



Fig. 3: Public RD&D Budgets of 23 IEA-member countries for selected fields of energy related research  
 (Source: IEA Energy Technology R&D Statistics Service)

The figures illustrates the fact that about 70% of the related expenditure was contributed to nuclear fission and fusion, while only 10% was contributed to renewable energies. The overall energy R&D expenditure peaked in 1980 and has continuously been declining to less than half its maximum level since then.