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Abstract: We present here an application of a multisector economic model to simulate the impact of investing in energy-efficiency-related sectors. Given the value chain of energy production shows several aspects to be improved, this paper intends to identify the economic sectors where investment should be allocated in order to reach the targeted energy efficiency levels in the overall economic system. We expect that an improvement in energy efficiency will bring a fall in electricity demand. Simulating these impacts will enable an assessment of the macroeconomic effects of such demand-side changes in Spain. For simulation purposes, we will use input–output methodology, based on data from a Spanish input–output table from the year 2012 that we have constructed. The scenario used for modeling has been obtained from the objectives proposed by the European Union for 2030, specifically the one promoting an increase to at least a 27% increase in energy efficiency compared with the business-as-usual scenario. This demand-side model enables us to measure the potential sector-by-sector growth of the Spanish economy and to calculate households' expected savings in energy bills due to the implementation of energy efficiency measures. The impacts of employment and CO_2 emissions are also quantified as a result of the investments aimed at improving energy efficiency.

Keywords: energy; energy efficiency; input-output analysis; CO2 emissions; Spain

1. Introduction

Moving towards sustainable economies puts pressure on countries to meet the targeted objectives. In the European Union, a great effort is being made to quantify the overall effects of this transition process to a green energy-based, low-carbon economy.

From the continuous commitment and concern of the European Commission of this transition process, the 2030 climate and energy framework was presented in January 2014, a communication that set out a framework for EU climate and energy policies for the 2020–2030 period. The framework is intended to launch discussions on how to give these policies continuity to the end of the current 2020 framework.

The 2030 framework proposes new targets and measures to make the EU's economy and energy system more competitive, secure, and sustainable. It includes targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and for increasing the use of renewable energies. It proposes a new governance system and performance indicators. In particular, it proposes improved energy efficiency via possible amendments to the energy efficiency directive.

European guidelines and energy efficiency investment objectives are based on the work of subject matter experts. Thus, in this context of the transition towards a low-carbon economy, methodologies and studies such as the one we present in this work are desirable. We are facing the need to carry out

reasonable planning of the use of resources in accordance with the energy savings required to meet the targets.

If we are to bring European Union targets to real economies, it would be of great help to be able to count on analytic tools to assess and quantify the investment effort required by the Spanish production system. Such an approach provides a valuable insight into the cross-nature of energy efficiency through a multisector economic model. Firstly, we will consider the effects of the investments required to achieve energy efficiency targets, in terms of both production and employment effects. Improvements in energy efficiency will lead to energy consumption savings, and such savings will be quantified taking into account that electricity demand is expected to fall. In addition, the overall scale of the impact will be weighted.

The input–output analysis gives a deep insight into the socio-economic framework of a certain region or economy. Through the application of an input–output model, the intersectoral linkages of the economy, within a mathematical framework, are disentangled. This way, the effects of a demand-side shock, such as increasing investments or lowering demand for certain goods and services, can be assessed. This kind of analytic method is useful when estimating the socio-economic effects of programs prior to their implementation. Therefore, it can be considered a powerful prospective tool given that it provides all types of agents involved in the matter, either policy makers or energy planners, with useful information.

This paper is organized as follows. In the next section, a brief review of some of the more recent debates on energy efficiency will be provided. Thereafter, the input–output methodology will be presented and interpreted through the use of the field of influence. Then, the database is presented and the major empirical application will occur: here, a mathematically founded analysis of energy efficiency improvements for a more sustainable Spanish economy will be made clear in reference to a set of tables containing simulation results. The paper concludes with some policy implications in light of the results.

2. Literature Review

There is a lengthy body of literature on the input–output methodology that provides a strong theoretical background to the model constructed and developed in this work. Leontief's inverse matrix notions have been the objects of widespread application and significant scientific research contributions. Since the input–output approach is a methodology with a strong foundation, in this paper, the focus will begin with a more recent exchange centering on combining both the theoretical foundations and the empirical application that, to the best of the authors' knowledge, has not been developed yet for such an analysis. Essentially, the concern of the present paper is to direct attention to an alternative perspective on the measurement of energy improvement investment impacts. The macro-economic approach of this economic study focuses on three major issues, as part of the overview analysis, which are productivity, employment, and CO₂ emission impacts. By taking into account the fact that energy is strategic for the economy and society, a thorough knowledge about the possible impacts that energy-related investments would have over time is essential for meeting the economic and social challenges regarding energy.

The residential building sector is a major driver of current and future energy consumption and associated emissions, which can be potentially mitigated through significant energy-efficiency improvements in both emerging and developed countries. Yet there are several persistent barriers that hinder the attainment of energy-efficiency improvements in this area. Ramos et al. (2015) [1] use data from a 2008 national representative survey of Spanish households, their paper is interested in the determinants of energy-efficiency-related decisions. In particular, a discrete-choice model empirically analyzes whether pro-environmental households are more likely to invest in energy-efficiency and to adopt daily energy-saving habits. They show that households with eco-friendly behaviors are more likely to invest in well-differentiated energy-efficiency measures as well as to steer daily habits towards energy savings. However, no effects were found for households with environmental attitudes based on a stated willingness to pay to protect the environment.

López-Peña et al. (2012) [2] concluded that energy efficiency is cheaper than renewables for reducing carbon emissions. They state that energy efficiency measures could have saved more than €5 billion per year in Spain, and savings could have reached higher levels, avoiding overcapacity in gas combined cycles.

To Backlunda et al. (2012) [3], the discrepancy between optimal and actual implementation of energy efficient technologies has been illustrated in numerous articles and is often referred to as the energy efficiency gap. However, efficient technologies are not the only way to increase energy efficiency. Empirical studies have found that a cost-effective way to improve energy efficiency is to combine investments in energy-efficient technologies with continuous energy management practices.

According to data from the European Commission [4], by using energy more efficiently, Europeans can lower their energy bills, reduce their reliance on external suppliers of oil and gas, and help protect the environment. Energy efficiency has to be increased at all stages of the energy chain from generation to final consumption. At the same time, the benefits of energy efficiency must outweigh the costs, such as those involved in renovations. Therefore, measures promoted by the European Union focus on sectors where the savings potential is greatest, such as those linked to a building's efficiency. According to the Energy Efficiency Communication dated July 2014 [5], the European Union is expected to achieve energy savings of 18%–19% by 2020—missing the 20% target by 1%–2%. However, if European Union countries would implement all of the existing legislation on energy efficiency, the 20% target could be reached without additional measures.

To Ryan and Campbell (2012) [6], improving energy efficiency can deliver a range of benefits to the economy and society as a whole. However, energy efficiency programs are often evaluated only on the basis of the energy savings they deliver. As a result, the full value of energy efficiency improvements in both national and global economies may be significantly underestimated. This also means that energy efficiency policies may not be optimized to reach the potential of the full range of possible outcomes. Moreover, when the merit of energy efficiency programs is judged solely on reductions in energy demand, programs are susceptible to criticisms related to the rebound effect when the energy savings are less than expected due to other welfare gains.

In line with this idea about the rebound effect, there is an ongoing debate now. Sorrell and Dimitropoulos (2007) [7] state that the economy-wide rebound effect from energy efficiency improvements may be expected to be larger than the direct rebound effect. Their report on energy productivity and economic growth points towards a potential "backfire" effect. This could be the result of an overall increase in energy consumption due to energy efficiency improvements. However, the mechanisms involved are complex, interdependent, and difficult to conceptualize, and the magnitude of this effect is extremely difficult to estimate empirically. These authors reviewed a wide range of specialized literature in their report and found very few studies providing quantitative estimates for the size of the economy-wide rebound effect. Indeed, the great majority of the studies make no reference to the rebound effect at all and instead provide "suggestive" evidence on issues such as the importance of energy in economic growth.

The Khazzoom–Brookes postulate states that, although energy efficiency improvements are economically justified at the microlevel, they lead to higher levels of energy consumption at the macrolevel. Nevertheless, for this idea to gain widespread acceptance, it would require strong supporting evidence. Therefore, the main conclusion from Sorrell and Dimitropoulos (2007) review in relation to the rebound effect is that such evidence does not exist. The theoretical and empirical evidence cited in favor of the postulate is suggestive rather than definitive, only indirectly relevant to the rebound effect and flawed in a number of respects.

Furthermore, EEFIG (Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group) [8] develops the following actions and recommendations for policy makers and participant markets sorted out by activity sectors: it identifies a very strong economic, social, and competitive rationale for the up-scaling of energy

efficiency investments in buildings and industry in the EU; it sees a strong economic opportunity that is deliverable by boosting both the drivers of demand for and supply of energy efficiency investments in buildings and industry sub-segments.

While there is no single solution, EEFIG identifies a framework of cross-cutting measures as well as individual requirements to support investments for each market segment. It notes national differences especially in low income countries; in its analysis of the different tools and approaches, EEFIG identifies those which can be led by market stakeholders and those which must be policy-led. Both require working in parallel to deliver the targeted increase in energy efficiency investments.

Within this international context, when having a look at the measures taken in Spain, to enhance energy efficiency, it is observed that they are scarce, and the general public is barely aware of them. This fact makes studies like the one we develop here interesting because the focus is placed on the positive impact that the required energy efficiency investments would have on society as a whole, due to the benefits of economic activity and to the savings in energy consumption.

Furthermore, the objectives targeted in the European Union context are leading Spain's decisions on energy efficiency matters. In October 2014, European Union leaders agreed on a 2030 policy framework [9] to make the European Union's economy and energy system more competitive, secure, and sustainable. The framework presented aims to build a competitive and secure energy system that ensures affordable energy for all consumers, increases the security of the EU's energy supplies, reduces our dependence on energy imports, and creates new opportunities for growth and jobs. (European Commission, 2030 framework for climate and energy policies). Among their objectives it is to increase energy efficiency by at least 27% compared with the business-as-usual scenario; however, this EU level target will be reviewed by 2020 for a mid-term 30% target. Priority sectors will be proposed by the Commission so that the EU and the Member States would focus their regulatory and financial efforts on them.

In this context, the Spanish energy situation is characterized by a high energy dependence, a high level of greenhouse gas emissions, and an intensity of energy consumption that is greater than the European average. In Spain, the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2014–2020 (NEEAP) [10] was elaborated in 2014. In this plan, there were several established national energy efficiency targets and a final report with the results.

This plan mainly involves six activity sectors whose relative weight over the total is shown in Figure 1. Below it can be observed that Industry, Transport, and Building and Equipment sectors concentrate most of the investment shock.



Figure 1. Sectors affected by the NEEAP. Source: NEEAP.

3. Methodology

By using the input–output methodology, this article measures how the growth of energy efficiency would affect the economy, employment, and energy savings in different sectors, from the perspective of the 2030 target.

The input–output analysis is a tool that has been largely applied in related literature, and its foundations have been deeply studied by Miller and Blair (2009) [11] and Lahr et al. (2001) [12]. Ansuategui et al. (2015) [13] have explored the economic perspective for green energy and efficiency. The application of the input–output methodology developed in this work enables us to assess and evaluate the economic impact of some sectors on others and provides detailed information on the variation of an important number of macroeconomic variables, such as gross domestic product, employment, and CO_2 emissions. The database has been put together using the input–output tables (hereinafter referred to as "IOT") published by the National Statistics Institute [14], where 2012 is the baseline year and it is presented in Appendix A. Furthermore, the energy efficiency sector has been subdivided into eight sectors.

The 2012 baseline year used as the reference was the most recent year for which all required data were available for the development of the IOT at the time of carrying out the work. We believe that the time lag of four years with relation to the year of simulation is not significant, given the macroeconomic data of the Spanish economy have not substantially changed over this time period.

The model used is of a linear multi-sector type in which productive sectors are expressed as lineal functions of the demand vector. Thus, the total output of any sector can be expressed as the sum of the transactions within other sectors and the transactions over the final demand. We thus obtain the following matrix equation:

$$Y = A \cdot Y + D, \tag{1}$$

where *D* is the matrix of order $(m \times 1)$ (*m* being the number of productive sectors) that contains the final demand, *Y* is the matrix of order $(m \times 1)$ formed by the total output of the sectors, and *A* is an $(m \times m)$ order square matrix containing the average spending propensities of the productive sectors.

We solve the previous matrix equation so as to yield the mathematical expression for Y, the total output of each productive sector, resulting in

$$Y = (I - A)^{-1}D,$$
 (2)

where the expression $(I - A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \cdots & c_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$ is the so-called Leontief inverse matrix.

This matrix contains the linear model multipliers, which are denoted by c_{ij} . Each of these elements shows the change in the level of output of the account *i* if the sector *j* receives an additional monetary unity of output from final demand. The resultant vector *Y* is the matrix where each component indicates the extent to which an exogenous injection into the system affects the total income of the sectors. The expression $(I - A)^{-1}$, which is the Leontief inverse matrix, includes all the linear effects activated throughout the production chain when there is a variation of final demand. A shift in final demand for a given sector will generate an increase on its production in order to satisfy its new level. Simultaneously, that sector will buy more input from the rest, and these transmission effects will spread on the overall economy until a new equilibrium is reached. Given this effect is known as the multiplier effect, any variation of a sector's income will derive in an output vector variation, yielding

$$\Delta Y = (I - A)^{-1} \Delta D. \tag{3}$$

For simulation purposes, energy efficiency investments have been quantified in light of real economic data. Since investment is a component of aggregate demand, a variation on it (in this case an

investment shift) has been mathematically introduced in the new demand vector, reading ΔD . This way, the demand-side shock is introduced into the economic structure. Each selected sector would receive a monetary injection according to the necessary investment for its development. The mathematical problem is then solved by using matrix equations and the new production levels after the shock are shown in the next section.

In a similar way, the input–output analysis can also be applied to estimate the employment effects due to changes in energy demand. By building a diagonal square matrix *E* containing the employment generated in each sector per unit of sector output, we obtain

$$Y_E = E(I - A)^{-1}D \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta Y_E = E(I - A)^{-1}\Delta D , \qquad (4)$$

where ΔY_E shows the employment growth as a result of a demand increase in the renewable energy related sectors.

In the same way, we can estimate the impact on CO_2 emissions by building a diagonal matrix *EM* containing the emissions generated per unit of sectoral output:

$$Y_{EM} = EM(I - A)^{-1}D \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta Y_{EM} = EM(I - A)^{-1}\Delta D \tag{5}$$

4. Database

The database used for modelization purposes consists of 26 sectors listed in Table 1, which classify all the economic sectors of activity of the Spanish economy of the year 2012. Such classifications have been made following homogeneous criteria according the National Classification of Economic Activities (NCEA-2009).

Table 1. Economic sectors in the Input–Output table	e (IOT).
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Sectors
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture
Fishing and aquiculture
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium
Other extractive
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear
Production and distribution of electricity
Production and distribution of gas
Water distribution, wastewater treatment
Food, beverage and tobacco
Textiles, leather and shoes
Wood and Cork
Chemical Industry
Building Materials
Metallurgy
Manufacture of metal products
Machinery
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers
Other transport equipment
Other manufactures
Construction
Trade and catering
Transport and communications
Other services (business services,)
Services intended for sale
Services not intended for sale

Source: Own elaboration.

The energy efficiency sector has been identified as a cross-cutting sector for its effects over the others. It has been observed that its cross-sectoral nature embraces most production sectors. For this reason, in this work, we follow the classification of sectors linked to energy efficiency established by National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2014–2020 (NEEAP). In Figure 2, it is shown that the Energy Efficiency Sector is cross-disciplinary in nature.



Figure 2. Economic sectors linked to energy efficiency. Source: Own elaboration.

Detailed below are descriptions of products and services included in the sectors related to energy efficiency:

- *Agriculture*: harvesters, seeders, and tractors of high energy efficiency; irrigation equipment; management systems, control, and regulation of air conditioning in greenhouses.
- *Transport*: electric vehicles; low-emission vehicles; promoting the use of bicycles; high-speed trains; charging stations for electric vehicles; Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) applied to public transport and efficient tires.
- *Industry*: isolations of equipment; energy-efficient water chillers, boilers, and motors; absorption machines.
- *Services to businesses*: Energy Service Companies (ESCOs); services provided by public administration and advertising services on energy efficiency; engineering, consulting, auditing, installation, and so on.
- *Energy*: cogeneration systems; electric motors with high energy efficiency; absorption machines.
- *Public Services*: lighting and traffic lights of low consumption; efficient management systems of public lighting and water treatment.
- *Domestic and office equipment:* home appliances and IT equipment with high energy efficiency; remote management systems.
- *Buildings*: thermal insulation; energy-efficient lighting; energy-efficient air conditioning; energy-efficient elevators; management systems of lighting and air conditioning.

The aforementioned eight sectors, which are related to energy efficiency improvement, correspond to fourteen sectors of the IOT-2012 database as presented in Appendix A. As this database presents the economy in a more disaggregated level, it is necessary to establish the relationship between both levels of aggregation in order to clearly state which of them belong to each of the eight sectors. This can be observed in the following table. The left column of Table 2 lists the eight sectors related to energy efficiency, while the right column shows the correspondence with IOT-2012 database activity sectors.

Energy Efficiency Sectors	IOT Sectors	
Agriculture	Agriculture, livestock and forestry	
Transport	Manufacture of motor vehicles and traile Manufacture of other transport equipmen Transport and communications	
Industry	Manufacture of metallic products Machinery	
Services to businesses	IT activities Research & Development Other Business Services	
Energy	Production and distribution of electricity Production and distribution of gas	
Public Services	Public administration	
Domestic and office equipment	Machinery	
Buildings	Construction	

Table 2. Disaggregation of energy efficiency sectors.

Source: Own elaboration.

5. Empirical Application

As already mentioned before, according to data from the European Commission, the EU 2030 target is to reach at least a 27% increase in energy savings compared with the business-as-usual scenario. If we value the objectives outlined in terms of energy consumption, an energy efficiency target of 27% represents 1369 Mtoe (Million of tonnes of oil equivalent) of primary energy consumption in 2030, and an energy efficiency target of 30% represents 1307 Mtoe of primary energy consumption in 2030. The baseline year figure for primary energy consumption in 2012 is estimated to be 1775 Mtoe, so the targeted 27% savings implies a reduction of 406 Mtoe (22.8%), and the target of 30% savings implies a reduction of 468 Mtoe (26.3%).

5.1. Objectives for Energy Savings in Spain

Spain's contribution to these objectives is found in the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2014–2020 (IDAE, 2014) [15]. The national objective of primary energy consumption for 2020 is 121.6 Mtoe. This should lead to a reduction of 41.2 Mtoe with respect to the energy consumption trend expected for 2020. According to NEEAP, savings in consumption of final energy in 2020 compared with 2007 is 22.5%. This objective is equivalent to 571 ktoe/year, assuming a linear distribution of savings throughout the 2014–2020 period.

If we are to achieve the objectives previously described, the sharing rule of the savings related to the various sectors involved in energy efficiency is shown in the table below (Table 3). The contribution in final energy savings is based on the promotion of energy efficiency.

Table 3. Final energy savings based on energy efficiency.

Sectors	Final Energy Savings (ktoe/Year)
Domestic and office equipment	47.45
Buildings	19.68
Industry	311.59
Transport	144.15
Public Services	12.31
Agriculture	9.54
Energy	10.64
Services to businesses	15.3
Total	571

Source: Own elaboration as of NEEAP.

According to the National Statistics Institute, final energy consumption in Spain in 2012 was 89,388 ktoe. A 27% increase in energy savings leads to savings of 24,135 ktoe. If we achieve these savings in 2030, we would have to save 1340 ktoe/year; therefore, the aim of the NEEAP remains well below the objectives of the European Union.

In order to contextualize our model and to offer some macroeconomic data on the energy efficiency sector, in Table 4, we can see the contribution of energy efficiency to the Gross Value Added and Employment of the Spanish economy.

	2012	2030 Forecast
Production	1.3%	3%
Gross Value Added	1%	2.2%
Employment	0.6%	1.5%

Table 4. Size of the energy efficiency sector (% of Spain macro-aggregates).

Source: Own elaboration as of IDAE (2011).

As aforementioned, energy efficiency is a cross-cutting sector that comprises a group of subsectors whose economic weight within the so-called energy efficiency sector is shown in the following table (Table 5).

Table 5. Distribution of production in the energy sector (% of total).

Sectors	
Agriculture	0.7%
Transport	52.1%
Industry	2.5%
Services to businesses	13.7%
Energy	9.8%
Public Services	1.5%
Domestic and office equipment	2.5%
Buildings	17.2%
Total	100%

Source: Own elaboration as of IDAE (2011).

According to the Navigant Research (Energy Efficient Buildings: Europe), in about ten years, investment in energy efficiency in Europe will double. The report expects the European market for energy efficient products and services for buildings to increase from \notin 41,400 million in 2014 to \notin 80,800 million in 2023. In the political field, the creation of the Energy Efficiency National Fund by the Spanish government will imply the investment of \notin 350 million per year (35% of the amount needed, according to the opinion of experts in energy efficiency). Following Couchí and Sweatman (2013) [16], \notin 350 million per year represents a small supply compared with the volume of investment that needs to be done to generate energy savings to comply with the European directive, a volume estimated at \notin 1 billion annually. We believe that this is a conservative scenario, taking into account the results obtained.

The aforementioned estimate of a ≤ 1 billion investment leads us to interpret it as an annual mean. Therefore, the way we introduce the total amount of ≤ 15 billion (for the 15 years of simulation) into the model is by applying a learning curve approach. Under this approach, we establish the transition to an energy efficient model in which investments are gradually decreasing. Nevertheless, we keep them constant for every three-year period.

Table 6 shows the distribution of the total investment that we propose to simulate through the mathematical linear model. Figures are presented with absolute values.

Sectors	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030
Agriculture	10.5	8.75	7	5.25	3.5
Transport	781.5	651.25	521	390.75	260.5
Industry	37.5	31.25	25	18.75	12.5
Services to businesses	205.5	171.25	137	102.75	68.5
Energy	147	122.5	98	73.5	49
Public Services	22.5	18.75	15	11.25	7.5
Domestic and office equipment	37.5	31.25	25	18.75	12.5
Buildings	258	215	172	129	86
Total	1500	1250	1000	750	500

Table 6. Annual investments in energy efficiency (in € million).

Source: Own elaboration.

Taking a closer look at Table 6, we can observe that the annual investments would follow a decreasing pattern that we have calculated for simulation purposes. The initial annual 1500 has been lowered in the percentages shown in Table 7.

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	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030
Electricity investment Trend Annual investments	1500	-16.66% 1250	-20% 1000	-27% 750	-30% 500
Source: Own elaboration.					

These annual investments will lead to a progressive decrease of electricity consumption over the 15 years covered by this process. Electricity consumption estimates are presented in the following table (Table 8).

Table 8. Annual fall of electricity consumption (in € million).

	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030
Electricity Expenditure Trend 3662.97	-9% 3333.30	-16.5% 3058.58	-22.5% 2838.80	-27% 2673.97	-30% 2564.08
Source: Own elaboration.					

It is considered that, during the first three years (2016–2018), electricity consumption will decrease by 9% from €3662.07 million in the base year to €3333.30 million per year during this first period. This decline will progressively increase to reach a 30% reduction in electricity consumption, as has been established by the EU set of goals for 2030.

5.2. Production Impact

As shown in the methodology previously explained (Section 3), investments made in the energy efficiency subsectors would have a positive impact on the Spanish economy as a whole. The way this occurs derives from a sequence of transmission effects which can be analyzed through the input–output methodology underlying the linear model. The final demand vector, *D*, appearing in Equation (2), absorbs demand changes and drives the impact into rest of the economy. For simulation purposes, we have shocked vector, *D*, including both the investments made in each year of the period (Table 7) and the fall in electricity consumption (Table 8).

The demand shock is reflected in the final demand vector as a variation, ΔD . Moreover, by solving Equation (3), we obtain the variation in the vector of production by sectors, ΔY . The final impact on the demand-driven shock occurs via Leontief multipliers, as explained in Section 3. These changes are reflected in Table 9. These effects are shown in the following table expressed as the total and percentage variation in the production of each of the industries in which the Spanish productive sector has been classified.

Sectors	Figures Shown in € Million	Figures Shown in % Related to Baseline Year
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	161.45	0.48%
Fishing and aquiculture	1.49	0.05%
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	-183.18	-8.64%
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	286.49	1.40%
Other extractive	97.47	1.83%
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	-69.26	-0.36%
Production and distribution of electricity	-3507.36	-11.22%
Production and distribution of gas	370.53	4.85%
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	14.75	0.30%
Food, beverage and tobacco	103.14	0.11%
Textiles, leather and shoes	94.26	0.36%
Wood and Cork	243.42	1.05%
Chemical industry	321.42	0.56%
Building materials	454.69	1.64%
Metallurgy	976.68	2.45%
Manufacture of metal products	854.36	2.05%
Machinery	1337.12	1.45%
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	3626.54	4.66%
Other transport equipment	2896.86	19.57%
Other manufactures	722.62	1.32%
Construction	4305.72	1.76%
Trading and catering	688.16	0.29%
Transport and communications	3930.04	3.16%
Other services (business services,)	3614.25	1.60%
Services intended for sale	478.91	0.26%
Services not intended for sale	225.00	0.14%
Total	22,045.58	1.19%

Table 9. Total and percentage production variation in the 2016–2030 period.

Source: Own elaboration.

We note that sectors with the greatest increase in production are Construction, Transport and communications, Other services (financial activities, real state, information technology, I + D, ...), Manufacture of motor vehicles, Other transport equipment, Machinery, and Metallurgy. All of these are sectors that, to a greater or lesser extent, have received investments intended to improve energy efficiency. Furthermore, we also note that sectors that have not been subject to such direct investments have also experienced a significant increase in production, as is the case of Trading and catering, Other manufactures (furniture, recycling, ...), Building materials, and Chemical industry.

By contrast, sectors experiencing a progressive decrease in production due to the fall in electricity consumption belong to the energy sector: production and distribution of electricity, extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium, manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear, extraction of coal, lignite and peat, and production and distribution of gas.

5.3. Employment Impact

According to the National Institute of Statistics, the number of full-time equivalent jobs (in thousands of jobs) in 2012 was 16,350.8, distributed among the sectors of the Spanish economy as follows in Table 10:

Sectors	Employment in 2012
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	636,712
Fishing and aquiculture	36,399
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	6621
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium and thorium	3524
Other extractive	29,047
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	8019
Production and distribution of electricity	48,777
Production and distribution of gas	4199
Water distribution, wastewater treatment and sewage	46,039
Food, beverage and tobacco	385,072
Textiles, leather and shoes	142,533
Wood and Cork	190,824
Chemical Industry	131,541
Building Materials	202,717
Metallurgy	86,943
Manufacture of metal products	247,135
Machinery	113,431
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	129,108
Other transport equipment	48,832
Other manufactures	333,717
Construction	1,418,209
Trade and catering	4,008,843
Transport and communications	864,746
Other services (business services,)	2,614,690
Services intended for sale	1,740,419
Services not intended for sale	2,872,701
Total	16,350,800

Table 10. Initial values of employment by sector.

Source: Own elaboration as of NIE.

In the next table (Table 11), we can see the annual increase estimate that energy efficiency investments would cause in employment numbers.

 Table 11. Total and percentage breakdown in employment variation in the 2016–2030 period.

Sectors	Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	Relative Variation in %
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	3048	0.48%
Fishing and aquiculture	20	0.05%
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	-572	-8.64%
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	49	1.40%
Other extractive	530	1.83%
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	-29	-0.36%
Production and distribution of electricity	-5471	-11.22%
Production and distribution of gas	204	4.85%
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	140	0.30%
Food, beverage and tobacco	440	0.11%
Textiles, leather and shoes	520	0.36%
Wood and Cork	2008	1.05%
Chemical industry	735	0.56%
Building materials	3323	1.64%
Metallurgy	2128	2.45%
Manufacture of metal products	5057	2.05%
Machinery	1641	1.45%

Sectors	Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	Relative Variation in %
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	6023	4.66%
Other transport equipment	9557	19.57%
Other manufactures	4392	1.32%
Construction	24,931	1.76%
Trading and catering	11,455	0.29%
Transport and communications	27,308	3.16%
Other services (business services,)	41,814	1.60%
Services intended for sale	4538	0.26%
Services not intended for sale	3956	0.14%
Total	147,745	0.90%

Table 11. Cont.

Source: Own elaboration.

From these results, we can observe that the largest increases in employment are concentrated in the following sectors: Construction, Trading and catering, Transport and Communications and Other services (financial activities, real state, information technology, R + D, etc. Notably, whereas the trading and catering sector is not a direct recipient of investments, due to its ability to create jobs, it benefits more than others that have directly received investments; we can also observe that the same occurs in other sectors belonging to tertiary sectors for their high capacity to create employment. Furthermore, there are other non-direct recipient sectors whose investments show a significant increase in employment: Other manufactures (furniture, recycling), Building materials, Metallurgy, and Wood and Cork.

By contrast, sectors experiencing a decline in employment due to the fall in electricity consumption are as follows: production and distribution of electricity, extraction of coal, lignite and peat, production and distribution of gas, manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear, extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium and water distribution, and wastewater treatment.

5.4. CO₂ Emission Impact

These measures leading to improve energy efficiency also have a significant environmental impact due to the reduction of CO_2 emissions achieved in the long-term efficiency when the investment measures are implemented in the various economic sectors involved.

According to the National Institute of Statistics, CO_2 emissions in 2012 amounted to 221,910,785 Toe, distributed among the sectors of the Spanish economy as shown in Table 12.

It can be observed that, during the first three years, CO_2 emissions show an increase as a consequence of the production increase linked to investments made. In these early years, the emission reduction due to the fall in electricity consumption is still small. Sectors leading to a fall in CO_2 emissions are related to the energy sector and water sector: production and distribution of electricity, production and distribution of gas, manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear, extraction of coal, lignite and peat, water distribution, and wastewater treatment.

One important finding is the detection of the most polluting sectors, this information is provided by Table 13. These sectors read as follows: Transport and communications, Building materials, Metallurgy, Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers, and Other transport equipment. This indicates that, besides the necessary measures to be taken in the energy sector, other economic sectors require significant economic measures to mitigate these emissions.

Sectors	CO ₂ Emissions in 2012
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	8,231,778
Fishing and aquiculture	2,479,525
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	172,985
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium and thorium	1,675,342
Other extractive	441,094
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	15,591,354
Production and distribution of electricity	61,935,034
Production and distribution of gas	8,088,444
Water distribution, wastewater treatment and sewage	1,026,114
Food, beverage and tobacco	6,922,162
Textiles, leather and shoes	775,204
Wood and Cork	4,364,610
Chemical Industry	9,072,167
Building Materials	31,036,385
Metallurgy	12,880,863
Manufacture of metal products	1,343,765
Machinery	1,585,044
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	1,614,425
Other transport equipment	353,551
Other manufactures	1,389,491
Construction	751,952
Trading and catering	4,322,386
Transport and communications	40,895,333
Other services (business services,)	799,624
Services intended for sale	2,202,623
Services not intended for sale	1,959,528
Total	221,910,785

Table 12. Initial values of CO_2 emissions by sectors (Toe).

Source: Own elaboration as of NIE.

Table 13. Total and percentage CO_2 emissions variation in the 2016–2030 period (Toe).

Sectors	Figures Shown in Tons of CO ₂	Relative Variation in %
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	39,408	0.48%
Fishing and aquiculture	1342	0.05%
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	-14,948	-8.64%
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	23,404	1.40%
Other extractive	8053	1.83%
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	-55,717	-0.36%
Production and distribution of electricity	-6,946,665	-11.22%
Production and distribution of gas	392,469	4.85%
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	3110	0.30%
Food, beverage and tobacco	7910	0.11%
Textiles, leather and shoes	2829	0.36%
Wood and Cork	45,935	1.05%
Chemical industry	50,703	0.56%
Building materials	508,746	1.64%
Metallurgy	315,314	2.45%
Manufacture of metal products	27,499	2.05%
Machinery	22,926	1.45%
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	75,309	4.66%
Other transport equipment	69,197	19.57%
Other manufactures	18,285	1.32%
Construction	13,219	1.76%
Trading and catering	12,350	0.29%
Transport and communications	1,291,428	3.16%
Other services (business services,)	12,788	1.60%
Services intended for sale	5743	0.26%
Services not intended for sale	2698	0.14%
Total	-4,066,665	-1.83%

Source: Own elaboration.

All the simulation results obtained in this work as explained in Tables 9, 11 and 13 are compiled into more detail, for every three-year period, in Appendix B.

6. Conclusions

The necessity to understand the mechanisms involved in decision-making processes, specifically of those related to contemporary energy systems, lead to the proposal of quantitative tools, with proven mathematical foundations, like the one proposed in this paper. The input–output methodology has been applied on this occasion to explore the economic impact of investing in several energy-efficiency-related sectors in Spain. The idea of a governance of energy at a national level combines in this work the mathematical modeling based on the input–output methodology with the real socio-economic Spanish framework to scale the impacts.

Bringing the input–output methodology into practice has enabled us to simulate the macroeconomic impact of energy efficiency improvements up to 2030. Literature review confirms that there is consensus, both nationally and internationally, about the need to promote energy efficiency if we are to achieve the objectives of reducing emissions and combating climate change and global warming. Through the linear model presented here, it has been proven that there are quantitative tools for carrying out analysis on sustainability measures, subject to data availability. Despite the static feature of input–output models, they are a good tool to trace the flow of resources between sectors.

The ultimate goal of this paper was evaluating the macroeconomic impact due to the application of several energy efficiency measures at the Spanish national level. These measures represent an investment shock on the Spanish economic system that will subsequently cause some electricity energy savings. In light of the simulations carried through the model together with the database, the main findings are in relation to a sector-by-sector breakdown of the total production variation for the 2016–2030 period, effects over employment figures, and CO_2 emissions.

One of the most notorious effects is one observed in the production variation of the energy sectors. Specifically, those sectors experiencing a production decay are as follows: production and distribution of electricity, extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium, manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear, extraction of coal, lignite and peat, and the production and distribution of gas. We interpret these results as a consequence of the fall in electricity consumption and its indirect effects over the rest of the energy-related sectors. The present work has focused on measuring direct and indirect effects of improving energy efficiency linked to energy consumption. Therefore, this approach involved simulating a lowering on electricity demand in line with the recommendations made by the International Energy Agency [17]. Their estimates on the effects of improving the efficiency of electricity consumption are up to a 12% cumulative reduction in the requirements of electricity sector' installed capacity.

The input–output linear model yields a notable figure of an 11.22% cumulative reduction in the production and distribution of electricity after running the simulation. This fact confirms that figures have been properly adjusted to meet the objectives. Furthermore, job creation amounts to a figure of 147,745 full-time equivalent jobs in the 15 years that investments would last, representing a moderate 1% cumulative rise from the baseline year. With regard to the reduction of 4,066,665 Toe of CO₂ emissions over the period, we must highlight that this figure represents a 1.83% cumulative reduction over the period. For this reason, we believe that stronger political and legislative initiatives would be necessary for this energy model transition to take place. Despite the fact that the simulation made is of a conservative amount, European Commission directions in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy consumption, and energy savings lead to enhancing sustainability in the overall system up to a higher extent. However, through this work, it has been proven that all the efforts made to meet these targets would have the desired effects over the main aggregate variables. Furthermore, the influence that energy-related policies would have over economic and social aggregates depend not only on the direct effect over those sectors directly receiving the investments. It has been depicted that, through the multiplier effect there is an indirect effect over the rest of sectors and agents involved in the socio-economic structure of a certain economy.

Finally, we would like to stress that energy efficiency and electricity savings should not be considered as ends in themselves, but as a means of implementing environmental improvements.

It has been shown in this work that economic improvements have significant effects on the productive sector due to the shift in energy efficiency. However, in addition to policies aimed at improving energy efficiency, decision-makers, communities, or governments would also have to establish policies to address market failures related to environmental impact. They all have their roles to play if we are to address climate change. Besides, the private sector could be encouraged by fiscal or regulatory measures to undertake actions directed towards promoting sustainability. Moreover, economic policies such as a CO₂ tax or an equivalent system of tradable emission permits would exert pressure on certain behavioural patterns that could be smoothly improved leading to an increase in sustainability targets.

The results achieved in this paper show us how necessary investments are if we want to improve energy efficiency in the long run. Such investments would directly and indirectly represent an impulse for the economy and the employment in Spain, in addition to the fact that they would lead to considerable savings on energy, so it will quickly compensate the investment required at a first stage.

The need to invest in energy efficiency is undisputed, as shown by the data provided by the International Energy Agency (2014). Energy efficiency (58%), renewable energy (17%), and carbon capture and storage (19%) arise as the main technological options for climate change mitigation.

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Appendix A

The Appendix A section contains the Input-Output database referred to year 2012. It is supplemental to the main text.

		INPUT-OUTPUT TABLE Basic Prices SPAIN 2012 (Millions Euros)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Private Consumptions	Investment	Public Consumptions	Exports	Total Outputs
	1	Agriculture, livestock farming, forest culture, fishing and aquiculture	1.429	0	0	0	0	19.501	1.224	69	0	0	1	177	20	1.751	19	560	86	254	6.082	493	0	4.807	36.473
	2	Extractive	6	49	13.230	8.186	0	23	15	1.825	2.199	12	1	8	1.291	30	515	308	35	42	28	56	0	107	27.967
	3	Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	325	133	1.184	2.045	67	97	86	1.963	237	58	40	91	293	736	3.809	250	305	730	3.520	99	0	3.314	19.381
	4	Production and distribution of electricity and gas	377	318	31	9.294	112	1.339	1.076	2.372	1.911	712	738	918	570	5.291	1.842	1.935	1.271	4.091	4.305	6	0	399	38.907
	5	Water distribution and wastewater treatment	233	17	10	79	3	179	42	85	25	21	22	33	95	558	354	118	331	543	2.111	7	0	0	4.865
	6	Food, beverage and tobacco	4.651	0	0	0	0	18.136	335	162	0	0	0	1	0	16.680	74	302	566	1.212	37.418	327	0	10.395	90.260
	7	Textiles, leather, shoes, wood and cork	165	69	1	11	16	2.047	10.082	889	416	397	662	5.552	3.351	1.870	809	2.092	674	1.607	10.769	86	3	7.393	48.960
	8	Chemical Industry and Building Materials	1.070	279	16	18	474	1.933	1.826	12.978	2.575	1.226	1.084	3.292	21.719	1.939	710	1.330	1.820	5.498	5.295	119	4.979	15.069	85.250
	9	Metallurgy and manufacture of metal products	751	232	17	652	86	1.583	435	1.347	22.379	11.268	9.339	5.753	15.554	626	152	581	637	277	444	2.300	0	7.233	81.648
	10	Machinery	283	221	70	827	847	811	682	2.530	2.492	10.730	2.971	1.058	10.086	1.684	3.376	2.007	1.645	4.514	6.118	22.834	81	16.578	92.445
	11	Manufacture of motor vehicles and transport equipment	157	12	1	1	2	18	3	33	9	5	21.359	95	4	6.346	2.002	101	318	2.272	12.617	15.935	47	31.207	92.544
	12	Other manufactures	160	45	7	174	152	1.664	604	1.039	4.565	1.544	2.910	5.255	3.711	1.973	1.462	11.374	1.361	2.683	6.159	2.630	0	5.439	54.912
_	13	Construction	159	55	12	490	109	561	134	357	225	106	71	150	91.016	3.090	2.135	2.607	14.001	3.069	3.685	122.800	0	101	244.932
	14	Trade and catering	1.797	166	85	844	268	3.627	2.260	2.204	2.711	1.948	1.680	2.206	9.408	10.053	6.649	4.129	2.405	9.047	154.970	6.543	3.128	14.713	240.841

 Table A1. Input Output Table. Spain 2012.

	INPUT-OUTPUT TABLE Basic Prices SPAIN 2012 (Millions Euros)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Private Consumptions	Investment	Public Consumptions	Exports	Total Outputs
15	Transport and communications	474	492	310	1.264	142	5.915	2.178	6.088	3.568	1.392	1.432	2.205	3.520	12.723	27.952	8.554	2.869	7.152	22.169	159	1.390	12.503	124.452
16	Other services (business services,)	530	304	399	2.975	689	7.925	2.634	6.302	3.838	3.696	4.140	4.613	8.037	22.951	10.718	39.762	17.165	18.675	35.628	16.448	1.505	17.069	226.002
17	Services intended for sale	291	129	50	841	80	1.870	532	1.622	918	574	677	865	5.681	19.098	4.722	7.101	8.688	6.595	98.219	13.855	8.947	2.312	183.668
18	Services not intended for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.399	0	160.998	0	163.397
	Labor	3.078	696	103	1.171	801	5.804	4.567	6.453	7.391	6.539	4.737	6.614	31.137	48.914	14.797	49.370	29.548	62.805					
	Capital	14.281	685	858	8.728	637	5.073	2.705	7.001	6.530	3.760	3.265	4.278	28.331	67.060	25.675	49.951	86.940	9.971					
	Taxes and contributions	-64	289	165	439	375	300	1.370	2.273	2.369	2.098	1.683	2.025	10.614	15.033	6.280	15.674	10.848	21.590					
	Imports	6.321	23.777	2.833	869	5	11.852	16.170	27.659	17.289	46.358	35.732	9.723	494	2.435	10.399	27.895	2.155	771					
	Total Inputs	36.473	27.967	19.381	38.907	4.865	90.260	48.960	85.250	81.648	92.445	92.544	54.912	244.932	240.841	124.452	226.002	183.668	163.397					

Appendix B

The Appendix B section contains simulation results broken down into three-year periods for a more in-deph analysis. It is supplemental to the main text.

Sectors	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030	Total Increase
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	16.86	13.76	10.72	7.72	4.77	161.45
Fishing and aquiculture	0.18	0.14	0.10	0.06	0.02	1.49
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	0.20	-7.24	-13.45	-18.42	-22.15	-183.18
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	78.95	45.67	15.75	-10.83	-34.05	286.49
Other extractive	10.22	8.33	6.47	4.64	2.84	97.47
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	17.94	5.00	-6.27	-15.89	-23.86	-69.26
Production and distribution of electricity	-11.61	-145.32	-256.43	-344.93	-410.82	-3507.36
Production and distribution of gas	76.14	47.82	22.10	-1.02	-21.53	370.53
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	2.54	1.69	0.91	0.20	-0.43	14.75
Food, beverage and tobacco	11.86	9.27	6.77	4.38	2.09	103.14
Textiles, leather and shoes	10.06	8.13	6.24	4.39	2.59	94.26
Wood and Cork	26.84	21.37	16.06	10.92	5.95	243.42
Chemical industry	35.21	28.12	21.22	14.54	8.05	321.42
Building materials	46.95	38.53	30.21	22.00	13.88	454.69
Metallurgy	103.26	83.81	64.74	46.04	27.71	976.68
Manufacture of metal products	96.14	75.83	56.24	37.37	19.20	854.36
Machinery	147.64	117.46	88.21	59.89	32.50	1337.12
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	363.47	302.57	241.71	180.92	120.18	3626.54
Other transport equipment	290.02	241.55	193.10	144.68	96.27	2896.86
Other manufactures	79.13	63.20	47.72	32.70	18.13	722.62
Construction	442.87	364.14	286.23	209.14	132.87	4305.72
Trading and catering	83.21	63.59	44.92	27.21	10.46	688.16
Transport and communications	417.80	338.25	260.35	184.10	109.51	3930.04
Other services (business services,)	410.55	322.48	237.68	156.15	77.90	3614.25
Services intended for sale	62.31	46.16	30.97	16.73	3.47	478.91
Services not intended for sale	22.50	18.75	15.00	11.25	7.50	225.00
Total	2841.25	2113.03	1427.26	783.93	183.05	22,045.58

Table B1. Annual and total production variation (in € million).

Source: Own elaboration.

Table B2. Annual and total employment variation (in full-time equivalent jobs).

Contours	2016 2019	2010 2021	2022 2024	2025 2025	2028 2020	Tetel In success
Sectors	2016-2018	2019-2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030	Iotal Increase
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	318	260	202	146	90	3048
Fishing and aquiculture	2	2	1	1	0	20
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	1	-23	-42	-58	-69	-572
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	14	8	3	-2	-6	49
Other extractive	56	45	35	25	15	530
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	7	2	-3	-7	-10	-29
Production and distribution of electricity	-18	-227	-400	-538	-641	-5471
Production and distribution of gas	42	26	12	-1	-12	204
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	24	16	9	2	-4	140
Food, beverage and tobacco	51	40	29	19	9	440
Textiles, leather and shoes	56	45	34	24	14	520

Sectors	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030	Total Increase
Wood and Cork	221	176	133	90	49	2008
Chemical Industry	81	64	49	33	18	735
Building Materials	343	282	221	161	101	3323
Metallurgy	225	183	141	100	60	2128
Manufacture of metal products	569	449	333	221	114	5057
Machinery	181	144	108	73	40	1641
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	604	502	401	300	200	6023
Other transport equipment	957	797	637	477	318	9557
Other manufactures	481	384	290	199	110	4392
Construction	2564	2108	1657	1211	769	24,931
Trading and catering	1385	1058	748	453	174	11,455
Transport and communications	2903	2350	1809	1279	761	27,308
Other services (business services,)	4750	3731	2750	1807	901	41,814
Services intended for sale	590	437	293	159	33	4538
Services not intended for sale	396	330	264	198	132	3956
Total	16,802	13,191	9715	6374	3168	147,745

Table B2. Cont.

Source: Own elaboration.

Table B3. Annual and total variation in emissions and total variation (toe of CO_2).

Sectors	2016-2018	2019–2021	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2030	Total Variation
Agriculture, livestock farming and forest culture	4114	3359	2616	1884	1163	39,408
Fishing and aquiculture	160	123	88	54	22	1342
Extraction of coal, lignite and peat	16	-591	-1097	-1503	-1808	-14,948
Extraction of crude oil, natural gas, uranium	6450	3731	1286	-885	-2782	23,404
Other extractive	844	688	534	383	235	8053
Manufacture of coke, petroleum, nuclear	14,430	4024	-5048	-12,787	-19,192	-55,717
Production and distribution of electricity	-22,985	-287,827	-507,890	-683,174	-813,679	-6,946,665
Production and distribution of gas	80,651	50,648	23,404	-1079	-22,801	392,469
Water distribution, wastewater treatment	536	357	192	43	-92	3110
Food, beverage and tobacco	910	711	519	336	161	7910
Textiles, leather and shoes	302	244	187	132	78	2829
Wood and Cork	5065	4032	3031	2061	1123	45,935
Chemical Industry	5555	4435	3348	2293	1270	50,703
Building Materials	52,527	43,111	33,806	24,611	15,526	508,746
Metallurgy	33,336	27,058	20,901	14,863	8946	315,314
Manufacture of metal products	3094	2441	1810	1203	618	27,499
Machinery	2531	2014	1512	1027	557	22,926
Manufacture of motor vehicles and trailers	7548	6283	5019	3757	2496	75,309
Other transport equipment	6928	5770	4613	3456	2300	69,197
Other manufactures	2002	1599	1207	827	459	18,285
Construction	1360	1118	879	642	408	13,219
Trading and catering	1493	1141	806	488	188	12,350
Transport and communications	137,292	111,150	85,552	60,497	35,985	1,291,428
Other services (business services,)	1453	1141	841	552	276	12,788
Services intended for sale	747	554	371	201	42	5743
Services not intended for sale	270	225	180	135	90	2698
Total	346,629	-12,461	-321,331	-579,981	-788,412	-4,066,665

Source: Own elaboration.

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