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# **Electricity Transmission and**Distribution



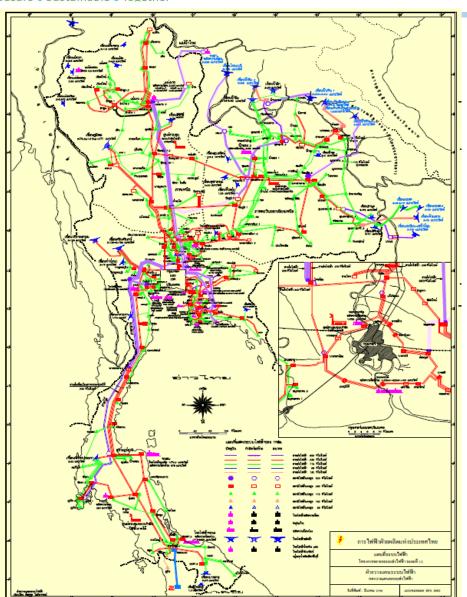
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# Structure of electrical power system

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- Electricity consumers:20.6 million households
- Number of TSOs: 1
- Number of DSOs 2
- Peak load: 27.3 GW

kV	Circuit km
500	4 746.488
300	23.066
230	14 651.372
132	8.705
115	13 828.898
69	19.000
Total	33 242.312

# Responsibilities within the power system

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#### **EGAT TSO:**

- Maintain Grid reliability and quality of the System according to Thailand power system standard
- Control frequency, voltage and power flow of high voltage transmission system
- Co-ordinate with IPPs, SPPs and Fuel suppliers
- Supervise the switching operation and resonsibility for power system restoration in case of black and brown out.

## MEA/PEA:

- Monitoring of own system
- Operating contract to DSO-Level generation
- Support of TSO to operate



# Responsibilities within the power system

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#### **ERC:**

- Ensuring sufficient power supply for consumers
- Regulation of the distribution of power in urban and rural areas
- Approval of transmission and distribution related projects proposed by EGAT, MEA and PEA
- Involvement in the creation of the Transmission
  Development Plan and the Smart Grid Master Plan

### **Ministry of Finance:**

 Final approval of actual investments in transmission and distribution networks.

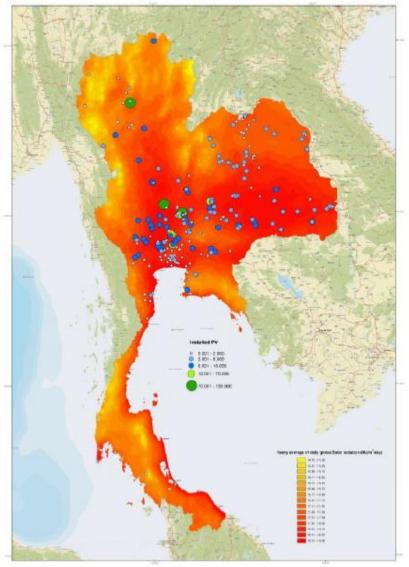


# **Location of Renewable Resources**

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#### Installed Wind turbines

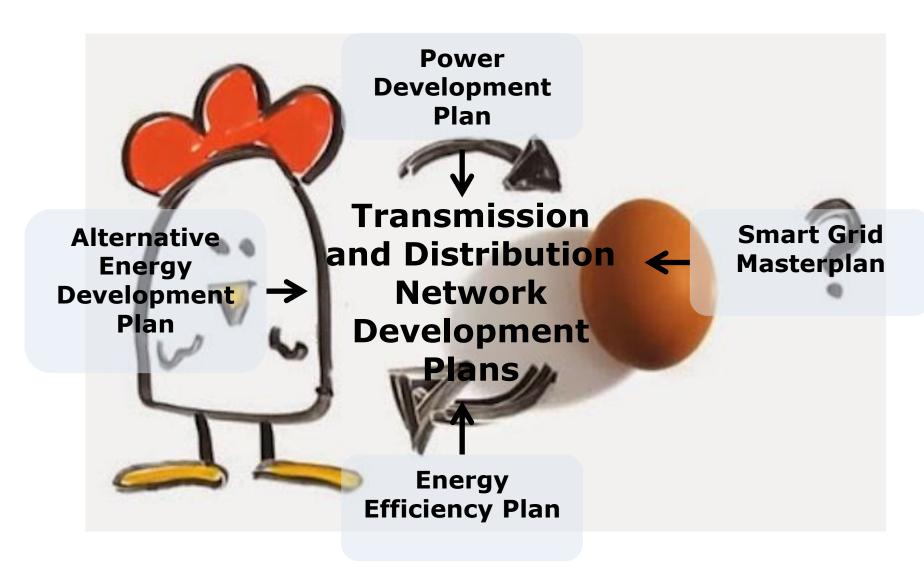
#### Installed PV panels





# **Transmission and Distribution Planning**

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# **Recommendations I**

- Clear allocation of responsibilities in relation to transmission and distribution regulation avoid overlaps and misalignments
- Enable ERC to master it's responsibilities by providing the necessary skills and knowledge to assess decisions taken by EGAT especially in terms of grid planning and investments.
- Improve the transparency and co-ordination between the different development plans in order to solve the chicken and egg problem.





# Recommendations II

- Develop a regular evaluation cycle to measure the accomplishments of the Network Development Plans as well as their actuality in relation to other plans.
- Transparent cost-benefit analysis and timely planning of network reinforcement to assess the development of areas rich of renewable resources to ensure network development and generation development to go hand in hand.





# Recommendations III

- Introduction of probabilistic calculations in Network Development Plans as well as operational planning processes.
- Participation of renewables in balancing and ancillary services.
- Allow reverse flows as soon as it is technically possible.
- Increase Interconnection capacities to overcome bottlenecks due to e.g. landscape.