

Innovation: a critical part of energy transitions

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need to decline steeply.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A GLOBAL CHALLENGE, AND A KEY PRIORITY FOR THE IEA

To achieve the Paris Agreement goals, energy-related CO₂ emissions

- IEA data, analysis and ambitious, real-world solutions provide support and guidance for countries on their energy transition pathways.
- The IEA can help:
 - countries understand the global state-of-play, opportunities and challenges in the energy space
 - frame efforts in the context of sustainable energy pathways
 - guide and support countries to develop and implement policies for a sustainable energy pathway

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The history of energy is a history of innovation

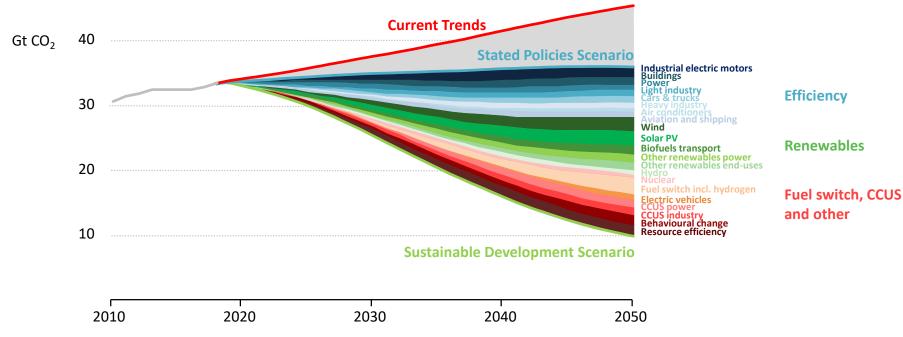


The energy system can be characterised – without too much exaggeration - as long periods of disruption punctuated by moments of stability



New technologies are critical to clean energy

Energy-related CO₂ emissions and reductions in the Sustainable Development Scenario by source



A host of policies and technologies will be needed across every sector to keep climate targets within reach, and further technology innovation will be essential to aid the pursuit of a 1.5°C stabilisation



Introduction to the Clean Energy Transitions Programme

- Launched in November 2017, the CETP provides cutting-edge support to accelerate global clean energy transitions
- Priority countries:















- high-level engagement and collaboration,
- joint learning and knowledge exchanges,
- enhancing policy making and implementation,
- strengthening multi-lateral dialogue
- Activities across **6 work streams**: data & statistics, energy efficiency, electricity, policy advice & modelling, sectoral work, and innovation
- Supported by 14 IEA members and/or other organisations



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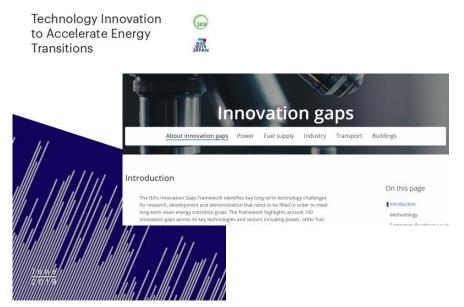
International collaboration and partnerships



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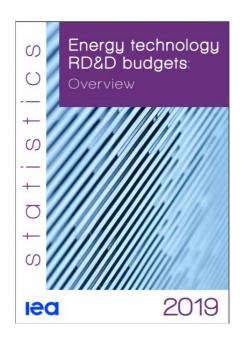


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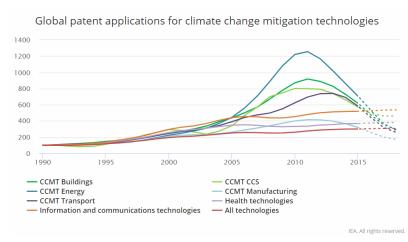
Support to energy innovation policy development around the world



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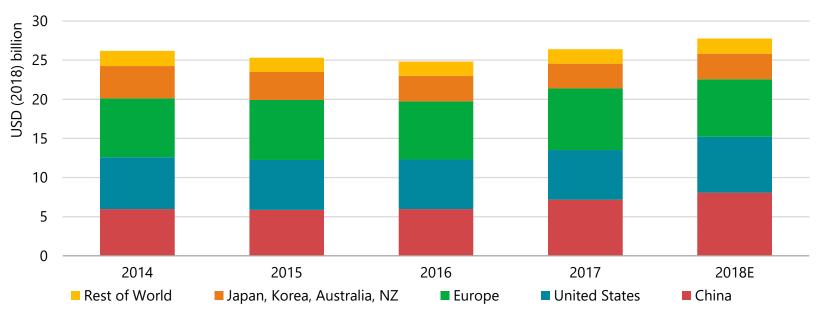


Tracking innovation inputs, and outputs



Public energy RD&D spending is not expanding enough

Spending on energy RD&D (research development & demonstration) by national governments



While public energy RD&D spending rose modestly in 2018, led by the United States and China, most countries are not spending more of their economic output on energy research.



Final thoughts

- New and improved clean energy technologies are needed. They will emerge from a combination of R&D support, market incentives and collaboration
- Energy innovation is a distinct and vital policy domain, alongside policy areas like energy efficiency, renewable integration, industrial decarbonisation and mobility.
- Like other major emerging markets, Brazil will play a major role in global energy in coming decades
- Energy Big Push recognises the opportunity for Brazil to take a coordinated approach to energy innovation given its expertise in biofuels, smart grids, hydro etc. and develop best practices
- IEA supports these efforts through the Clean Energy Transitions Programme



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