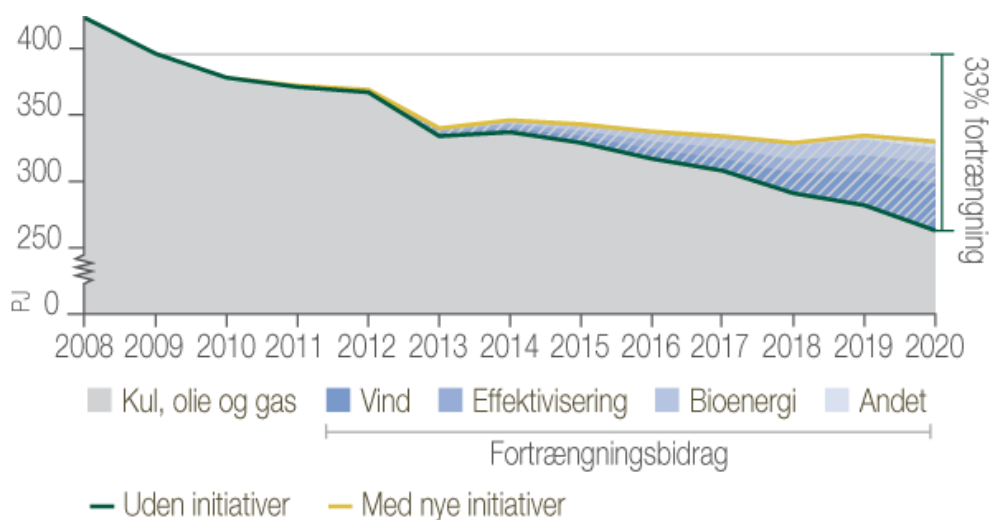


33 pct. reduction in the Danish energy sector's use of fossil fuels by 2020

With the Danish government's "Energy Strategy 2050" an important step is taken towards realising the goal of independence from fossil fuels by 2050. The strategy will lead to a reduction in the use of fossil fuels by 18 pct. for all energy uses from 2009 till 2020.

The phasing out of fossil fuels will proceed at varying paces in different sectors. The alternatives to fossil fuels are cheapest and most readily available in the energy sector, which compromises electricity and heat generation as well as the energy use of companies and households. The Danish government has therefore focused its strategy on this sector.

In the energy sector the Danish government's proposed initiatives will reduce the use of fossil fuels by 33 pct. from 2009 till 2020. These initiatives include new measures to increase energy efficiency and the increased use of wind power and biomass as a source of energy.



Note: ex. transport, non-energy use, extraction and refining

A marked improvement in the energy efficiency of the transport sector can be expected in the next ten years. And the use of amongst others biofuels in the energy mix of the transport sector will halt the sector's rising use of oil. A substantial transition to non-fossil energy sources in the same period though is unlikely for both technical and economic reasons.

"Energy Strategy 2050" is an important first step. Realising the goal of independence from fossil fuels though will require the continuation of current policies as well as new policies after 2020.