

Subsidies for dirty energy: not addressed in the Energy Plan

- Nuclear energy research has received over 45 billion Euros of public money over the past 30 years.
- In 2003, subsidies for coal, oil and gas amounted to 23 billion Euros. In contrast, in 2003, renewable energy received just below 6 billion Euros.²⁸
- The coal industry, in 2005 alone, received over 4 billion Euro of taxpayers' money.
- Every year conventional energy companies externalise hidden costs of around €40-70 billion to society, e.g. in the form of health costs from air pollution.²⁹
- Due to the 'limited liability' of plant operators, only a tiny fraction of the damages of a Chernobyl type accident would be covered by the operators insurance. The rest would have to be paid for by society.

²⁸ European Environment Agency: <http://www.eea.eu.int>

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