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Reducing the EU's dependence on imported fossil fuels

The surge in energy prices and high volatility seen since last autumn already triggered calls last year for reducing our dependence on energy imports. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has taken this debate further and prompted strategic EU policy changes.

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Commission outlines options to mitigate high energy prices with common gas purchases and minimum gas storage obligations

Following up rapidly on the REPowerEU Communication and the Versailles Declaration, on 23 March the Commission set out ideas for collective European action to address the root causes of the problem in the gas market and ensure security of supply at reasonable prices for next winter and beyond.

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Energy Security: Commission hosts first meeting of EU Energy Purchase Platform to secure supply of gas, LNG and hydrogen

In order to secure the EU's energy supply at affordable prices in the current geopolitical context and to phase out dependency on Russian gas, the European Commission has established with the Member States an EU Platform for the common purchase of gas, LNG and hydrogen.

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Commission's Technical Support Instrument to help 17 Member States curb their reliance on Russian fossil fuels

The Commission will offer technical support to help 17 Member States phase out their reliance on Russian fossil fuels, in line with the REPowerEU plan for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy.

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EU natural gas import dependency down to 83% in 2021

In 2021, the EU's natural gas import dependency rate was 83%. This is 1 percentage point (pp) less than 2020 (84%). This small decrease in import dependency was significantly influenced by the fact that most EU Member States used stocks of natural gas that were imported in previous years.

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The coal regions exchange programme

The coal regions exchange programme has launched 6 exchanges between regions in the Western Balkans and their EU counterparts. These provide an opportunity to learn from each other's experiences on moving away from coal as part of the clean energy transition.

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Commissioner Simson participates in 15th EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue

On 12 April Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, co-chaired with OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo the 15th High-Level Meeting of the EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue in Vienna.

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The European Commission and the United States open new chapter in their energy cooperation

During their meeting on 25 March in Brussels, President Ursula von der Leyen and US President Joe Biden committed to working together to support Europe's energy security for the coming winters and to sustainably reduce Europe's energy dependency on Russia by investing in the clean energy transition.

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Ukraine: EU agrees fifth package of restrictive measures against Russia

The package contains an import ban on all forms of Russian coal. This affects one fourth of all Russian coal exports, amounting to around €8 billion loss of revenue per year for Russia.

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Green Deal: New proposals to make sustainable products the norm and boost Europe's resource independence

The Commission is proposing new rules to make almost all physical goods on the EU market more friendly to the environment, circular, and energy efficient throughout their whole lifecycle from the design phase through to daily use, repurposing and end-of-life.

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The ecodesign and energy labelling working plan 2022-2024

On 30 March, together with the proposal for a Sustainable Products Regulation, the Commission adopted the new ecodesign and energy labelling working plan 2022-2024. It strengthens the focus on the circularity aspects of ecodesign and labelling requirements for energy-related products and tyres.



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Every building can be green – here's how

More than 220 million buildings in Europe date from before 2001. Older buildings are much less efficient at retaining warmth and as a result, 75% of the EU's building stock leaks energy. To address this, as part of the European Green Deal, the EU aims to give around 35 million buildings across Europe an energy facelift.

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Speeches by the Commissioner

Keynote Speech by Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson at the Solar Power Summit

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Upcoming events

Playing my part: How to save money, reduce reliance on Russian energy, support Ukraine and help the planet





date

21/04/2022



venue

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Webinar on off-balance sheet energy performance contracts for public buildings: best practices in the EU



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26/04/2022



venue

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Smart Cities Marketplace Forum - Towards a just and clean urban transition



	date	26/04/2022 - 27/04/2022
	venue	Belgium
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U.S.-EU high-level B2B forum on offshore wind



	date	27/04/2022
	venue	Atlantic City, United States

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Series of webinars on the revised TEN-E Regulation



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	venue	Online only

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36th Madrid Forum



date

11/05/2022 - 12/05/2022



venue

Spain

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Clean energy for EU islands forum 2022



date

17/05/2022 - 18/05/2022



venue

Rhodes, Greece



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Latest studies and publications

Quarterly report on European gas markets (Q4 2021)

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Quarterly report on European electricity markets (Q4 2021)

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Study on the Central and South Eastern Europe energy connectivity (CESEC) cooperation on electricity grid development and renewables

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Digitalisation of energy flexibility

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Resilience of the nuclear sector in Europe in the face of pandemic risks

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Public consultations

Consultation on the revision of the Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management Regulation



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Call for Evidence on External Power Supplies



Deadline

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Energy efficiency – ecodesign requirements for vacuum cleaners



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