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## DG Energy News



In focus

### Employment in EU's renewable energy sector

Energy coming from renewable sources is essential for "cleaning" the EU's energy system. At the same time, an increased share of renewables in the energy mix will also benefit citizens by creating new job opportunities across various sectors.



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## News

### Inauguration of gas interconnection between Poland and Lithuania

The gas interconnection between Poland and Lithuania (GIPL) was formally commissioned last week, boosting energy security in the region by connecting the Baltic and Finnish with the Polish markets.



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### The European Commission and the IEA outline key energy saving actions

The International Energy Agency and the European Commission have outlined a range of simple steps that people can take to reduce their energy use and save money.



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## EU-Azerbaijan – Senior officials meet to reinforce energy cooperation

Senior European Commission officials and Azerbaijan government representatives have met on 13 May to discuss energy issues in line with the EU-Azerbaijan Energy Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

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## Region matches for exchangeEU programme for just transition in coal regions

The EU coal regions exchange programme has announced 8 matches between EU regions based on their profile to find the best fits for the most fruitful exchanges.

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## Clean energy for EU islands: Results of the second Call for Technical Assistance

The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat has evaluated applications received in response to the second call for technical assistance to EU islands' energy transition projects. A total of 28 applications from all over the EU were received.

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## U.S.-EU High-Level Business Forum on Offshore Wind Power

The U.S.-EU Energy Council High-Level Business Forum facilitated discussions and direct engagement between U.S. and EU private sector and government leaders about policies needed to accelerate investment in offshore wind projects and the development of an offshore wind manufacturing base in the U.S.



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## Commission publishes its second report assessing implementation of Nuclear Safety Directive

The report concludes that there is a good overall level of implementation of the Directive's obligations, and highlights the significant progress made by Member States in the 10 years since the Fukushima nuclear accident in 2011.



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## Electricity and gas prices in the second half of 2021

Average household electricity prices in the EU increased sharply compared with the same period of 2020 (€21.3 per 100 kWh), standing at €23.7 per 100 kWh. Average gas prices in the EU also increased compared with the same period of 2020 (€7.0 per 100 kWh) to €7.8 per 100 kWh in the second half of 2021.



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## Commission announces winners of school video competition on energy efficiency

The winning entries in an EU-wide school video competition “Film4Energy challenge” on saving energy have been announced. The overall winner is the team ‘Act Green’ from the 5th Gymnasium in Kalamata (Greece), with four runners-up and one special prize.



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## Speeches by the Commissioner

### Opening remarks of Commissioner Simson at the press conference of the Extraordinary Energy Council of 2 May 2022

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## Upcoming events

### ETIP SNET webinars: High Level Use cases



date

12/05/2022 - 19/05/2022



venue

Online

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### Clean energy for EU islands forum 2022



date

17/05/2022 - 18/05/2022



venue

Rhodes, Greece



Registration

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## 8th Energy Infrastructure Forum 2022



date

02/06/2022 - 03/06/2022



venue

Eigtveds Pakhus, Denmark

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## Meeting of the European Electricity Regulatory Forum



date

09/06/2022 - 10/06/2022



venue

Rome, Italy

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## Energy Poverty Advisory Hub Conference - Moving Towards Energy Autonomy: How to Guarantee Social Inclusion





	date	28/06/2022 - 29/06/2022
	venue	Zagreb, Croatia

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## EUSEW: Going green and digital for Europe's energy transition



	date	26/09/2022 - 30/09/2022
	venue	Hybrid (online and onsite in Brussels)

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## Latest studies and publications

**The quantitative relationship between energy efficiency improvements and lower probability of default of associated loans and increased value of the underlying assets**

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**Report on the evolution of financing practices for energy efficiency in buildings, SME's and in industry**

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**Shedding light on energy in the EU - Interactive publication**

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## Videos

### **People with energy - Mairéad**

'People with energy' shows individual portraits of people working in different renewable energy installations across Europe. In these testimonials, they share their ambitions and hopes as they make their own contribution to a clean and safe energy system. Learn what has inspired them to pursue their unique paths in the energy sector.



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## Ask Commissioner Simson

On the occasion of Europe Day 2022, Commissioner Simson answered 7 questions citizens may ask themselves about energy, the consequences of the war in Ukraine and the upcoming REPowerEU initiative.



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## Public consultations

### Energy efficiency – ecodesign requirements for vacuum cleaners



Deadline

30/06/2022

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