

# European gas markets: today and into the future

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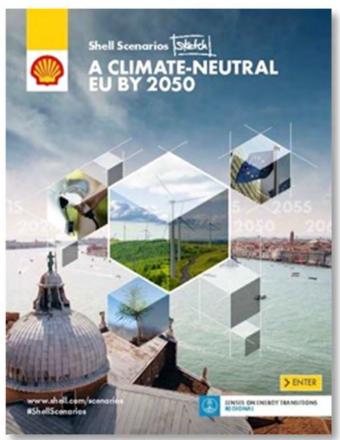
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# Pathway to climate neutrality by 2050



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# A climate-neutral EU by 2050 EU energy system transformation + major reforestation\* Total CO<sub>2</sub> energy emissions + reforestation, Gt/ year 3,5 3,0 2,5 2,0 1,5 1,0 0,5 0,0 2010 2020 2030 2040 2050 2060 \*The need for natural carbon sinks declines over time, the EU reaches dimate neutrality without additional natural carbon sinks in the mid-2050s.

# Accelerate clean technologies

- Double the use of electricity
- Renewables 75% of energy mix, no coal
- Commercialise new fuels:
   10% hydrogen, triple biofuels

### Target behavioural incentives

- Improve energy efficiency per unit of GDPby ~45%
- Incentivise low-carbon consumer and business choices
- Progressively raise government-led CO<sub>2</sub> price in the EU to over €200/ tCO<sub>2</sub>e

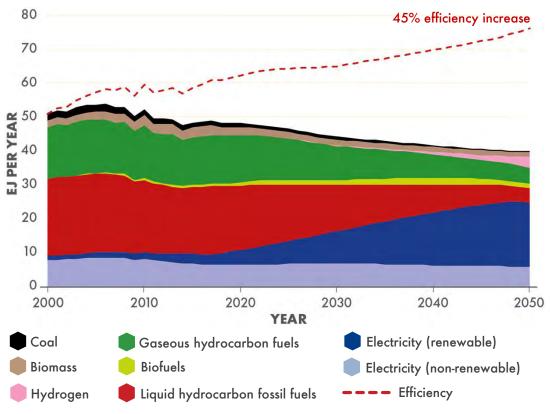
### Remove emissions

- Build at least two major
   CCUS facilities every month
   (> 1 million tonnes per year each)
- Reforest at least 220,000 km² in the EU to remove the remaining 300 million tonnes of CO₂

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# Deep electrification, but molecules remain important

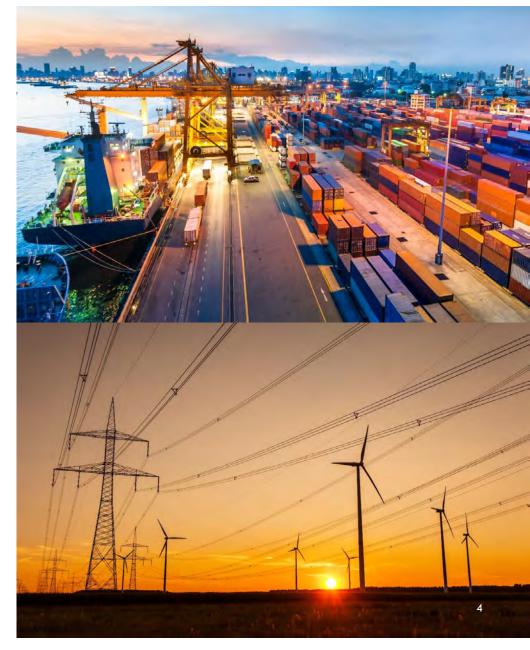
EU energy system electrons and molecules



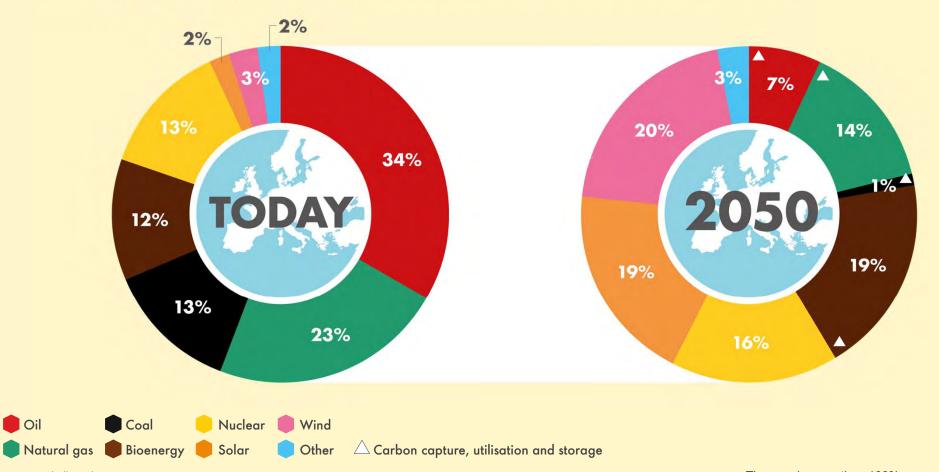
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Scenarios Sketch: A climate-neutral EU by 2050



# Possible primary energy mix for a climate-neutral EU

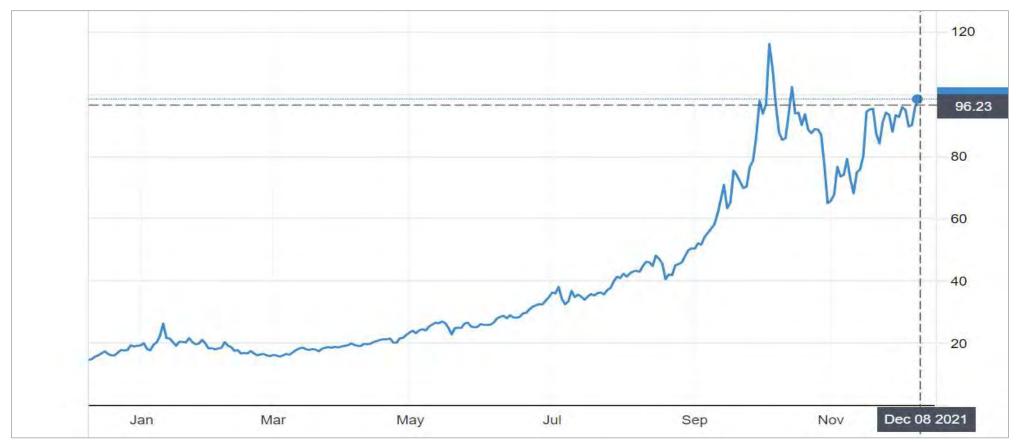


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# EU natural gas markets today

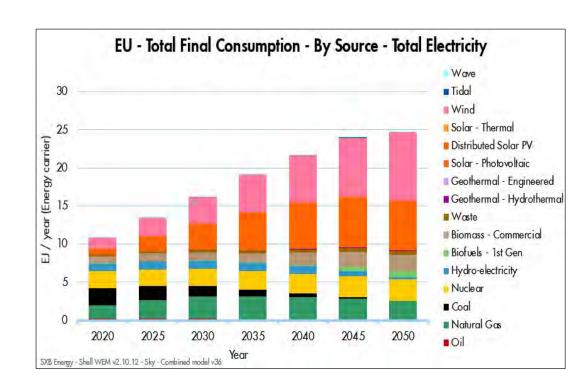
# Demand, supply, weather, geopolitics contributing to tightness



# Important role for natural gas, in the transition and for abated gas in 2050

# In the longer-term, this requires:

- adequate global investment in gas supply
- diversified EU sources of supply
- managing knock-on effects on electricity markets
- building out CCS capacity



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