

# RENEWABLES 2021 GLOBAL STATUS REPORT TRANSPORT IN FOCUS

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# THE ONLY GLOBAL RENEWABLE ENERGY MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COMMUNITY

## GOVERNMENTS

Afghanistan, Austria, Brazil, Denmark,  
Dominican Republic, Germany, India,  
Mexico, Norway, Republic of Korea, South  
Africa, Spain, UAE, USA

## NGOs

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Greenpeace Intl, GWNETH, ICLEI, IEC, ISEP, JVE,  
MFC, Power for All, REEEP, REI, RGI, SCI,  
SLOCAT, SEforAll, WCRE, WFC, WRI, WWF

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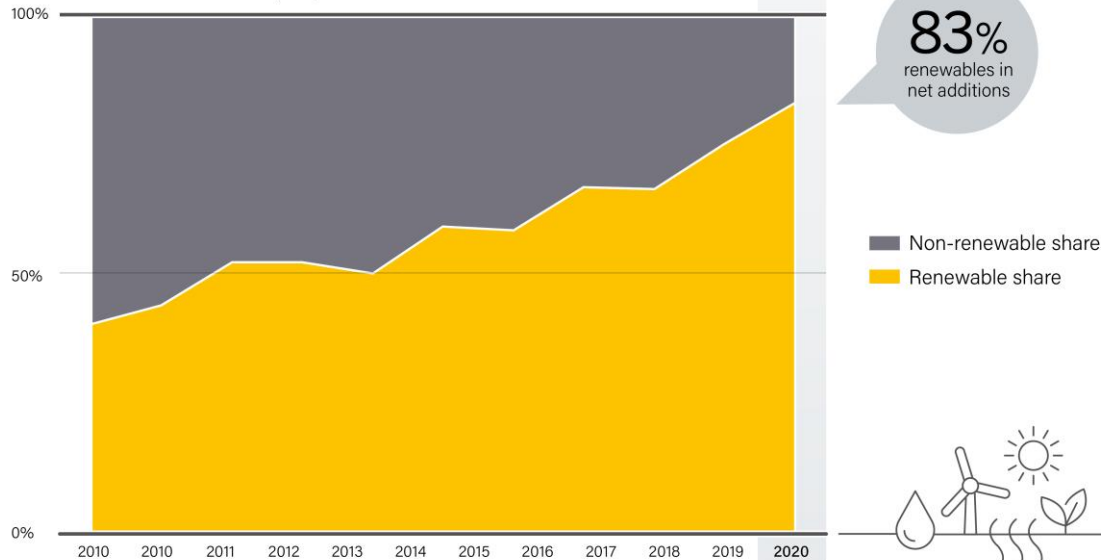
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EREF, GOGLA, GSC, GWEC, IREF, IGA, IHA,  
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# MORE RENEWABLE POWER ADDED THAN FOSSIL FUEL & NUCLEAR


 **Shares of Net Annual Additions in Power Generating Capacity**  
2010-2020

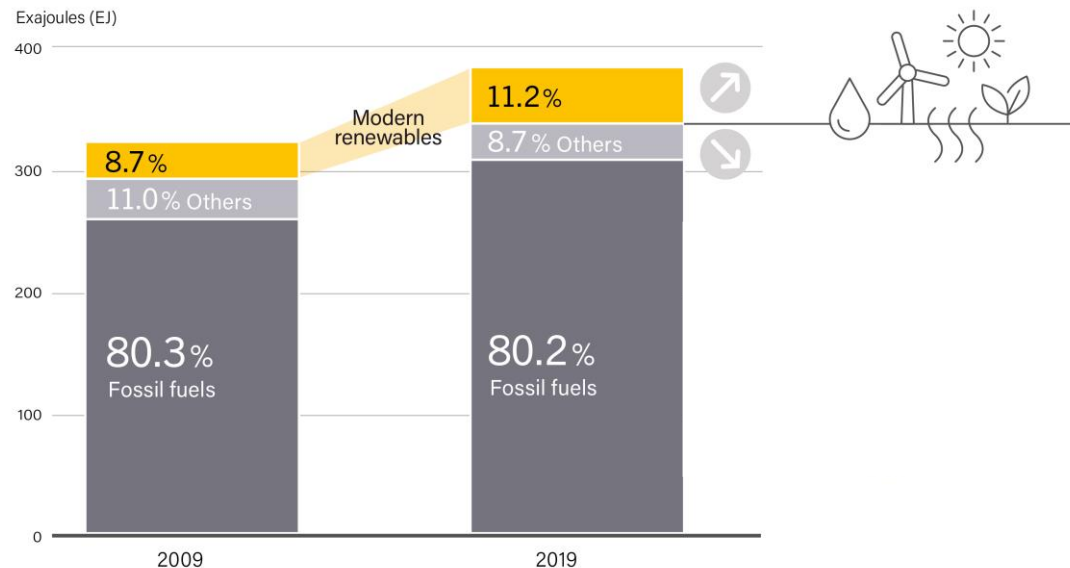
Share in Additions to Global Power Capacity



Renewable power generation capacity additions remain ahead for **the sixth year in a row.**

# INCREASING ENERGY DEMAND AND FOSSIL FUEL USE

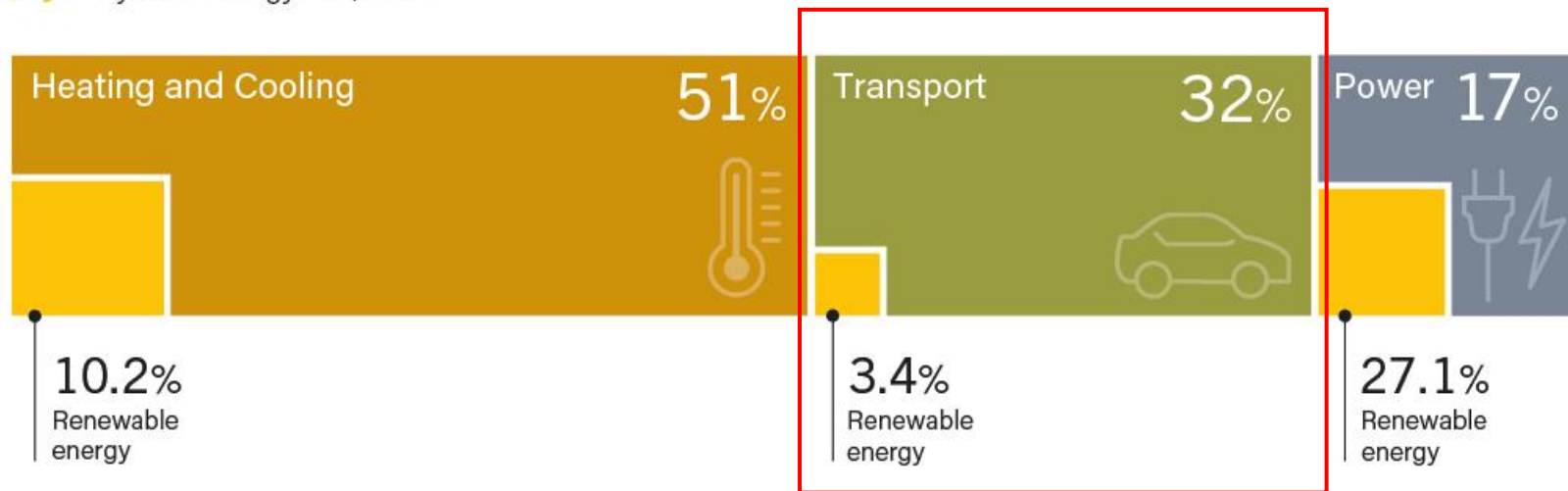
 **Estimated Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption**  
2009 and 2019



The share of fossil fuels in final energy demand has **barely changed over the past decade.**

## TRANSPORT HAS THE LOWEST SHARE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

 **Renewable Energy in Total Final Energy Consumption**  
by Final Energy Use, 2018



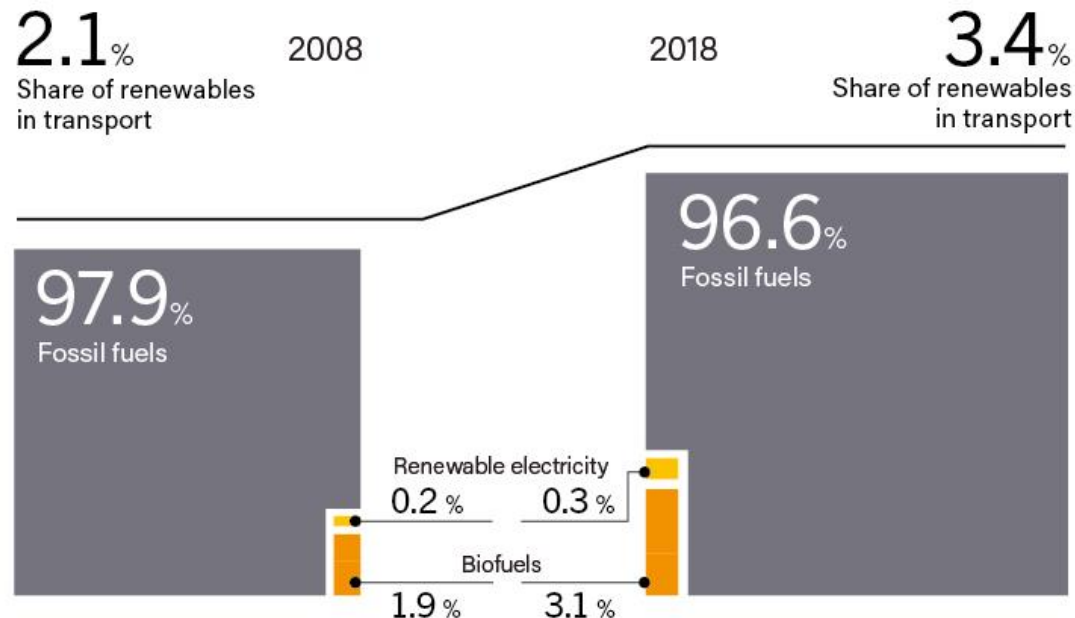
Note: Data should not be compared with previous years because of revisions due to improved or adjusted methodology.

Source: Based on IEA data.

## LITTLE PROGRESS IN TRANSPORT OVER THE PAST DECADE



Share of Renewable Energy in Transport  
2008 and 2018



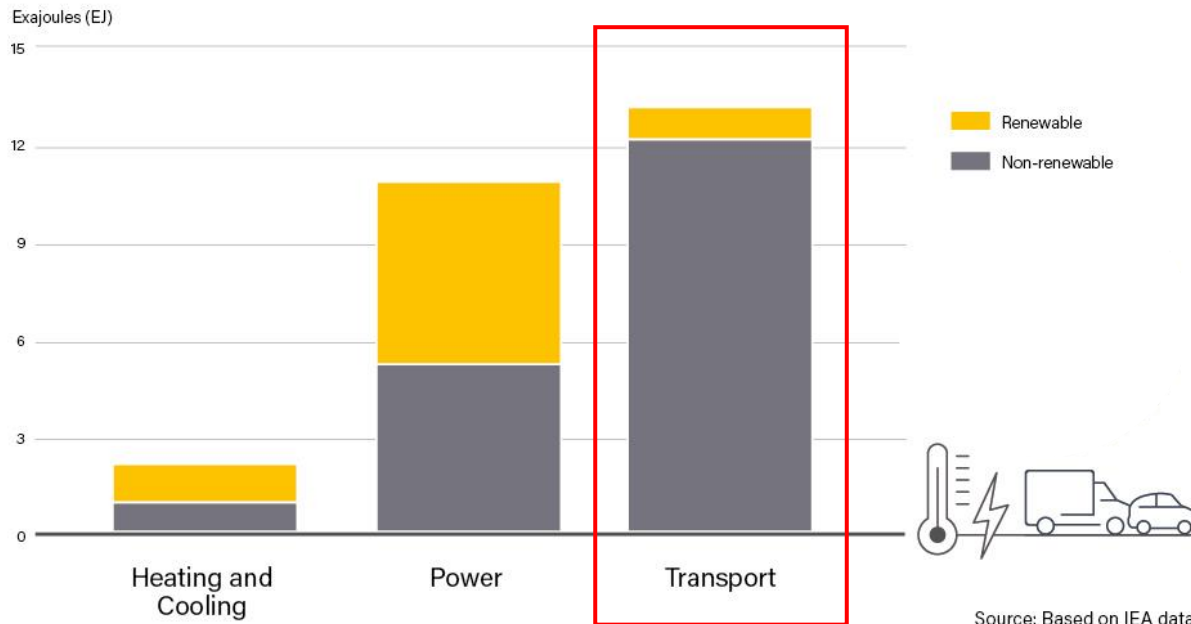
The fossil fuels share in transport has decreased **only 1 percentage point over the past decade.**

At the same time, transport energy **demand has grown more than 22%.**

Source: Based on IEA data.


# HIGHEST DEMAND GROWTH IN TRANSPORT, 93% MET BY FOSSIL FUELS

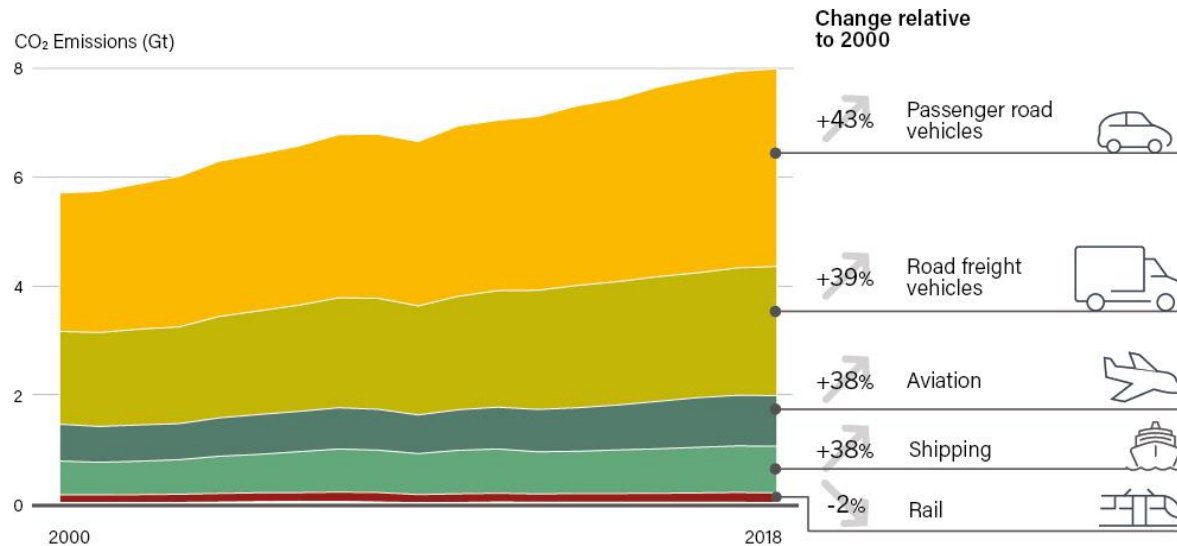
 Renewable Contribution to Energy Demand Growth, by Sector  
2013-2018



Energy demand has grown much more for transport than other sectors and was met **almost entirely by fossil fuels**.

# TRANSPORT EMISSIONS CONTINUE TO GROW

 Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from the Transport Sector, by Mode  
2000-2018



Note: Other pipeline and non-specified transport increased 28% during this period.

Source: SLOCAT and IEA.

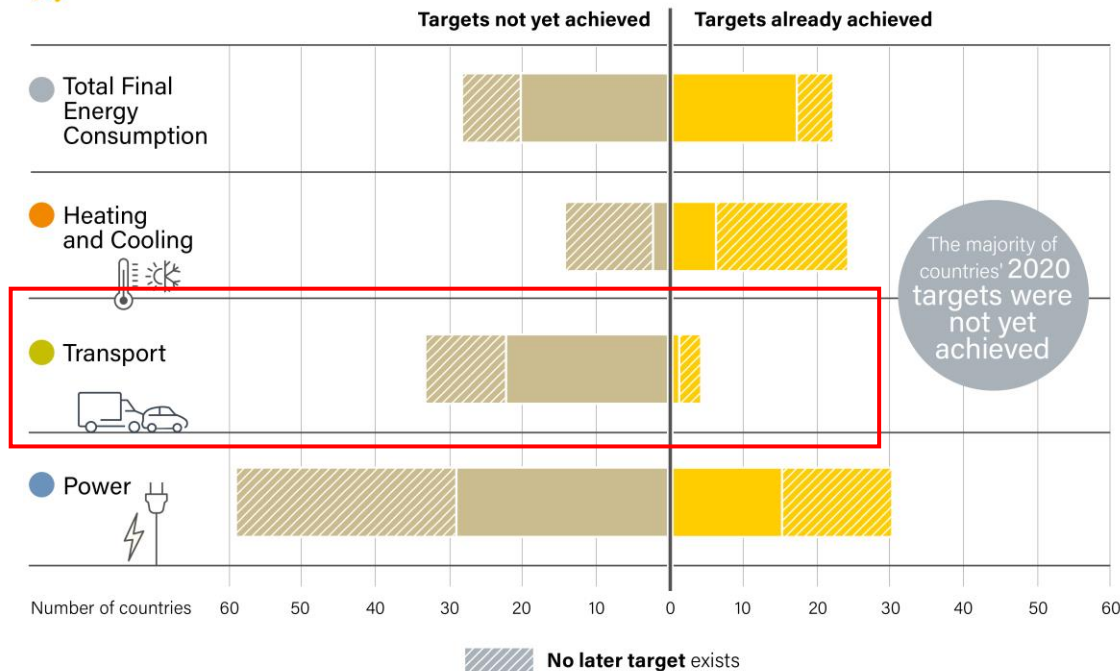
**Transport emissions are rapidly expanding in almost every sector.**



# MOST 2020 TRANSPORT TARGETS NOT ACHIEVED




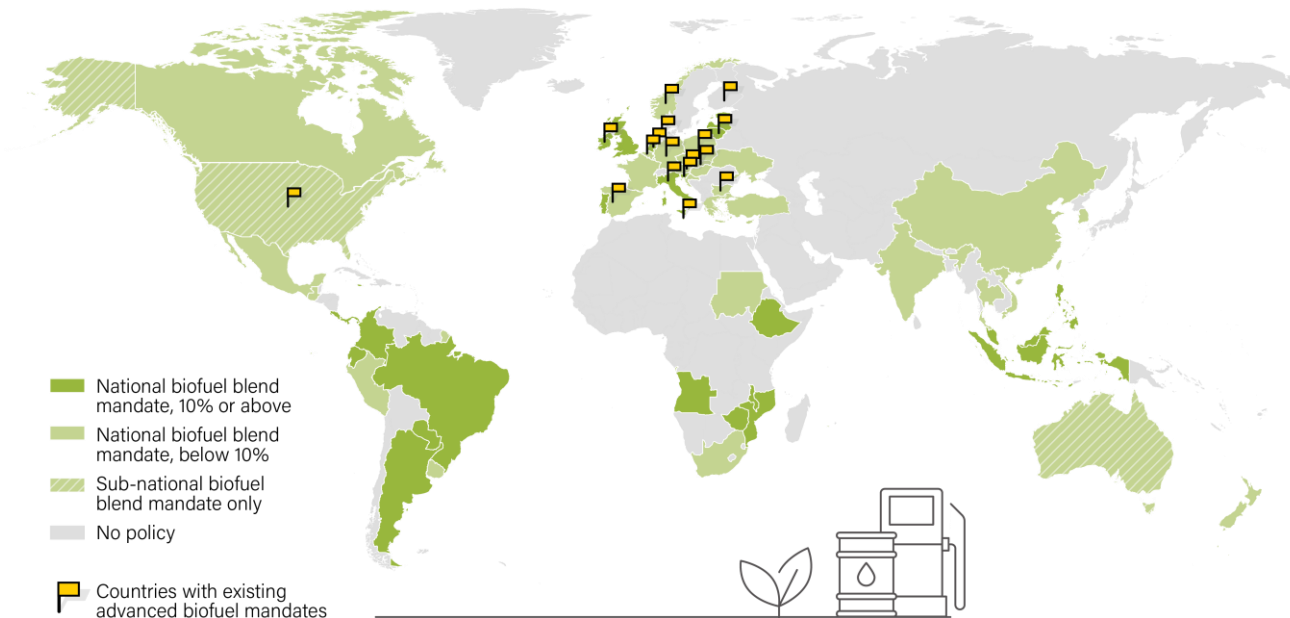
Status of Countries in Meeting Their 2020 Renewable Energy Targets and Setting New Ones



The transport sector has seen **the least progress** in achieving 2020 targets.

# POLICY ATTENTION FOR TRANSPORT REMAINS FLAT

 **National and Sub-National Renewable Transport Mandates**  
End-2020



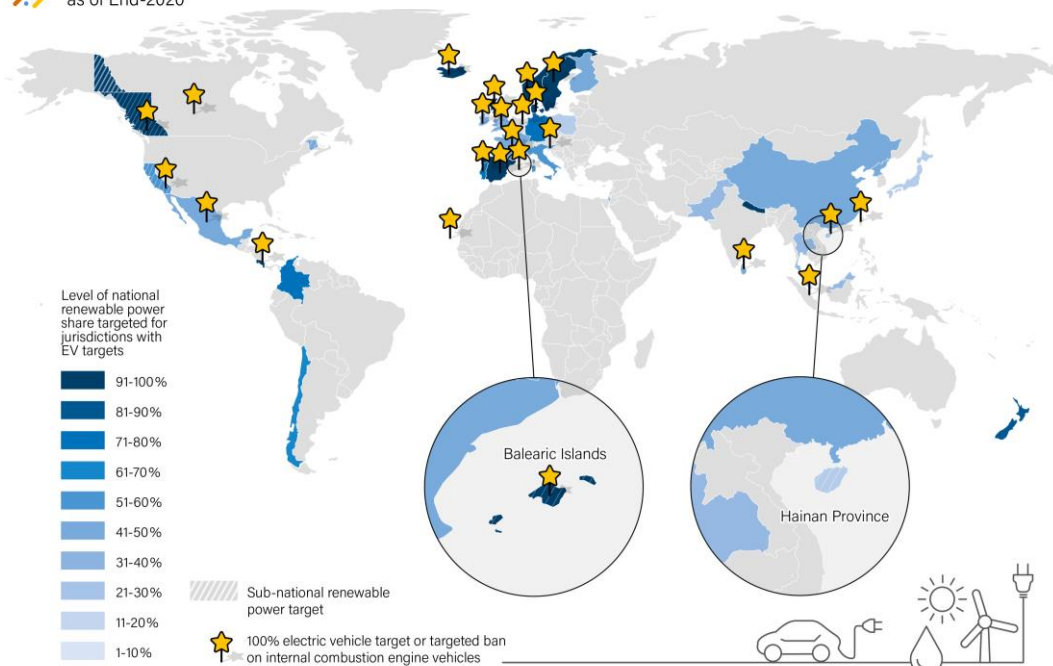
Source: REN21 Policy Database.

Support for biofuels in transport in only **65 countries**.

Targets for advanced biofuels in only **11 countries**.

# FEW COUNTRIES HAVE TARGETS FOR BOTH EVS & RENEWABLES

 **Targets for Renewable Power and Electric Vehicles**  
as of End-2020



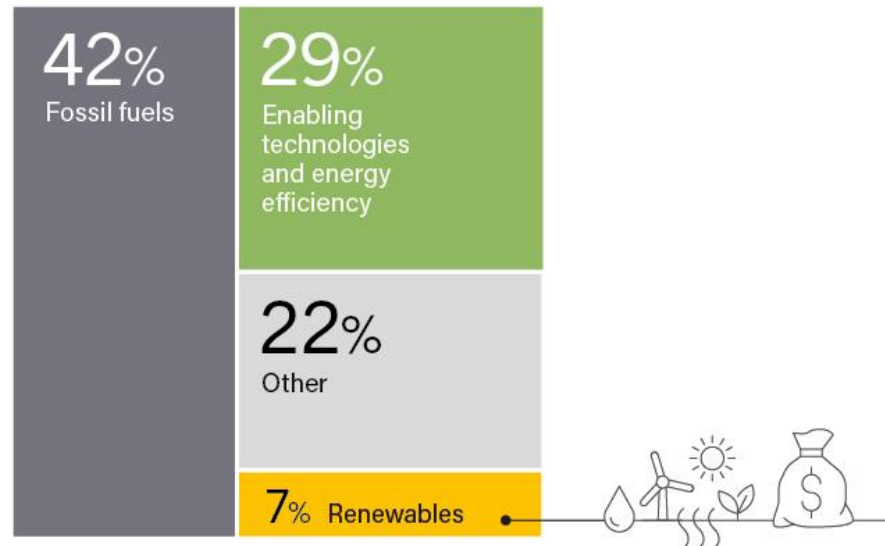
Source: REN21 Policy Database.

**Only 8 countries** with targeted bans on internal combustion engine vehicles have 100% renewable power targets.

## 6X MORE RECOVERY FUNDING FOR FOSSIL FUELS



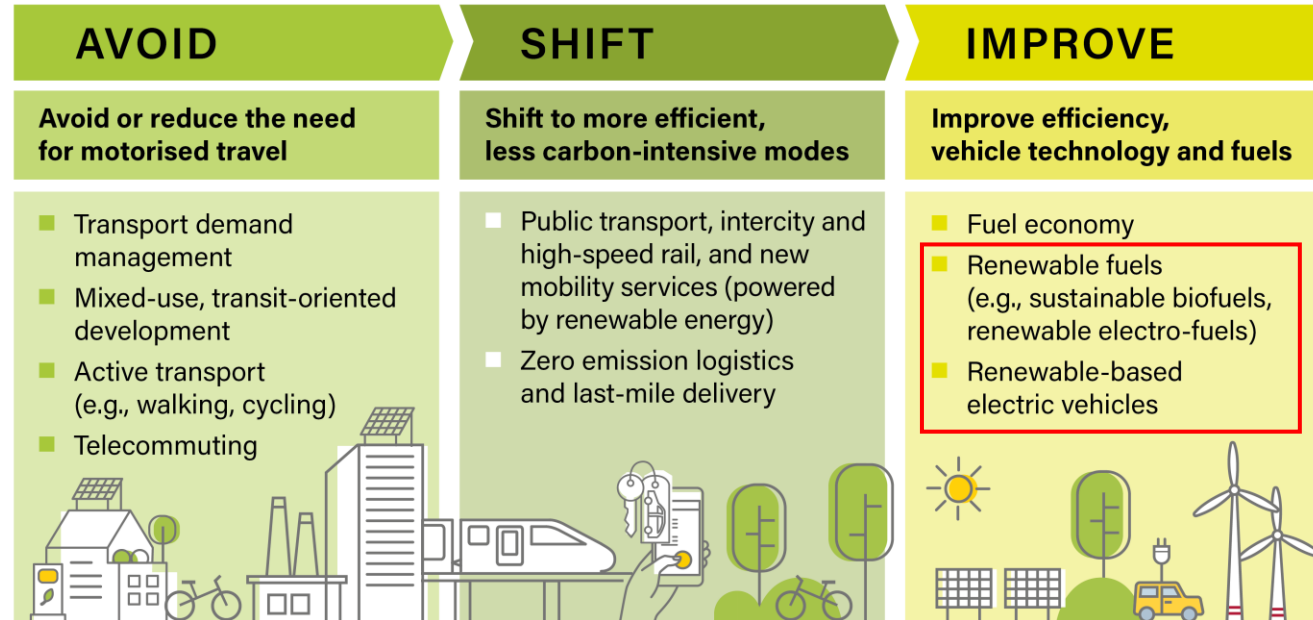
Energy Investments in COVID-19 Recovery Packages of 31 Countries  
January 2020 to April 2021



early 2021, **only**  
COVID recovery  
funding was allocated  
to renewables.

# RENEWABLE ENERGY CRITICAL IN THE TRANSPORT TRANSITION

Avoid-Shift-Improve Framework in the Transport Sector



## STRUCTURAL SHIFT TO RENEWABLES REQUIRED

- **Rapid** transition needed from fossil fuels to a renewable energy-based system
- **Net zero targets** have to be backed up by renewable energy targets and support policies
- **Measure progress** towards global climate and sustainable development goals with **the right indicator**: the share of renewable energy
- Integrate the renewable energy share as a KPI at **every level of decision making**



## WHAT WILL THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT LOOK LIKE?

- Next edition of the Renewables Global Futures Report (GFR) will ask: **“What will be the role of renewables in decarbonising the transport sector?”**
- Part of NDC Transport Initiative for Asia
- For more info + to sign up to participate: [ren21.net/GFR](https://ren21.net/GFR)
  - Survey
  - Interviews
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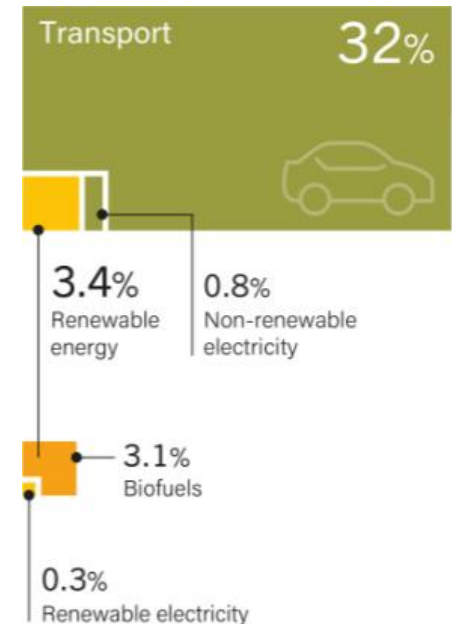


## **SLOW GROWTH IN RENEWABLE TRANSPORT**

### **KEY BARRIERS**

- Sector heavily relying on fossil fuel
  - Fossil fuel subsidies – no level playing field
- Demand increasing faster than other sectors
- Lack of policy support frameworks
  - Holistic strategies missing
  - Direct linking between EVs and renewables is limited
  - Avoid-Shift-Improve often missing renewable energy
- Investment in supporting infrastructure needed (e.g., EV charging)
- Technological advances needed for renewables in advanced biofuels, maritime and aviation sectors

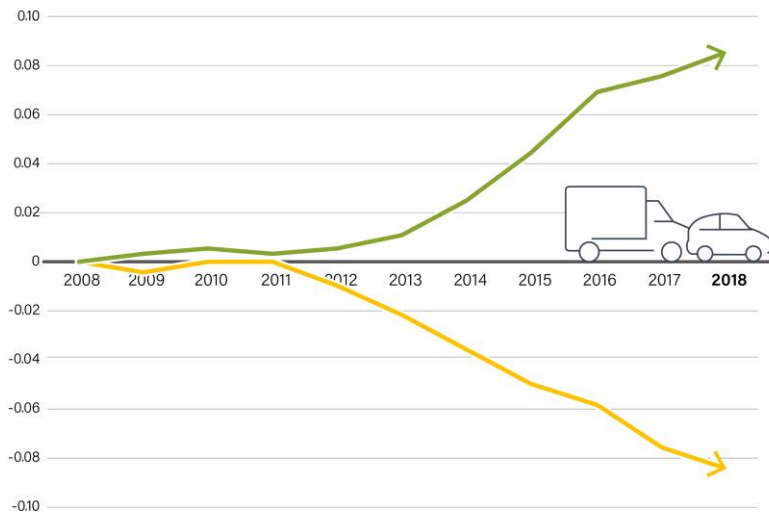
Renewable Energy in Total Final Energy Consumption, by Final Energy Use, 2018



# TRANSPORT CARBON INTENSITY IMPROVING SLOWLY

 **Indexed Carbon Intensity and Kilometres Travelled**  
Passenger Vehicles in Selected Countries, 2008-2018

Annual growth rate in %



Compound average annual change, 2008-2018

**+0.73%**  
Vehicle kilometres travelled

**Cars and light trucks**

— Vehicle kilometres travelled (billions)  
— Carbon intensity per vehicle-kilometre travelled (kgCO<sub>2</sub>/vkm)

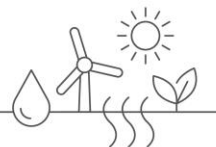
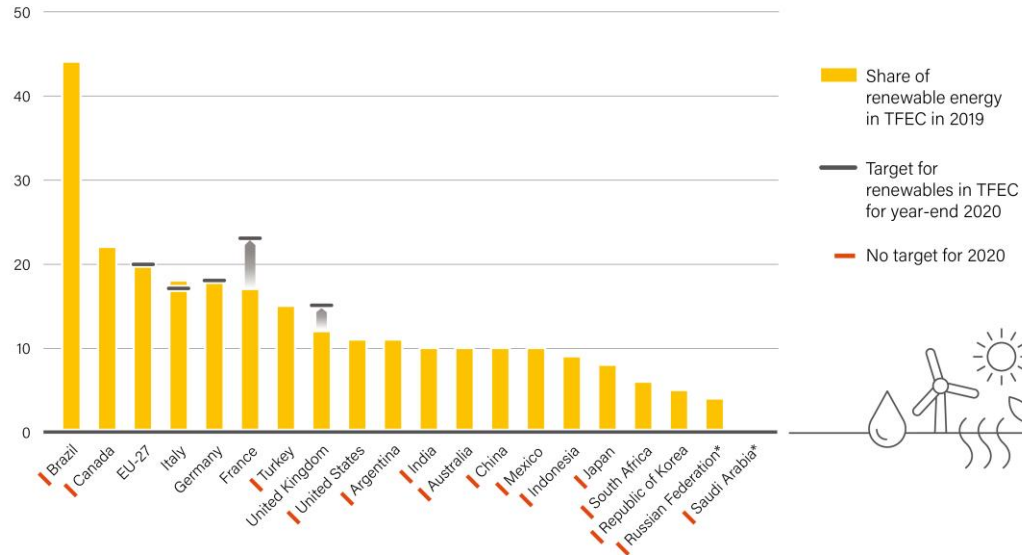
**-0.78%**  
Carbon intensity per kilometre travelled

In OECD countries, the **carbon intensity of transport improved at an annual rate of 0.64%** between 2008 and 2017.

## G20 COUNTRIES LACK TARGETS FOR RENEWABLES

 **Renewable Energy Shares and Targets**  
G20 Countries, 2019 and 2020

Share of renewables in TFEC (%)

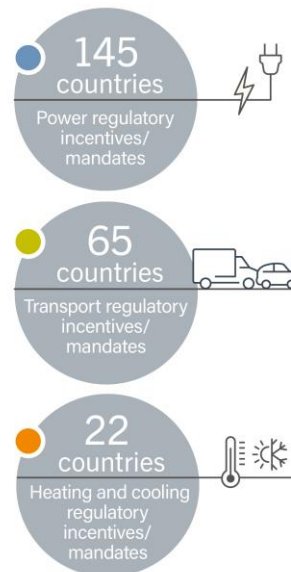
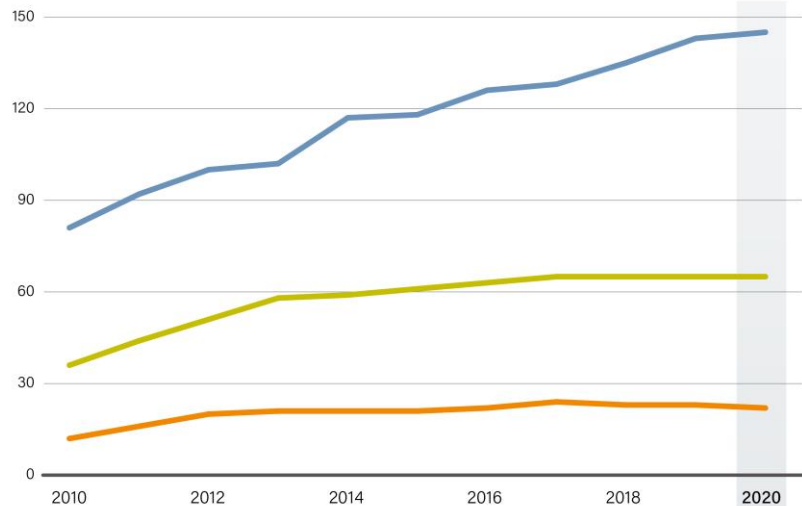


Only 5 G20 countries had 2020 targets for renewables in final energy, while **none** has a target for renewable energy in transport.

## MOST POLICY ATTENTION STILL FOR POWER SECTOR

 **Number of Countries with Renewable Energy Regulatory Policies**  
2010–2020

Number of Countries

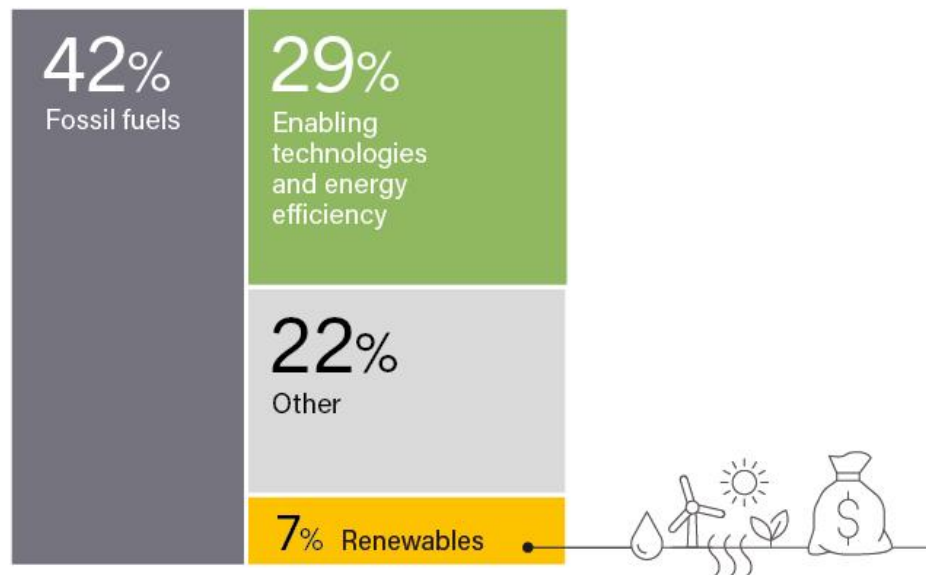


For the first time ever, the number of countries with **renewable energy support policies** did not increase.

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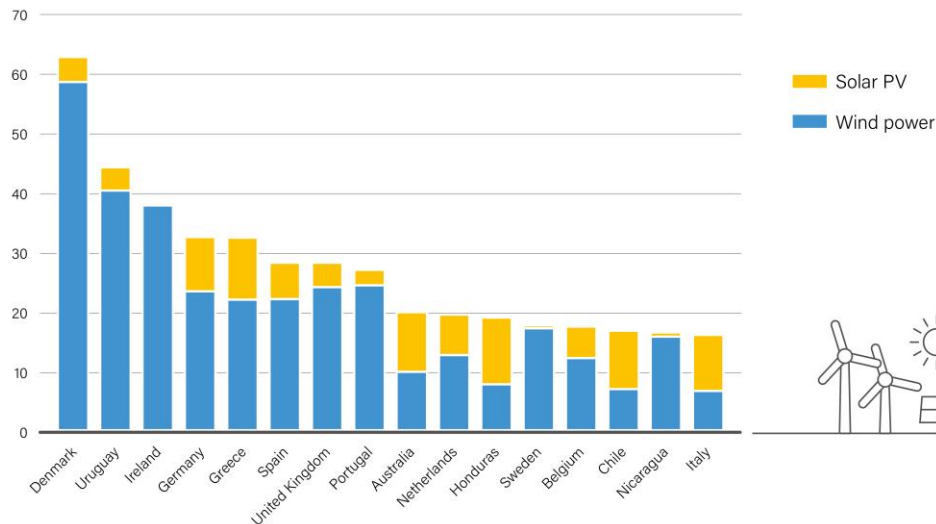


As of early 2021, **64%** of COVID recovery spending was allocated to **fossil fuels or other non-sustainable energy sources**.

# VARIABLE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY CONTINUED TO RISE

 **Share of Electricity Generation from Variable Renewable Energy**  
Top Countries, 2020

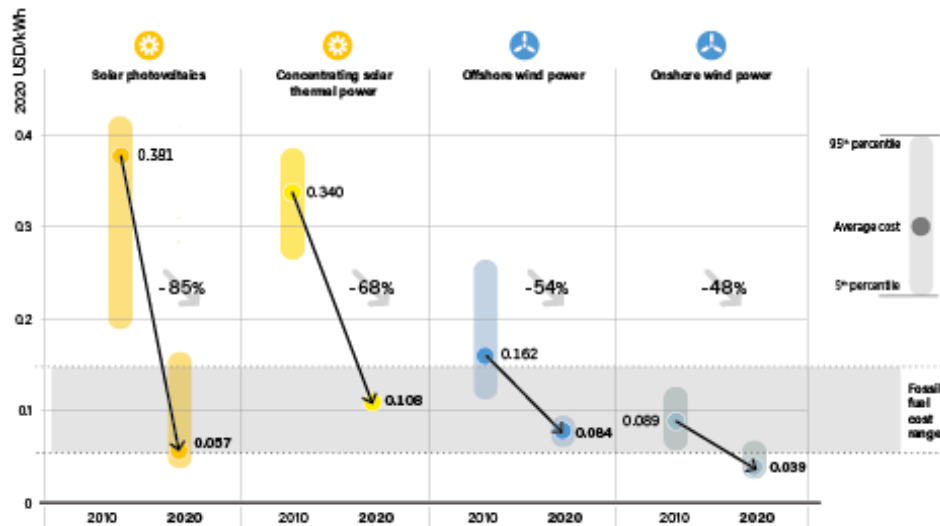
Share of total generation (%)



**At least nine countries produced more than 20% of their electricity generation from VRE in 2020**

# RENEWABLE POWER COSTS KEEP FALLING

 Global Levelised Costs of Electricity from Newly Commissioned Utility-scale Renewable Power Generation Technologies, 2010 and 2020



Source: IRENA.

Costs for solar PV and CSP as well as onshore and offshore wind have **fallen sharply over the past decade.**

# MANY NET ZERO TARGETS ANNOUNCED IN 2020

 **New Net Zero Emission and Carbon-Neutral Targets Set**  
by Countries/Regions in 2020

Net zero emission targets				
Country/region	2019 CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (kilotonnes)	2019 CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (% of world total)	Target year	Legal status
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>2,939,069</b>	7.73%	2050	Proposed
Austria	72,363	0.19%	2040 <sup>1</sup>	In law/policy document
Canada	584,846	1.54%	2050	Proposed
Hungary	53,183	0.14%	2050	In law/policy document
Jamaica	7,442	0.02%	2050	Pledge
Lao PDR	6,783	0.02%	2050	Pledge
Maldives	913	<0.001%	2030 <sup>2</sup>	Pledge
Mauritius	4,332	0.01%	2070	Pledge
Nepal	15,019	0.04%	2050	NDC
United Kingdom	364,906	0.96%	2050 <sup>3</sup>	In law/policy document
The Vatican	N/A	N/A	2050	Pledge

Carbon-neutral targets				
Country/region	2019 CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (kilotonnes)	2019 CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (% of world total)	Target year	Legal status
Argentina	199,414	0.52%	2050	NDC
Barbados	3,827	0.01%	2030	In law/policy document <sup>4</sup>
China	11,535,200	30.34%	2060	Pledge
Japan	1,153,717	3.03%	2050	Pledge
Kazakhstan	277,365	0.73%	2060 <sup>5</sup>	Pledge
Korea, Republic of	651,870	1.71%	2050	NDC
Malawi	1,616	<0.001%	2050	Pledge
Nauru	N/A	N/A	2050	Pledge
Slovenia	15,365	0.04%	2050	National plan/strategy
South Africa	494,862	1.30%	2050 <sup>6</sup>	National plan/strategy

**Only about one-fifth** of all announced national net zero targets are actually **in law** or have been achieved.