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Diversification Rate of Energy Balance and Energy Export Demand Risk Impacts on Economic Growth: The Case of Azerbaijan

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Abstract

The objective of the article was to examine the level of diversification of the energy balance and energy export demand, as well as its impacts on economic growth to ensure energy security in Azerbaijan. For the research, the Risk Energy Export Demand Index and its four sub-indexes, i.e., 1) export dependence, were used; 2) risk of monopsonium; (3) the risk of transaction costs; 4) Comparative quantitative assessment of the economic importance of different types of energy in the country's energy exports. The Herfindahl-Hirschman index and the Shannon-Wiener index were used for the assessment of the diversification and concentration rate. The OLS method, the ADF test and cointegration were used to assess the relationship between indicators. It is concluded that the share of energy obtained from renewable sources in the country's energy balance is very low (about 3%), and the energy obtained from these sources is mainly used for electricity production. Since an essential part of the country's energy balance is in hydrocarbon reserves, the level of diversification is low.

Keywords: energy balance; renewable energy sources; energy security; risk of demand for energy exports; Azerbaijan.

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Tasa de diversificación del equilibrio energético y riesgo de demanda de energía afecta al crecimiento económico: El caso de Azerbaiyán

Resumen

El objetivo del artículo fue examinar el nivel de diversificación del balance energético y la demanda de exportación de energía, así como sus impactos en el crecimiento económico para garantizar la seguridad energética en Azerbaiyán. Para la investigación se utilizó el Índice de Demanda de Exportación de Energía Riesgo y sus cuatro subíndices, es decir, 1) dependencia de las exportaciones; 2) riesgo de monopsonio; 3) el riesgo de los costos de transacción; 4) Evaluación cuantitativa comparativa de la importancia económica de los diferentes tipos de energía en las exportaciones energéticas del país. Para la evaluación de la tasa de diversificación y concentración se utilizaron el índice de Herfindahl-Hirschman y el índice de Shannon-Wiener. Para evaluar la relación entre los indicadores se utilizó el método OLS, la prueba ADF y la cointegración. Se concluye que la participación de la energía obtenida de fuentes renovables en el balance energético del país es muy baja (alrededor del 3%), y la energía obtenida de estas fuentes se utiliza principalmente para la producción de electricidad. Dado que una parte esencial del balance energético del país está en las reservas de hidrocarburos, el nivel de diversificación es bajo.

Palabras clave: balance energético; fuentes de energía renovable; seguridad energética; riesgo de demanda de exportación de energía; Azerbaiyán.

Introduction

Population growth and technical progress have led to increased energy demand globally. The disproportionate distribution of energy between countries and the increasingly rapid depletion of energy sources has made energy security a global problem. On the other hand, the use of hydrocarbons for energy production dramatically increases emissions into the environment and creates additional environmental problems. Countries are trying to use various methods, including alternative energy sources, to sustainably ensure their energy security and a healthy environment.

Studies by the International Energy Agency (IEA), multinational corporations, think tanks on energy issues show that the full use of existing oil, gas and coal deposits will lead the world to energy problems in about 40-50 years. The discovery of new resources is becoming increasingly difficult from year to year. Alternative energy sources, especially renewable energy sources (RES), are still technically imperfect or significantly more

expensive for small countries, including for Azerbaijan (Gulaliyev *et al.*, 2020a).

Azerbaijan is one of the few countries in the world that has a large amount of hydrocarbon reserves and currently does not have a serious threat to energy supply. On the contrary, Azerbaijan plays an important role in the energy supply of several European countries, Ukraine, Israel, Turkey, and Georgia. However, since the main energy reserves around the world, including in Azerbaijan, can be exhausted, the development of alternative energy sources for sustainable energy supply in the near future is important. Reducing the production of hydrocarbon reserves in order to preserve them for future generations is impossible in the existing international and geopolitical conditions, although it is consistent with the concept of sustainable development. However, a certain part of the income received from the extraction of hydrocarbon resources can be considered from an economic point of view as an investment in the development of renewable energy projects.

However, such important economic steps require serious calculations and justification of their effectiveness. First of all, it is important to find answers to several questions: 1) What is the current state of Azerbaijan's energy balance and its dynamics of the past 10-15 years? 2) How can we assess the importance of RES in the energy balance of Azerbaijan? 3) Is there any relationship between diversification or concentration rate of energy balance and economic growth? 4) Is there any relationship between energy export demand risks and economic growth?

1. Literature review

Four different aspects of energy security are highlighted in the economic literature. The Asia-Pacific Energy Research Center (APEREC, 2019) calls these aspects: 1) availability of energy resources, 2) accessibility of energy resources, 3) environmental acceptability of the energy resources and 4) commercialization of energy resources. In studies, the presence of energy resources basically means the existence of a large number of proven natural resources. Accessibility of resources (accessibility) implies the possibility of technical extraction of natural resources for use, as well as legal opportunities for the extraction process. Environmental acceptability is related to the environmental impact of energy resources. Thus, the use of nuclear energy is a serious risk to the environment and human life. In addition, the use of coal, oil and gas is the main source of carbon dioxide emissions into the environment, which is why one of the most important political decisions is to reduce the use of these resources. Fourth, the commercialization of energy resources (affordability) refers to the risks associated with the cost of these resources. Since when energy prices are too high, new threats to energy supply arise.

Although energy security has always been the focus of attention both at the state level and at the household level, as a global problem, they have become the center of economic research since the 1970s. The risk of using oil production as an instrument of international political pressure by oil-producing countries has caused serious concern in oil-importing countries amid growing demand for oil. Yergin (1988), who investigated the role of oil in global politics, believed that energy security was possible due to sufficient production volumes and sustainable energy supplies at a fair price. As the problem of energy security worsens, the scope of economic research in this area are also expanding, and currently the problems of supply and demand for all energy sources are the subject of research at different levels.

In their research, Cherp (2012), as well as Hughes and Phillip (2006), evaluated global energy security issues. The increasingly acute global environmental problems require the study of global energy security in the context of resolving environmental problems. Turton and Barreto (2006) believe that geopolitical development and climate change should be taken into account to ensure the long-term sustainability of the global energy system. Some authors, for example, Sovacool and Mukherjee (2011), consider that the availability of energy resources from a financial point of view, the availability of energy sources and their environmental safety are part of energy security. Muñoz *et al.*, (2015) believe that energy security has technical, economic, social, political, environmental and geopolitical aspects.

Energy security must be quantifiable because it has different levels. Quantitative assessment of energy security in the economic literature is carried out through a separate or joint assessment of its aspects. For example, in the studies conducted by Costantini *et al.*, (2007) the dependence of energy security on imports was studied. As well as dependence problems on market concentration and resource availability was studied by the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2007), dependence problem on market diversification was by Stirling (2009; 1998) identifies three main aspects of energy availability in his research as 1) a variety of categories; 2) the proportion of the distribution between the respective categories; and 3) the quantitative size of the categories. The quantitative variety of categories characterizes the number of existing and available energy resources.

Valdés (2018), Ang *et al.*, (2015), Erahman *et al.*, (2016), Apergis *et al.*, (2015), Bandura (2008), Gasser (2020) and other researchers have been classified a lot of studies on energy security. Quantitative measurement of energy security and the reliability of such methods remain an important issue in research on energy security. The Herfindahl-Hirschmann Index (HHI) allows us to determine the degree of diversification in the production, consumption, and supply of energy products in any country. If the country is an energy importer, then HHI also allows determining the degree of dependence on

which countries for energy supply. If a country cooperates with more countries in energy supply and diversification of energy supply is higher and concentration is lower, then energy security will be higher. Thus, the weakening of the country's relations with any country that supplies it with energy will pose less of a threat to energy security. As Azerbaijan exports energy, we are more interested in the degree of diversification of the types of energy it produces. Because only one type of energy production, such as oil, can pose a threat to energy security in the future. Thus, in case of oil depletion, the country may have difficulty meeting its energy needs.

Risky External Energy Supply-REES allows you to make a comparative assessment of potential risks to energy supply in the short term. This index assumes that short-term energy import outages cannot be eliminated by the market. It is also taken into account that the intermittent supply of one energy carrier cannot be replaced by others. For this reason, the REEDI is calculated separately for each energy carrier. In this sense, REEDI differs from other energy security indices and is a non-aggregate index.

Research on the effects of energy security on economic growth is common in economic literature. For example, Balitskiy *et al.*, (2014) studied the impact of energy security on economic growth in 26 EU member states from 1997 to 2011. The result of this study is that there is a positive link between long-term economic growth and gas consumption. In the short term, there is a two-way cause-and-effect relationship between these two indicators. Mahmood and Ayaz (2018) explored the link between energy security and economic growth in Pakistan between 1980 and 2012. Here is the difference between supply and demand for energy, such as energy security. The result is that there is a causal link between Pakistan's energy security and economic growth, both in the long run and in the short term. The gap between energy demand and supply has a negative impact on economic growth.

There is little research on the direct effects of energy diversification and the REEDI on economic growth. However, there is a lot of research on the impact of world oil and gas prices on the economies of oil-importing and exporting countries. When world oil and gas prices change, revenues from energy exports decrease. If revenues from energy exports dominate the country's GDP, then the risk of demand for energy exports increases. On the other hand, if the degree of diversification in energy production is high, in the event of a decrease in the world price of one type of energy, the income from the export prices of another can be compensated. However, weak diversification reduces the country's energy security and increases the risk of budget revenues. These problems have been described by various researchers as the impact of oil prices on the income of the exporting country, For example, Alekhina and Yoshino (2018) in the example of European countries, Heidarian and Green (1989) in the example of Algeria,

Al-Moneef (2006) in the example of Arab oil-exporting countries, Dreger and Rahmani (2014) on the example of the Iranian economy, Hassan and Abdullah (2014) on the example of the Sudanese economy, Olayungbo and Adediran (2017) on the example of Nigeria, Humbačova and Hajiyev (2019) on the example of the Azerbaijani economy investigated this problem.

2. Methodology and data

It is important to assess the energy security of oil-exporting countries, including Azerbaijan, from three aspects. The first is a security and risk assessment aimed at supply to meet current and future demand in the country. Thus, Azerbaijani oil has been produced in large quantities over the past 150 years, and in the coming 30-40 years, it is expected to decline sharply and even pose a threat to domestic demand. However, the presence of large gas fields in the country and the expansion of the exploitation of these fields have a positive impact on the energy balance and can play an important role in ensuring energy security in the future. Second, as an oil exporter, Azerbaijan depends on the volume of demand in oil-importing countries, as well as fluctuations in oil prices on world markets.

The sharp drop in prices has a serious impact on the Azerbaijani economy. Third, are environmental risks. Thus, oil and gas production, refining, and transportation in the country have a negative impact on the environment. Taking these into account, in order to quantify energy security for Azerbaijan, it is necessary to 1) assess the diversify rate of the energy balance; 2) assess the risk to the demand of importers to Azerbaijan oil, and 3) assess the economic growth's dependence on HHI and REEDI. We will use the Herfindahl-Hirschmann and Shannon-Wiener index to assess the diversification rate of energy balance, as well as the Risky Energy Export Demand Index to assess the security connected with energy export demand.

In the general case, the energy balance can be described as a three-stage system. Each stage of the energy balance can be described as a matrix consisting of several sub-stages. In some sources, for example, UN (1982), IEA (2004), Codoni *et. al.*, (1985) these stages are characterized as the stage of "supply", "conversion" and "demand". The role of renewable energy in energy supply and consumption of the country can be understood by determining their position in the energy balance at all stages. The need to invest in the development of renewable energy sources and increase the efficiency of their use requires an assessment of the dynamics of electricity demand in the country. To assess the Herfindahl-Hirschman index we will use formulae $HHI = \sum_i^n p_i^2$ and to assess the Shannon-Wiener index we will use formulae $SI = -\sum_i^n p_i \cdot \ln(p_i)$.

Risky Energy Export Demand Index (REEDI), developed by Dike (2013), covers four sub-indices as a composite index. These sub-indices are 1) export dependence (X); 2) monopsony risk (M); 3) the risk of transaction costs (D); 4) quantitative comparative assessment of the economic importance of different types of energy in the country's energy exports (E). Dike (2013) used this index to assess the risk of demand for energy exports for 12 OPEC countries. The main assumptions for the application of this index are that the country exports oil and gas, as well as the number of exporting countries, is 3 or more. The REED index assesses current and potential risks for the short term. Azerbaijan is also an oil and gas exporter and has more than three exporting countries. Therefore, we will calculate the REED index for Azerbaijan using this method developed by Dike (2013).

The first sub-index of the REED index, i.e. the dependence of the country's economy on energy exports (X), is calculated as the ratio of energy exports to total exports. The higher this ratio, the higher the risk of the country's dependence on energy exports.

$$X_i = \frac{TEE_t}{TE_t}$$

Where TEE_t - total energy export volume in US dollars, TE_t - total export volume in US dollars.

The second sub-index of the REED index, i.e. the monopsony factor (M), is the share of the total energy exported to the energy importing country. The higher this figure, the higher the monopsony capacity of that country at the export risk of the exporting country. The HH index is used to calculate the monopsony factor (M):

$$M_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{EE_{it}}{TEE_t} \right)^2$$

Where M_t - monopsony factor in t-year, EE_{it} - volume of energy export to the i country in t-year, TEE_t - volume of total energy export of the exporting country in t-year.

The third component of the REED index, i.e. transaction costs, includes costs that may arise as a result of disruptions in transport and infrastructure. Here, scores 1-3 are taken for transaction costs, depending on the distance between the capitals of the importing country and the exporting countries. Thus, if the distance is up to 1500 km, transaction costs are between 1, 1500-4000 km, transaction costs are 2, more than 4000 km, transaction costs are considered as 3. The higher the transaction costs, the greater the risks.

$$D_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if distance more than 1500 km} \\ 2, & \text{if distance is between 1500 - 4000 km} \\ 3, & \text{if distance is more than 4000 km} \end{cases}$$

The fourth sub-index of the REED index, i.e. the economic importance of exported energy sources, is calculated as the share of the export value of the energy sources (for example, oil and gas) in US dollars in the country's production:

$$E_t = \frac{TEE_t}{GDP_t}$$

Dike (2013) calculates REED index as follows:

$$REED_t = X_t * M_t * D_t * E_t$$

The higher $REED_t$ is higher energy export demand risk of the exporter country.

To assess relationship between energy balance diversification- (or concentration-SI) rate and economic growth ($GDPG_t = \Delta GDP_t / GDP_{t-1}$), as well as relationship between $REED_t$ and economic growth will be used OLS method as follows.

$$\begin{cases} GDPG_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * HH\dot{I}_t + \varepsilon_t \\ GDPG_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * S\dot{I}_t + \delta_t \\ GDPG_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * REED_t + \nu_t \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

To assess these relationships, we will adopt following hypothesis:

1. H_0 : There are not regression relationships between $GDPG_t$ and 1) $HH\dot{I}_t$; 2) $S\dot{I}_t$; 3) $REED_t$;
2. H_1 : rejecting of the H_0 , i.e. there are regression relationships between $GDPG_t$ and 1) $HH\dot{I}_t$; 2) $S\dot{I}_t$; 3) $REED_t$;

To avoid spurious regression between these indicators we will test time series for stationarity

1. Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test for three models: a) without intercept and trend ($\Delta y_t = \gamma * y_{t-1} + \nu_t$); b) with intercept, but without

trend ($\Delta y_t = \alpha + \gamma * y_{t-1} + v_t$); and c) with intercept and trend ($\Delta y_t = \alpha + \lambda * t + \gamma * y_{t-1} + v_t$).

2. To test for cointegration of independent and dependent variables we will test stationarity ε_t ; δ_t ; v_t from equation (1).

When checking the stationarity of time series, the values proposed in Table 1, proposed by Davidson and MacKinnon (1993), will be taken as critical values of τ_c -tau statistics.

	1%	5%	10%
$\Delta y_t = \gamma * y_{t-1} + v_t$	-2.56	-1.94	-1.62
$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \gamma * y_{t-1} + v_t$	-3.43	-2.86	-2.57
$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \lambda * t + \gamma * y_{t-1} + v_t$	-3.96	-3.41	-3.13
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Table 1. Critical values of τ_c -tau statistics for Dickey-Fuller testing

Source: Davidson and MacKinnon (1993)

The data used in the study on key indicators were obtained from two sources - the World Bank database (WB, 2020) and the official database of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SSCRA, 2020).

3. Results

3.1 Energy balance dynamics of Azerbaijan

The first component of the energy balance of any country - *the total energy supply* is formed by adding primary energy products to the extraction, the volume of imports and resources, and subtracting from the total volume of exports, the amounts spent on refueling international flights, including refueling ships and aircraft. The excess of exports over imports or a decrease in the share of imports in the total energy supply are important indicators of the country's energy security. That is why the *World Energy Trilemma Index* (WEC, 2019), calculated on the basis of energy security, environmental sustainability and energy efficiency (affordability and energy acquisition), specifically takes into account diversification of the initial energy supply, dependence on imports, etc. of countries. It is worth noting that although Azerbaijan's rating on this indicator is slightly lower than in 2017 compared to 2015 and 2016, in terms of "BBA" scores it ranks

31st among 125 countries and is close to a number of developed countries. Azerbaijan’s rating on this indicator is higher than that of some European countries and all countries of the region.

Energy security, which is the first component of the tripartite index of world energy, qualitatively assesses how efficiently the initial energy supply is regulated, as well as the ability of energy suppliers to meet current and future energy needs. Although Azerbaijan has retained a rating of “B” for this indicator over the past 3 years, its rating has slightly decreased. *Energy assets*, which are the second component of the tripartite index of world energy, which qualitatively assesses the availability and possibility of acquiring energy supply among the population. The indicator of Azerbaijan is also close to developed countries in this component. Since over the past three years, Azerbaijan’s rating has changed from 47 points to 44 points and is constantly evaluated at the “B” level.

The third component of the tripartite index of world energy - *a sustainable environment* qualitatively evaluates the efficiency of energy production on demand and supply, the possibility of producing energy supply with less carbon emissions. Azerbaijan takes 19th place among 125 countries in this component. This is a rather high indicator, and Azerbaijan has a rating of “A” for this indicator.

The tripartite index of world energy along with the fact that it covers almost all the key stages of the country’s energy balance, also makes it possible to evaluate these stages in terms of energy security, social problems, and environmental sustainability. Therefore, the energy balance should not be regarded as a simple matrix of facts, but rather, as a database that allows you to assess social, economic, and environmental consequences and predict them.

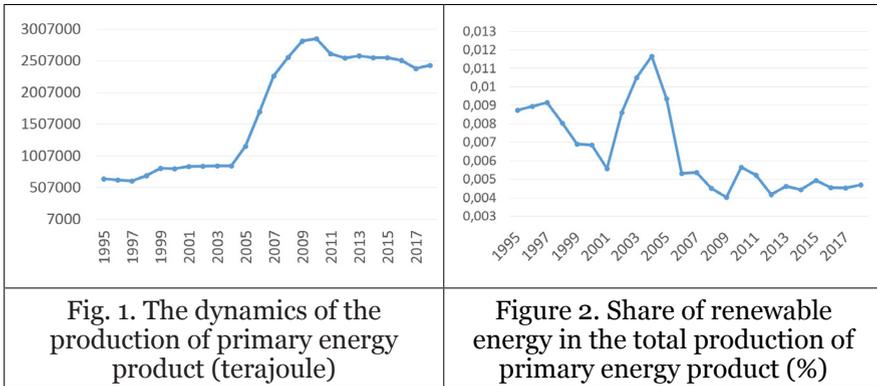
Year	Total production	Crude oil (with gas condensate)	Natural gas	Renewable energy sources and waste
1995	641626.3	383552.7	252472	5601.6
1996	626190.4	380998.8	239590	5601.6
1997	612018.2	379784.6	226632	5601.6
1998	696283.6	478300	212382	5601.6
1999	811559.1	578071.5	227886	5601.6
2000	806782.2	586863.8	214396	5522.4
2001	839223.6	624210	210330	4683.6

2002	844747.9	642003.9	195472	7272
2003	847727.7	643971.7	194864	8892
2004	850733.5	651005.5	189810	9918
2005	1158704	930055.8	217816	10832.4
2006	1704950	1350997	344888	9064.8
2007	2,269,031.0	1,835,057.7	421,780.3	12,193.0
2008	2,565,289.7	1,917,618.6	636,110.6	11,560.5
2009	2,818,890.5	2,171,866.6	635,662.8	11,361.1
2010	2,858,233.9	2,190,821.4	651,235.7	16,176.8
2011	2,618,978.9	1,966,215.5	639,076.3	13,687.1
2012	2,553,315.5	1,869,193.6	673,476.4	10,645.5
2013	2,583,691.9	1,872,753.2	698,982.6	11,956.1
2014	2,559,924.2	1,813,210.2	735,363.1	11,350.9
2015	2,557,914.5	1,793,930.0	751,362.1	12,622.4
2016	2,511,579.5	1,769,025.9	731,109.5	11,444.1
2017	2,388,389.4	1,667,237.9	710,345.1	10,806.4
2018	2,434,337.5	1,672,663.4	750,229.3	11,444.8

Table 2. Production of primary energy products (PES) (terajoule)

Note: calculated by the authors by converting “oil equivalent”, metr cube” and KWh to terajoule of the SSCRA (2020) datas

Increasing of the volume of primary energy products in Azerbaijan over the past 20 years in terajoules and the preservation of relative stability ensures that there is no serious threat to energy security in the near future. Particularly, attention is paid to increasing gas production and achieving stability of the total volume in terms of a slight decreasing of crude oil production. Unfortunately, the amount of renewable energy in this volume is very small. Although the volume of RES in 2010 increased to 16,000 terajoules, the average volume of renewable energy over the past decade has been about 12,000 terajoules (Fig. 1). But this is about 0.47% of the total primary energy production (Fig. 2).



The country's energy supply, as well as production capacity or the amount of exported volume of energy connected with energy security but cannot be considered as unique indicators of energy security of the country. For example, the energy security level of the countries such as Iran or Nigeria, which occupy leading positions in the export of hydrocarbon resources, is lower than in some countries with lesser resources (Sweden, Estonia, etc.). Under the current conditions of deepening globalization, greater diversification of energy supply increases the energy security level.

Since the bulk of primary energy products (crude oil and gas) are exported from Azerbaijan (approximately 75%), the total energy supply is a small part of the volume of produced primary energy products (about 25%). Over the past decade, imports of energy products have risen sharply. Although this volume does not have much weight in the overall energy supply, its growing dynamics and structure may threaten the country's energy security in the future. Since the bulk of imported energy products are oil products, as well as other types of gasoline and kerosene, including diesel fuel, low sulfur fuel oil, petroleum bitumen, other types of oil products, natural gas, electricity, and other types of fuel. Such import and export operations do not pose a serious threat to regional energy security. However, replacing imported gasoline with domestic products is important for a future sustainable fuel supply.

The share of RES in the total energy supply is very small (Fig. 3) and amounts to about 2%, with the exception of 2010. In 2010, this figure was just over 3%. For comparison, we note that the share of alternative sources and renewable energy sources in the total energy supply in Norway rich in oil exceeds 44%, and in Australia, which is rich in hydrocarbon resources, exceeds 33%.

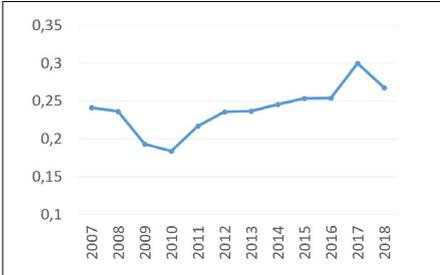


Fig. 3. Shares of energy supply in the amount of primary energy products extraction and import volume (terajoule)

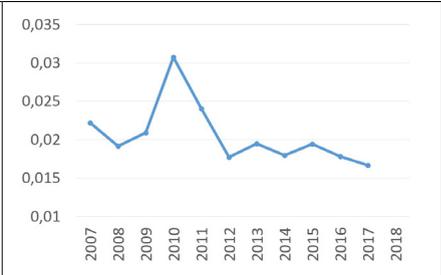
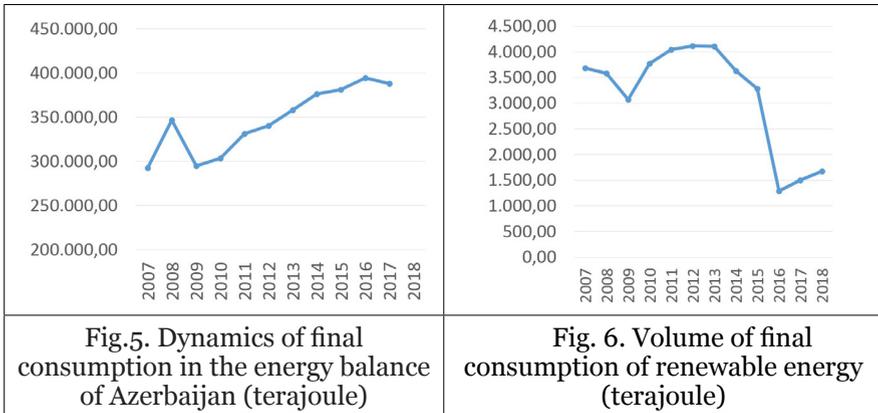


Fig. 4. The volume of renewable energy in the total energy supply (%)

Crude oil is an indispensable product in the production of chemicals, which are important for various sectors of the economy. The burning of such a product to generate electricity significantly reduces the efficiency of its use. That is why in Azerbaijan, crude oil is not used for the production of heat and electricity. For the production of heat and electricity, low sulfur oil and natural gas are used. The volume of thermal and electric energy produced in the country is increasing every year. Of course, the amount of electricity is about 10 times greater than the amount of thermal energy.

The initial energy received from renewable energy is almost completely used in the transformation process. After the transformation process, the amount of energy received from RES and directed to final consumption does not have a large share in the amount of energy directed to transformation. More precisely, modern technological equipment is still not able to increase the efficiency of the renewable energy transformation process to the level of energy efficiency obtained from gas conversion. Since the efficiency for obtaining thermal and electric energy from gas for final consumption is about 33%, and the coefficient of electric energy from renewable energy for final consumption does not exceed 13%.



Oil products, natural gas, renewable energy sources, thermal energy, electric energy and other types of fuel are used as Azerbaijan’s final consumer goods. Final consumption is divided into two groups: “final consumption for energy” and “final consumption not for energy”. Final consumption for energy purposes is used in such subgroups as industry and construction, transport and in other sectors of the economy. Approximately 17.1% of the energy provided for final consumption is used in subgroups of industry and construction. These industries cover areas such as ferrous metallurgy, chemical and petrochemical industries, non-ferrous metallurgy, non-metallic mineral products, transportation equipment, machinery and equipment, mining, food and tobacco, paper, pulp and printing, wood processing and production of wood products, textile, leather and clothing industry, construction, and other industries.

In 2018, 28% of the energy provided for final consumption is used in the transport subgroup. This subgroup includes road transport, railway transport, inland air transport, inland water transport, pipeline transport and other modes of transport. A significant part of the energy directed to final consumption (approximately 56%) is used in other sectors of the economy, for example, in agriculture, trade and public services, households, etc. A certain part of final consumption (approximately 13%) is used for non-energy purposes.

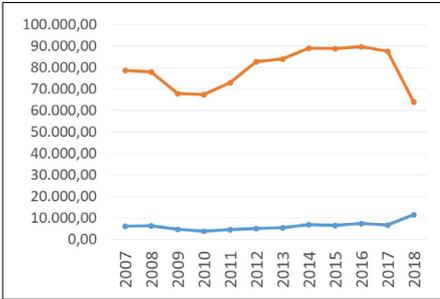


Fig. 7. Dynamics of production of heat (yellow line) and electric energy (blue line) in Azerbaijan (terajoule)

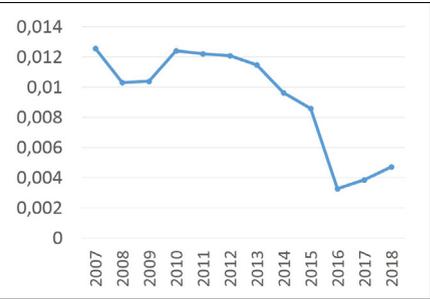


Fig. 8. The share of the final consumption of renewable energy for energy purposes in the total energy consumption (%)

The volume of final energy consumption in Azerbaijan over the past 10 years has been continuously growing. On the other hand, the volume of use of thermal and electric energy among the types of energy directed to final consumption also grows. The share of electric energy obtained from renewable energy sources, not only has a small share in the total energy consumption, but also sharply decreased in recent years (Fig. 8). The current trend in the development of renewable energy suggests that rich oil and gas resources should not interfere with stimulating the use of renewable energy and investing in this area. Since the experience of developed countries shows that the development of renewable energy is important to ensure sustainable energy security. The main reason for the low share of renewable energy in the energy balance of oil-rich countries, of course, is the desire to get energy from hydrocarbon resources in an easier way and to abandon the additional investment in high-tech renewable energy sources. Another serious reason is that the cost of energy from renewable energy sources is still high and monopolistic electricity price is lower (Gulaliyev et al, 2020b).

4. Energy balance diversification (or concentration) rate and Risky Energy Export Demand index of Azerbaijan

Calculation of energy balance diversification (or energy balance concentration) rate, and energy export demand security of Azerbaijan by using HHI, SI, and REEDI consistently, gives the following results (Table 3). Over the past 20 years, all these indicators changed year by year. During 1995-2019 period HHI has a minimum score (0.512) in 1995 and maximum score (0.689) in 2007. This period SI has a minimum score (0.513) in 2007 and maximum score (0.689) in 1995. Both indices indicate that diversification is low. This also means that, despite the high level of

energy security that is currently being ensured in Azerbaijan, the bulk of the supply of primary energy products falls on hydrocarbon reserves, which in turn may create problems in the future if these reserves are reduced. In particular, an alarming fact for energy security is that the proportion of energy from renewable energy sources in the energy balance is low. The level of diversification in the final volume of consumption is low. However, the Shannon-Wiener index in the industry is approximately two times higher than the level of diversification of primary energy production. The Herfindahl-Hirschman index can be said to not have changed fundamentally.

As Azerbaijan is rich with energy resources and there are almost no risks associated with energy supply for the near future, we believe that the main risks are related to the demand for oil and gas exports from Azerbaijan. Therefore, we accept the REED index as one of the indicators for Azerbaijan’s energy security.

		Diversification of primary energy production		Share of oil and gaz export in total export-	Share of oil and gaz export in GDP-	Monopsony	Risky Energy Export Demand index
		Indeksi	Indeksi				
1995	-	0.512	0.716				-
1996	0.041	0.517	0.712	66.390	0.132	0.191	5.012
1997	0.247	0.522	0.707	61.448	0.121	0.153	3.412
1998	0.122	0.565	0.659	68.931	0.094	0.116	2.256
1999	0.030	0.586	0.633	78.596	0.159	0.146	5.475
2000	0.151	0.600	0.618	85.081	0.282	0.222	15.935
2001	0.083	0.616	0.596	91.328	0.370	0.342	34.669
2002	0.093	0.631	0.588	88.922	0.309	0.270	22.255
2003	0.167	0.630	0.595	86.011	0.306	0.289	22.867
2004	0.193	0.635	0.591	82.216	0.342	0.223	18.863
2005	0.526	0.680	0.534	76.765	0.443	0.124	12.690
2006	0.584	0.669	0.535	84.591	0.525	0.227	30.233
2007	0.575	0.689	0.513	81.399	0.524	0.085	10.878
2008	0.478	0.620	0.588	97.083	0.608	0.193	34.216
2009	-0.093	0.644	0.559	92.857	0.442	0.108	13.274
2010	0.194	0.639	0.570	94.509	0.473	0.139	18.575

2011	0.247	0.623	0.587	94.747	0.496	0.161	22.650
2012	0.057	0.606	0.603	93.419	0.437	0.090	10.977
2013	0.064	0.599	0.612	92.985	0.397	0.099	11.002
2014	0.015	0.584	0.627	92.638	0.348	0.087	8.381
2015	-0.295	0.578	0.635	88.285	0.276	0.075	5.463
2016	-0.287	0.581	0.631	91.541	0.317	0.131	11.399
2017	0.079	0.576	0.636	91.119	0.345	0.146	13.733
2018	0.153	0.567	0.646	92.222	0.397	0.119	13.047
2019	0.020			91.239	0.380	0.123	12.740

Table 3. Dynamics of Economic growth Energy balance diversification rate and Risky Energy Export Demand index of Azerbaijan

Note: calculated by the authors

5. Impacts of energy balance diversification rate and energy export demand on economic growth

The regression relationship between the rate of diversification (or concentration) of the production component of the energy balance calculated by HHI and SI shows that there is a significant relationship between these indicators. Calculations show that there is a similar relationship between economic growth and the Risky Energy Demand (REED) index (Table 4). Thus, an increase in the degree of diversification has a positive effect on economic growth, and an increase in the degree of concentration has a negative effect. The Risky Energy Export Demand Index is also positively related to economic growth. This means that the restriction of the number of importing countries of Azerbaijan oil and gas resources (monopsony), the sharp increase in the share of oil and gas in export and GDP amount have positive impacts on economic growth, but also threatens the country's energy security and increases the REEDI.

	HHI _t	SI _t	REEDI _t
R ²	0.299645	0.27067	0.169602
Observation	23	23	24
F-significance	0.006861	0.010931	0.045546
α_0			
coefficient	-1.57996	1.626039	-0.01067

Standart deviation	0.578223	0.530787	0.084521
t-statistics	-2.73244	3.063449	-0.12626
p-value	0.012478	0.005899	0.900676
α_t			
coefficient	2.848825	-2.43149	0.010278
Standart deviation	0.950411	0.870972	0.004849
t-statistics	2.997466	-2.79169	2.119746
p-value	0.006861	0.010931	0.045546

Table 4. Relationship between HHI_t (or SI_t), $REED_t$, and economic growth

Note: calculated by the authors

To be sure that these relationships are not spurious we need to test the stationarity of the $GDPG_t$, HHI_t , SI_t and $REED_t$ and time series or to test cointegration between independent and dependent variables.

Stationarity of the $GDPG_t$, HHI_t , SI_t , and $REED_t$ time series (ADF test)

Note that the maximum lag = 5 will be taken to check the stationarity of the time series of these indicators. As a method, the least-squares method (OLS) is selected, and the Schwartz information criterion is used. The hypothesis H_0 for the time series of the indicators is existing of a unit root. The H_1 hypothesis is the rejection of H_0 , that is, the time series does not have a single root. The results of the analysis conducted using the E-Views software package are given in Table 5. It can be seen from the table 5 that none of the time series is stationary in for models.

No intercept, no trend ($\Delta y_t = \beta * y_{t-1} + v_t$)							
		R-squared	coefficient	Std. error	t-statistics	probability	Mac-Kinnon one sided p-value
GDPG (t)	GDPG (t-1)	0.137694	-0.275040	0.146732	-1.874437	0.0742	0.0592

HHİ	HHİ (t-1)	-0.005514	0.002805	0.007984	0.351343	0.7287	0.7780
Sİ	Sİ (t-1)	0.009369	-0.006399	0.008848	-0.723188	0.4772	0.3922
REEDİ	REEDİ (t-1)	0.352115	-0.065425	0.114416	-0.571819	0.5738	0.4579

With intercept, no trend ($\Delta y_t = \alpha + \beta * y_{t-1} + v_t$)							
		R-squared	coefficient	Std.error	t-statistics	probability	Mac-Kinnon one sided p-value
GDPG (t)	GDPG (t-1)	0.195392	0.392902	0.173986	-2.258246	0.0347	0.1929
	C		0.057578	0.046920	1.227155	0.2333	
HHİ	HHİ (t-1)	0.153489	-0.189842	0.097288	-1.951339	0.0645	0.3046
	C		0.117139	0.058980	1.986079	0.0602	
Sİ	Sİ (t-1)	0.165144	-0.197806	0.097052	-2.038148	0.0543	0.2697
	C		0.117747	0.059484	1.979491	0.0610	
REEDİ	REEDİ (t-1)	0.476233	-0.534506	0.244970	-2.181922	0.0419	0.2177
	D (REED (t-1))		-0.330260	0.203399	-1.623700	0.1209	
	C		8.859835	4.175423	2.121901	0.0472	

With intercept and trend ($\Delta y_t = \alpha + \lambda * t + \beta * y_{t-1} + v_t$)							
		R-squared	coefficient	Std.error	t-statistics	probability	Mac-Kinnon one-sided p-value
GDPG (t)	GDPG (t-1)	0.240454	-0.444174	0.179499	-2.474519	0.0224	0.3361
			0.144750	0.092663	1.562120	0.1339	
			-0.006628	0.006085	-1.089287	0.2890	
HHİ	HHİ (t-1)	0.265847	-0.136742	0.097675	-1.399978	0.1768	0.8334
	C		0.099487	0.057180	1.739898	0.0972	
	trend		-0.001204	0.000688	-1.749538	0.0955	

SI	SI (t-1)	0.249166	-0.138972	0.102183	-1.360035	0.1890	0.8454
	C		0.067300	0.066921	1.005659	0.3266	
	trend		0.001210	0.000809	1.496027	0.1503	
REEDI	SI (t-1)	0.375243	-0.708931	0.206834	-3.427531	0.0027	0.0722
	C		12.56449	4.934908	2.546042	0.0192	
	trend		-0.127067	0.282463	-0.449854	0.6577	

Table 5. Stationarity GDPG_t, HHI_t, SI_t and REEDI_t time series

Note: calculation by the authors

Thus, Table 5 shows that **GDPG_t, HHI_t and SI_t** time series are not stationary for all three models. REEDI_t time series is stationary only in case of “with trend and intercept” but only by 10% significance. It should be noted that the fact that the time series characterizing the indicators involved in the study are not stationary does not mean that the regression relationship between them is “spurious”. Thus, if the ε_{it} residues in the regression relationship between these indicators is stationary, then the regression relationship can be approached as a “truth” relationship, as stationarity of ε_{it} indicates co-integration of the independent and dependent variables. Therefore, we will need to check the stationarity of the ε_{it} residues in each pair of regression relationships from the equation (1).

We will test stationarity of ε_{it} residual time series where ε_{it} can be estimated by three models as following

- 1) $\hat{\epsilon}_{it} = y_{it} - b * x_{it} ;$
- 2) $\hat{\epsilon}_{it} = y_{it} - b * x_{it} - c ;$
- 3) $\hat{\epsilon}_{it} = y_{it} - b * x_{it} - c - \delta * t$

And we will apply ADF test for

$$\hat{\epsilon}_{it} = \gamma * \hat{\epsilon}_{t-1} + \nu_t \tag{2}$$

For stationarity ε_{it} residual time series according to equation (2) we will use MacKinnon critical value as in the Table 8.

	1%	5%	10%
1) $y_t = \beta * x_t + \varepsilon_t$	-3.39	-2.76	-2.45
2) $y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 * x_t + \varepsilon_t$	-3.96	-3.37	-3.07
3) $y_t = \beta_1 + \delta * t + \beta_2 * x_t + \varepsilon_t$	-3.98	-3.42	-3.13

Table 8. Critical values for cointegration (τ_c)

Source: Davidson and MacKinnon (1993)

As we will use equation $y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 * x_t + \varepsilon_t$ for critical values of τ_c will be (-3.96) for 1%, (-3.37) for 5% and (-3.07) for 10% significance.

Testing of residuals stationarity by ADF show that there are cointegration between 1) GDP_t and HHI_t ; 2) GDP_t and SI_t ; 3) GDP_t and $REED_t$. But cointegration between GDP_t - HHI_t and GDP_t - SI_t has 5% significance, and cointegration between GDP_t - $REED_t$ has 10% significance (Table 9).

	GDP_t - HHI_t	GDP_t - SI_t	GDP_t - $REED_t$
$\hat{\varepsilon}_{it} = Y * \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1} + v_t$			
R-squared	0.312023	0.299978	0.227594
	-0.618788	-0.592882	-0.461068
Std.error	0.200490	0.197601	0.180898
t-statistics	-3.086374	-3.000404	-2.548773
probability	0.0056	0.0068	0.0183
MacKinnon one – sided p-value	0.0037	0.0045	0.0133

Table 9. Stationarity of ε_{it} residuals time series by ADF tests

Note: calculated by the authors

Discussion

As one of the rich countries with oil and gas resources, as well as one of the countries whose exports and revenues are mainly related to energy exports, in Azerbaijan, the nature of the impacts of energy diversification rate and the risk to energy exports demand on economic growth are consistent with the impact of oil and gas revenues on macroeconomic

indicators. Thus, in the studies conducted by Alekhina and Yoshino (2018), Hassan and Abdullah (2014), Olayungbo and Adediran (2017), rising of oil prices (that is, increasing in energy demand on the world market) has a positive effect on economic growth by increasing the country's oil revenues.

Conclusions

Azerbaijan is relatively rich in energy resources. Also, stability has been observed in the production and export of primary energy products over the past decades. All this indicates that the country's energy security in the short term is ensured. In the coming years, gas production will increase, while oil production will decrease - this will prevent a significant reduction in the energy balance. Unfortunately, the share of energy received from renewable energy sources in the country's energy balance is small (about 3%). At the same time, the energy obtained from these sources is used mainly for the production of electricity. Given the fact that the bulk of the country's energy balance is hydrocarbons, the level of diversification is low. For this reason, future reductions in hydrocarbon reserves could jeopardize the country's energy security. As a result, we conclude that in order to ensure energy security it is necessary to develop renewable energy sources. There is positive relationship between energy security and economic growth in Azerbaijan. Thus, increasing energy security is stimulating economic growth.

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