

Introduction

This report was conducted in 2002, by Pedro Martins Barata of EURONATURA. EURONATURA is a Portuguese non-governmental organisation, committed to the increasing of awareness of the Portuguese public and stakeholders in global environmental issues, in particular climate change and energy efficiency, trade and environment and international water conflicts. The author can be contacted via e-mail at pedro.barata@euronatura.pt, and by snail mail at Observatorio Astronomico de Lisboa, Tapada da Ajuda, 1349-018 LISBOA, Portugal.

Most of the data were provided by publications from the Energy Directorate, in particular a single publication "Informacao Energia n. 22/23". This publication seems, from a short survey conducted, to be the only available source of statistical information in detailed and abridged version on the Portuguese energy system with data spanning the entire decade. However, two issues arise with the use of this publication:

Firstly, the lack of independent verification of most of the numbers in it means that we cannot entirely vouch from the quality of these numbers. This is important to keep in the back of the mind when analysing indicators 3 to 8.

Secondly, and most importantly, in constructing indicator 7 with the numbers on this publication, the author arrived at absolutely non-sensical numbers, the non-sense of which has been corroborated by other authors of similar reports. In this case, we had to resort to other sources, namely data retrieved from the IEA/OECD database of energy indicators, and from the IEA Energy Policy Review of Portugal 2000.

Finally, one particular indicator was not available, namely the electricity coverage of Portuguese households. In the referred document, a graph indicates that this indicator is now extremely close to 100%, and it can be assumed that in the course of the decade Portugal has effectively reached universal coverage.

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