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# DATA EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION IN ITALY

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# The SOGL Regulation – Art. 40 - 53

It defines provisions about **data exchange between TSO, DSOs and SGUs**. Regarding the data exchange requirements on national level:

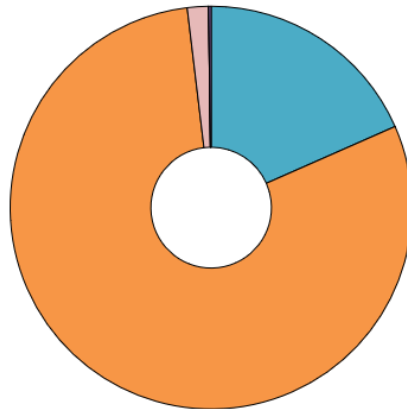
- ❖ in coordination with the DSOs and SGUs, each TSO shall determine the applicability and scope of the data exchange on:
  - Structural data
  - Scheduling and forecast data
  - Real-time data
- ❖ each TSO shall agree with the relevant DSOs on effective, efficient and proportional processes for providing and managing data exchanges between them, including, where required for efficient network operation, the provision of data related to distribution systems and SGUs.

# The Italian electricity system 2000 vs. 2019 data

**Gross  
prod.**

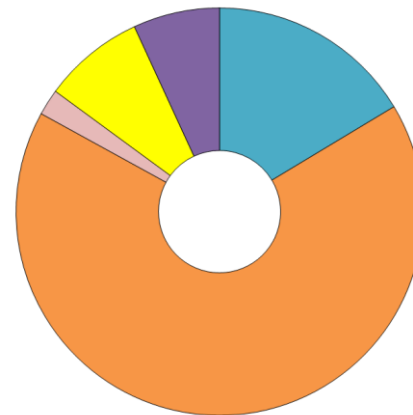
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- PV
- Wind

year: 2000  
**276,63 TWh**



- Hydro
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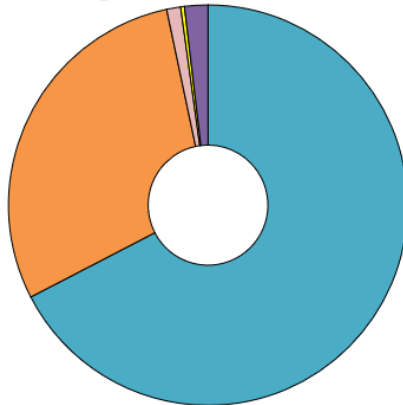
year: 2019  
**293,89 TWh**



**Number  
of  
plants**

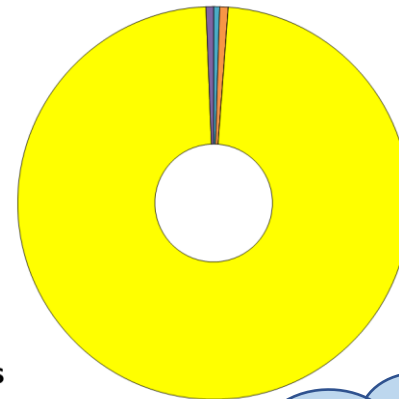
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year: 2000  
**2915 plants**



- Hydro
- Thermo
- Geothermal
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- Wind

year: 2019  
**896417 plants**



**About 895.200  
plants (96%)  
connected to  
LV or MV grid**

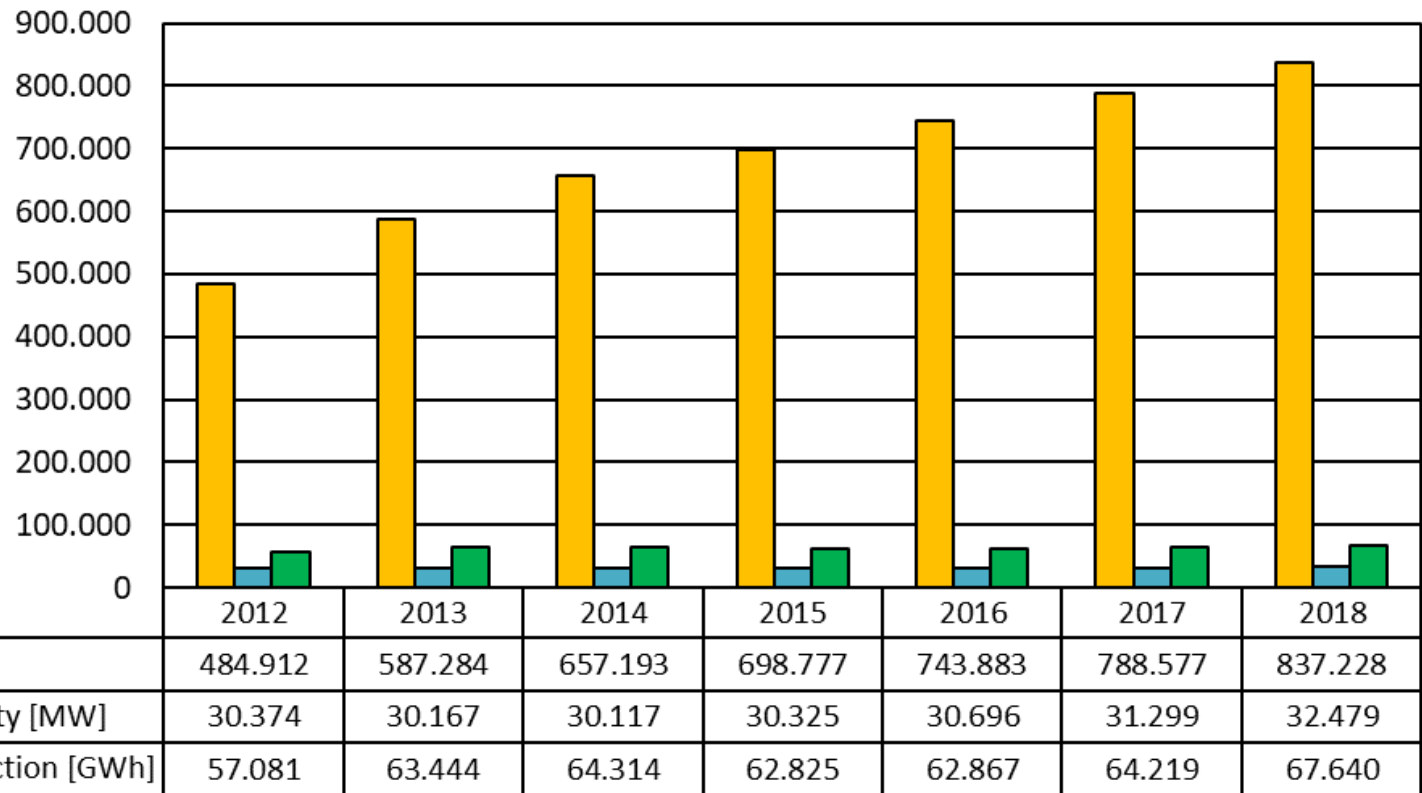


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# The Italian electricity system DG data 2012-2018

Source: ARERA  
Report  
320/2020/1/eel



DG definition introduced by EU Directive 2009/72/CE (adopted in Italy since 2012):  
Distributed Generation = generation plants connected to the distribution system

# Data exchange implementation in Italy (1/8)

ARERA  
resolution  
646/2015/R/eel

In 2015, ARERA launched a first data sharing about DG plants between DSOs and TSO

SOGL  
Regulation

EU defined provisions about data exchange between TSO, DSOs and SGUs

ARERA  
resolution  
628/2018/R/eel

ARERA initiated a process to implement SOGL requirements on data exchange in Italy

TERNA – Grid  
Code  
consultation

Italian TSO's consultation about the implementation of data exchange, in coordination with DSOs (applicability and scope)

ARERA  
resolution  
36/2020/R/eel

ARERA approved the proposal made by the TSO in coordination with DSOs

ARERA  
consultation  
361/2020/Reel

ARERA consultation on timelines, equipment and retrofit



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# Data exchange implementation in Italy (2/8)

Proposal made by TSO in coordination with DSOs approved with resolution 36/2020/R/eel:

❖ **Structural data**: in part already defined in the Italian Grid Code. Provided by SGU:

- **All power plants**
- **HVDC**
- **Consumption plants** (connected to transmission or distribution network) that supply **load interruptibility service**

The most significant innovations introduced by the implementation of the SOGL Regulation (art. 45) are:

- Power plants connected to transmission network (or type D) must provide data on: voltage and reactive power control, data for short-circuit current calculation, data on turbines and converters, permits, dynamic simulation and coordinates
- By DSOs: coordinates and primary substation of power plants connected to its own network, structural data on reactors and capacitors for DSOs of networks with  $V \geq 50$  kV
- HVDC: active power control capability, frequency response capability, dynamic simulation

# Data exchange implementation in Italy (2/8)

Proposal made by TSO in coordination with DSOs approved with resolution 36/2020/R/eel:

❖ **Scheduling and forecast data**: already defined in the Italian Grid Code.

Provided by SGU which are:

❖ **Power plants** with capacity of at least **10 MVA/100 MW** or significant for the electric system security.

❖ **Consumption units** with capacity of at least **10 MVA/100 MW** or significant for the electric system security.

They must provide the TSO (art. 46): active and reactive power output and availability, scheduled unavailability, active and reactive power restriction



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# Data exchange implementation in Italy (3/8)

Proposal made by TSO in coordination with DSOs approved with resolution 36/2020/R/eel:

❖ **Real-time data** provided by SGU:

➤ **«standard perimeter»**: all power plants with capacity of at least 1 MW connected to MV grid. Italian TSO (TERNA) requires following real-time data:

- Active and reactive energy produced by the entire power plant;
- Active energy produced by single generators in case of storage systems > 50 kW, inverter-based plants > 170 kW, synchronous generators > 250 kW

Data sampling interval: **4 sec**

➤ **«extended perimeter»**: a significant group of power plants with capacity less than 1 MW connected to MV or LV grid. TERNA requires following real-time data:

- Active and reactive energy produced by the entire power plant in case of plants connected to MV grid;
- Active energy produced by the entire power plant in case of plants connected to LV grid.

Data sampling interval: **4 sec for MV plants, 20 sec for LV plants**



# Data exchange implementation in Italy (4/8)

## Real time data

❖ **standard perimeter:** power plants connected to MV with capacity larger than 1 MW

<b>Quantities to be measured</b>	P, Q produced by the plant per source
<b>Maximum error (accuracy)</b>	< 2,2 % (> 97,8 %)
<b>Sampling rate</b>	4 sec
<b>Ageing</b>	< 4 sec
<b>Presence of the quality code</b>	YES
<b>Signals to be provided</b>	Device status (sent on variation)

❖ **extended perimeter:** power plants connected to MV or LV with capacity lower than 1 MW

	<b>MV plants</b>	<b>LV plants</b>
<b>Quantities to be measured</b>	P, Q produced by the plant per source	P produced by the plant per source
<b>Maximum error (accuracy)</b>	< 2,2 % (> 97,8 %)	< 2,2 % (> 97,8 %)
<b>Sampling rate</b>	4 sec	20 sec
<b>Ageing</b>	< 4 sec	< 20 sec
<b>Presence of the quality code</b>	YES	YES

# Data exchange implementation in Italy (5/8)

## Real time data

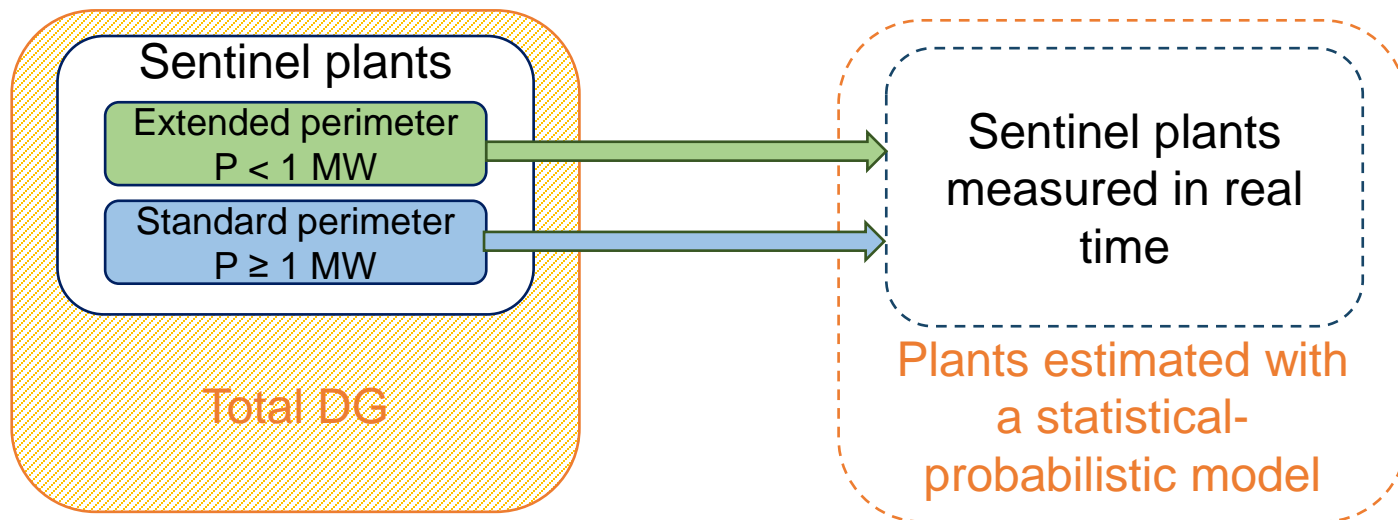
- ❖ **Real-time data** provided by SGUs. **DSOs are responsible for the communication channel** SGU-DSO-TSO. SGUs send data to DSOs with protocol IEC 61850. DSOs send data to the TSO with the standard protocol IEC 60870-5-104.



# Data exchange implementation in Italy (6/8)

## Real time data

- ❖ **Real-time data** will be used by the Italian TSO as an input, together with other data (such as weather forecasts and DG plant master data) for an **estimation algorithm**, managed by the TSO. Such an estimation algorithm is based on a statistical-probabilistic approach.



**Goal of the model: to estimate DG plants production**

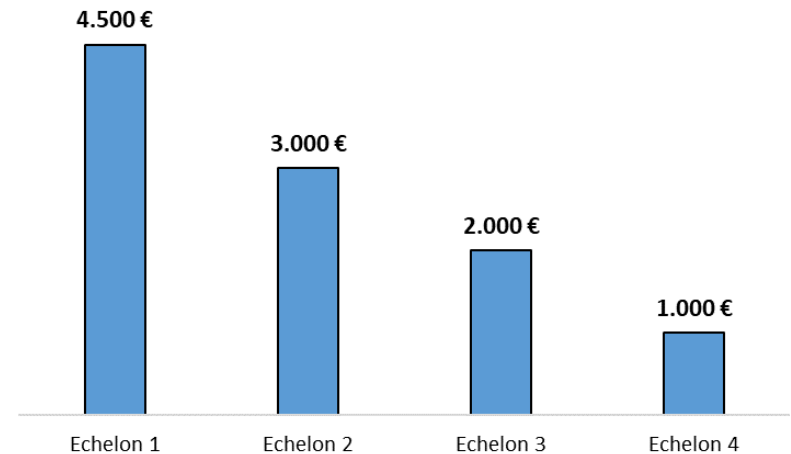
# Data exchange implementation in Italy (7/8)

## Real time data

ARERA consultation 361/2020/R/eel:

### ❖ standard perimeter:

- the **producer shall install** and maintain the necessary data collection equipment («Monitoratore Centrale di Impianto – **MCI**»). The Italian Electrotechnical Committee («CEI») is currently defining the MCI standard requirements.
- **Retrofit for plants in operation** according to time frames that will be defined by the NRA (ARERA). A premium will be defined for those producers that install quickly MCI (see example in figure). Such a premium will be paid by DSOs to the producers (DSO's expenditure is then compensated through electrical bills).
- **DSOs are responsible for the communication channel** SGU-DSO-TSO. DSOs send data to the TSO with the standard protocol IEC 104.



# Data exchange implementation in Italy (8/8)

## Real time data

ARERA consultation 361/2020/R/eel:

### ❖ **extended perimeter:**

- «Sentinel» power plants will be identified by the TSO according to non-discriminatory criteria.
- Data exchange in the extended perimeter will be implemented in a second phase and **only if necessary for the system security**. Moreover, there will be a further distinction, with possible different timeframes, between «**extended perimeter MV**» and «**extended perimeter LV**» since also the necessary equipments are different.
- Regarding the «**extended perimeter MV**», the **producer shall install** and maintain the necessary data collection equipment as for the «standard perimeter».
- Regarding the «**extended perimeter LV**», the **DSOs shall install** and maintain the necessary data collection equipment. CEI is analyzing the possibility to use **smart meter 2G** also for data exchange.



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# Thanks for your attention!

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