# NRP 70

# Electricity supply

## New risks: trade-offs in switching from nuclear electricity to renewables in Switzerland

### Overview



#### **Objectives**

Assessment of the Swiss Energiestrategie 2050 (ES 2050)

- 1. Quantify and compare the risks of electricity supply associated with different REN power sources: photovoltaic (PV), concentrating solar power (CSP), and Wind.
- 2. Evaluate how these risks, along with perceived negative environmental impacts of domestic renewable power systems, could affect the implementation of the ES 2050.

#### **Research questions**

- How can we affordably minimise intermittency risks, given dispatch possibilities and potential (daily and seasonal) generation?
- How vulnerable to natural hazards is the infrastructure for import of 2. electricity?
- Which supply options Swiss voters would find acceptable and how 3. strong their opinions are?
- Which are the dominant stakeholder perspectives on risks to 4. electricity supply, in relation to development of renewable energy infrastructure?

#### **Preliminary results**

**Research Question 1** 

	Annual electricity production 2035 - Variant E (ES 2050)	Annual electricity production 2050 - Variant E (ES 2050)
3500		



#### **Research Question 2**





### Partners and Collaboration



## **Energy Turnaround**

#### **Contributions:**

- Quantify the impacts of the phase out of nuclear power plants on the electric supply in 2035 and 2050.
- Concretize the dispatchability of the supply in the electric system that increases the share of renewable sources to cover the future demand (variant C&E and variant E of the ES 2050).
- Find out what directions, and concrete infrastructures related to the development of renewable energy, of the ES 2050 have -or not- the support of both society and stakeholders.

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Make recommendations to Swiss authorities to direct funding and effort in order to make the ES 2050 more concrete, social and technically feasible.

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