ENERGY MARKET NEWS

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General context



Both the Fed and the ECB raised interest rates again in August



Economic growth rates in Europe are **disapointing**, especially in Italy and Germany



China: concerns in the real estate sector and the growth forecasts are revised downwards

Natural gas



Gas stocks are filled up to 90%, well before the November deadline



Uncertainties surrounding Australian LNG supply (caused by strike announcements)

pushed the prices up

52.422 €/MWh



The price increase was also supported by weakened Norwegian supply due to works

Power



Electricity prices follow movements in the gas market



The heat wave throughout Western Europe increased demand for electricity





Low wind production pushed prices further upwards



Overall, oil prices continue to rise this month



Production cuts by **Russia and** Saudi Arabia are driving up prices

86.86 \$/barrel



Concerns regarding demand especially in China - have a bearish impact on the prices

CO_2



The reduced auction offer is providing some support to prices





The expected increase in renewable production is generating bearish pressure

85.76 €/ton



Coal prices above all followed the trend set by gas prices and rose along with them

Future trends



What decision will the ECB take during next meeting mid-September?



How will the Australian LNG exports evolve?



Will the Norway supply levels come back in September as planned?

A question about the energy market? Contact our experts here

