The Sustainable Mobility Transition of Iceland



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Facts and figures

Roughly 330 000 inhabitants (most live in cities)

Second biggest island in Europe (thin populated)

Volcanoes, glaciers, geysers and waterfalls typical for the country

High standard of living

Tourism, aluminum industry and export of fish

Infrastructure and mobility behavior

Ring Road

Difficult weather conditions

Bus system

No rail traffic

Air transportation is popular



Sustainable measures

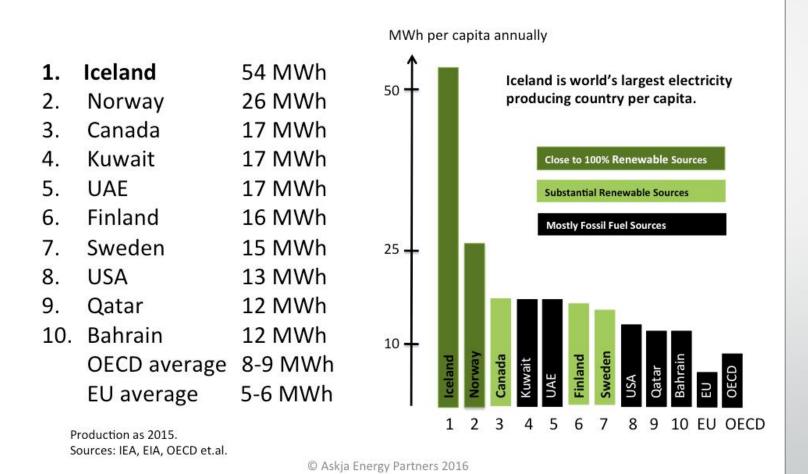
Almost 100% of the energy comes from renewable sources

Water and geothermal power (geology), wind energy

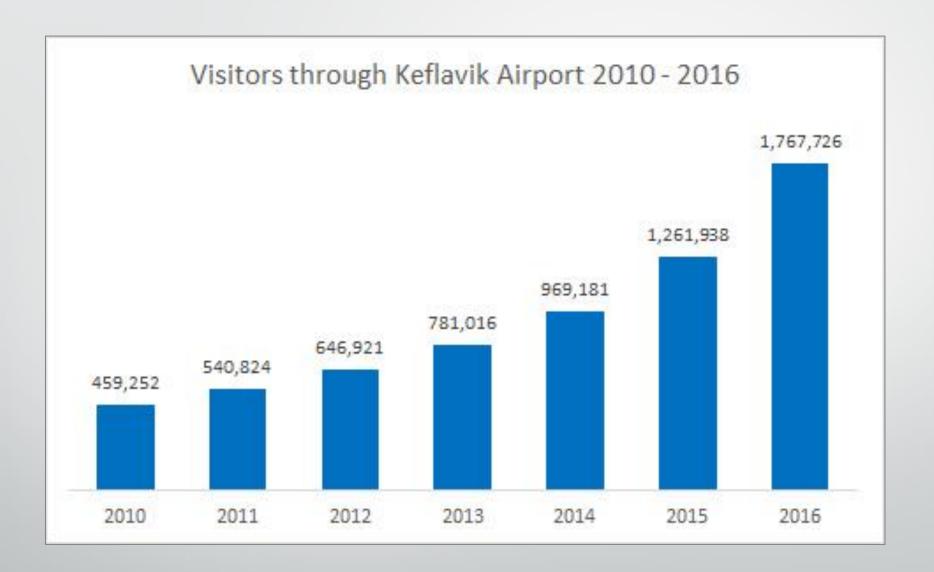
Largest green energy and electricity producer per capita

Promotion of sustainable tourism

ICELAND IS GREEN LEADER IN POWER PRODUCTION

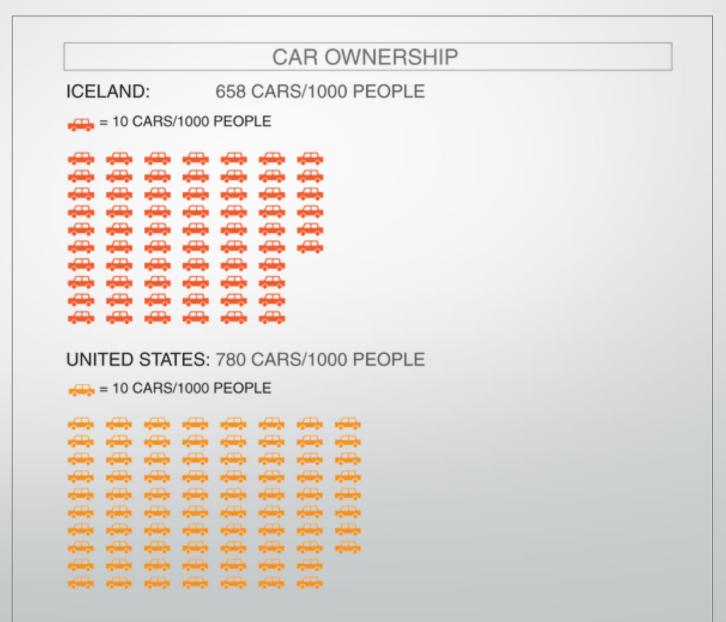


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Unsustainable behavior

High level of car dependency



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Compared to Norway much less electric vehicles

Aluminum smelters -> GHG emissions (growth by 28% since the 90's)

Mobility Transition

Until the middle of the 20th century fossil fuels were used

Fossil fuels today mainly in the transport sector

Sheep dung as a fuel for heating

Renewable energy -> energy consumption started to rise (>US)

TOTAL ENERGY USAGE PER CAPITA

ICELAND: 137,000 kwh/year

= 1000 KWH

UNITED STATES: 91,000 kwh/year

= 1000 KWH

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Summary

Sustainability pioneer

From backwards, poor nation to advanced, wealthy economy

Lucky because of the geographical conditions

Improvements in regards of sustainability are possible

Conflict between economic interests and pollution control

Takk fyrir!