energy dependence of the island. The next order of magnitude is presented in the tertiary sector, with about 20% of consumption, followed by sectors of various uses, among them, the residential and secondary. The primary sector is just over 1% of total consumption of the Archipelago.

In whole Spain, in 2010 the savings achieved 9.2%, calculated as a percentage of final energy consumption of the last five years immediately preceding the application of the Directive 2006/32/EC (that is, the average final energy consumption 2003-2007, inclusive), this is a higher percentage than 9% of savings proposed by the Directive for 2016. This means, in practice, that Spain anticipated by 2010 the target savings of the Directive, proposed for 2016.

The Action Plan for Energy Saving and Efficiency 2011-2020, approved by decision of Council of Ministers of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011, meets the savings targets required by the Directive 2006/32/EC and is consistent with the overall objectives agreed by the European Council on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010, concerning the improvement of primary energy efficiency by 20% in 2020.

In particular, based on the application of funds, the six measures listed below account for over three quarters of the funds which are applied annually in Spain: Appliance Renewal Plan, in some years, this plan has absorbed 40% of the total funds applied at IDAE-MITyC-territorial level, the programme of public aid in the industrial sector, the aid programmes for the renewal of existing outside street lighting installations aid programmes for rehabilitation of the thermal envelope of existing buildings, dedicated to the improvement of the energy efficiency of heating systems and the aid programmes directed to the local bodies-for the drafting of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (PMUS).



In the case of Appliance Renewal Plan, the generalization of high energy rating (A + and A + +) in the sales areas and widespread awareness of energy efficiency label are indirect effects of the programme itself launched by IDEA and regional governments between 2004 and 2010, and the percentage of the population with regard to the labelling of energy efficiency when making a purchase, has increased from 42.8% in 2004 to 83.8% in 2010. The electrical appliances that required to be labelled are:

(\*) Consumo energético respecto a un consumo medio (etiquetas D y E).

(\*\*) A+ y A++ solo existen para frigoríficos, congeladores y combis.

refrigerators and freezers, washing machines, dishwashers, dryers, washer-dryers, domestic light sources, electric oven and air conditioning.

The following illustration shows the energy rating of appliances and their energy consumption

The energy label classifies appliances by assigning letters and colours. A list of 7 letters and 7 colours ranging from A to G, and green to red, with the letter A and the green colour indicative of the highest efficiency appliance and red colour and G of lowest efficiency. Refrigerators, freezers and fridge-freezers also feature labelling, but in their case, there are also two energy classes more demanding, the A + and A + +, the latter being the most efficient of all that consume up to 70% less than the appliance of reference.

Below the sectors defined by the Action Plan of Energy Savings and Efficiency 2011-2020 are listed, that form the energy efficiency sector and, in general, products and services included in those sectors. Also are named the improvements, and additional priority that can be applied in each of the sectors that are subject to the cooperation agreements between the IDAE and regional government for subsidies.

### ***Building sector***

The products and services included in the building sector:

- Heat insulation and windows to improve energy efficiency.
- Low energy lighting and LED in buildings
- Air handling units and chillers of water of high energy efficiency.
- Energy-efficient boilers.
- Radiators for water at low temperature and radiant floors/ceilings.
- Lifts and elevators of high energy efficiency.
- Management systems, control and regulate systems of lighting and air conditioning in buildings

Priority and additional improvements recommended in the building sector and equipment are as follows:

#### **Priority improvements:**

1. Energy rehabilitation of the thermal envelope of existing buildings.
  - Window “Plan Renove”.
  - “Plan Renove” for residential facades.
  - “Plan Renove” for residential roofs.
2. Improving the energy efficiency of heating systems of existing buildings.

- “Plan Renove” for boilers.
  - “Plan Renove” for air conditioning equipment.
3. Improving the energy efficiency of lighting installations within existing buildings.

*Additional improvements:*

1. Construction of new buildings with high energy rating.
2. Training courses on the new energy regulations in construction.
3. Improving energy efficiency in existing elevator installations in buildings.

The development of specific legislation is also suggested, taking into account the Technical Building Code (CTE), mandatory nationwide, including special climate features of the island incorporating the recommendations of the Design Manual developed in the study of Sustainable Energy in Building in Canary Islands (MABICAN).

***Transport sector***

The products and services included in the transport sector are:

- Electric vehicles, hybrids, hydrogen and gaseous fuels.
- Motorcycles and electric bikes and hybrids.
- Low-emission vehicles.
- Electric buses, hybrid of hydrogen and gaseous fuels.
- Public systems of bicycle hire.
- Trains and trams (full machine).
- Stations or recharging points for electric vehicles and fuel gases.
- Information and Communication Technologies (TIC) applied to public and private transport.
- Energy-efficient tyres.

Measures and actions proposed, discussed in detail in section 4.1.1, are summarized below:

*Priority improvements:*

1. Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (PMUS) and Transport Workers Plans (PTT).
2. Fleet management of road transport.
3. Efficient car driving.

4. Efficient driving of industrial vehicles.
5. Renewal of the cars fleet.
6. Renewal of transport fleet.

*Additional improvements:*

1. Greater participation of the public transport means and/or collective.
2. Development of infrastructure for recharging electric vehicles.

***Domestic industry and office equipment***

The products and services included in this sector are:

- Refrigerators and freezers of high energy efficiency.
- Ovens of high energy efficiency.
- Washing machines and dishwashers of high energy efficiency.
- Domestic air conditioners (up to 12 kW) of high energy efficiency.
- Computer equipment, multifunction/printers of high energy efficiency.
- Management systems.
- Other domestic appliances of high energy efficiency.

*Priority actions:*

1. Plan Remove of Appliance. If this measure is applied, at least half or one third of the Canarian population would be talking about significant energy savings in the sector itself, only by improving energy efficiency. If best practices were applied also on the rational use of energy in the sector, the savings would be even greater.

***Utilities sector***

The products and services that are included in the utilities sector are:

- Low energy lighting and LED in street lighting.
- Traffic lights using LED technology.
- Control and regulation systems of street lighting.
- Variable speed drives on electric motors for pumping water supply, water treatment and purification.

*Additional actions:*

1. Renovation of the facilities of existing external lighting.
2. Studies, feasibility analysis and audit facilities of existing external lighting.
3. Making energy training courses for municipal technicians that allow improving the energy efficiency of municipal facilities.
4. Improving the energy efficiency of existing water treatment facilities, water supply, wastewater treatment and desalination.
5. Implementation of all measures of Building and Equipment to the buildings and public facilities.

***Industry sector***

The industrial sector in the islands has not been developed as in other regions of Spain where they do have considerable weight in the economy and in energy dependence (the second largest sector is energy demanding nationally). In the Canary Islands this sector is one of that consumes less power followed by the primary one. The products and services included in the industrial sector are:

- Insulation of piping and equipment in industry.
- High water chiller of high energy efficiency.
- Industrial boilers of high energy efficient.
- Electric motors of high efficiency.
- Variable speed drives for electric motors.
- Absorption machines.

*Priority improvements:*

1. Programme of public aid.

*Additional improvements:*

1. Energy audits.

***Agriculture and fisheries sector***

This sector, as discussed above, just overcomes 1% of total final energy. But some measures can be applied to products and services included in this sector:

- Harvesters, seeders and tractors of high energy efficiency.
- Drip irrigation equipment.
- Variable speed drives on electric motors for pumping irrigation water.
- Management systems, control and regulation of air conditioning in greenhouses.
- Thermal insulation in greenhouses.

*Additional improvements:*

1. Promotion campaigns, training and improved techniques for efficient use of energy in agriculture and fisheries.
2. Impulse for the migration of sprinkler irrigation systems or gravity drip irrigation systems.
3. Improving savings and energy efficiency in the fisheries sector.
4. Energy audits and action plans for improvements on farms.
5. Improved efficiency of tractors in use by means of ITV.
6. Support for migration towards conservation agriculture.

***All sectors***

- Energy services provided by Companies of Energy Services (ESE).
- Services provided by the Public Administration on energy efficiency.
- Advertising on energy efficiency.
- Other services relating to energy efficiency (engineering, consulting, auditing, certification, installers, maintainers).

In addition to the measures described above, contained in the Action Plan of Savings and Energy Efficiency 2011-2020, in this study are also shown other measures that seek to strengthen and promote the actions proposed in the previous subsections and that should support the different public administrations (local, regional, autonomic and / or national) involved in their possible implementation.

The following actions are proposed in the public sector to exercise exemplary role:

- Support for energy audits of municipal and insular facilities in order to identify the inefficient equipment or poorly maintained facilities that have an impact on energy consumption and electricity bills.
- Support for conducting audits of consumption associated with municipal and insular infrastructures likely to be the subject of renewable energy supply projects: wind energy of small power (up to 100 kW), solar cooling and solar photovoltaic, among others. As a result of these audits a specific plan can be developed for incorporation of renewable energy systems making the most of the Royal Decree of self consumption adopted on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- Support for wind farm projects associated with consumption of street and road lighting systems the way that the transformation centres, to which is connected this lighting, allow receiving associated renewable generation.
- Support for proposals for renewable generation projects associated with storage and load management systems that belong to public infrastructures which allow, in some way, the power control.
- Support for the identification of potential application of thermal solar energy for the production of cold and heat necessary for air conditioning of sports and health infrastructures, and also putting facilities in the centres of higher energy consumption already existing or under construction.

Referring to the previous points, it could be suggested that, in case of wind farms with associated consumption, Canary public institutions may relocate wind production according to the physical location of power consumption, above all in those cases where the electricity consumptions are scattered over a large geographic area (lighting or pumping).

Other interesting measures are:

- Support for promotion of the introduction of distributed generation, through micro grids associated to industries or residential areas where the electrical grid is weak, and the introduction of hybrid wind power generation systems - diesel at sites where the renewable resource provide project profitability.
- Support measures to improve energy efficiency in industry, to ease the economic viability of the investments into the industry sector and energy savings in order to achieve the energy savings potential identified.
- Support for innovative projects related to the direct use of renewable energies in the primary sector, such as drying of agricultural products with solar energy, which allows studying the viability and competitiveness of the marketing of manufactured products.
- Implementation of mandatory measures in the tourism sector: recommendations contained in the Energy Efficiency Guide for Hotel facilities in the Canary Islands that promotes the principles of rational energy use and benefits of the introduction of renewable energies in the tourism sector.

On the other hand, it is also should be taken into account the important role that plays the water sector in the islands. Insularity forces to be self-sufficient in water resources. The geological and climate nature of the island does not favour the existence of permanent surface water (rivers and lakes), but has permitted the storage of large volumes of groundwater.

Among the possible actions in the water sector to reduce energy consumption are the following:

- A water saving policy in all sectors: urban / tourism, agriculture and industry.
- Utilize optimally all available resources, including sewage, purified and desalination.
- Improving energy efficiency of processes and reduce pollution and emissions associated with water uses.
- Reduce losses in the water distribution system.

In short, it should promote the rational use of water in all sectors of productivity and consumption, making specific programs to raise awareness on water use and encouraging the use of technologies for the reduction in the consumption of it.

Other actions to be undertaken by the government:

- Special territorial planning of energy infrastructures
  - o Assessing the potential of renewable resources, development of forecasting models of renewable energy sources and studies of the dynamic behaviour of the electrical grid.
  - o Further progress in land use planning for renewable energy installations, mainly wind and photovoltaic, based on the evaluation of energy resources, the dynamic behaviour of electrical power and the limitations in the territory.
- Regional and local strategic planning:
  - o Further progress in the integration of criteria and rules for land use and municipal ordinances that promote the reduction of energy requirements in buildings and transportation.
  - o Implementation of an action plan for sustainable energy for all municipalities in the scope of the Covenant of Mayors.
- Infrastructures that promote sustainable energy planning:
  - o Flatten the demand curve by recharging battery of electric vehicles and/or changing the hours of operation of equipment with high intakes.
  - o Installing of stabilization systems to help mitigate power interruptions in the production of wind and photovoltaic energy in the electrical grid.
- Transport and mobility planning:
  - o Installation of supply infrastructure for electric vehicles.
  - o Preparation of a mobility plan that covers the preparation and parking of traffic in major cities, favouring public transport and electric vehicles and other environmentally friendly vehicles, and pedestrian circulation.
- Requirements and standards for energy efficiency:



- Definition of rules and criteria for energy efficiency and renewable energy use in the specifications of the tender documents for works, purchase of goods and services.
- Advisory services:
  - Creating an online help information and a forum with questions and answers, based on e-learning platform for home users in order to answer the questions and provide advice on energy efficiency, renewable energy use and reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Financial support and subsidies:
  - Financial support for public promoters and non-profit organizations to put into practice the actions of the Action Plan for Sustainable Energy.
  - Financial incentives to business and real estate promoters, so they can put into practice voluntary measures of energy efficiency, renewable energy use for self consumption, sustainable mobility and reducing of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Awareness and creation of grids:
  - Development of guides and brochures on mobility awareness, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy for consumers, promoters and professionals.
  - Promotion of cooperative activities in the field of energy between the local and regional public administration, research institutes, business associations, companies, credit institutions, NGOs and media.
  - Development of cooperation projects in the field of energy with other regions, particularly with the outermost regions that have similar problems.
- Training and education:
  - Development of educational materials on environmental awareness and information sessions and other educational activities for sustainability that includes students and teaching staff.
- Monitoring
  - Installation of systems to monitor and manage energy consumption in the residential sector and service buildings (public and private).
- Legislation
  - Increased monitoring/inspection of the relevant legislation on energy efficiency.

Finally, it should be mentioned a key part of achieving the attainment of the objectives being set to achieve 20% of energy efficiency by 2020: communication and public awareness of the need to save energy. The actions identified are based on a strategy of long-term effort, materialized through a continuous and constant presence in the media that will produce the greatest number of citizens in a constant manner. All communication activities are intended to promote awareness, mobilization and public action for the responsible use of energy through the following objectives:

- The citizen-consumer must value the energy as a scarce resource that has to be nurtured with care.
- Saving energy from awareness of the problem and create currents of opinion, mobilization and citizen action in the range of everyday activity: home, work and means of transport.
- Provide information to citizens on good practice to know how to save energy from personal action.

- Mobilizing citizen action in the challenge to consume energy wisely and responsibly, as citizens are responsible for 30% of total energy consumption.
- Promote the purchase of equipment of the highest energy efficiency (houses, cars, appliances, air conditioning, lights, etc...).
- Promote public transport in general, as means of displacement alternative to private cars in urban centres, in particular.
- Promote the responsible use of private vehicles. In the city, 50% of car trips are for distances of less than 3 km and 75% of trips in this mode will be done with a single occupant.
- Promote energy conservation through responsible use of air conditioners in the summer. These campaigns are aimed primarily to achieve a reduction in consumption in the service sector (hotels, shopping centres, leisure centres, etc...).

The frequency of communication actions and institutional advertising should be annual in order to maintain constant pressure on citizens.

## **5. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCING MECHANISMS**

To implement the action plan it is necessary to establish an organizational structure and of coordination that ensures the appropriate experience, invigorates the participation and commitment of the parties involved and provides the means of financing the projects. To make sure that the objectives and goals could be achieved it is also necessary to establish mechanisms for tracking and monitoring.

### **5.1. Coordination and organization structures**

The Department of Employment, Industry and Trade of the Canary Islands Government is responsible for the formulation and implementation of energy policy in the Canaries, while the Local Island Government is responsible for territorial planning of energy infrastructures.

Action Plans for Sustainable Energy Island (ISEAPs for short in English) are being developed to be driven by Local Island Government. The coordination and implementation of the Action Plans will be carried out by the Coordination Committee, which shall be integrated by representatives from the following institutions:

- Canary Islands Government: Department of Employment, Industry and Trade
- Island Local Government of El Hierro.
- Endesa.
- Red Eléctrica.
- Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias, S.A.
- Cluster RICAM.

The Coordination Committee, integrated by the representatives of the parties involved, will be responsible for ensuring the implication and participation of the society, and for supervision and monitoring of plan actions.

### **5.2. Technical competence**

In the Canaries there is large experience in the design and implementation of energy plans, as well as in the areas of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Environment. The Canary Islands Institute of Technology has a long history in research, knowledge and cooperation of work in renewable energy, energy savings and efficiency, as well as in water technology. The mentioned above Institute has collaborated with other regions (Mauritania, Cape Verde, etc..) in advising on energy plans, technical recommendations and training in renewable energy and water technologies, so, according to this there were established and developed the measures needed to design and implement this Action Plan.

The Department of Employment, Industry and Trade has developed The Canary Islands Energy Plan (PECAN), the integral document of planning prepared by the Government of the Canary Islands. The current document was approved by the Parliament of the Canary Islands at its meeting on 29th March 2007, is developed for all the Canary Islands and has conducted a review of it in January 2012 (it is a subject to public inquiry and consultation and report). The technicians of the Council are qualified and trained in issues related to energy planning and renewable energy.

From the Island Local Government of El Hierro is made up, monitoring and coordination of Territorial Planning, so the Island Local Government of El Hierro staff is trained and has expertise in issues related to energy planning and renewable energies.

In the electricity sector, the company responsible for the generation and distribution, Endesa, and transmission and system operator, Red Electrica (REE), has a staff that covers different areas of engineering and management and experience and skills for putting into practice the actions related to this sector.

In the private sector, energy companies and business associations from the renewable energy sectors, environment and water resources of the Canary Islands have been grouped into the cluster RICAM, with the main objective of increasing the competitiveness of the business and its regional, national and international projection renewable energy, environment and water resources.

### **5.3. Participation of the involved agencies**

To direct the participation of involved parties in the implementation of ISEAPs the periodical meetings will be held with the Monitoring Committee, where the activities and progress of the implementation of the plan, identification of existing limitations or potentials and for learning about measures to optimize the results and correct deviations will be made known.

Also, it would be used, as a mean of communication of result and degree of implementation of the organized events plan, the forums and online publications, where will be announced information on the actions of the plan, benefits and incentives, conducting public awareness to achieve the objectives of regional development, increase of renewable energy and environmental improvement.

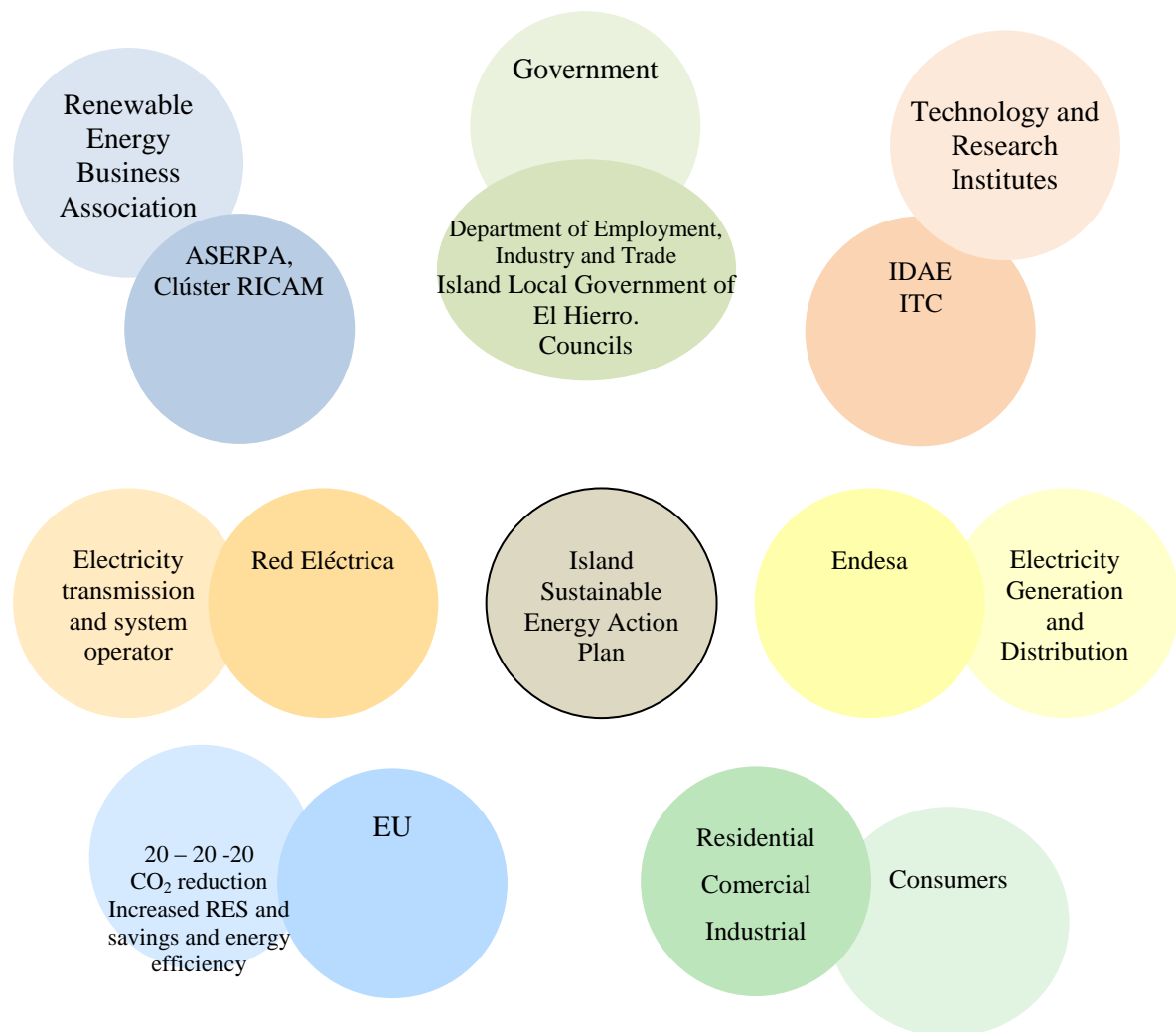


Figure 8 Schematic of the agents involved in the energy sector

Different agents are committed to providing the data of energy consumption by sector (UNELCO-ENDESA), update the list of new renewable installations (Department of Industry), the fuel sales data (DISA, REPSOL and others), and all those energy data that are necessary to perform an upgrade of energy statistics of the island with the new data in order to assess the degree of implementation of ISEAP.

## 5.4. Budget

Sectors and Areas of action	Actions (one line for each share-insert lines if needed, to exclude actions of TS)	Responsible for the implementation	Implementation Schedule		Investment costs [EUR]
			Year from	At year end	
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>					
Hot water	Installation of 315m <sup>2</sup> of solar collectors	Citizens Government of Canary Islands, Island Local Government of El Hierro	2012	2020	176.400
<b>TERTIARY SECTOR</b>					
Accommodation and food service activities	Installation of 735m <sup>2</sup> of solar collectors	Entrepreneurs, Canary Islands Government, Island Local Government of El Hierro	2012	2020	411.600
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Passenger land transport (public transport, taxis, school buses, occasional transport, government vehicles, etc..) And transport of goods by road and removal services	Promoting the purchase of hybrid vehicles, plug-in hybrid and electric (Plan Movele y Plan Renove).	Government of Spain, Government of Canary Islands	2012	2020	79.492
	Acquisition of hybrid vehicles, plug-in hybrids and electric	Government of Canary Islands, Island Local Government of El Hierro, Councils, transport companies	2012	2020	12.381.243
	Promoting the use of biofuels.	Canary Islands Government	2012	2020	10.000
	Use of biofuels.	Government of Canary Islands, Island Local Government of El Hierro, Councils, transport companies	2012	2020	
	Efficient driving courses.	Canary Islands Government	2012	2020	30.375
Private Transport	Promoting the purchase of hybrid vehicles, plug-in hybrid and electric (Plan Movele y Plan Renove).	Canary Islands Government	2012	2020	163.877
	Acquisition of hybrid vehicles, plug-in hybrids and electric.	citizens	2012	2020	25.524.589
	Promoting the use of biofuels.	Canary Islands Government	2012	2020	30.000

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			Year from	At year end	
	Use of biofuels.	citizens	2012	2020	
	Driving courses.	Canary Islands Government	2012	2020	91,125
	Driving courses public administration employees.	Canary Islands Government, Councils of El Hierro, Town	2012	2020	44,243
<b>HIGH ENERGY PRODUCTION AND ENERGY FLOW</b>					
Electricity (not renewable)	Increase the efficiency of generation set conventional fixed in 40% by substitution of the more obsolete and inefficient. As of 2014, passed by 52%	Private Sector	2012	2020	20,000,000
Hydraulic	Reach 1 MW	Private sector Canary Islands Government, Island Local Government of El Hierro	2014	2020	1,100,000
Wind	Reach 14MW by installing new wind farms and upgrading of the oldest	Private sector Canary Islands Government, Island Local Government El Hierro	2012	2020	17,375,000
Solar	Reaching new parks or installing 1MW photovoltaic orchards, mainly on rooftops.	Private sector Canary Islands Government, Island Local Government El Hierro	2012	2020	2,000,000
Biomass	Biogas, reaching 1 MW	Private sector Canary Islands Government, Island Local Government El Hierro	2013	2020	900,000
Distribution losses and self consumption	Renovation and installation of new infrastructure in transmission and distribution grids in order to increase their efficiency. Achieve a efficiency of 92% from 2015.	REE and private sector	2015	2020	
<b>Total</b>					<b>80,317,943</b>

Table 42. Budget

## 5.5. Funding sources and instruments

The targets of primary and final energy savings with the consequent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of this Plan would be possible as a result of a series of investments by certain agents.

The source of funding for implementation of this energy plan will be, mainly, the **Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism** through the Programme of subsidies and agreements of co-operation, and on the other hand, **private funding sources**. However, the Government of Canary Islands, the Island Local Government of El Hierro and the Department competent in energy field would also be involved in funding for the implementation of the measures proposed in this Plan.

On the other hand, among the sources of national and international funding for R&D&I stand out those listed in the following subsections.

### 5.5.1. National programmes

Within the national framework, there are funding programmes which are allocated to promote and support R&D and innovation. One of these programmes is **the National Plan R&D and innovation 2012-2015**. The National Plan for Scientific Research, Development and Technological Innovation (National Plan of R&D and innovation) is the programming measure that the Spanish system of Science, Technology and Business counts with for the achievement of the objectives and policy priorities research, development and technological innovation of our country in the medium term, as defined in the Law on Science and the National Strategy for Science and Technology (ENCYT).

The **Centre for Industrial Technological Development (CDTI)** is a Public Enterprise under the Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN), which promotes innovation and technological development of Spanish companies. Since 2009 this is the entity of the Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN) which directs the requests for funding and the support for R&D and innovation projects of Spanish companies at the state and international levels.

As a significant body in the promotion of renewable energy sources, the investment activity of the **Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE)** stands out, this constitutes one of the strategic lines of action of the IDAE. Its objective is to promote projects having a clear component of technological innovation.

Finally, it should be emphasized that each of the **Autonomic Communities** has assigned responsibilities related to the promotion of renewable energy: developing plans and



programmes for promoting and encouraging of diversification, energy savings and use of renewable energy. In our case, the competent body is the Canary Islands Government.

### 5.5.2. International programmes

Of the international programmes, the most prominent, given its importance and high-impact, is the **VII Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development 2007-2013**. The Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation of the European Union (PM) is the main legal and economic instrument for financing community research where the priorities adopted in the European Union in this area and the budget allocated for each one of them for a period of seven years are defined.

Moreover, the **European Regional Development Fund (FEDER)** aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by correcting imbalances between its regions. On the other hand, the **Cohesion Fund** finances activities which are registered within the areas of transport European networks, in particular, the priority projects of European interest that are defined by the European Union; and in the field of environment. In this regard, the Cohesion Fund may also intervene in projects related to energy or transport, provided they present clear advantages to the environment: energy efficiency, the use of renewable energies, development of rail transport, support intermodality, strengthening public transport, etc.

Likewise, the financing instrument in the European Union for Environment is the **LIFE + Programme**. The overall programme goal is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of environmental policy and legislation of the European Union through the co-financing of demonstration projects with added value in Europe. The topics of greater interest within the possibilities offered by the programme are: energy and climate change, environmental management and quality of life of the urban environment.

In turn, the EC presents the **Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan)** in order to establish a road map for a coordinated research that accelerates the development of technologies for low carbon, clean, efficient, affordable and their big scale penetration into the market.

Meanwhile, the **COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology** is an intergovernmental framework created in 1971 by 19 European countries, together with the European Communities. COST has now 35 member countries in Europe (27 Member States of the European Union, 3 Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), 3 adherents and candidate countries, two potential candidates, and Israel as the country partner) . Since 2003, COST has been funded through a subsidies' agreement between the Commission and the European Science Foundation (ESF) supported by the Framework Programme. In the same line, e +, which is an international project R & D led by companies, both at multilateral and bilateral levels, refer to the added value of innovation made in international key and enable companies to strengthen their technological capacities, while expanding the impact of their products, processes and services in global markets.

Finally, with the **Co-operation Missions CDTI** it is supposed to make easier the assistance to events of reference, particularly, those organized by the EC, and promote the participation of Spanish companies in international technological co-operation projects managed by CDTI.

## 5.6. Monitoring and follow-up

The Plan compliance review will be carried out every four years. It is not advisable to review the Plan very often, given that by their proper nature, many of the measures proposed are given a determined deadline and usually multi-year implementation, and therefore, an often review of the Plan would only create a certain degree of confusion and even paralysis.

Therefore, adopting a four-year term for its review provides a compromise between these needs for stability in the actions and further developments that are produced at scientific and technological levels in this area. This does not exclude that in case of exceptional events which are advised, it would be necessary to revise the Plan in advance in order to adapt it to the new situation.

Responsible for monitoring and periodic monitoring of the Plan will be the Government of the Canary Islands together with the Island Local Government of El Hierro which will be in charge of carrying out technical work that are necessary for this purpose. The contents of the review will be: evolution and management of demand, generation capacity, disposal and storage of renewable energy, energy generation infrastructures, transmission and distribution of electricity and oil, the conditions derived from international agreements and European regulations and state in the materialization of energy needs, energy efficiency, studying new technologies and regulatory issues that affect this field and ground transportation (automotive industry, guided transportation and electric cars).

Data collection for the control and monitoring is done according to the following table:

Data	Information source	Review time
Demand for fossil fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel distribution companies.</li> <li>Public transport companies and discretionary.</li> <li>Sampling of users in key sectors.</li> </ul>	Annual
Electricity demand	Electricity company, Endesa	Annual
Production of electricity	Electricity company, Endesa	Annual
Installing renewable energy systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity company.</li> <li>Business installers.</li> <li>Government of Canary Islands, registration special treatment facilities.</li> </ul>	Annual
Implementation of action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managers responsible for implementing the plan.</li> <li>Monitoring Committee</li> </ul>	Annual

Table 43. Data for control and monitoring

The energy statistics will be made with the collected information and include an energy balance that reflects the increased energy from new renewable energy facilities being already launched, energy savings achieved and the inventory of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, with the purpose to provide the development of indicators related to the established aims and goals, and evaluating the result of actions implemented. The Monitoring Committee will conduct an analysis of the indicators related to objectives and goals and progress of actions.

There will be a biannual meeting in order to discuss the results obtained, deviations if any, and the solutions to optimize the implementation of actions' plan. In case of significant deviation in implementation of the actions and results, and relevant changes of socio-economic and political areas, which may put in danger the objectives fixed for 2020, the Monitoring Committee may propose reviews of the Action Plan for the island of El Hierro (ISEAPs).

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