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EUROPE'S ENERGY CRISIS CONUNDRUM

**EU27 in urgent talks over
impending shortages**

**UK escapes forced EU energy cuts
this winter, thanks to Brexit**

The problems facing the EU's largest economy continue to mount for Germany's post-Merkel government. The latest difficulties are now affecting the health of the nation.

The Germans are not only running out of energy supplies and essential electronic components used in manufacturing, they are now also seeing chronic shortages of vital medicines in the country's pharmacies.

It seems that the German pharmaceutical industry has three main problems. Firstly there is a shortage of skilled workers, secondly there are supply chain problems, and thirdly there are fast-rising production costs.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – highlights the impending energy crisis coming down the road for the EU as Putin's Russia tightens the squeeze on Europe's access to Russian gas. The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

The report below has been produced in association with our affiliated organisation and research think tank, [Facts4EU.Org](#).

EU27 RESPONSE:

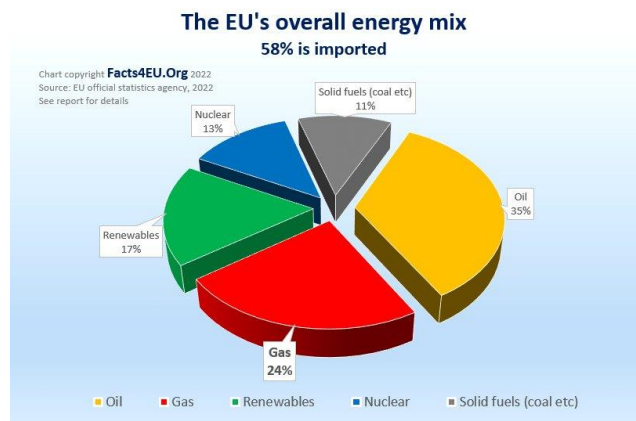
As the Energy Council meeting of the EU27 convenes in emergency meeting today, it is certain that several countries will veto proposals to slash energy consumption this coming winter.

EUROPE'S ENERGY MIX

- Oil : 34.5%
- Gas : 23.7%
- Renewables : 17.4%
- Nuclear : 12.7%
- Solid fuels (coal etc) : 11.5%

The majority of the EU's energy is imported.

[Source: Latest Eurostat official figures, released 14 Apr 2022.]



The overall energy mix masks wild variations between countries

Petroleum Products

- Cyprus (87%)
- Malta (86%)
- Luxembourg (68%)

Natural Gas

- Italy (40%)
- Netherlands 38%)

Renewables

- Sweden (49%)
- Latvia (40%)

Nuclear

- France (41%)
- Sweden (25%)
- Slovakia (25%)

Solid fossil fuels

- Estonia (53%)
- Poland (41%)

Disagreements amongst the EU27 are already breaking out:

Poland refuses to sink to its knees before the EU Commission



“We cannot agree to this. Greece, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus and Malta are also against such solutions, and there are other countries that have objections to individual provisions of this document.”

- Anna Moskwa, Polish Minister of Climate and Environment, Warsaw, 25 July 2022

A deal will be reached but it won't be the one proposed by EU Commission President Ursula Von de Leyen.

By contrast the UK is free to develop its own energy policy if it chooses

- There are ample reserves of North Sea oil and gas
- Untapped shale gas in many areas
- Copious coastal regions for off-shore wind farms
- Technology to develop and build mini-nuclear reactors

The UK should take full advantage of these unique opportunities immediately.

For the full report click here: <https://cibuk.org/eu-energy-crisis/>

For editors and journalists

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Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.