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## Does Europe need natural gas and nuclear to transition to green energy?

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Should nuclear and natural gas be counted as "green energy"? This is the question that European policymakers are grappling with at the moment, as the EU puts together a set of technical rules known as the "EU taxonomy", classifying precisely what counts as a "sustainable" investment.

Germany's environment minister has called the plans "absolutely wrong". His country is in the process of phasing out the last of its nuclear power plants, though critics argue this has left Germany dependent on polluting coal, as well as natural gas imports from Russia.

**What do our readers think?** We had a comment sent in from Jessica on our German-language platform, saying:

"As long as [Germany's] traffic light coalition finally gets serious about climate protection, I'm happy. The plans look better than before, but I have my doubts whether the coal phase-out will really happen by 2030. Germany should definitely implement the Green Deal laws consistently!"



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What do YOU think?



Alfredo • February 11th, 2022 •

Let it freeze, let it freeze...

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José • February 11th, 2022 •

The transition should be done but not that fast. If Russia shuts down gas how will we produce energy? the solar doesn't work all year and neither does the wind. It will be beautiful.

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George • February 11th, 2022 •

Gas and nuclear IS green energy. Deal with it.

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Jevgeni • February 15th, 2022 •

We are just cutting the branch of the tree we sit on by closing nuke stations, fighting cheap gas.

"green", "sustainable" and other marketing bs is not bringing us anywhere. Solar panels are dirty to produce and recycle and their lifespan is super short, same for windmills – we already have an issue in Europe where to store and how to recycle the one that we have (a huge amount).

We should do things gradually, not just cutting off everything in the name of clean energy. ...there is no such thing like clean energy.

Like Putin told in Berlin years ago: "what Europe will do, heating the houses with wood but for wood we would need to go to Siberia..."

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