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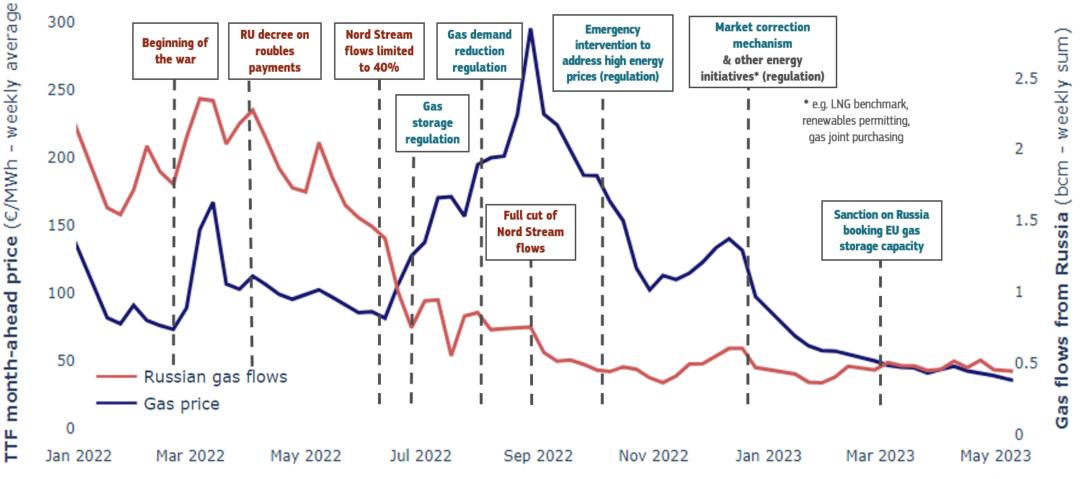
### What happened last year? State of play on the recent energy crisis & perspectives for next winter

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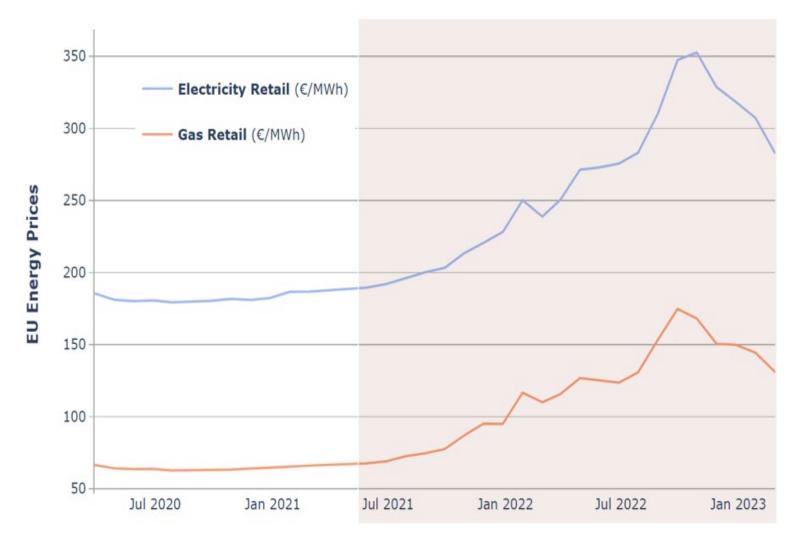
# 2021-2022 energy crisis not related to the green transition: a (Russian) natural gas crisis...





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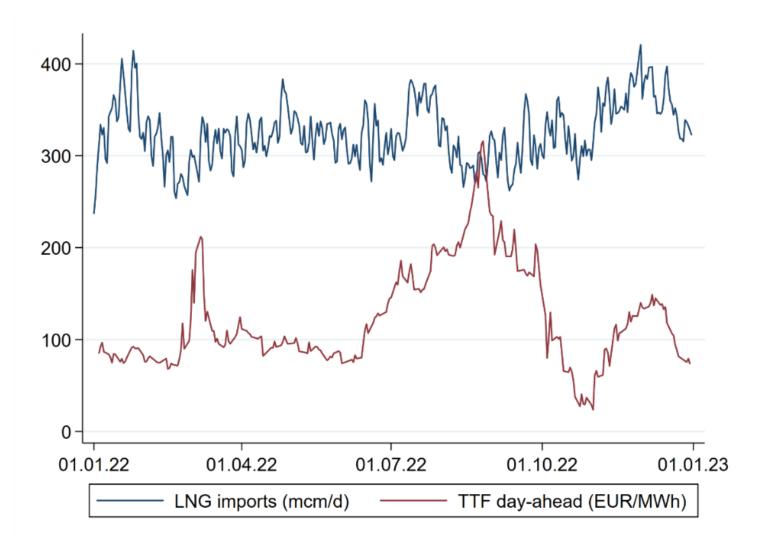
#### ...translating into high electricity prices





Source: European Commission based on VaasaETT

# Summer 2022: fear of shortages met with a temporarily infrastructure constraint



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Source: ENER Chief Economist Team based on ENTSO-G and Platts

### Decisive EU policy action and market rebalancing

Similar spikes as those experienced in the summer of 2022 less probable this year all things being equal:

- High storage levels: 68.6% at 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2023 versus 49.0% on average on the same day during the reference years (2016-2021) – on track to be filled by the end of august
- **2. Natural gas demand reduction**: 18% reduction until march 2023 (part of it structural)
- **3. More infrastructure added to remove bottlenecks**: 30bcm additional regasification capacity + 56GW renewables in 2023
- **4. Lower possibility for Russia to weaponise energy markets**: from 45% of total EU natural gas imports at the start of the war to less than 10% now
- 5. Less uncertainty: no fear of shortages EU premium market



# LNG imports increased from 80 bcm in 2021 to 135 bcm in 2022 (+66% increase)

#### 2021 - 80.4 bcm

United States	Qatar	
28%	20%	
22.3 bcm	16.4 bcm	
Russian Federation	Algeria	
20%	11%	
15.9 bcm	8.5 bcm	
Nigeria 14% 11.2 bcm	Others 5% 4.1 bcm Trinidad and Tobago 2% 2.0 bcm	

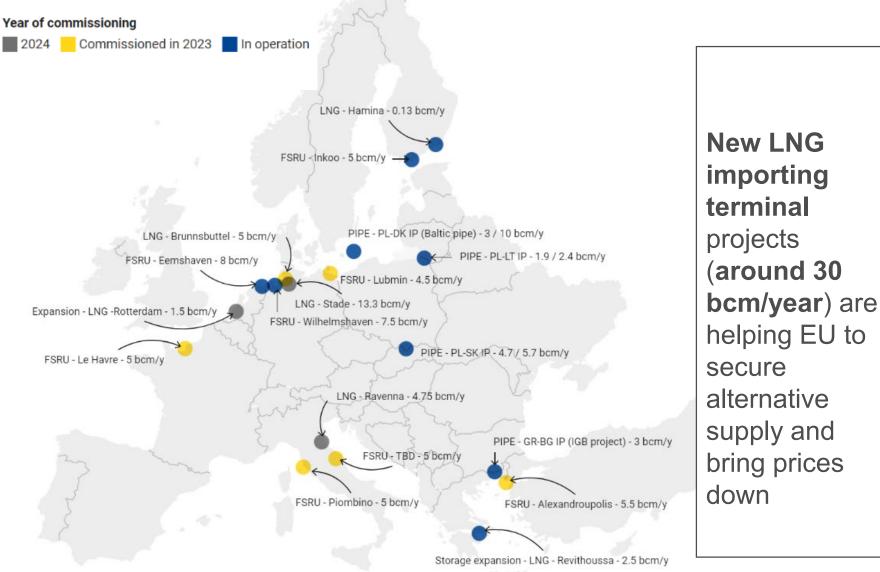
#### 2022 - 134.7 bcm

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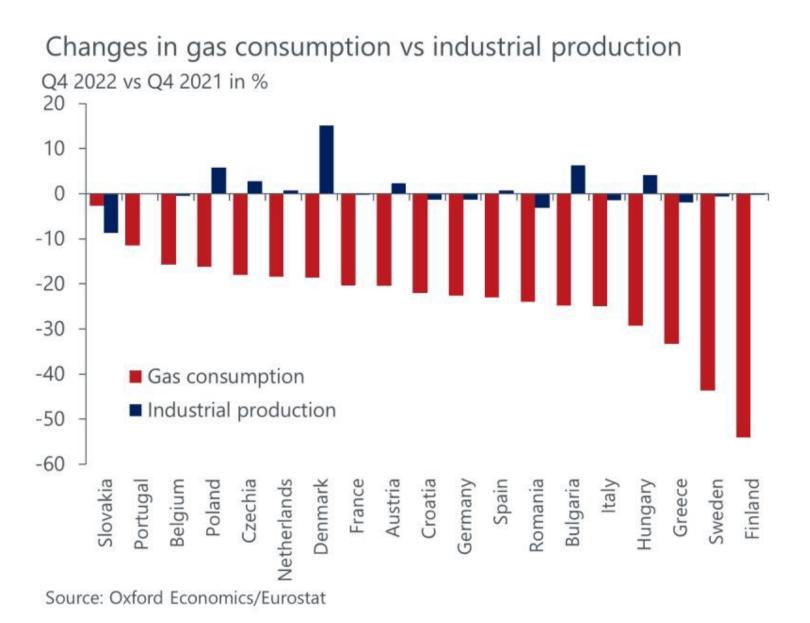
### New EU gas infrastructure projects (2022-24)



- **8 new FSRU**: 3 in operation (20.5 bcm/y) and 5 to be commissioned (25 bcm/y)
- **4 new LNG terminals**: 1 in operation (0.13 bcm/y) and 3 to be commissioned (23.3 bcm/y)
- 1 LNG expansion in operation and 1 LNG expansion to be commissioned (1.5 bcm/y)
- **4 new pipeline** projects in operation
- TOTAL added capacity via FSRU and LNG:
  - 20.6 bcm/y in operation
  - 49.8 bcm/y to be commissioned

Source: JRC (2023)

### Gas demand reduction is possible





#### Lessons learned from the crisis

- Expanding installed capacity of renewable energy sources can help limit prices spikes by minimising the role of gas in electricity generation...but it will take time for very dramatic effects and will vary between countries.
- 2. The pass-through from wholesale to retail energy prices differs significantly across Member States driven, among others, by taxation, contract indexation, public support, etc.
- In the context of a turbulent market, natural gas futures have proven not to be an accurate predictor of future price developments.



#### Price pressures: sequence and policy choices matter **Changes in commodities and the energy mix**, if no cheap and stable access to: Critical raw materials Diminishing volumes of fossil fuels setting electricity prices during the transition **Changes in overall demand and consumption patterns**, including: Demand-response and self-consumption A higher capital expenditure with lower operating costs

Increase in the share of renewables in the electricity generation coupled with demand response, storage and higher level of interconnections, but not before 2030/2035.

Replacement of the capital stock and infrastructure (incl. skilled workforce)

- about €487bn /year in the energy system alone

**Carbon prices and taxation** 

Uncertainty and higher risk premiums

## Thank you

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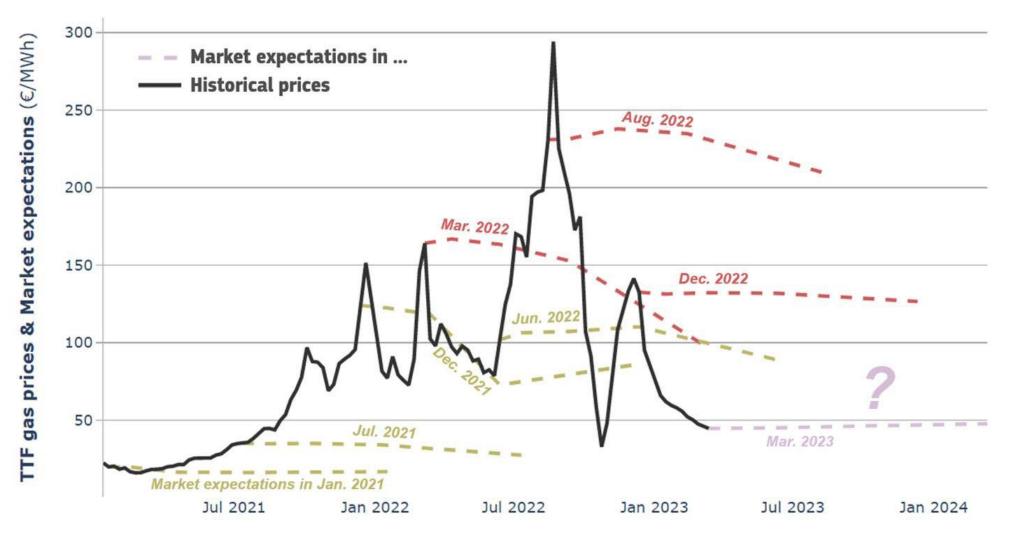


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#### Historical natural gas prices vs futures





Source: DG ENER Chief Economist Team based on BNEF

# Fossil fuels still expected to set electricity prices during a significant number of hours in 2030

