

Feasibility study on the sustainable energy potential of LECO pilot community Vuollerim

Introduction

The LECo-project shall respond on the needs of remote communes and settlements for a sustainable energy supply. For this purpose, an approach shall be developed to use as far as possible existing renewable resources for the energy supply improving building stock standards by combining new technologies with locally available natural resources. In order to create synergetic effects to the local economy and social coherence it is intended to base the project on Local Energy Communities (LECo) either as municipal enterprise or as a cooperative. As far as available local companies shall be involved in investments and thus upgrade their skills for future activities in the energy business. The project shall deliver a set of locally adapted concepts for Community based energy solutions in remote areas.

Ensuring a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy supply is particularly challenging in the remote and sparsely populated communities in Norrbotten, especially due to their low critical mass and issues linked to the harsh climatic conditions of many parts of the area. As consequence of access to relatively cheap energy historically a firm tradition of energy efficiency and high-yield insulation of buildings is missing.

LECO project intends to make use of the concept of "energy villages" which has been developed and implemented in a broad range of German and Austrian communities. These villages are often situated in rural and remote regions and face similar problems to communities in Northern Sweden, specifically problems of depopulation, a decrease of economic activity and a loss of jobs in the communities. By implementing local sustainable energy solutions and thus creating both added regional value and new innovative business concepts this trend could be stopped. An essential part of the work done was on empowerment of people.

Geography and climate

Jokkmokk is a city with the centre just over 110 km inland from the Gulf of Bothnia, situated at the Arctic Circle. Jokkmokk has ca. 5000 inhabitants on a large area of 19 474 km2. Around half of that area is National parks.

The big rivers in the municipality produce about 11-13 TWh electricity per year. However, the plants belong to the governmental company Vattenfall in Stockholm and taxes are paid there. Only a small compensation for the negative impacts of hydro power plants and dams are paid to local communities by Vattenfall.

The pilot Vuollerim is a village within Jokkmokk municipality's boundaries with 760 inhabitants (2017). However, in the 50s, about 1600 people lived in the village due to the high need of work force for building of the hydropower plants at the Luleå river. In Vuollerim, there are several companies and public buildings, among others kindergarden, two schools, health care, Vattenfall administration building, Community hall, restaurant, several shops and two hotels. In the map below from the land-use plan one can see that Vuollerim lies between the two rivers Lilla and Stora Luleå Älv. The pink area in the centre are areas with bigger buildings like the Community hall, while the red areas are areas with some of the bigger private companies like hotels. The yellow area marks agricultural area, the orange colour is family homes area mostly. The green marks nature and leisure/sports areas.



Map over Vuollerim. Source: Land-use plan Jokkmokk municipality

The annual mean temperature in Jokkmokk has been -2C in the period 1961-1990, but due to climate change, the average temperature is increasing in the last decaded and is expected to do so even over the next decades. Maps are showing annual mean temperature. Together with the annual average precipitation, it is the most widely used index to describe the climate.



Map 1: Observations 1961-1990, Source SMHI

Map 2: Observations 1991-2013, Source SMHI



Map 1: Future development according to IPCC scenario scenario RCP 4.5, Source SMHI



Temperature differs significantly over the year, as the following two maps show: Map 1: Mean average temperature in July (1961-1990) Map 2: Mean average temperature in January (1961-1990)





SMHI

Mean global radiation in Jokkmokk municipality is around 800 kWh/m2 with a slightly higher value in the areas closer to the coast and lower in the mountain regions (Source: SMHI).

The wind energy with measurements in 50 m heights, Source SMHI, lies about 4.5 - 5,0 m/s and 100-150 W/m2 in sheltered areas and 5.5-6,5 and 200-300 W/m2 in more open areas. Even the more detailed map of windmap.se shows similar results with respect to wind measurements for Jokkmokk municipality area:



Source: windmap.se

Final energy use baseline inventory

As a first step in the feasibility study a final energy baseline inventory has been done for both Jokkmokk municipality and for Vuollerim community more specific.

Sweden Statistics is providing data on a municipal level, that means for Jokkmokk municipality. The total final energy demand was 224 585 MWh in 2016. The main energy sources are electricity followed by petrol and diesel, mainly for transport. Jokkmokk centre has a district heating plant which serves about 522 customers including most of the municipal buildings. A calculation with average energy prices shows that energy costs for the whole municipality is about 292 000 000 SEK (2016).



Source: SCB data, own graphic

An analysis about the final energy demand per sector shows the high energy demand in the transport sector. The total energy demand has decreased between 1990 and 2016, which is partly due to the decrease in population from 6726 (1990) to 5105 (2016) and the decrease in industrial energy use due to the close down of several bigger industrial production facilities.



Pilot community Vuollerim final energy use

There is no official energy statistic on the level of villages in Sweden. Therefore, as approximation based on several different data sources has been done in collaboration with LECO partner LTU.

Public buildings and facilities:

Jokkmokk municipality owns a range of facilities in Vuollerim including water, waste water and street lighting. Some of the bigger buildings, as the schools, are connected to small-scale district heating which runs on pellets. Otherwise, buildings are heated with electricity.

Private houses and apartment houses:

Vuollerim grew significantly in the 50's when Vattenfall built the hydro power plants. Therefore, a lot of the private houses in Vuollerim are built in that period. Over the last years, the number of inhabitants has decreased and new-builts are rare.



Source: SCB, own graphic

LTU has done a calculation about average energy use in buildings based on the building year.

| Beräknad förbrukning 2017 av energi för värme och varmvatten 2017 (MWh). Korrektion av småhus för för regional skillnad | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Beräkningen baseras på SCB: data om bostadsbestånd oh Energimyndighetens energistatistik för olika Byggnadstyper | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Т8 | 796 - Porju | ıs | | | | T892 | 20 - Vuolle | rim | | | |
| | | | Fler- | | | | | | Fler- | | | Summa |
| Övriga | Övriga | | bostads- | Special- | Fritids- | Summa | Övriga | | bostads- | Specialb | Fritids- | Vuolleri |
| hus | hus | Småhus | hus | bostäder | hus | Porjus | hus | Småhus | hus | ostäder | hus | m |
| < 31 kvm | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 2,8 | 0,0 | 24,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 26,8 |
| 31-40 kvm | 0,0 | 0,0 | 10,7 | 12,0 | 0,0 | 22,7 | 19,6 | 4,2 | 0,0 | 48,0 | 0,0 | 71,8 |
| 41-50 kvm | 0,0 | 0,0 | 13,7 | 5,3 | 0,0 | 19,0 | 0,0 | 16,3 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 16,3 |
| 51-60 kvm | 0,0 | 26,5 | 91,6 | 6,8 | 0,0 | 124,9 | 84,2 | 79,4 | 33,3 | 20,5 | 0,0 | 217,3 |
| 61-70 kvm | 27,1 | 31,2 | 39,3 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 97,6 | 63,2 | 202,9 | 78,6 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 344,8 |
| 71-80 kvm | 0,0 | 54,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 54,0 | 52,1 | 674,7 | 90,6 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 817,4 |
| <mark>81-90 kvm</mark> | 0,0 | 61,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 61,1 | 11,8 | 407,5 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 419,3 |
| 91-100 kvi | 0,0 | 136,6 | 28,7 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 165,2 | 0,0 | 534,8 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 534,8 |
| 101-110 kv | 0,0 | 100,6 | 15,8 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 116,4 | 14,6 | 339,4 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 354,0 |
| 111-120 kv | 0,0 | 123,9 | 34,7 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 158,5 | 0,0 | 454,2 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 454,2 |
| 121-130 kv | 17,3 | 44,9 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 62,2 | 0,0 | 388,8 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 388,8 |
| 131-140 kv | 18,7 | 161,5 | 20,3 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 200,5 | 0,0 | 145,3 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 145,3 |
| 141-150 kv | 0,0 | 52,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 52,0 | 0,0 | 104,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 104,0 |
| 151-160 kv | 0,0 | 111,2 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 111,2 | 0,0 | 129,7 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 129,7 |
| 161-170 kv | 0,0 | 39,4 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 39,4 | 0,0 | 118,3 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 118,3 |
| 171-180 kv | 0,0 | 20,9 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 20,9 | 0,0 | 20,9 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 20,9 |
| 181-190 kv | 0,0 | 22,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 22,1 | 0,0 | 22,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 22,1 |
| 191-200 kv | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| > 200 kvm | 0,0 | 119,2 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 119,2 | 0,0 | 59,6 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 59,6 |
| Uppgift sa | 0,0 | 42,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 84,7 | 126,7 | 0,0 | 28,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 338,7 | 366,7 |
| 63,11121 | 63,1 | 1146,9 | 254,6 | 24,2 | 84,7 | 1573,4 | 248,2 | 3730,1 | 226,5 | 68,5 | 338,7 | 4612,1 |

Source: SCB data, LTU calculation and table.

Private companies:

There is a range of private companies in Vuollerim, however, no statistic data on energy use are available. However, some of the companies which have shown interest in becoming an active part of the LECO project have provided data. These will serve as basis for calculation on case studies for sustainable energy in a later chapter.

Compilation of estimated total final energy use in Vuollerim:

| | MWh (2016) |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Public buildings | 3418 |
| Private homes | 5 350 |
| Apartment houses and others | 557 |
| Private companies | 2250 |
| Sum | 11575 |

Pilot community Vuollerim Renewable Energy Potential

An analysis on the renewable energy potential for Jokkmokks municipality has been done by the regional energy agency Energikontor Norr and LTU in 2010. The results are listed below:

| | Today | Technical potential | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Hydropower | 12,500,000 MWh/ year | +2,400,000 MWh/year | |
| Forest biomass | 60,000 MWh/year | 500,000 MWh/year | |
| Wind power | 1,800 MWh/year | +20,000,000 MWh/year | |
| Agricultural biomass | 0 | +25,00,000 MWh/year | |
| Solar (PV and heating) | Small | Big | |
| Heat pump | Unknown | Big | |
| Waste heat | Small | Relevant | |

However, these are rough estimations, and as one can see significant data are lacking in the field of solar, heat pump and waste heat. This is still the case. Beyond, the study shows only the technical potential, but there are limitations from a legal perspective when it comes to both hydropower, forest and wind power in Jokkmokk municipality. It is also important to consider conflicts with other interests like biodiversity and cultural heritage when planning for new renewable energy:

Hydropower: Jokkmokk municipality's big rivers are heavily used to produce electricity. However, a potential for more production in the future is there, due to higher precipitation in the future and more efficient technology in existing plants. Hydropower plants are owned by governmentally owned Vattenfall and do not belong to the community. Hydropower will therefore not be considered in this feasibility study.

Forest biomass: Sweden is one of the forerunners in the use of forest biomass and of residual products from pulp mills etc to produce biofuels. Even the share of bioenergy for heating is high. However, there are target conflicts with both traditional reindeer herding and biodiversity. Therefore, this feasibility study will only calculate projects which can be implemented with sustainable forest biomass.

Wind power: Legal restrictions for the use of wind power in Jokkmokk municipality are high due to an airforce base close by and the huge areas which are national parks. So far, only one single wind power plant has been built, all other planned projects have not been realised. However, this feasibility study will take into account a small community owned windpark and will look into the possibility of small-scale wind power.

Agricultural biomass

This is an interesting option specifically in case of Vuollerim, which has some agricultural used land and where also the only farm in Jokkmokk (milk cows) is located.



However, due to its Arctic climate, the growing season is relatively short, as the map shows (around 150 days), and trees are growing slowly. However, studies have been done in Northern Sweden with crop growing of Phalaris arundinacea, sometimes known as reed canary grass. It is a tall, perennial bunchgrass, which grows good on poor soils and can easily be turned into bricks or pellets for burning in biomass power stations.

However, the soil in Vuollerim is mainly sand, which can limit growths of the grass significantly. As there is only one small farm, there is limited access to farming machines and equipment and there are doubts whether the milk farm has the capacity to start a model farming of energy plants. Therefore, this feasibility study will not include agricultural biomass.

Source: SMHI

Heat pump

In a study from 2017, Petter Johansson (KTH) says that "Currently, more than half of all Swedish single-family houses have an installed heat pump and more heat is supplied by heat pumps in Sweden than in any other nation. [...] As of 2015, Sweden had the greatest amount of heat production from heat pumps per capita of any European nation, and many heat pump markets in other European countries are 10 to 20 years behind the Swedish market in development.¹

Even in Jokkmokk municipality, heat pumps are used frequently. Many houses which have direct electric heating have been complemented with air-to-air heat pumps. There is no register over these installations. Geothermal heat-pumps and downhole heat exchanger become more and more frequent. Officially, installations have to be announced and approved by the municipality, but in fact, many installations are not registered. For Vuollerim it is difficult to install downhole heat exchanger as the ground is sand, which makes is extremely expensive and partly impossible to drill deep enough. For geothermal heat pumps enough land is necessary which is not always the case.

However, there is a technical potential for more heat pumps, incl. heat pumps taking energy from lakes, possibly even ground-water. A calculation for both air-to-air heat pump and for geothermal heat pump for a private home (120 m2) in Vuollerim shows that both investments are profitable with a pay-back of 4 years for air-to-air and 8 years for geothermal heat pump.

| Air-to-Air heat pump | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Saving kWh/year | 4 000 | | |
| Electricity price SEK | 1,5 | | |
| Saving SEK/year | 6 000 | | |
| Investment SEK | 25 000 | | |
| Pay back in years | 4 | | |
| | | | |
| Geothermal Heat pump | | | |
| Saving kWh/year | 17 750 | | |
| Electricity price SEK | 1,5 | | |
| Saving SEK/year | 26 625 | | |
| Investment SEK | 200 000 | | |
| Pay back in years | 8 | | |

¹ Johansson, Petter KTH, Skolan för industriell teknik och management (ITM), Industriell ekonomi och organisation (Inst.), Hållbarhet och industriell dynamik.ORCID-id: <u>0000-0002-2748-7993</u> http://www.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1151181&dswid=5826

Pellet or wood stove

As mentioned above, private homes in Vuollerim might not have central heating, but direct electric heating. However, a number of houses has a chimney which can be used to combine with a pellet or wood stove. This is a possibility if an investment in a central heating system is too expensive. On the downside is that both pellets and wood stoves need work. If assuming that it is possible to use a modern stove regularly in winter times the following savings are possible:

| Energy demand | 30000 |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Saving kWh/year | 9 000 |
| Electricity price SEK | 1,5 |
| Savings SEK/year | 7 290 |
| Investment SEK | 30 000 |
| Pay back years | 4 |

Solar energy

Solar energy can be used to produce electricity (PV) and to produce warm water for heating or shower etc. However, due to the high latitude (67 degree) number of solar hours during winter are small to zero. Comparing the production of PV in Malmö (southern Sweden) and Kiruna (northern Sweden inland) shows that there is despite this fact a significant potential for PV production.



Jämförelse produktion solel

Source: Piteå Energi

Solar heating

A calculation for solar heating for private homes shows that an investment is profitable, however, the pay back time is relatively long. There are no subsidies for solar heating.

| Solar heating incl. Warm water boiler SEK | 45 000 |
|---|--------|
| Energy production kWh/year | 2 500 |
| Income per kWh | 1,5 |
| Income per year | 3 750 |
| Lifetime | 25 |
| Total income | 93 750 |
| Payback | 12 |

Photovoltaic



Sweden is lagging behind in PV development, in general, but even more in Northern Regions as the map shows. This is also due to the subsidy system: Sweden does not have a system of guaranteed feed in tariffs. Instead, income from PV plants comes from a variety of sources and is limited by a set of rules to some extent. More details below.

Swedish subsidy and support system for Photovoltaic

There used to be a subsidy on the investment of 30% for plants up to a certain size and production, but the future is unclear in the very moment of writing this feasibility study due to a change in government after 2018 years' elections.

When it comes to the operational income, so is the Swedish subsidy system designed to encourage the use of the produced electricity in the own building rather than selling it to the grid. The value of a single kWh produced PV electricity which is used in the own building varies significantly between buildings and operation. It depends on what this kWh would have cost if it has been bought. It also depends on how much electricity is used and when. A restaurant with a high use of electricity lunch time during summer might have good use of PV other types of business or community buildings might not have.

It is important to know that the price per kWh electricity usually varies in Sweden between summer and winter and for different types of supply contract. As PV production is on top in summer, it is when a bought kWh probably is cheaper than in winter. However, an important part of electricity costs are the costs for the grid. When a PV kWh is used in the own building, part of these costs will not be accounted for which increase the profit of PV production. However, the system makes it difficult to calculate profit in a general way for all types of buildings.

| What? | Limits to get subsidy | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| 30% investment subsidy | Maximum cost of 37 000 plus VAT per kWp; max 1,2 miljon SEK per plant. | | | |
| Tax reduction of 60 öre per kWh for electricity sold to the grid. | Tax reduction will be given only for that much as the user is also buying from the grid in kWh. Max. 18.000 SEK per year. Max fuse 100 ampere. | | | |
| No costs for channeling PV electricity in the grid | PV plant max 43,5 kWp and main fuse not more than 63 ampere. You may not channel more electricity to the grid than what you buy from the grid within a year. | | | |
| No tax on PV electricity | PV plant may not be bigger than 255 kW | | | |
| No VAT | You may sell electricity (and other services, goods etc) for not more than 30 000 SEK per year (exklusive VAT). | | | |
| No income tax | Income from selling PV incl. other income from the building may not be more than 40 000 kronor per year. | | | |
| Electricity certificate | Price for certificate is market base. One certficate per MWh, income for 15 years. | | | |
| Origin certificate | Price for certificate is market base. One certficate per MWh. | | | |
| Selling electricity | Usually a higher price the first year, than spot price | | | |

In the following table one can read details on possible income and/or cost reduction from PV:

| Compensation for benefits for the grid | Grid owner have to pay for the benefit of not using the grid by producing and using own produced PV |
|--|---|
| Using own produced electricity instead of | Corresponding with the cost you would have paid for electricity, besides the cost that you have for being |
| buying | connected to the grid. |

Calculation: PV plants for family homes in Vuollerim

A calculation for a PV plant for private homes in Vuollerim shows that the investment is profitable in case of a south to south-east oriented roof, however, with a relatively long payback time. The income per kWh is depending on a range of factors and can be lower. No replacement of the power inverter nor other repairs nor degradation have been taken into account.

| PV plant 5kW, incl. 30% subsidy in SEK | 70 000 |
|--|--------|
| Energy production kWh/year | 3 360 |
| Income per kWh | 1,5 |
| Income per year | 5 040 |
| Lifetime | 30 |
| Pay back | 14 |

Calculation for bigger buildings

A calculation for PV plant for a bigger building, south-oriented roof, 45 degree, would result in the following with a payback of about 9 years, under the same economic framework as for the private homes. Solar plant: 13 kW

| Investment, 30% subsidy in SEK | 150 000 |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Energy production kWh/year | 11 122 |
| Income per kWh | 1,5 |
| Income per year | 16 683 |
| Lifetime | 30 |
| Total income | 500 490 |
| Profit | 350 490 |
| Pay back | 9 |

Calculation for a bigger plant with 80 kWp

This plant is possibly not on a roof but on the ground, would result in a production of about 72 519 kWh per years. However, due to the Swedish subsidy system, a significantly lower income of only 41 711 SEK has been calculated compared to the 13 kWp plant on roof. Under the given parameters, the pay back would be 16 years. Such a project would heavily depend on a lower investment cost, where the plant is situated and how the electricity will be used.

| PV plant | 80 kW |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Energy per year kWh | 72 519 |
| Investment cost, 30% subsidy | 698 800 |
| Income per year | 41 711 |
| Pay back years | 16 |

Windpower

Windpower is a very interesting renewable energy source with a well-established market and knowledge base. Jokkmokk municipality land-use planning document from 2011 includes a rough estimation about how many wind power plants theoretically could be built in areas which are suitable from a municipality perspective. This is, areas with no heavy land-use conflicts:

| | Storlek kvkm | Antal verk | Effekt GW | Produktion GWh |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Harsprånget | 26 | 65 | 0,325 | 650 |
| Messaure | 36 | 90 | 0,45 | 900 |
| Murjek | 33 | 82,5 | 0,4125 | 825 |
| Kurtakkielas | 344 | 860 | 4,3 | 8600 |
| Näsberget | 63 | 157,5 | 0,7875 | 1575 |
| Kronogård | 70 | 175 | 0,875 | 1750 |
| Puottaure | 109 | 272,5 | 1,3625 | 2725 |
| Kåbdalis | 64 | 160 | 0,8 | 1600 |
| Guollejavre | 44 | 110 | 0,55 | 1100 |
| Akkajaur | 23 | 57,5 | 0,2875 | 575 |
| Vitberget | 18 | 45 | 0,225 | 450 |
| TOTALT | 830 | 2075 | 10,375 | 20750 |

Source: Jokkmokk municipality översiktsplan 2011

However, due to an airforce base within the borders of Jokkmokk municipality, plans for bigger windpower plants have been stopped so far in any case. The area in which the airforce disagree to the building of windpower plants includes even Vuollerim community.



Source: Jokkmokk municipality översiktsplan 2011. The red dotted line marks the airforce area.

However, as a community-owned wind park technically is possible close by Vuollerim but also in a greater distance in another place within Jokkmokk or the neighbouring municipalities, this feasibility study includes a calculation of a wind park.

Land-based windpark

A 3 MW windpower plant with the average number of 2400 hours of full production per year produce about 7 200 MWh a year². Three different scenarios are shown here:

| Kind of project / Number of 3 MW plants | Installed effect MW | Produced MWh per year | Production in 20 years |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 3 | 7 200 | 144 000 |
| 5 | 15 | 36 000 | 720 000 |
| 84 | 252 | 604 800 | 12 096 000 |

² http://vindstat.nu/stat/index.htm

According to Swedish Energy Agency, typical costs for land-based wind power are about 11-30 Mio SEK per MW installed wind power. Cost for production per kWh differ a lot but are calculated to be 0,4 – 0,5 SEK /kWh in the reference case with a total production below 20 TWh. However, Vattenfall reports about an investment of 3,5 billion SEK for 84 windpower plants, which would be a cost of about 4 Mio SEK per plant, which would be very much cheaper³. This shows, how difficult it is to calculate for such an investment. How much a wind power plant is producing depends heavily on the specific wind situation at the site. This information is not available currently for the feasibility study. So no investment calculation can be done at this point.

Small-scale windpower

In Sweden, the following rules apply for small-scale windpower:

The maximum height to set up a wind turbine without a building permit is 20 meters, the rotor diameter must be no more than 3 meters, and it must be accommodated lying lengthwise within its own plot boundary. In order to avoid building permits, the wind power plant must not be mounted on a building. It is also important to consider the rules for the maximum permissible sound level in relation to neighbors

A so-called farm wind power plant is defined as a wind turbine with a total height of 20-50 m or a plant whose rotor diameter exceeds 3 m. In order to build such a wind turbine, building permits are required according to the Planning and Building Act and the associated regulations. Building permits are handled by the municipality's building committee.

The Swedish network for wind power publishes each year a market study for small scale windpower, which includes plants up to 100 kW. In 2017, 9 different types of plants are included in the report, but the number of installed plants in Sweden is small, often not more than 20 and max. 100 for one type of plant.

The key problem for small-scale wind power is the low wind speed which often does not exceed 4-5 m / s. The production is pretty low, while the investment costs are comparatively high. This might also be a result of low numbers of plants built, so possibly the investment cost can go down as they did for PV if a mass production would start. Other barriers to overcome are the lack of experience in the region, no good or best practice examples and probably even the fact that service – if something goes wrong – is far. A calculation with one of the most installed types of wind power shows, that it is difficult to make this investment profitable under today's framework conditions.

However, as Vuollerim community has shown interest in this type of technology – and so have others – it is worth to try to get some pilot projects under way for testing and learning about how actually small-scale windpower works and how it could be improved.

³ https://www.svt.se/nyheter/lokalt/norrbotten/vattenfall-planerar-for-ny-vindkraftspark-i-norrbotten

| Windstar 3000, 3 m Rotor | 3 kW at 12 m/s |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| kWh at 4 m/s average wind speed | 3 680 |
| Investment (SEK) | 75 500 |
| Price electricity (SEKR / kWh) | 1,5 |
| Income per year (SEK) | 5 520 |
| Lifetime (years) | 15 |
| Pay-backg (years) | 14 |
| Total profit | 7 300 |

Small scale co-generation

Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technologies based on biomass combustion have great potential to reduce CO2 emissions because they use renewable energy sources, such as wood fuels or sawdust. In order for CHP plants to operate in a way that is economically and ecologically beneficial, both the electricity and the heat produced must be used. CHP technology is already available on Swedish and European markets. Due to the high installation costs, and a lack of information about its efficiency, the technology is, however, currently not widely used in small-scale plants. Extensive research has been undertaken to illustrate the vast environmental potential of CHP technology but a larger initiative that looks at increasing market application is still needed.

A pilot co-generation plant in Vuollerim would be of high value for the development of the market, but it is not possible in this stage to give any details about technology or economics.

Transport sector

The energy baseline inventory shows clearly that the energy need for transport in Jokkmokks and Vuollerim is high. However, this is also an area which is difficult to tackle. Long distances and a sparsely populated area make public transport difficult and non-economic in many cases to serve the needs of the inhabitants. On the other hand, are gas and diesel prices very likely to increase, also due to Swedish government tax and environmental policies, so to reduce the need for transport and replacing fossil fuels by using locally produced renewable energy would be of high interest. Electric cars have proven to be usable even in cold climate and by longer distances⁴.

A first step to more sustainable transport modes could be a community owned cooperative electric car-pool, which also includes electric bicycles. As the total impact on the energy need for transport is difficult and likely to be small in the beginning and investment and operational cost can vary a lot, no further calculations are done at this point.

⁴ CELLER-i project https://www.alvsbyn.se/naringsliv/eu-internationellt/aktuella-eu-projekt/celler-i/

Scenario for sustainable energy in Vuollerim

Energy efficiency

The technical energy efficiency potential for buildings in Vuollerim is assessed to be high. This is due to the high average age of building in Vuollerim with almost no new builts. However, the economic potential has to be assessed significantly lower, as houses are cheap in Vuollerim. High investment costs are difficult to justify. However, experience show that change of behaviour and small investments can lead to savings of about 10-15 percent. In companies and similar facilities, up to 20% are possible by simple and cheap measures, and 30 or up to 50% with more comprehensive measures.

| | MWh (2016) | Scenario 2025 in MWh |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Public buildings | 3418 | 2400 |
| Private homes | 5 350 | 4600 |
| Apartment houses and others | 557 | 470 |
| Private companies | 2250 | 1800 |
| Sum | 11575 | 9270 |

Solar energy

To assess the total potential for solar energy in Vuollerim, it is assessed that 30% of the private homes have roofs oriented to south-west, south or south-east and will use both solar heat and PV. For apartment houses, only PV is calculated. In addition, a bigger plant of 80 kWp is calculated. The total installed PV capacity is assessed to 750 kWp.

| What | MWh/year |
|--|----------|
| 108 private homes, solar heating + 5 kW PV | 633 |
| 10 bigger buildings, 13 kW PV | 111 |
| Bigger PV plant, 80 kW: | 72 |
| Sum | 816 |

Heat pump

For heat pumps, it is assessed that 50 private homes will invest in an air-to-air heat pump, and another 25 in ground or geothermal heat pump.

| What | MWh/year |
|----------------------|----------|
| Air to air heat pump | 200 |
| Ground heat pump | 443 |
| Sum | 643 |

Bioenergy

For bioenergy, it is assumed that 50 private homes invest in wood or pellets stove as a complement to direct electric heating.

In addition, it is assumed that there is an economic potential for a small scale cogeneration plant. The calculation is done for a Spanner Re2 HKA 10 with 9 kW electricity and 22 kW heating and 6000 working hours per year.

| What | MWh/year |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 50 Wood or pellets stove | 450 |
| Small-scale cogeneration electricity | 45 |
| Small-scale cogeneration heat | 132 |
| Sum | 627 |

Wind Power

For wind power, different energy production scenarios have been calculated, however, no wind measuring has been done and no economic calculation is possible at this point.

| Kind of project / Number of 3 MW plants | Installed effect MW | Produced MWh per year | Production in 20 years |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 3 | 7 200 | 144 000 |
| 5 | 15 | 36 000 | 720 000 |
| 84 | 252 | 604 800 | 12 096 000 |

Smal-scale windpower:

If, despite the economic limitations, a pilot wind park for small-scale windpower will be erected, it might be possible to produce up to 500 MWh per year with about 10 smaller wind power plants.

Import and export

LTU did a calculation for different scenarios with the global energy planning tool EnergyPlan. The figure below shows how the consumption of different energy sources is influenced with gradual improvements according to the scenario description (see above)



EnergyPLAN model av some Vuollerim scenarios Consumption of different energy sources

Wind power is only shown with up to 1 big windmill in this diagram. (Otherwise the scale would make it difficult to read the differences up to the installation of windmills). We see that the effect of the big windmill is a combination of less consumption from the net and export to the net.

The EnergyPLAN model for wind power uses a correction factor to compensate for the nonlinear behaviour of the Windspeed vs power curve. This can be calculated e.g. by comparing effect and yearly output for real windmills in the area. We lacked other data, so the table on possible locations on page 17 was used. For each case the values on effect and yearly production were used to find the value of the correction factor that cave best agreement. The mean value of these factors was calculated as 0,4927 and used in the modeling of the wind power cases.

Next picture shows the net effect (Import minus export of Energy) for all scenarios. We see that Vuollerim becomes a net exporter of energy with 5 big windmills or more



EnergyPLAN model of Vuollerim scenarios : net energy balance