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## DG Energy News



In focus

### How can the EU help those touched by energy poverty?

In 2020, around 36 million people in Europe were unable to keep their homes adequately warm. The article explains what energy poverty is and the EU policies, actions and support that exist to help tackling it. The article is available in English but more linguistic versions will follow.

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## The 9th U.S.-EU Energy Council

The 9th U.S.-EU Energy Council met in Washington, D.C., chaired by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm, EU High Representative/Vice President Josep Borrell Fontelles, and European Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson.

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## The 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council

The 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council, held in Baku on the 4th of February 2022, reaffirmed the strategic energy partnership between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the EU based on shared goals of long-term energy security, security of supply and the green energy transition.

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## EU invests over € 1 billion in energy infrastructure in support of the Green Deal

EU countries have agreed on a Commission proposal to invest € 1.037 billion in 5 cross-border infrastructure projects under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for trans-European energy networks.

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## EU surpasses 2020 renewable energy target

At EU level, the share of gross final energy consumption from renewable sources reached 22% in 2020.

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## Renewable energy on the rise: 37% of EU's electricity

In 2020, renewable energy sources made up 37% of gross electricity consumption in the EU, up from 34% in 2019.

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## Renewables steadily increasing in heating and cooling

In 2020, renewable energy accounted for 23% of the total energy used for heating and cooling in the EU, steadily increasing from 12% in 2004 and 22% in 2019.

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## EU's energy import dependency decreased in 2020

In 2020, the EU imported 57.5% of the energy it consumed, a decrease of almost 3 percentage points (pp) compared with 2019, when this indicator hit an all-time high of 60.5%.

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## EU Taxonomy: Commission presents Complementary Climate Delegated Act to accelerate decarbonisation

The European Commission has presented a Taxonomy Complementary Climate Delegated Act on climate change mitigation and adaptation covering certain gas and nuclear activities.

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## Energy prices on the rise in the euro area in 2021

Between December 2020 and December 2021, the import price for energy in the euro area more than doubled (115%).

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## New energy statistics 2022 to support the Green Deal

The European Commission has adopted the most encompassing amendment of the energy statistics regulation ever conducted. The aim is to support even further the European Green Deal.

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Speeches by the Commissioner

## Commissioner Simson at the Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council

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## Speech by Commissioner Simson at the ITRE Committee meeting on energy prices

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### Upcoming events

#### Workshops: Digitalisation of the energy system



date

16/02/2022 - 03/03/2022



venue

Online

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## The Nordic ITER Business Forum




	date	29/03/2022 - 30/03/2022
	venue	Copenhagen, Denmark
	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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Latest studies and publications



## **Gas and electricity market reports for the 3rd quarter of 2021**

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## **Innovative actions and strategies to boost public awareness, trust and acceptance of trans-European energy infrastructure projects**

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## **Offshore renewable energy and grids**

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## **Study on decommissioning of offshore oil and gas installations**

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## **Best practices and assessment of regulatory measures for cost-efficient integration of electric vehicles into the electricity grid**

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## Study on the applicability of the regulatory framework for nuclear facilities to fusion facilities

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### Videos

#### Introduction to the Smart readiness indicator (SRI)

Check out how the SRI will raise awareness of the benefits promised by smart building technologies, such as building automation and electronic monitoring of building systems including heating, hot water, ventilation, lighting, etc.

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### Public consultations

#### EU solar energy strategy



Deadline

12/04/2022

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## Renewable energy projects – permit-granting processes & power-purchase agreements



Deadline

12/04/2022

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### Video competition for schools “Film4Energy Challenge” open until 31 March!

The "Film4Energy Challenge" encourages students aged 12-15 to create short videos on energy efficiency and benefits of saving energy.



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