





#### **Regulation of self-consumption in Austria**

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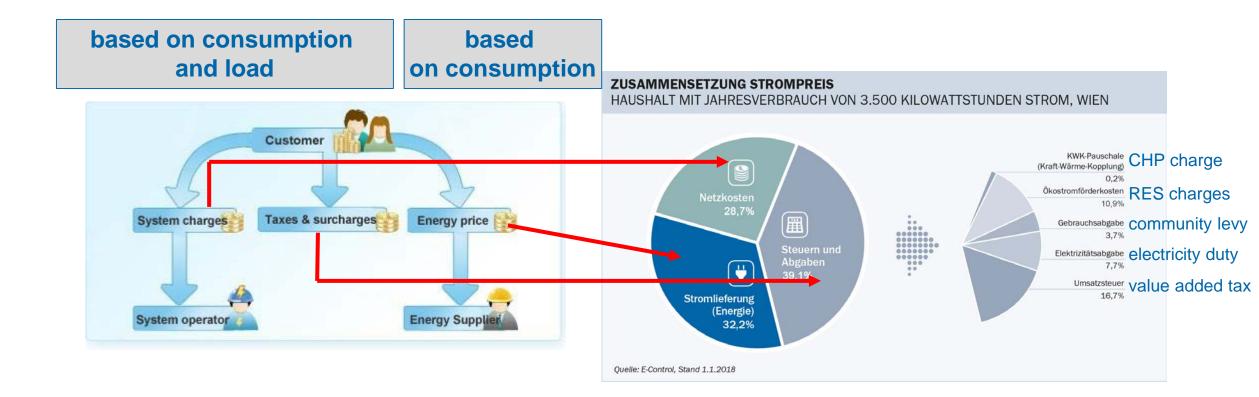
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#### Electricity price in Austria





## "Elektrizitätsabgabe" - electricity duty



- In general 1,5 Cent/kWh
- For self-consumed electricity
- The prosumer is responsible himself for paying the duty
- Free for up to 5.000 kWh for self produced and consumed electricity
- Free for up to 25.000 kWh for self produced and consumed renewable electricity



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## Self-consumption

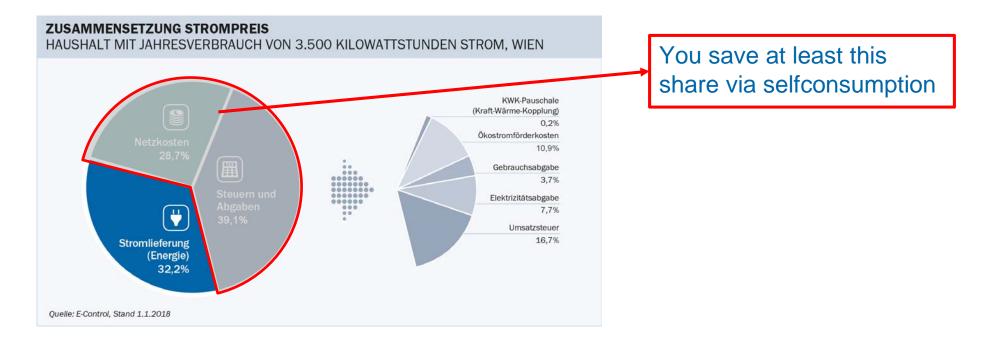


- On-site production and consumption
- Without using the public grid
  - best example alpine huts stand-alone power system
  - Companies with on-site power plants
- Austria self-consumption
  - no network charges or connected charges (green electricity surcharge)
    - It's not exempted BUT the system is built on "electricity taken from the grid"
  - Electricity duty electricity consumed
    - Up to 5.000 kWh no fees
    - For renewable electricity up to 25.000 kWh
- Germany self-consumption
  - operator ("Betreiber") and consumer have to be identical
  - no "EEG-Umlage" for PV smaller 10 kW and up to 10 MWh
  - 30/35/40% of "EEG-Umlage" for other self consumption

## No feed in tarif or direct support



- There is no direct support for self-consumption in Austria
- Profitable via price difference
- Electricity take from the grid costs around 20 Cent/kWh for households



#### Effects of self-consumption



- Self-consumption isn't uncommon on a larger scale
- Somehow "new" for smaller installations
- Check what consumed electricity contributes to the system
  - How are network charges designed
  - How are additional charges designed
  - Electricity consumed or electricity taken from the public grid
- The less charges on self consumed electricity the more attractive selfconsumption is
  - Less quantity (if based on electricity taken from the grid) to base grid tariffs on ?!
  - "Energy efficiency effect" less electricity used due to energy efficiency



## > Tarif-system tending towards a more load-based mechanism

• Costs-by-cause principle

o distribution networks are designed for peak load demand
o Maybe in the future also "peak load supply" (via decentralized production) ?! – there are no indications for this right now

- For households
  - Incentive for smart meters to meter load vs. fixed load profile
  - Self-consumption plus storage getting more and more attractive



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#### Definition – net metering



- Key factors
  - On site production, consumption and excess electricity is supplied to the grid
  - Metering system
  - Time frame
- Old (analogue) electricity meters can spin backwards
- Thereby the electricity consumed and supplied to the grid are netted
- Charges commonly are calculated based on load and electricity consumed (taken from the public grid)
- Thereby it's an extra benefit besides taking less electricity from the grid for the local producer
- Net metering isn't favoured because of the distortions it causes



- Net metering should be avoided as it implies that system storage capacity is available for free
- It reduces consumers' timevalue sensitivity to volatile energy prices and hence undermines efforts to enhance flexibility and to develop a wider demand-side response with consumers playing a more active market role

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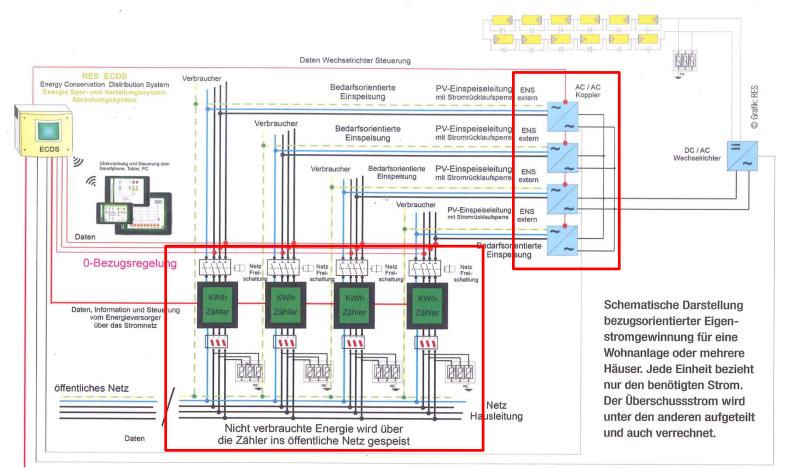
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- Local energy production and consumption on a smaller scale (compared to big companies which already have had there own on site power plants) is just developing
  - Renewable energy directive renewable Energy Communities
- Unclear situation on apartment buildings or buildings used by various entities
  - Tenancy law (Mietrechtsgesetz), Condominum act (Wohnungseigentumsgesetz)
- To enable the collective usage of locally produced electricity some amendments were made in Austria

#### Situation as it was – not profitable





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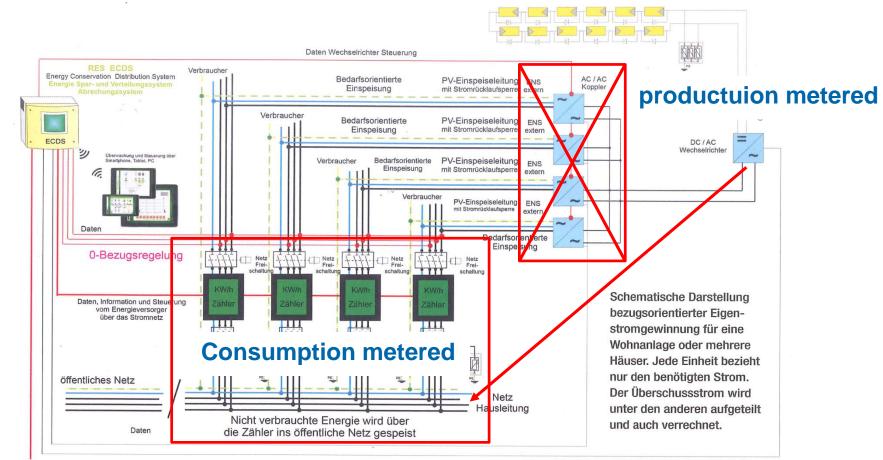
#### What's new



- The power plant can be connected to the main cable
  - No separate power inverter per flat needed
- Based on a fixed or variable allocation profile the produced electricity is "allocated" on a 15min basis to the participants
  - One can only allocate as much produced electricity to the participant as he has consumed in the 15min timespan
  - An intelligent metering system is a prerequisite
- The DSO is responsible for the allocation (based on the provided allocation profile)
- Excess electricity is fed into the public grid and there has to be an existing purchase agreement with a supplier

#### Situation as it is – more likey to be profitable





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