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V4 Fiscal Response to the Energy Crisis

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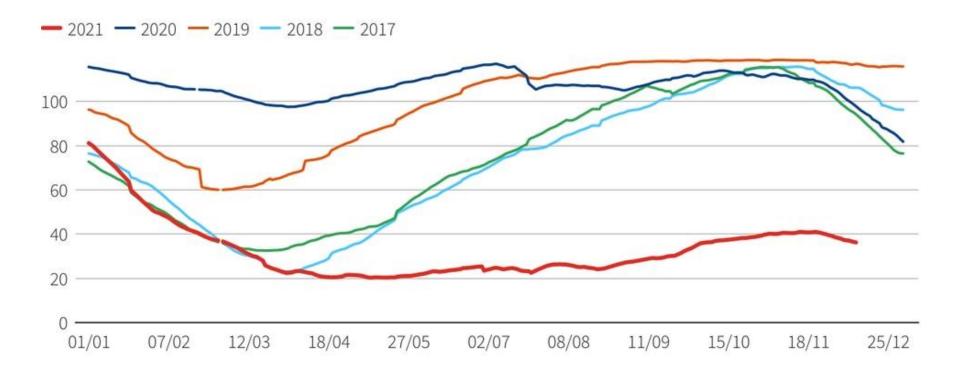
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Pre-war development

- Exceptionally rapid global economic recovery after the previous covid recession
- Weaker-than-expected increase in supply
- Russian manipulation of gas storage facilities located in Europe





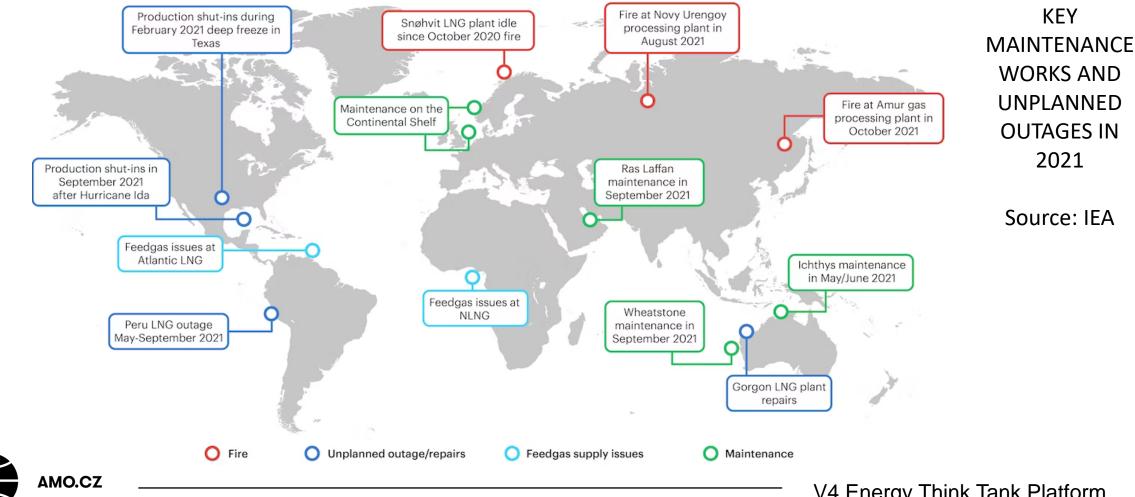
NATURAL GAS RESERVES IN GAZPROM-CONTROLLED RESERVOIRS IN EU TERRITORY (IN TWH) Source: Reuters

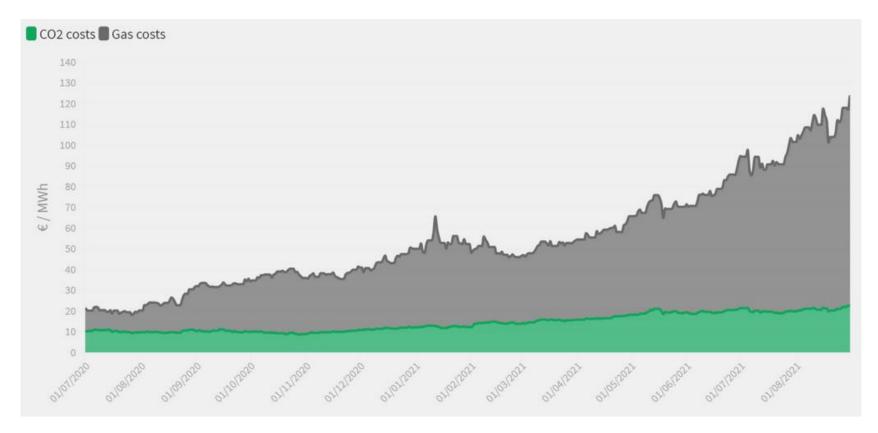


Other factors:

- Cold and long winter in the Northern Hemisphere (2020/2021).
- Decline in investments in fossil infrastructure in recent years, which has not been offset by investment in renewables and the associated transition to low carbon energy.
- Curtailment of some operations due to the **postponement of planned** maintenance work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Unplanned shutdowns of fossil fuel infrastructure due to operational accidents (for example, the fires at the Snøhvit LNG plant in Norway or at the Novy Urengoy and Amur gas processing plants in Russia) or extreme weather events (production shut-ins during deep freeze in Texas or in Mexican Gulf after hurricane Ida).







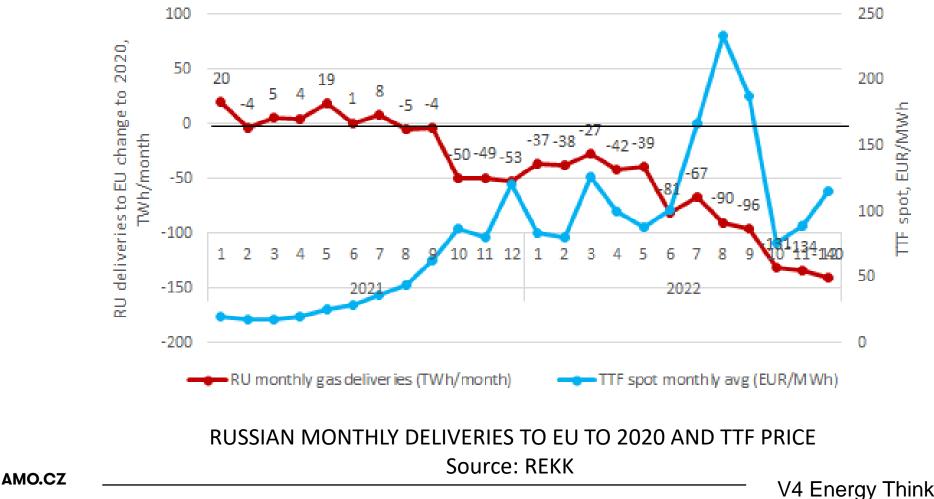
FOSSIL GAS COSTS VS. CARBON COSTS FOR EU ELECTRICITY GENERATION Source: EMBER

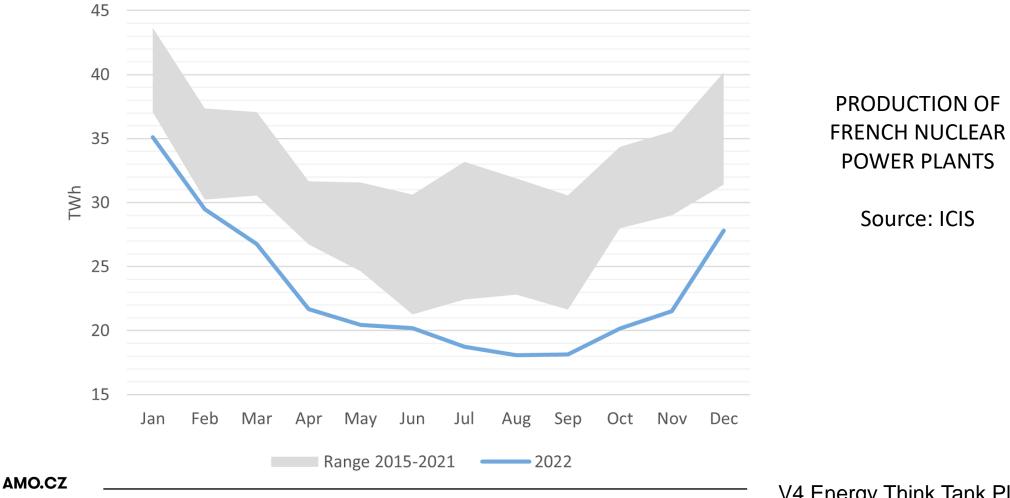


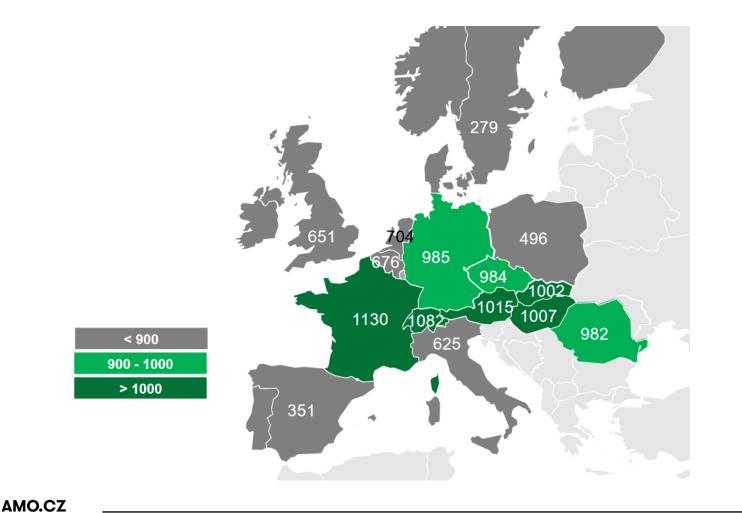
Development after the Russian aggression in Ukraine

- Declining fossil fuel supplies from Russia
- Drought in summer 2022
- French nuclear plant shutdowns









WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY PRICES IN INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN AUGUST 2022. THE VALUES SHOWN ARE IN EUR/MWH FOR CAL-23

Source: ČEZ

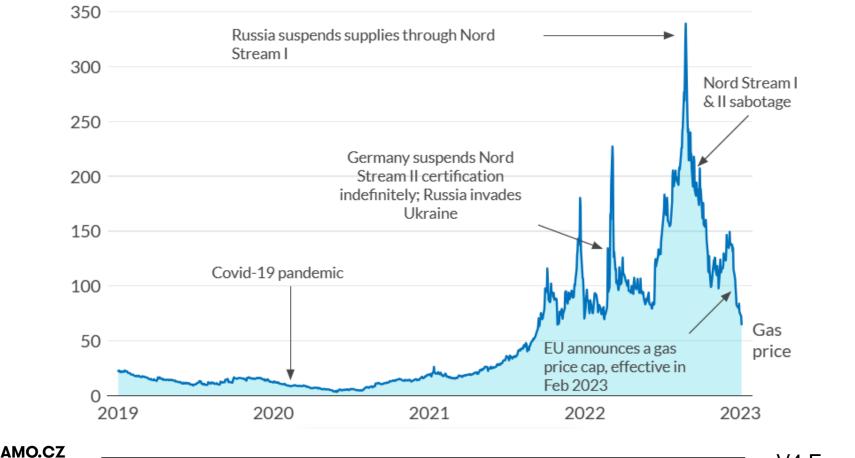
Measures at the European level

- Agreement on capping natural gas prices
- Instruments to limit energy price volatility in markets
- Agreement on capping excess profits for energy companies
- Mechanism for joint purchases of natural gas
- Solidarity mechanism in case of natural gas shortages
- REPowerEU plan (energy savings, RES development, diversification of energy supplies)



Measures at the European level

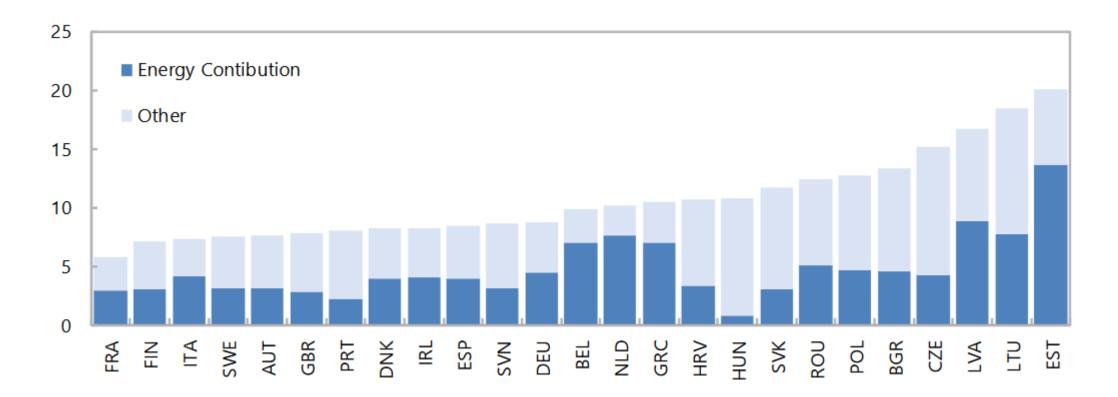




DEVELOPMENT OF GAS PRICES ON THE EUROPEAN MARKET

Source: Geopolitical Intelligence Services

Measures at the national level in V4

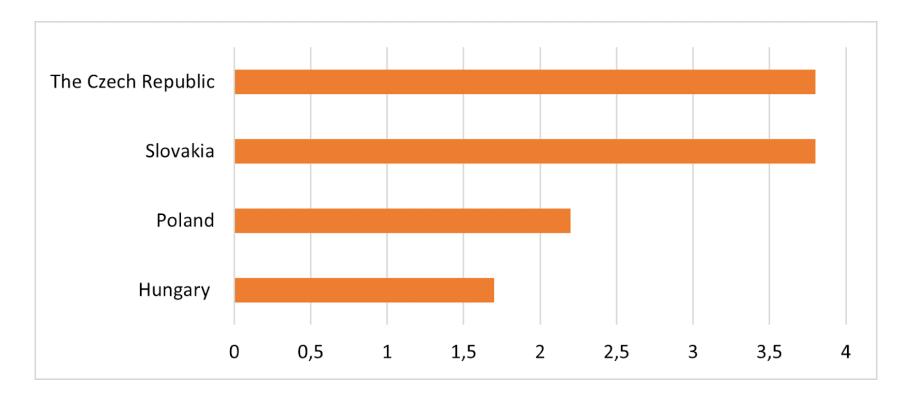


Contribution of Energy Prices to Consumer Price Inflation, May 2022

Source: IMF



Measures at the national level in V4



ALLOCATED FUNDING TO SHIELD HOUSEHOLDS AND FIRMS FROM THE ENERGY CRISIS AS A PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL GDP (SEP 2021 - JAN 2023) Source: Bruegel



Measures at the national level in V4

	Reduced energy tax / VAT	Retail price regulation	Transfers to vulnerable groups	Windfall profits tax	Business support
Czech Republic	Exempt VAT for electricity and gas for 2 months (XI-XII/2021) Reduced consumption tax for petrol (VI-IX/2022) and diesel fuel (VI/2022-VII/2023)		Yes	Windfall tax on energy production and trade companies, banking, petroleum and fossil fuel mining and processing (I/2023-XII/2025), 60% of the excess profit	Price cap on electricity and gas (I-XII/2023) for 80% of consumption
Hungary	No	Price cap on electricity and gas (from VIII/2022) on a limited amount of consumption Price cap on petrol a diesel fuel (XII/2021- XII/2022)	No	Windfall tax on MOL company of 95% of the excess profit Windfall tax on electricity ancillary service providers of 13% in 2022 and 10% in 2023	Yes
Poland	Reduced VAT for electricity, gas, heat, petrol and diesel (II/2022-VII/2022)	Price cap on electricity and gas (I-XII/2023) on a limited amount of consumption	Yes	Windfall tax on coal mining and trading companies of 33% on their excess profits	Price cap on electricity and gas (XII/2022- XII/2023) for 90% of consumption
Slovakia	No	Price cap on electricity (I-XII/2023)	Yes	Windfall tax on electricity sector (XII/2022-XII/2024) of 90% of the excess profit Windfall tax on fossil fuel companies of 70% of the excess profit	Yes

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Thank you for your attention

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