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The report, commissioned for the European Commission by Ecofys, shows that total direct energy subsidies¹ in the EU in 2012 were estimated at €122 billion euros, with fossil fuels (coal and gas) and nuclear making up 36% (€43 billion euros) and renewables getting slightly less at 34% (€41 billion euros). These figures show that renewables cost the taxpayer less than dirty energy alternatives.