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## DG Energy News



### In focus: Energy and smart cities

As the fight against climate change increasingly involves the deployment of solutions at all levels and the participation of citizens, cities are well-placed to show leadership in the clean energy transition. They can achieve significant benefits through the early adoption of policies aimed at achieving climate neutrality.

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## News

### **Statement by Commissioner Simson on the start of electricity trade between Ukraine and the EU**

Power trade between Ukraine and the EU started on 30 June, following the successful emergency synchronisation of the Ukrainian and Moldovan grids with the European Continental Grid in March.

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### **High volatility and geopolitical tensions impact electricity and gas market developments in Q1 2022**

Russia's unjustified aggression against Ukraine has reinforced uncertainty around the European security of gas supply and price volatility on the European gas markets according to the last European Commission's quarterly gas market report. The quarterly electricity report also highlights the impact of current geopolitical tensions on the EU's electricity market in the first quarter of 2022.

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## **New regional task force of the EU Energy Platform for Central-Eastern Europe**

The task force will concentrate on implementing the REPowerEU plan in the region. The aim is to reduce dependency on Russian fossil fuels, fill storage ahead of next winter and further accelerate the decarbonisation of the energy sector.

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## **EU holds second High Level Energy Dialogue with the Republic of Moldova**

The discussions set the direction and pace for further work on energy security and connectivity, energy market reforms and technical and financial assistance to mitigate the impact of high energy prices on vulnerable consumers.

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## Fossil fuels led in electricity generation in 2021

After a long period of national lockdowns and restrictive measures introduced to curb the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, 2021 saw a rebound in economic activity in many EU countries, which impacted energy use in the EU.

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## Energy Security: Commission welcomes swift adoption of new gas storage rules

New storage legislation adopted on 27 June will strengthen the EU's security of gas supply in view of the upcoming and next winters.

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## Commissioner welcomes Connecting Europe Facility project grant for Bulgarian gas storage expansion

The project will benefit from a Connecting Europe Facility-Energy grant of nearly €78 million to Bulgartransgaz EAD for the expansion of the Chiren underground gas storage facility in Bulgaria.

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## Joint EU-Norway statement on strengthening energy cooperation

The parties agreed to further strengthen their close cooperation in the field of energy, with a view to deepen their long-term energy partnership.

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## **EU-US Joint Press Release on the Global Methane Pledge Energy Pathway**

The European Union, the United States and 11 countries launched on 17 June the Global Methane Pledge Energy Pathway to catalyze methane emissions reductions in the oil and gas sector, advancing both climate progress and energy security.

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Speeches by the Commissioner

## **Speech by Commissioner Simson at the Three Seas Business Forum**

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## Commissioner Simson at the Energy Council press conference of 27 June 2022

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### Upcoming events

#### Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub – Launch of the Technical Assistance Programme



date

12/09/2022



venue

Kielce, Poland



Registration

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#### Third PCI Energy Days



	date	19/09/2022 - 20/09/2022
	venue	Brussels, Belgium
	Registration	<a href="#">Register</a>

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## European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2022



	date	26/09/2022 - 30/09/2022
	venue	Hybrid

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## Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum 2022





date

18/10/2022



venue

Brussels, Belgium

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## Latest studies and publications

### **Clean energy for EU islands - From vision to action : how to tackle transition on EU islands? - Methodological handbook**

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### **Benchmarking of different renovation concepts for the renovation of similar apartment blocks**

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### **Benchmarking of different financial instruments to unlock private financing for energy renovation, also in the context of supporting the most vulnerable consumers**

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## Developing efficient district heating to improve energy efficiency and security of supply

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## Technical assistance for energy efficiency to support the development of a strong project pipeline

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## Videos

### People with energy – Katrin

Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh is the Mayor of Malmö (Sweden), a city that aims to achieve a 100% renewable-energy production by 2030.

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## People with energy – Marek

Marek Gielarowiec is an electrician working for Poland's largest photovoltaic farm, which produces renewable energy for 10 000 households.

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