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	Average LCOE from main Market Studies in USA, Germany, Europe, Global										
	Study / Region	Solar PV	Solar + Battery	Onshore Wind	Wind + Battery	Natural Gas +	Offshore Wind	Nuclear	Green Hydrogen		
Year		(€/MWh)	(€/MWh)	(€/MWh)	(€/MWh)	со2 (€/MWh)	(€/MWh)	(€/MWh)	(€/MWh-equiv)		
2025	Lazard (U.S.) 2025	53	56.5	49.5	68.5	71.5	88	105	190		
2024	Lazard (U.S.) 2024	52	57	49	66.5	70	86	104	187.5		
2024	Fraunhofer ISE (Germany) 2024	44	142.5	64	-	104	98.8	110	225		
2024	IRENA (Global) 2024	40	-	30	-	74.8	75	120	180		
2024	Wood Mackenzie (Europe) 2024	55	-	57.5	-	80	85	125	220		
2023	IRENA (Global)	40	-	30	-	63	75	115	190		
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	🕞 Key Assumptions:										
	USD-EUR conversion used: 1 USD = 0.92 EUR										
	Lazard's cost ranges reflect unsu										
	Solar + Battery and Wind + Batte	ry in Lazard are	based on 4–8h du	ıration							
	Fraunhofer battery-included co	sts depend on	battery size and cy	cle assumptions							
	Highlights Lazard (2025):										
	Solar PV: 33–68 €/MWh (38–78 U										
	Onshore wind: 32–75 €/MWh (37										
	Gas (CCGT + CO₂): 42−93€/MWh	(48–107 USD) r									
	Fraunhofer ISE (2024) remains a										
	IRENA (2023/2024) provides glo	bal averages:									
	Observations										
	Renewables continue to be the lowest-cost options for new-build generation across regions.										
	Battery integration adds significa	nt cost, particu	larly evident in the	wide range of PV +	storage from Frau	nhofer.					
	Natural gas costs are elevated in	the Lazard 202	5 figures, reflecting	recent supply-side	e and CO2 pricing p	pressures.					



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Global CO2 cost										
Here's a clearer breakdown of (CO ₂ pricing in 20	24:								
😗 Global Average Carbo	n Price									
The weighted average explicit of	carbon price (via	ETS and carbon	taxes) globally stor	od at US \$32 per t	conne CO ₂ in 2024.	This falls about	\$18 below what c	imate experts say is	s needed b	<u>y 2030 to</u>
align with the Paris Agreement	goals (decarbor	nization.visualca	<u>pitalist.com).</u>							
📑 Voluntary Carbon Cre	dit Market									
In the voluntary offset market (companies buy	ing credits to offs	set emissions), the	average price pl	unged to about US	<u>D \$4.8 per tonne</u>	in 2024, marking	a 20% decrease from	<u>m the prior</u>	year
(carboncredits.com).										
However, prices vary widely:										
Avoided emissions credits (e	-									
Engineered removal credits	(e.g., direct air o	capture) can go fo	or approximately \$	350/tCO₂ (carbon	credits.com, ft.cor	n).				
Summary Table										
Category	Price (USD/t CO₂)									
Global average explicit pricing	\$32									
Voluntary credit average	\$4.8									
Avoided-emission credits	~\$4									
Removal-engineered credits	~\$350									
Why it Matters										
Explicit pricing reflects governm sustainable-markets.com, ft.co		d compliance ma	arkets—it's becomi	ng more commoi	n but remains too l	low globally, cov	vering ~24–25% of	emissions (carbond	redits.com	Ι,
Voluntary credits are cheaper	but often lack o	quality, while hig	h-integrity remova	ls are much prici	er.					
To accelerate decarbonization	, experts argue	carbon prices mu	ust rise significantl	y , both in compli	ance and voluntary	y markets.				
Bottom Line										
The true global average carbo	n price (ETS + ta	xes) was around	US \$32/tCO2 in 202	4.						
Offsets in the voluntary marke	et averaged just	: US \$4.8/t, althou	ugh high-quality re	moval credits cos	st up to \$350/tCO ₂ .					
Let me know if you'd like a closer look at regional pricing (like EU ETS, California), or into future projections!										



Global Average CO ₂	Pricing (2024,	in EUR)							
Category									
Global avg. (ETS + taxes)	\$32	€ 29.40							
Voluntary market avg.	\$4.8	€ 4.40							
Avoided-emission credits	~\$4	€ 3.70							
Engineered removals (e.g. DAC)	~\$350	€ 322							
Summary									
€29.4/tCO₂ is the global average price from regulated carbon pricing mechanisms (ETS + taxes).									
€4.4/tCO₂ is the average voluntary credit price—though low-cost offsets can be ~€3.7 and high-integrity removals can exceed €320/tCO₂.									



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To convert €/tonne CO₂ into €/MWh, we need to estimate the CO₂ emissions per MWh for different technologies or fuels. Here's how it works:										
🏶 Common Emission Fa										
Generation Technology	CO₂ Emissions (ton/MWh)									
Coal (hard)	0.90 - 1.05									
Natural Gas (CCGT)	0.35-0.42									
Oil	0.70-0.75									
Grid average (world)	~0.45									
Renewable (Solar/Wind)	0									
Conversion Formula										
CO₂ Cost (€/MWh)=CO₂ Cost (€/tCO₂)×Emission Factor (tCO₂/MWh)\text{CO₂ Cost (€/MWh)} = \text{CO₂ Cost (€/tCO₂)} \times Emission Factor (tCO₂,										
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Generation Type	Emission Factor (t/MWh)	€/MWh (CO₂ cost only)								
Coal	0.95	€ 27.90								
Natural Gas (CCGT)	0.4	€ 11.80								
Oil	0.72	€ 21.20								
Grid avg. (world)	0.45	€ 13.20								
Renewables	0	€0								
🔊 Notes:										
These values represent carbon cost per MWh based on 2024 global average CO₂ price (€29.4/t).										
For EU ETS , the 2024 price was closer to €60–85/t , which would double or triple these €/MWh figures.										



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 Levelized Cost of Storage
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Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison—Version 18.0

Selected renewable energy generation technologies remain cost-competitive with conventional generation technologies under certain circumstances





Figure 5: LCOE of renewable energy technologies and conventional power plants at different locations in Germany in 2024. Specific system costs are considered with a minimum and a maximum value per technology. The ratio for PV battery systems expresses PV power output (KW_p) over battery storage capacity (KWh). Further assumptions in Tables 1 to 7.



Figure 2: Learning-curve based forecast of the LCOE of renewable energy technologies and gas-fired or hydrogen power plants without heat extraction in Germany until 2045. Calculation parameters are listed in Tables 1 to 6. The LCOE value refers in each case to a new plant in the reference year.



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