



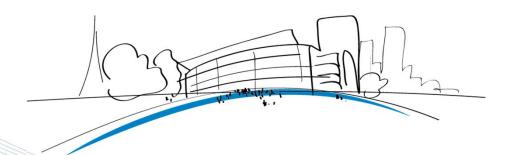
# What barriers to entry for new energy businesses?

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## Goal and organisation



## " Goal:

"To present the concept of barriers to entry in economics

## Organisation :

- " Definitions
- 1/ Role of entry barriers in Industrial Organization
- 2/ Classification of entry barriers
- 3/ Some current barriers to entry in the energy business

# Introduction Barriers to entry - Definitions



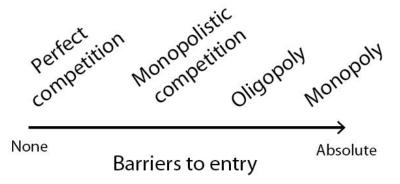
- " Many markets have at least some impediments that make it more difficult for a firm to enter a market.
- " A debate over how to define the term "barriers to entry" began decades ago (Bain 1956, Stigler 1968...)

The concept of entry barriers plays an important role in a wide variety of competition matters.

# 1- Entry Barriers in Industrial Organization



- In competitive market, firms will fight to gain and / or maintain their market share.
- " Competition:
  - Downward pressure on price
  - Competition does not mean less quality.
- Entry barriers can both be viewed from the perspective of the entering firm and from the perspective of incumbent firms (Dixit 1979)
- " Contestable markets (Baumol & al. 1982)



"Desirable" entry barriers? (Harrigan 1983, Geroski 1991, Burke & To 2001...)

# 2- Classification and some examples



= nature of the industry

## **Strategic entry barriers**

= incumbent 's aggressive action

#### **Economies of scale**

(Bain 1956, Stigler 1968, Karakaya 2002)

#### **Experience advantages**

(Spence 198, Lieberman 1987, Lutz & al 2010)

#### **Asset specificity**

(Williamson 1996, Shepherd 1997)

#### **Control over strategic resources**

(Grant 1991, Shepherd 1997)

#### Level of technology

(Karakaya & Stahl 1989)

#### **R&D** intensity

(Harrigan 1981)

#### **Legal protection and regulation**

(Porter 1980, Hall 1992)

#### **Predatory pricing**

(Demsetz 1981, Milgrom & Roberts 1981)

#### **Dynamic limit-pricing**

(Bain 1956, Gaskins 1971)

#### **Advertising – Brand name**

(Krouse 1984, Netter 1984, Pehrsson 2009)

#### **Product differenciation**

(Bain 1956, Schmalensee 1982, Shepherd 1997)

#### **Vertical integration**

(Williamson 1996, Shepherd 1997)

#### **Customer loyalty scheme**

(Robertson & Gatignon 1991, Pehrsson 2009)

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# 3- Entry barriers in new energy business



- Not all entrants are alike
- Some firms will earn revenues based on the value of services they deliver to customers and the environment

## Several barriers limit "third-party" participation:

Financial requirement / cost of entry

Customer barriers

For example:

Profit expectation of entrants

Company specific barriers

"Type of revenues
"Electricity rates
"Lack of customer data
"Stickiness of customers
"Concentration of sellers

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