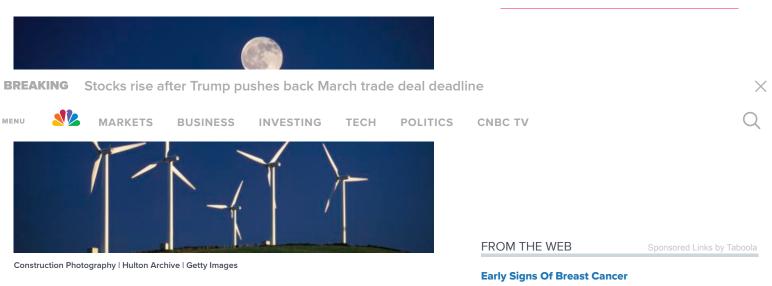
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TV SHOWS BRAINSTORM EVENT BETTER ENERGY

Wind energy suffers tough year in Europe with 12 nations failing to install a single turbine

- Growth in onshore wind fell by more than half in Germany last year and "collapsed in the U.K."
- Overall, Europe managed to install 11.7 gigawatts of gross wind power capacity in • 2018.
- Wind energy covered 14 percent of the European Union's electricity demand in • 2018.

Anmar Frangoul

Published 4:07 AM ET Thu, 21 Feb 2019 | Updated 5:02 AM ET Thu, 21 Feb 2019



Twelve countries in the European Union (EU) failed to install "a

Breast Cancer

single wind turbine" last year, the CEO of industry body WindEurope said Thursday.

Giles Dickson said that while more and more people and businesses were benefiting from wind power, many things were "not right" beneath the surface.

Dickson added that growth in onshore wind fell by more than half in Germany last year and "collapsed in the U.K.", stating that, in the EU, 2018 was "the worst year for new wind energy installations since 2011." The latter figure reflected regulatory changes undertaken by EU member states following a review of state-aid guidelines.

In Germany's onshore sector, the group explained that "lengthy permitting processes" and projects with "longer build-out periods" had resulted in a "significant decrease" in installations, which fell from 5,334 megawatts in 2017 to 2,402 megawatts (MW) in 2018.

While investments for future capacity were deemed to be "quite good" in 2018 thanks to the U.K., Spain and Sweden as well as expansion in offshore wind, Dickson said that the outlook for new investments remained uncertain.

"There are structural problems in permitting, especially in Germany and France," he added. "And with the noble exception of Lithuania and despite improvements in Poland, there's a lack of ambition in Central and Eastern Europe."

Overall, Europe installed 11.7 gigawatts (GW) of gross wind power capacity in 2018. While this represents a drop of more than 30 percent compared to installations in 2017, the sector still installed more capacity than any other type of power generation in the EU last year, WindEurope said.

Breaking the figures for 2018 down further, 9 GW of installations in Europe took place onshore, with 2.65 GW coming offshore and 0.4 GW of capacity decommissioned.

Wind energy covered 14 percent of the European Union's electricity demand in 2018, WindEurope said, representing an increase from 12 percent in 2017.

Europe boasts several large-scale wind energy projects. In the offshore sector, it is home to the world's biggest offshore wind

10 Favorite New-for-2018 Cars You Have to See Kelley Blue Book

World's #1 Urologist Diminishes Worst Prostate Problems With New Pill From France Prostagenix Supplement

These 25 Crossovers Are The Best You Can Buy Edmunds

by Taboola

These two charts suggest a market pullback before the Dow smashes new records

Trump wants California to pay back billions for bullet train

As fallout over pedophilia content on YouTube continues, AT&T and Hasbro pull all advertisements

Here are the stocks Warren Buffett says he's betting on for the long run

Deutsche Bank lost \$1.6 billion on a single trade involving Warren Buffett, WSJ says

Kraft Heinz has lost the one thing that distinguished it from General Mills and Mondelez

TRENDING NOW



GE shares surge after Danaher agrees to buy biopharma business for \$21.4 billion

Apple should copy this awesome Galaxy facility, Walney Extension, which is located in the Irish Sea and capable of powering almost 600,000 homes, according to Danish energy firm Orsted.

Walney will soon be superseded by another vast project, Hornsea One. A joint venture between Orsted and Global Infrastructure Partners, Hornsea One will have a capacity of 1.2 GW and be able to power more than 1 million homes in the U.K. It was announced last week that the first turbine at Hornsea One had started to generate power.

Anmar Frangoul Freelance Digital Reporter, CNBC.com





Prosecutors charge Patriots owner Robert Kraft, say he paid for sex day of AFC championship



Supreme Court seems reluctant to extend First Amendment protections to social media users



Janet Yellen says Trump has a 'lack of understanding' of Fed policies and the economy

MORE FROM CNBC

by Taboola

Walmart's smart hiring will make it Amazon's 'worst nightmare' within 2 years, strategist says

'Green Book' wins best picture at the 91st Academy Awards

Oscars 2019: The complete list of winners and nominees for the 91st Academy Awards

Here are 5 ways the super-rich manage to pay lower taxes

Investigators begin 'painstaking' probe into deadly Amazon cargo jet crash

Netflix's 'Roma' could be the turning point for the movie industry to shift away from theaters

FROM THE WEB

Sponsored Links by Taboola

Maryland Drivers Surprised. Those With No Tickets In 3 Years Are In For A Big Surprise Carlnsurance-USA.Net

Yahoo Search Has Deals on Pizza!

Yahoo Search | Search Ads

The Best Pickup Trucks in 2019

ТорТоріх

Best SEO Agency In Texas

Ysais Digital Marketing

POM Pepper Spray - Next Generation of Performance, Quality and Safety

POM Industries LLC

Why You Should Rethink The 30 Year Mortgage

Dollarfreedom | LendingTree Mortgage Quotes

Independent Programming	Subscribe to CNBC PRO	Licensing & Reprints
Join the CNBC Panel	Advertise With Us	Closed Captioning
Digital Products	Terms of Service	Privacy Policy
News Releases	Internships	Corrections
About CNBC	AdChoices	Site Map
Podcasts	Contact	Careers
Help		

News Tips

Got a confidential news tip? We want to hear from you.

GET IN TOUCH

EXAMPLE CNBC Newsletters

Sign up for free newsletters and get more CNBC delivered to yo

SIGN UP NOW

Get this delivered to your inbox, and more info about our products and service

© 2019 CNBC LLC. All Rights Reserved. A Division of NBCUniversal

Data is a real-time snapshot *Data is delayed at least 15 minutes. Global Business and Financial News, Stock Quotes, and Market Data and Analysis.

Data also provided by

in (O)