

## What can I choose in the calculator?

The calculator lets you choose the installed capacity of nuclear power plants in Switzerland in the selected year (2035 or 2050). A higher installed capacity results in higher capital costs (due to the construction and installation of the facilities) but does not necessarily imply a greater power production - it may be more profitable to operate other energy conversion facilities (such as windmills or solar plants).

## Nuclear Power Plants



Nuclear plant Gösgen, Ch-info-ch, via Wikimedia Commons

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## IMPACT - What are the impacts of nuclear power plants?

In Switzerland, an increase of the nuclear power installed capacity may result in a greater power production from this energy resource. In this case, this increase of the share of nuclear energy in the total electricity production capacity will have the following impacts:

### Energy system

- 😞 Decreases the share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix.
- 😞 Likely to decrease energy independence by increasing nuclear fuel imports.

### Environment & Climate

- 😊 Reduces global CO2 emissions.
- 😞 Generates radioactive waste.
- 😞 In the case of nuclear disaster, the impact on the environment may be large.

### Society & Economy

- 😞 In the case of nuclear disaster the impact on the society and on the economy may be large.
- 😞 May increase cost of electricity production as new nuclear power plants may cost significantly more than the existing ones.

## GLOBAL MARKET - What is the global market for Nuclear energy?

In 2010, 13%<sup>[1]</sup> of all the electricity produced globally was from nuclear power plants whereas in Europe, that fraction was 27%.<sup>[2]</sup> Switzerland currently has 5 nuclear reactors in operation which produce about 38% of its electricity. <sup>[3]</sup>

## DEFINITION / CONSTRAINTS

### DEFINITION - What is a nuclear power plant?

Nuclear power plants use the energy that is produced when the nucleus of a heavy atom (e.g. uranium) is broken, what is known as fission energy. This energy is released as heat, which is used to produce high pressure steam. The steam is sent to a turbine where it is expanded to produce work. Finally the mechanical energy (work) of the turbine is transformed into electricity in an alternator.

## CONSTRAINTS - What are the key barriers facing Nuclear power plants deployment?

The operation of nuclear power plants produces very low carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>), but generates radioactive nuclear waste. These nuclear wastes are currently in temporary storage facilities. The scientific community estimates that the best option for long term storage of these wastes is to bury them in deep geological formation in the Earth crust.

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## ASSUMPTIONS - WHAT ARE THE ASSUMPTIONS CONSIDERED IN THE CALCULATOR?

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Next tables contain the assumptions that have been introduced in the Nuclear power plant energy model of the calculator.

<b>Capacity factor</b>		
<b>2015</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2050</b>
0.85	0.85	0.85
<b>Efficiency [%] <sup>[4]</sup></b>		
<b>2015</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2050</b>
33	37	40

<b>Emissions</b>			
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2050</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> -eq. emissions [kgCO <sub>2</sub> -eq./kWh <sub>e</sub> ]	0.0106	0.00466	0.000919
Deposited waste [UBP/kWh <sub>e</sub> ]	365	234	103

<b>Cost</b>			
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2050</b>
Specific investment [CHF <sub>2010</sub> /kW <sub>e</sub> ]	4'864	9'331	9'331
Fuel [CHF <sub>2010</sub> /MWh <sub>e</sub> ]	18.65	17.45	17.45

## VALUE RANGE - WHAT RANGE OF VALUES CAN I CHOOSE?

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MIN Value: 0 GW.

MAX Value:

<b>2035</b>	10GW	There is no specification for the value ranges of this technology as it does not depend on any other factor apart from the willingness of the civil/political society to deploy it.
<b>2050</b>		

## REFERENCES

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[1] [International Energy Agency \(2012\), World Energy Outlook 2012](#)

[2] [European Commission \(2011\), Energy Roadmap 2050](#)

[3] [OFEN, Nuclear energy](#)

[4] [NEEDS project\(2007\), Final report on technical data, costs and life cycle inventories of nuclear power plants](#)

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