



## Tariffs: evaluation, change, special tariffs

**Your tariff should be chosen to fit your needs. To find the best for you, your energy profile is important**



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# Tariffs: Energy contract type

## Starting from the contract – important elements:

First, one should check the type of contract they have. How do you do it? It very simple:

- if you receive one bill for energy – it is a complex contract.
- if you have two separate invoices – one for energy used, and second for distribution – you have two separate contracts, probably because you have changed the energy supplier before.

What you can change?

The supplier part of the complex contract or, in case of two separate bills, the supplier contract itself.

Distribution price stays the same, because infrastructure and its' owner stays the same and it is regulated.

However, because of European regulations of the energy sector, the “electricity cables” can be used by various companies selling energy, which means there is a competition. Therefore, consumers have the choice.

# Tariffs: My Energy profile

Switching supplier is worthy to consider, but not always the best way. Sometimes one can achieve similar effect just changing their tariff.

**Next step is to describe your household consumption profile:**

- Is the energy consumed all day long on the similar level, or mostly during specific hours, like evenings?
- Do you have electric equipment using huge amounts of energy, but only for some hours daily, like electric heating, water heating boiler or air conditioning?
- Do you have the same needs during work-days and weekends?
- Or maybe you use a lot of energy during weekend, but from Monday to Friday the consumption is small?

Answers for the above questions should give you the picture of your energy consumption profile. And after than check for the best tariff for you.

**Savings brought by this decision can be really significant!**

# Tariffs: what and how to compare?

Do you understand all the mentions on your energy bill? Sometimes there are several lines and it seems too complicated. But it is very helpful to evaluate this and choose the tariff best suited for you.

There are a lot of comparison tools, mostly online. However, please keep in mind that:

- kWh price is not the only factor
- companies often offers a very good price, but only if you buy something in addition (telecom services, insurance, various services), so please think twice if you really need it?
- some comparison tools are sponsored by suppliers (!) and you see “promoted offer” on the top, instead of best offer
- the price can significantly vary depending on the proposed duration of the contract. Long contracts (like 4 years) can be cheaper, but you are bound to it and the next choice for switching will only be possible further in time. So compare the same contract durations (i.e. between 24 months offers)

If you still have doubts, maybe you should contact an Energy advisor.

# Flat costs, variable costs

Now, you should compare both, flat and variable costs, calculating on the base of your current consumption. There can be two major kind of costs:

- Flat, fixed costs – they do not depend on consumption level (in kWh) and they are usually paid as monthly fee
- Variable costs – they depend on kWh of energy consumed. It means that the more you use, the more you pay.

## Remember:

- if you use small number of kWh, the savings can be found in the tariff that has low fixed costs/ high kWh cost,
- if your consumption is big, then the reduction of costs comes from the high kWh/ low flat rate tariff

			kWh yearly consumption / yearly costs				
	kWhprice in EUR	flat rate /monthly	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000
cheap kWh, high flat rate	€ 0,10	€ 8,00	€ 296,00	€ 396,00	€ 496,00	€ 596,00	€ 696,00
high kWh price, low flat rate	€ 0,12	€ 1,00	€ 252,00	€ 372,00	€ 492,00	€ 612,00	€ 732,00

Break event: below 4000 kWh yearly cheaper monthly fee will give you more savings, above this it is better to choose cheaper kWh price

# Social Tariffs: criteria and terms

Please update this slide according to the social tariffs available at your national level.

# Thank you for your attention!

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