



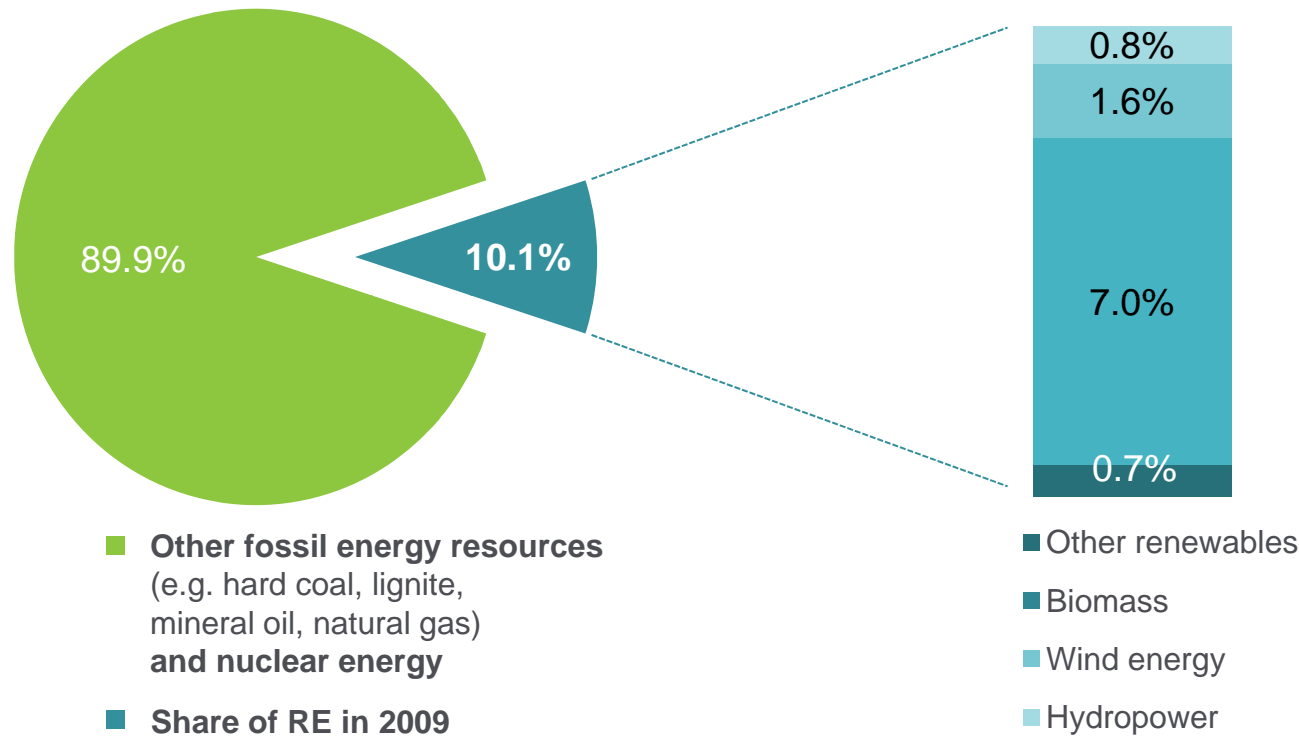
# RENEWABLE ENERGIES – GROWTH DRIVERS FOR THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

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# Proportion of renewable energy sources in relation to total energy consumption in Germany 2009

Total: 8,714 petajoules<sup>1)</sup>

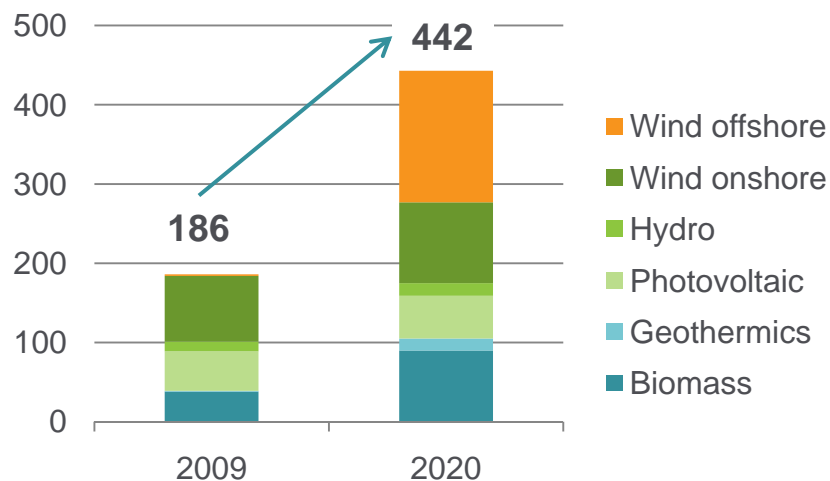


1) Source: Working Group on Energy Balances (AGEB)

# Growth sector: Renewable energies

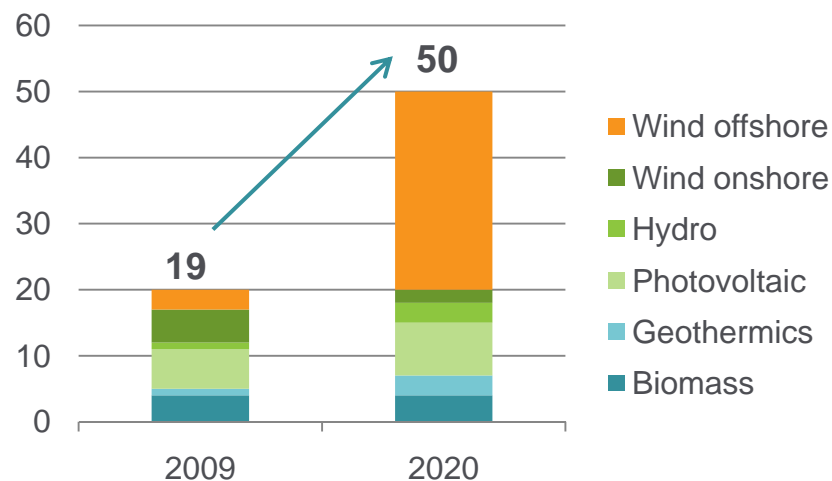
## Premium volume in Germany 2009 and 2020

Premium volume with existing plants (€m)



Source: GDV (2009), Munich Re (2020)

Premium volume with project business (€m)



- Highest growth with wind power plants and biomass
- 60% of volume from project business in 2020 from offshore wind farms
- Loss potentials and accumulations pose a challenge for the insurance industry
- Munich Re backs profitability also in this field of business

# Renewable energies: New insurance solutions from Munich Re



Claims series cover



Performance guarantee cover



Exploaration risk with geothermics



Insurance for hydro plants



All risks cover for biomass plants

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# CURRENT ISSUES





## Example

- Insurance company with liability portfolio with €1m premium income
- Run-off period: ten years
- Interest-rate curve 1.6–4.3%

## Planning

- Discounted losses: €775,000
- Costs: €200,000
- Expected profit €25,000

## Interest-rate environment

- **Interest rates 1% lower than expected over the run-off period**

Discounted losses increase to €854,000 due to low interest rate

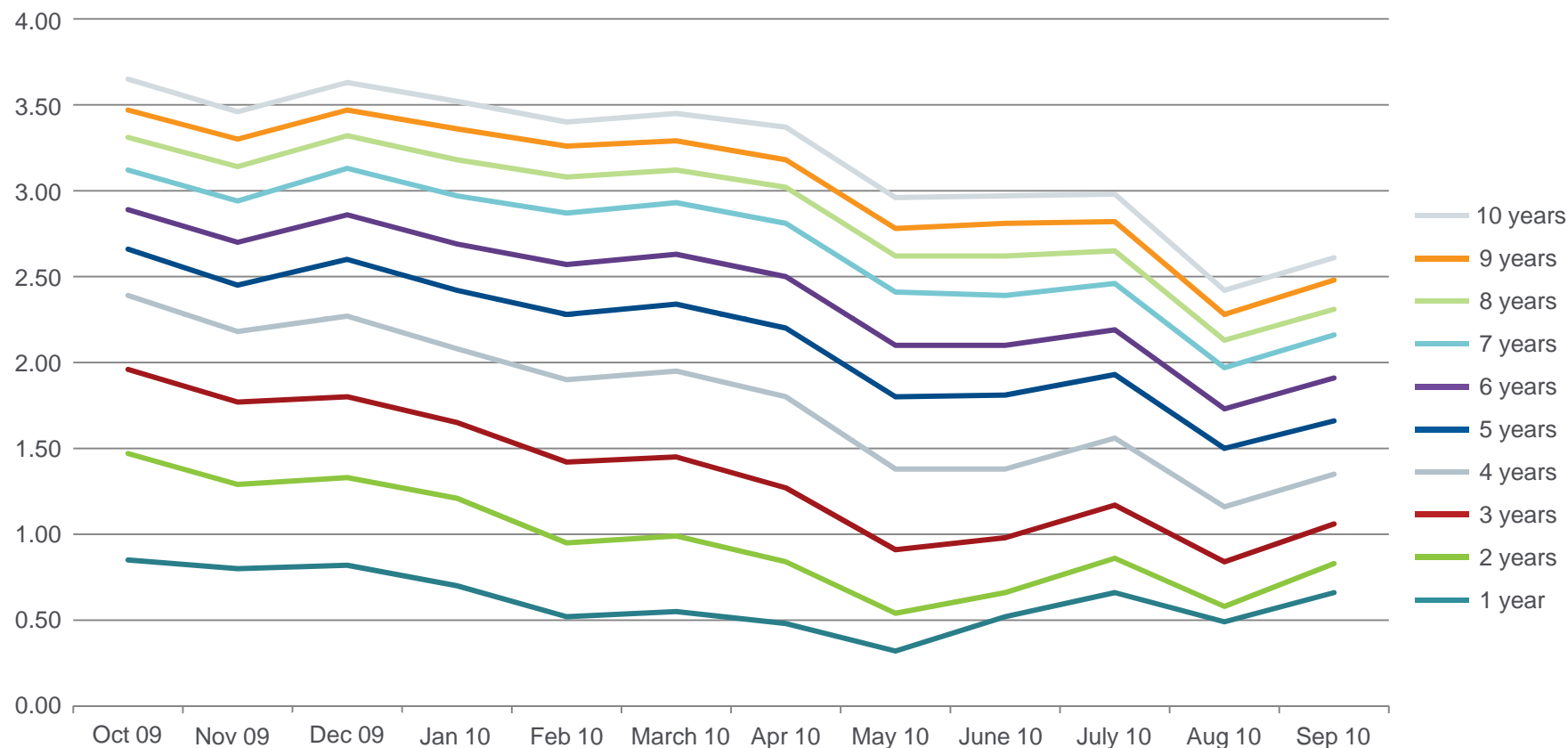
Result: Loss of €54,000 instead of €25,000 profit

Premium income has to rise by about €80,000 (8%)  
in order to realise the planned profit

**Growing need for action in a prolonged low interest-rate environment**

# Current interest-rate development – No all-clear signal

## Euro government yield curves



- **High demand for insurance coverage if of a substantial amount**
- **Very constructive discussions with leading brokers – Insurance consortium planned**

## New cover

### Project-specific liability policy:

- Cover for each well
- Insurance of all new and existing drilling operations
  - Exploration wells
  - Development wells (between discovery and production)
  - Production wells
  - Workovers (measures to improve production)

**Limit: Up to US\$ 20bn**

**Retention:  
approx. US\$ 1–2bn**

- Existing covers (company-specific liability policies) remain in place
- Possibly in order to cover the retention

**Better coverage through significant increase in liability limits**



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- Forthcoming reinsurance renewals: Sideways trend with prices based on the assumption of normal claims development
  - In the case of portfolios with large losses, we expect price increases, especially in offshore energy and credit
  - Higher rates anticipated also in Latin American property cat XL business (earthquake Chile) and nat cat Australia
  - Munich Re expects to maintain the quality of its overall portfolio
  - Munich Re will withdraw from business where risk-adequate prices cannot be realised
  - This applies all the more in the current low interest-rate environment, where investment income on premiums earned is decreasing
  - Very low interest rates make price increases necessary, especially in business involving long-term risks



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