

# The European Chemical industry



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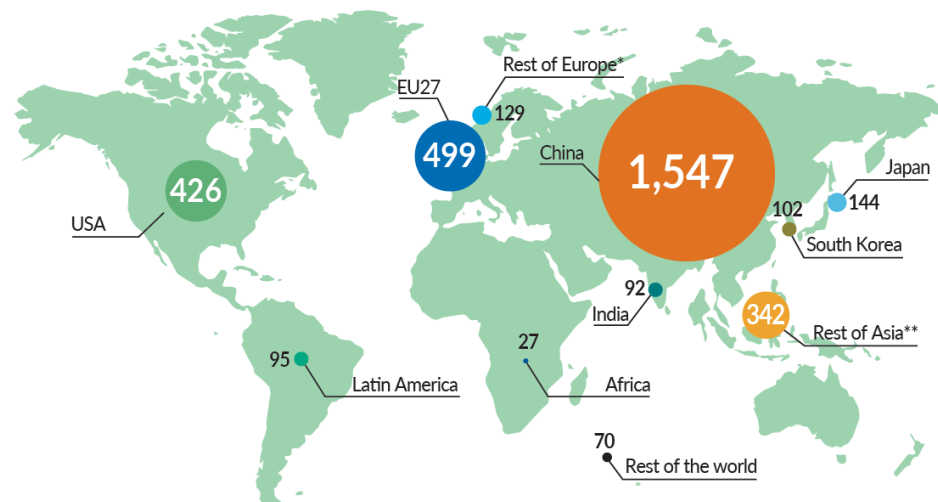
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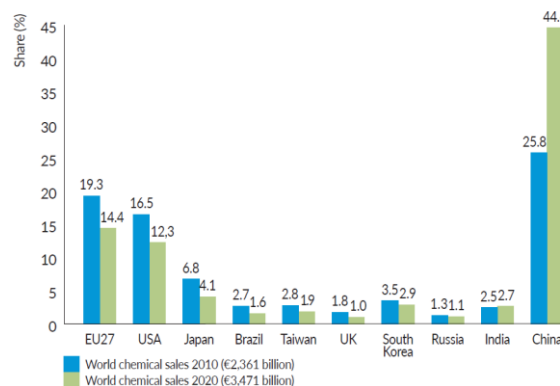
# Europe is the second-largest chemicals producer in the world

World chemical sales (2020, €3,471 billion)



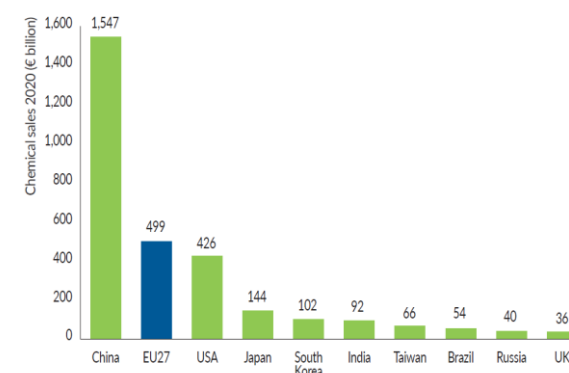
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World chemical sales by country: top 10



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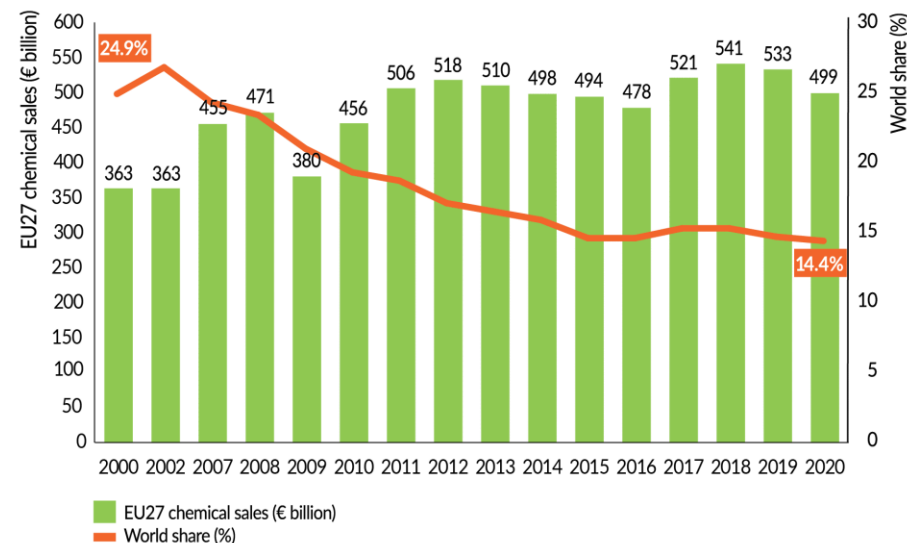
Chemical sales by country: top 10



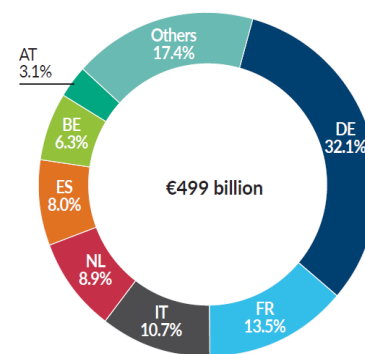
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A very competitive  
global market,  
**indispensable** to four  
large European  
Members States'  
economies

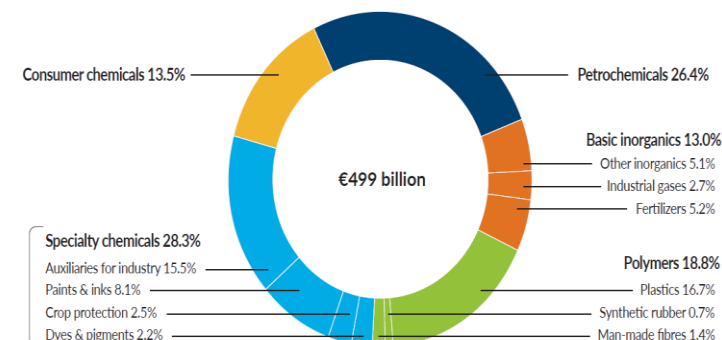
EU27 share of global chemicals market



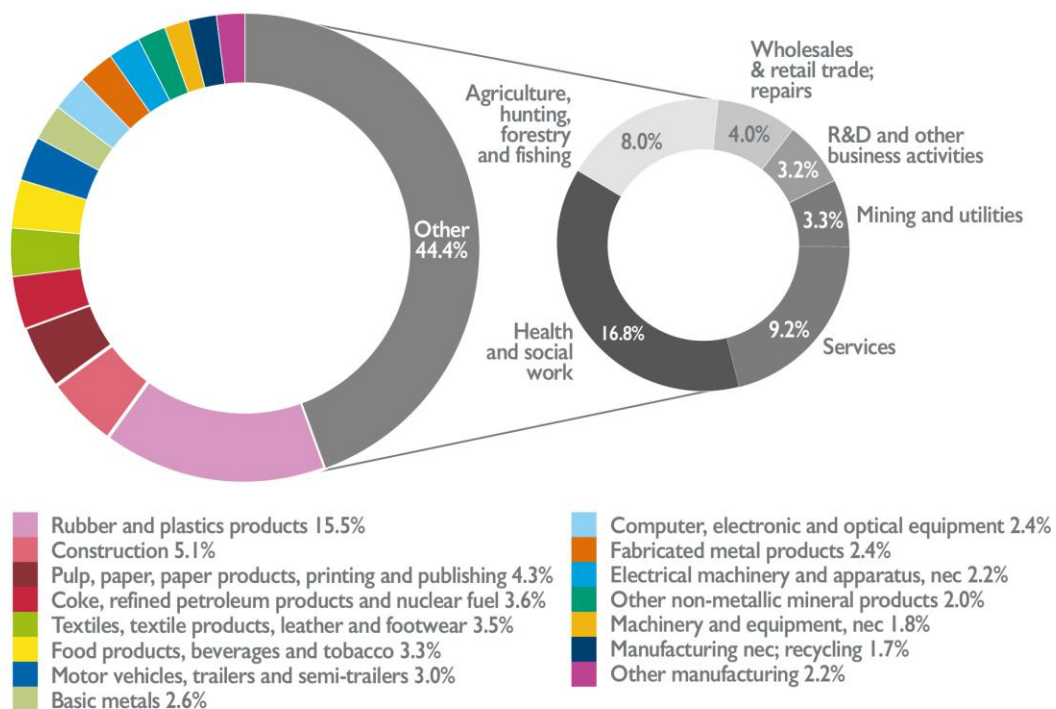
EU27 chemicals sales 2020



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Customer sectors of the EU27+UK chemical industry (2017)



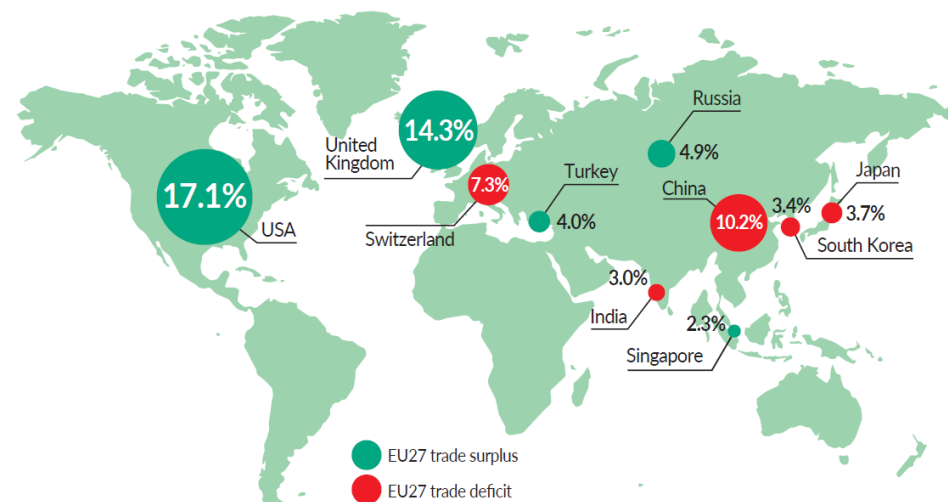
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Unless specified, chemical industry excludes pharmaceuticals

# Thriving European value chains depend on chemicals

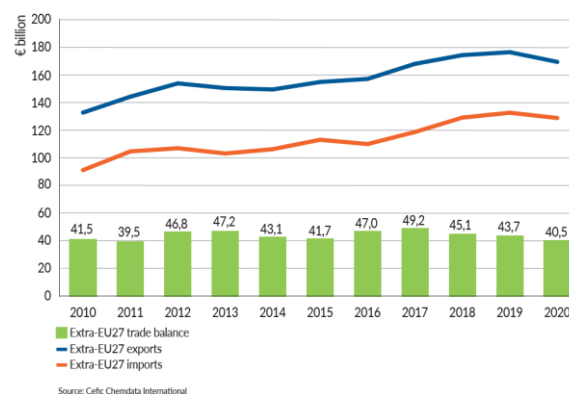
# EU27 chemicals trade surplus contributes to Europe's GDP

EU27 chemicals trade\* flows with top 10 partners (2020)

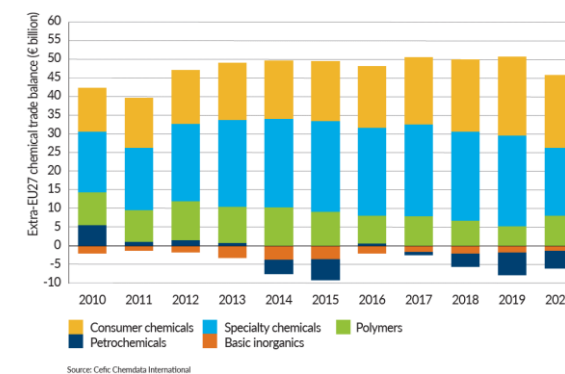


Source: Cefic Chemdata International  
\*Trade=exports + imports

Extra-EU27 chemicals trade balance



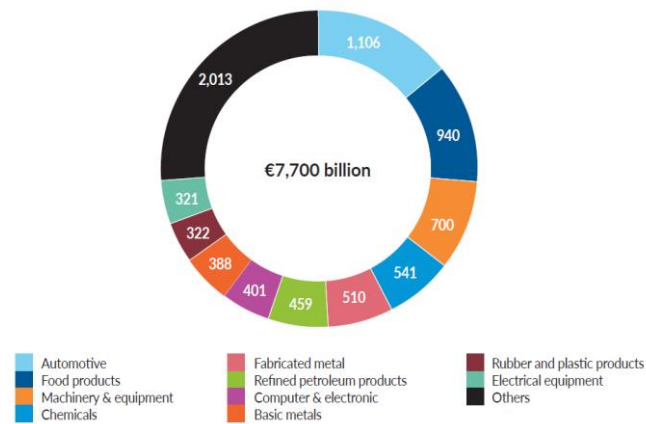
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# Chemicals in EU27:

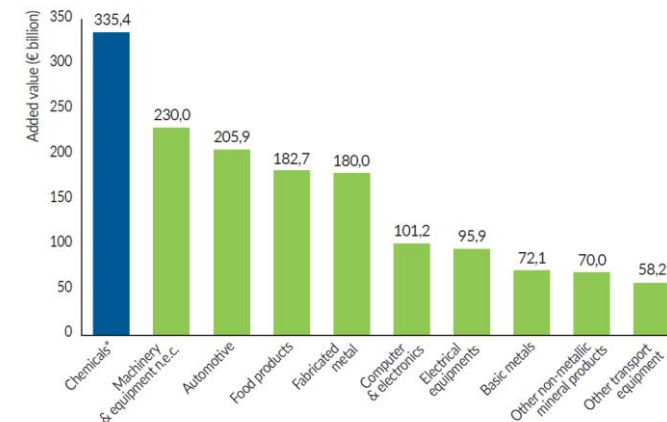
4<sup>th</sup> largest turnover  
1<sup>st</sup> in added value  
2<sup>nd</sup> largest Employer  
1<sup>st</sup> in investment

Top 10 sectors: turnover (€ billion, 2018)



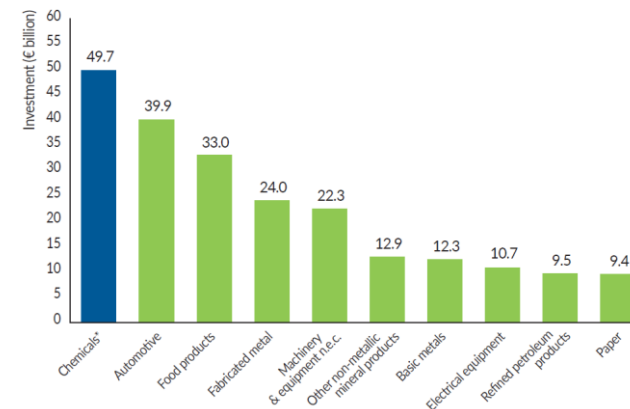
Source: Eurostat

Top 10 Sectors: added value (€ billion, 2018)



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Top 10 sectors: investment (€ billion, 2018)



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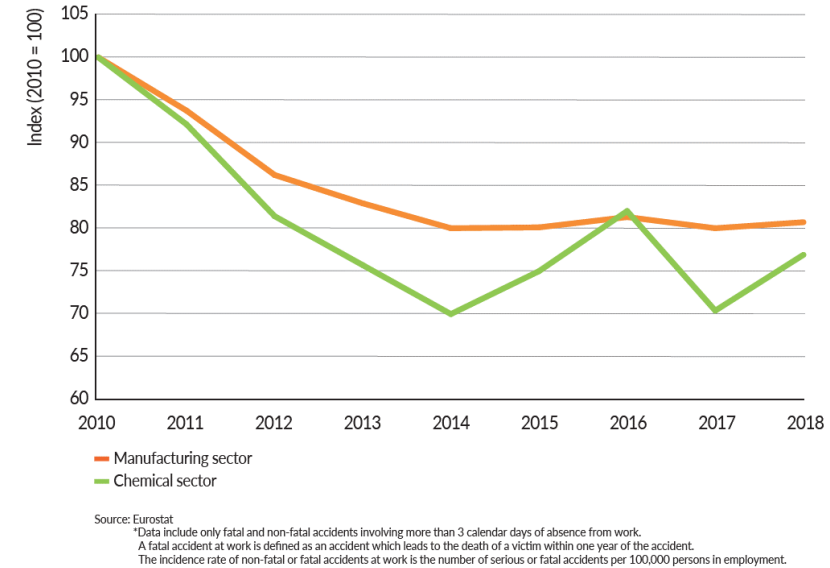
# OSH & E Performances



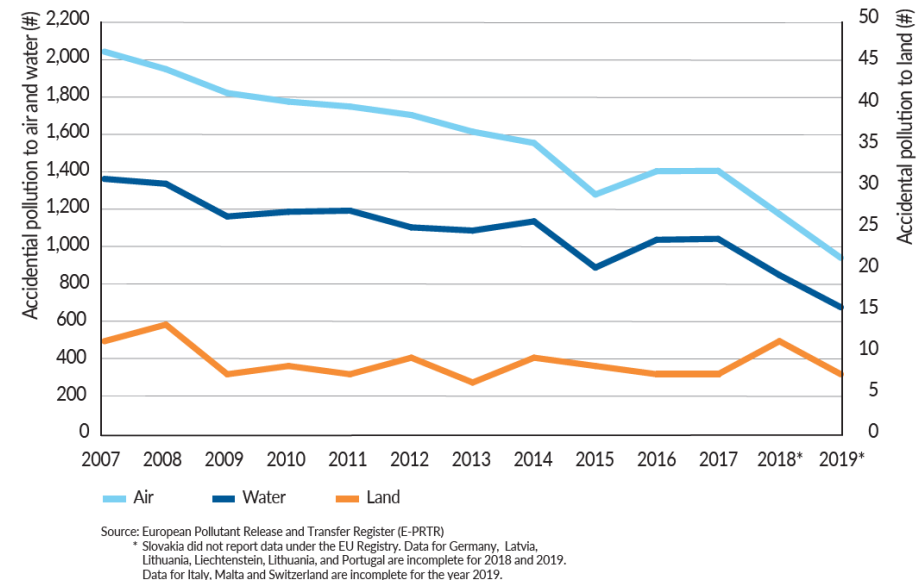


# Occupational Safety accidents and Environmental releases in decline since 2010

EU27 number of accidents\* at work:  
chemicals versus manufacturing

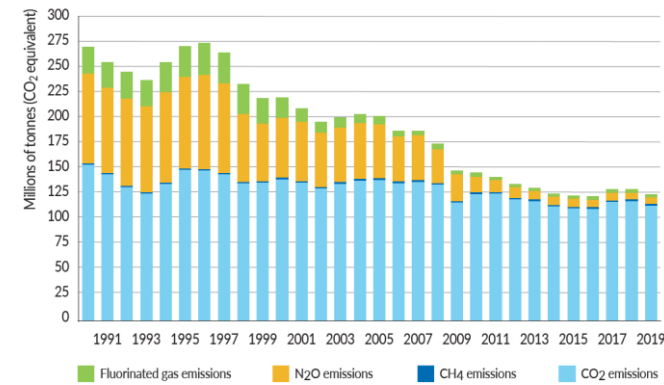


Accidental pollutant releases by the EU27 chemicals industry



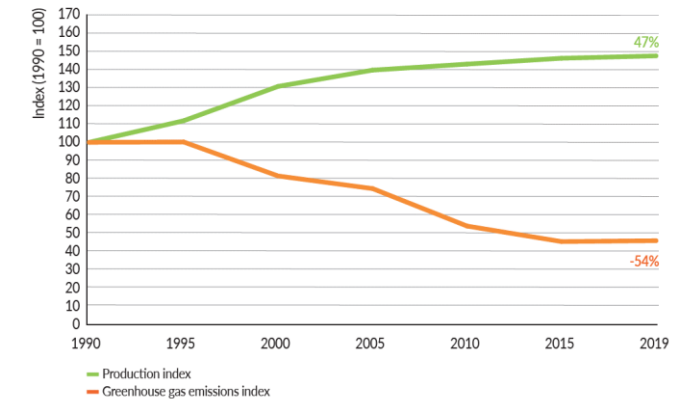
# Emissions to **Air** decoupled from Chemicals production since 1990

Total scope 1 GHG emissions\* by the EU27 chemical industry per type of GHG



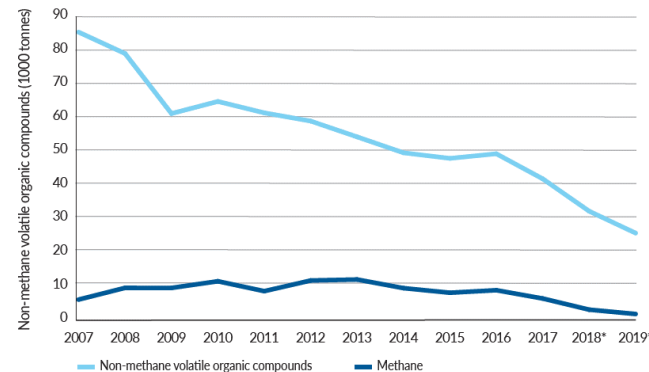
Source: European Environment Agency (EEA). \*Germany and Malta did not separately report GHG emissions from combustion of fuels in the chemical sector.

GHG emission and production by the EU27 chemical industry



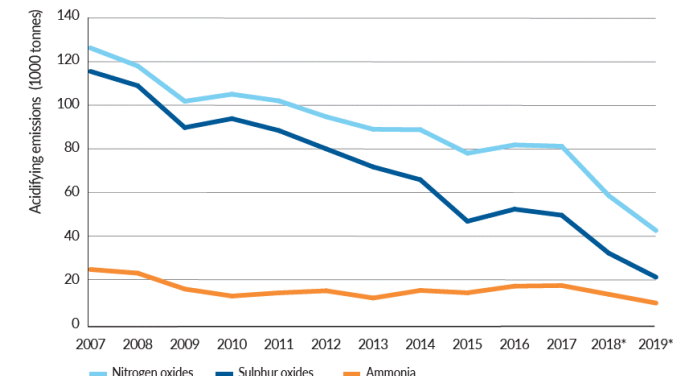
Source: European Environment Agency (EEA)

EU27 methane and non-methane volatile organic compound (NM-VOCs) emissions to air



Source: European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR)  
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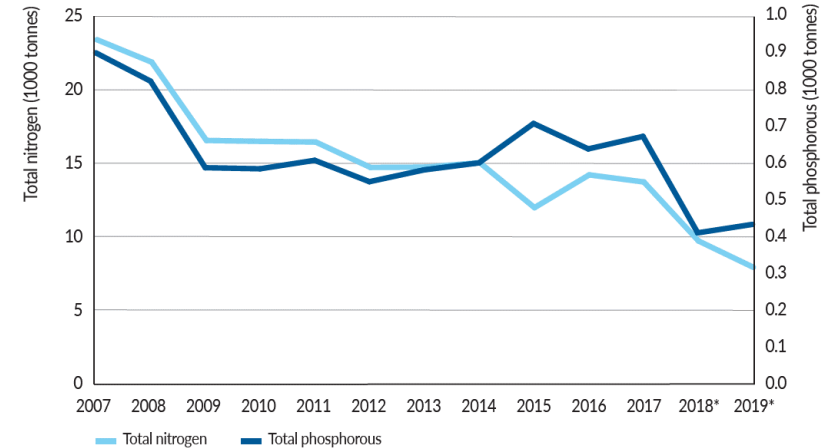
Acidifying emissions to air by the EU27 chemicals industry



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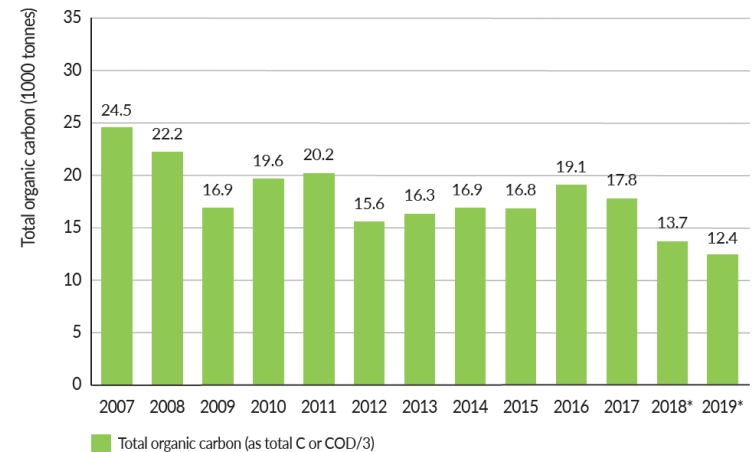
# Emissions to **Water** nearly halved since 2007

Total Nitrogen & Phosphorous emissions to water  
by the EU27 chemicals industry



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Total organic carbon emissions to water  
by the EU27 chemicals industry



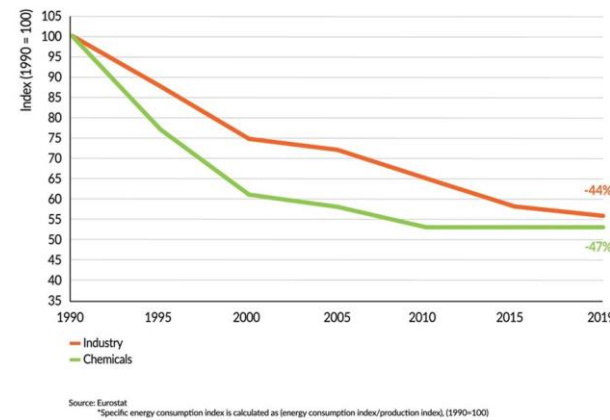
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# Dependencies

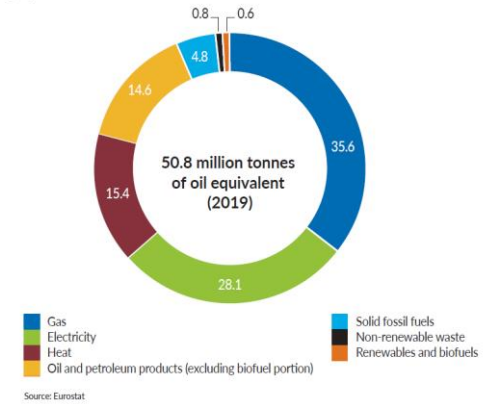


**An energy intensive sector, the EU Chemicals Industry puts efficiency at the core of operations ...yet, heavily dependent on gas and oil**

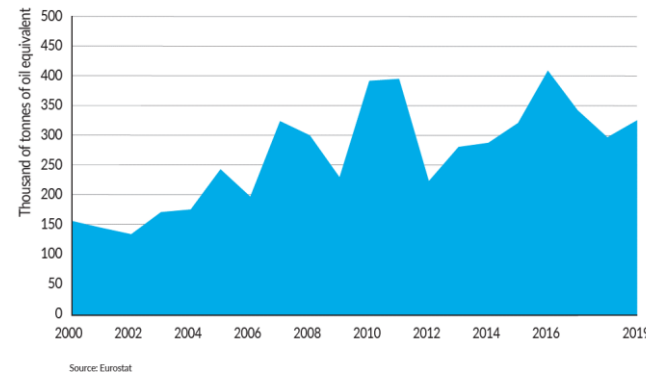
Specific energy consumption\* chemicals vs total industry



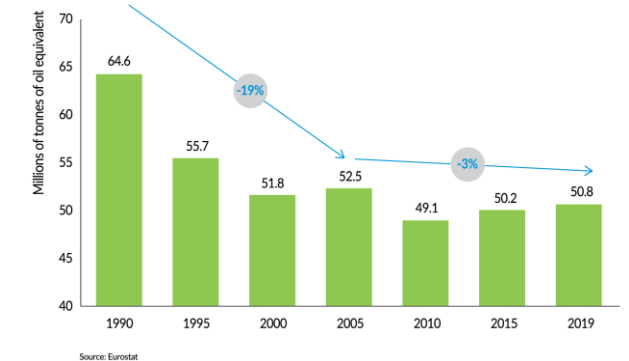
Total energy consumption in the EU27 chemical industry by source (%)



Renewable energies consumption by the EU27 chemical industry

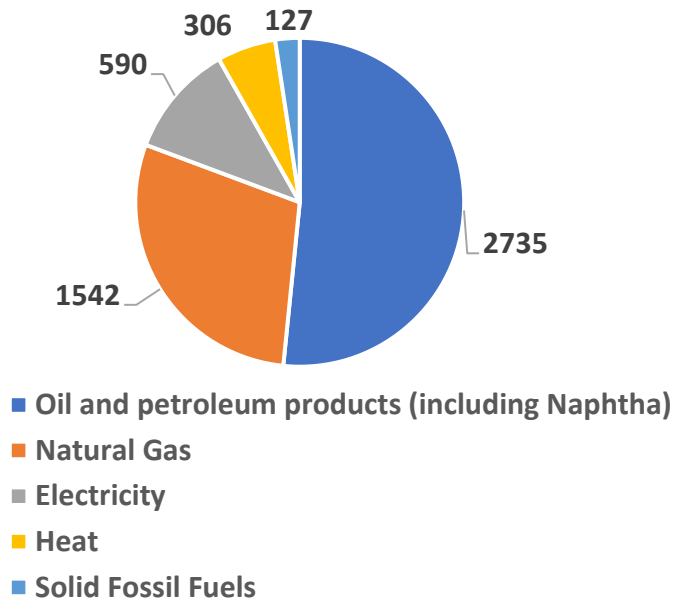


Energy consumption in the EU27 chemical industry

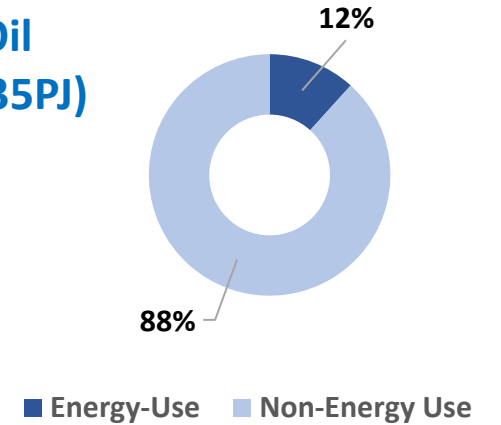




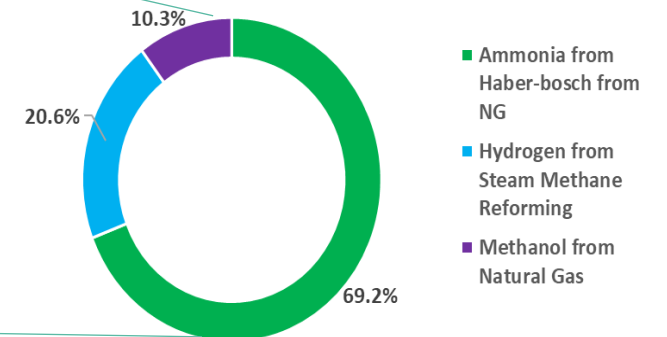
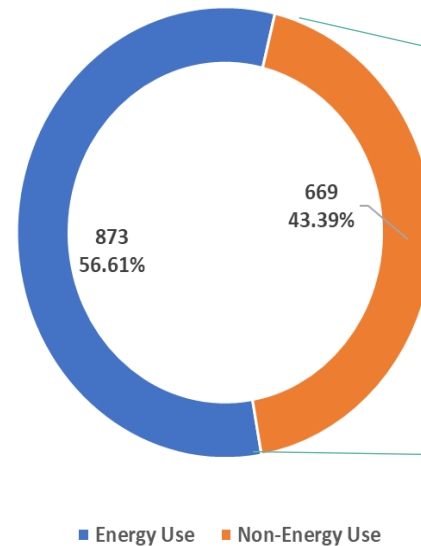
# Oil and Gas end up mostly in Chemicals Molecules



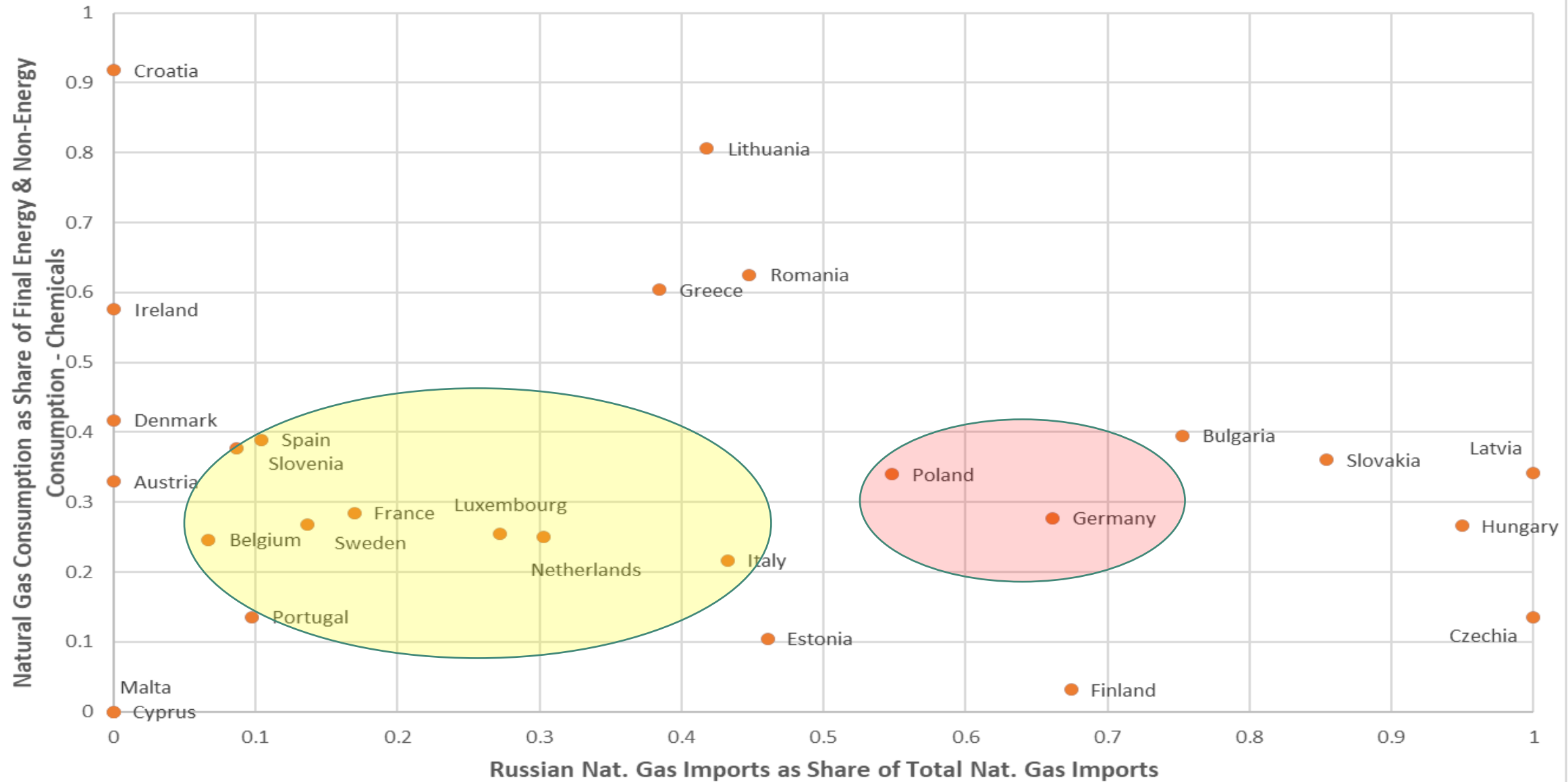
Oil  
(2735PJ)



Natural Gas  
( 1542PJ)

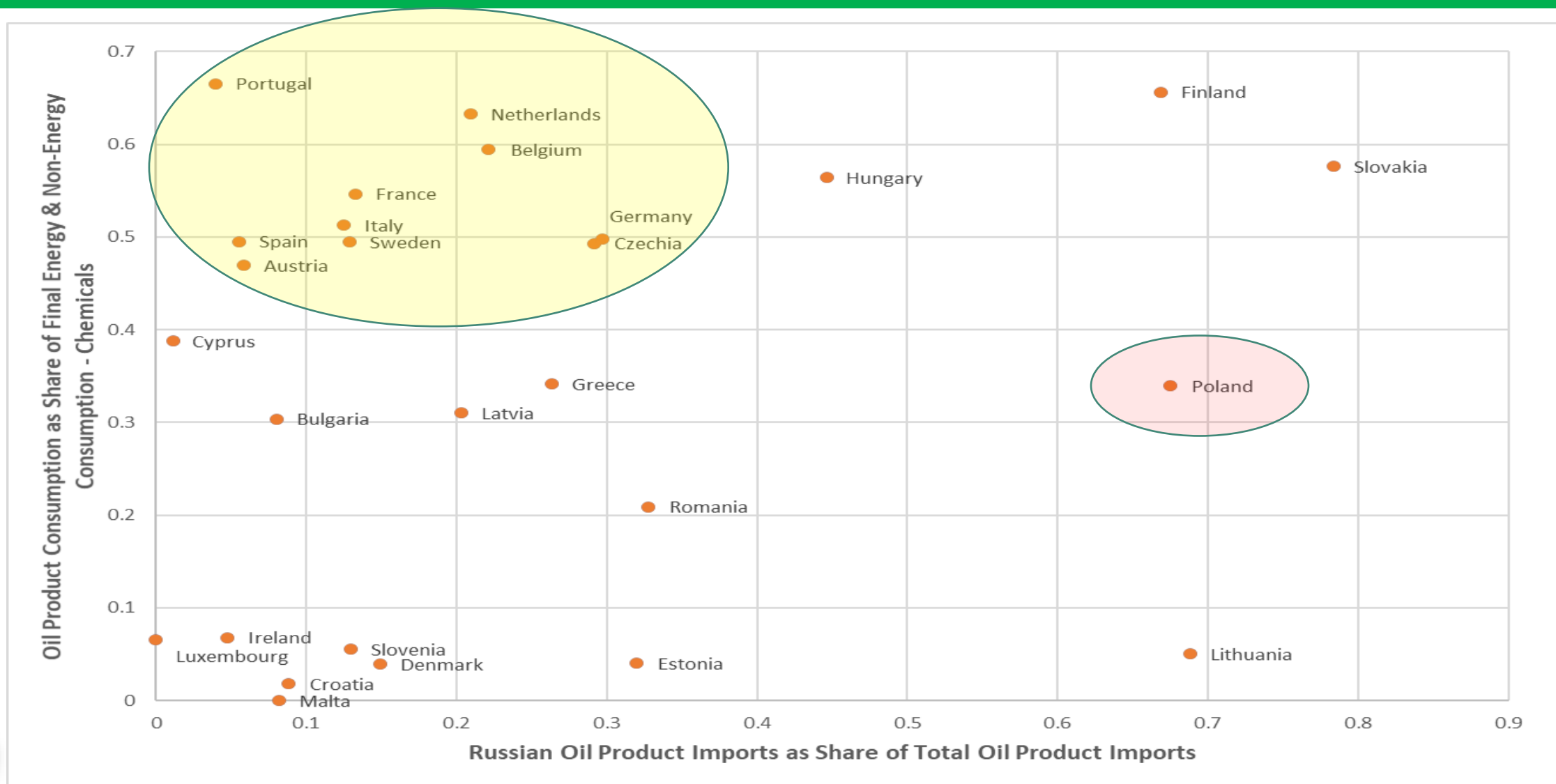


# Exposure to Russian Natural Gas Supply Disruption



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# Potential Exposure to Russian Oil Supply Disruptions



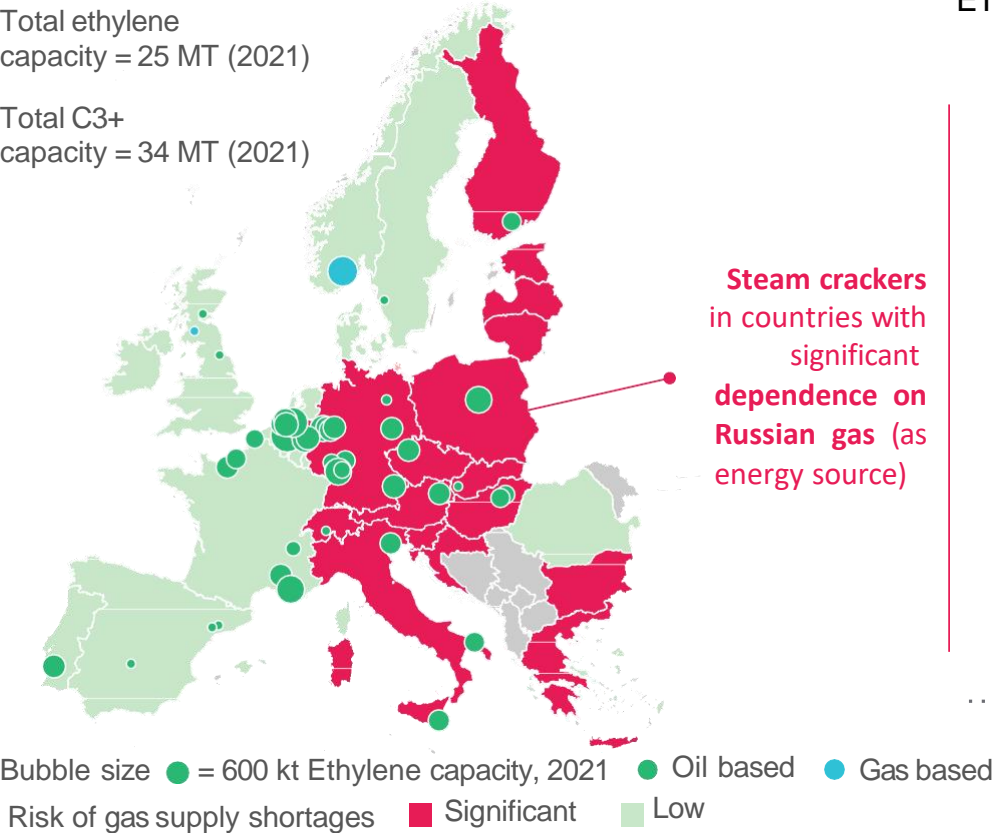
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# Despite Gas Supply Risk, Oil-Based Steam Crackers in Europe Secure Feedstock for Chemical Production

## Steam cracker landscape in Europe

Total ethylene capacity = 25 MT (2021)

Total C3+ capacity = 34 MT (2021)

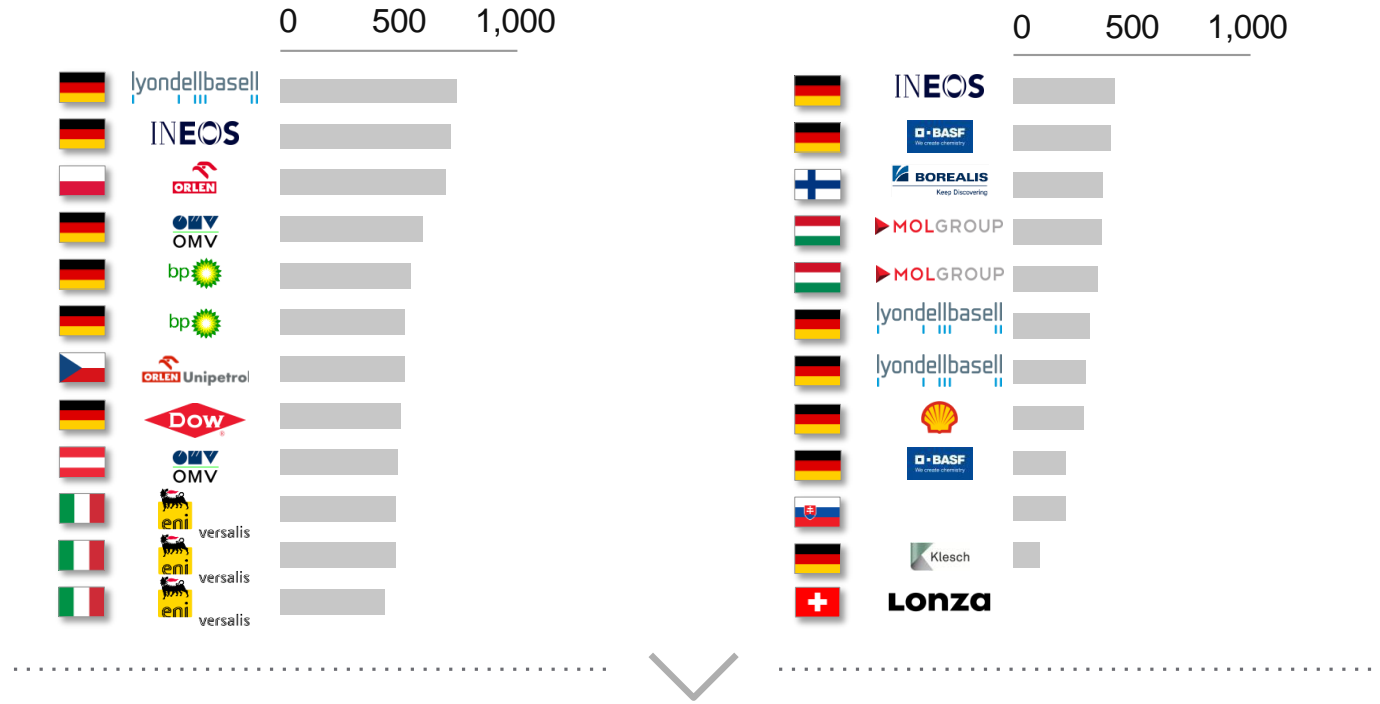


Bubble size ● = 600 kt Ethylene capacity, 2021 ● Oil based ● Gas based  
Risk of gas supply shortages ■ Significant ■ Low

Note: Rounded figures, only steam crackers shown

Source: BCG analysis

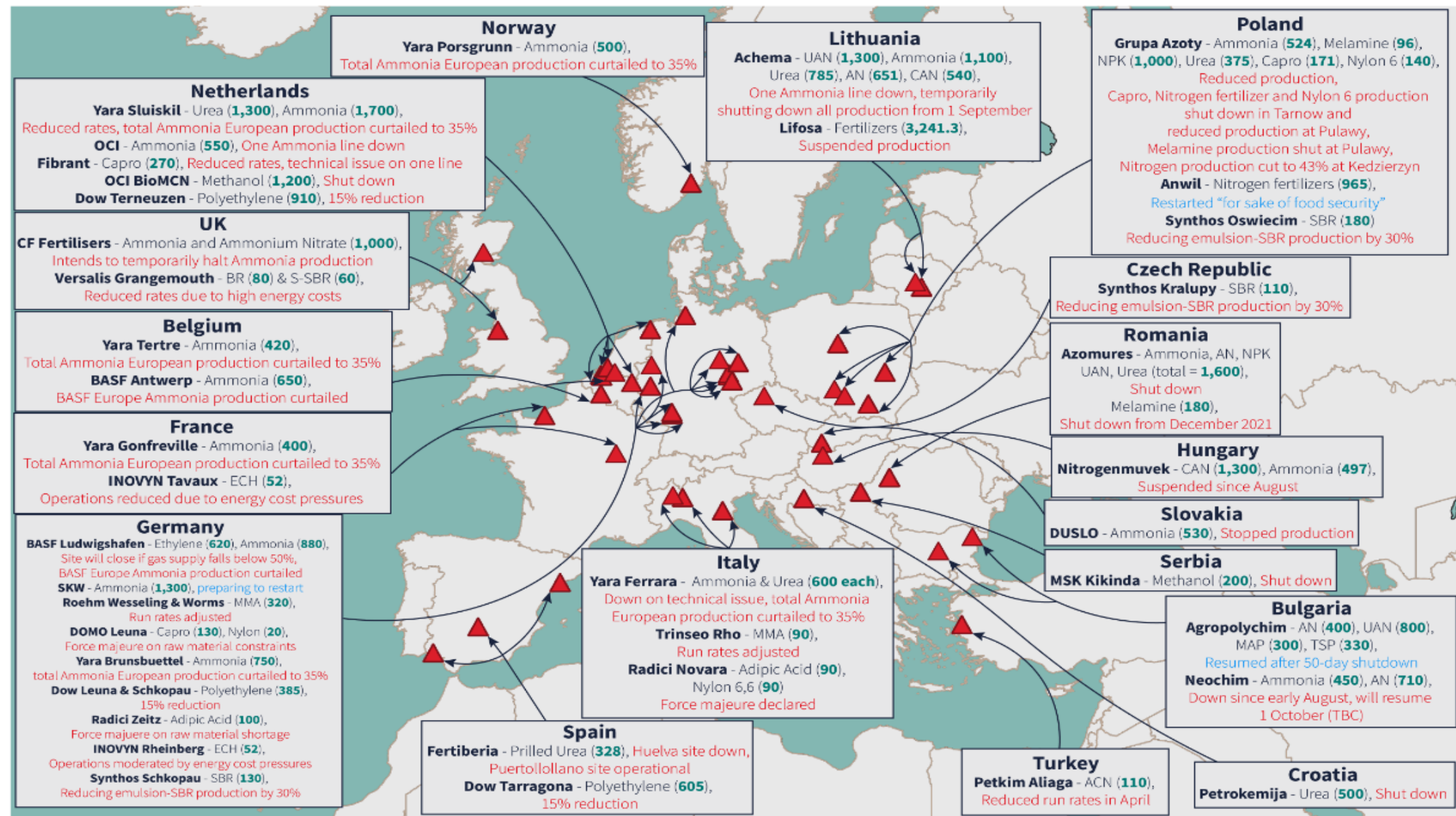
ETHYLENE CAPACITY (NAMEPLATE CAPACITY) [KT/YEAR]



~40% of European steam cracker ethylene capacity (10 Mt) in countries w/ significant dependence on Russian gas (as energy source), yet steam crackers use mainly oil as feedstock

# Soaring gas prices hit Europe chemicals, fertilizers

Capacities in '000 tonnes/year put next to product impacted in **green**, updated on 16 September 2022



SOURCE: ICIS, Natural Earth

Notes and references



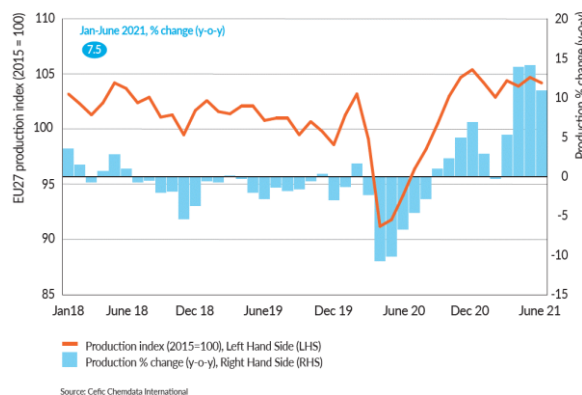
# Facing Head Winds in Europe



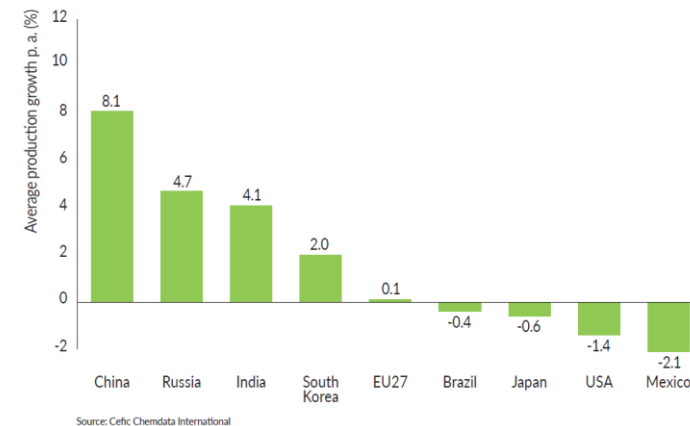
# Global Chemicals :

## At a competitive **disadvantage** vs. USA, ME and fast-growing regions

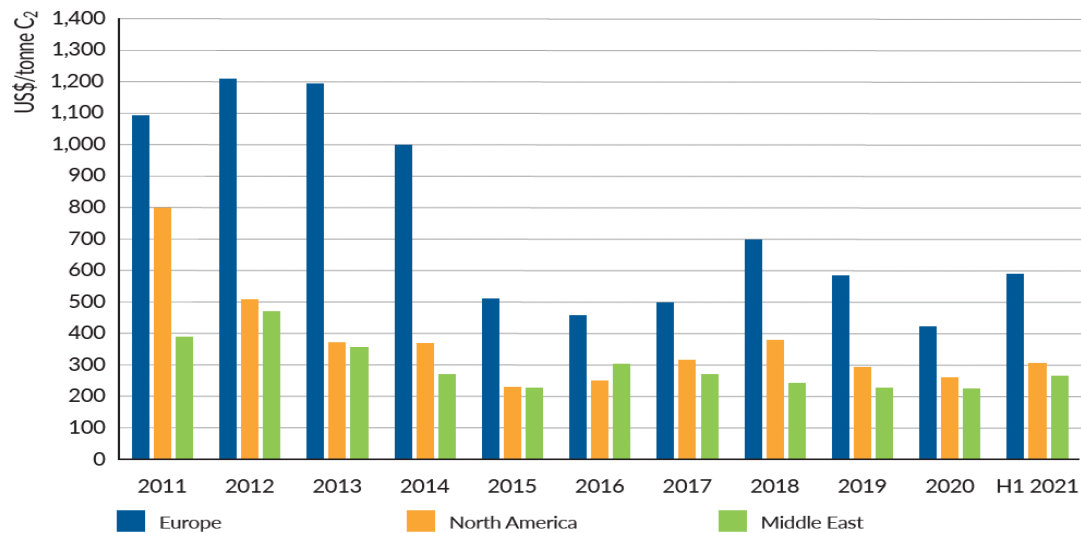
EU27 chemical industry production



Average chemicals production growth per annum (2010-2020)



Ethylene cash cost of regional steam crackers

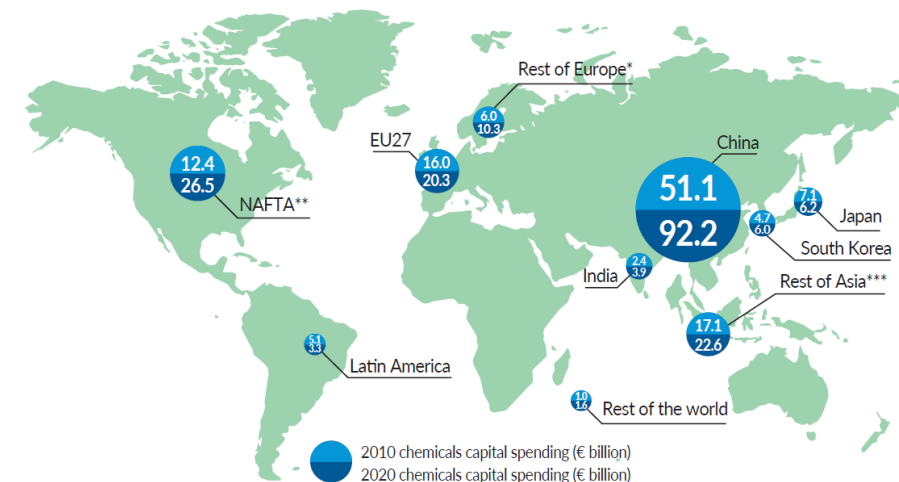


ECC measure provides an assessment of the ex-works cash margin obtained for the product over raw material costs, credit for selling co-products and key variable manufacturing costs, including power and steam, chemicals and catalysts.

# Investments in the EU 27 Chemicals lagging...

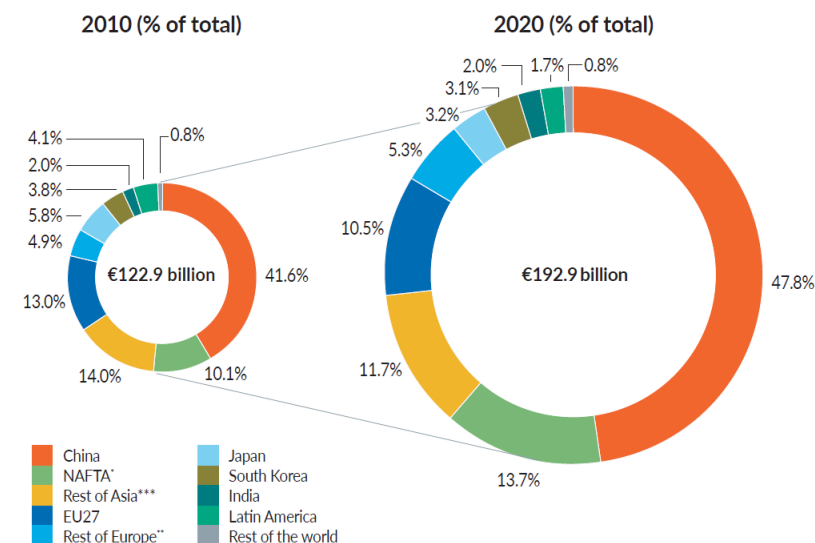
# ...China and US leading the race

Capital spending in the chemicals industry by region: 2020 vs 2010



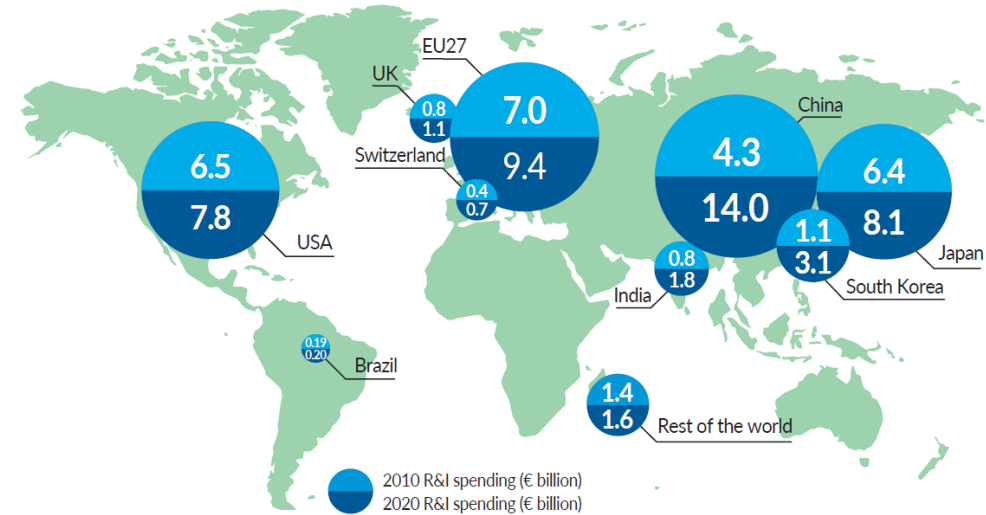
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Chemicals capital spending by country, 2020 vs 2010



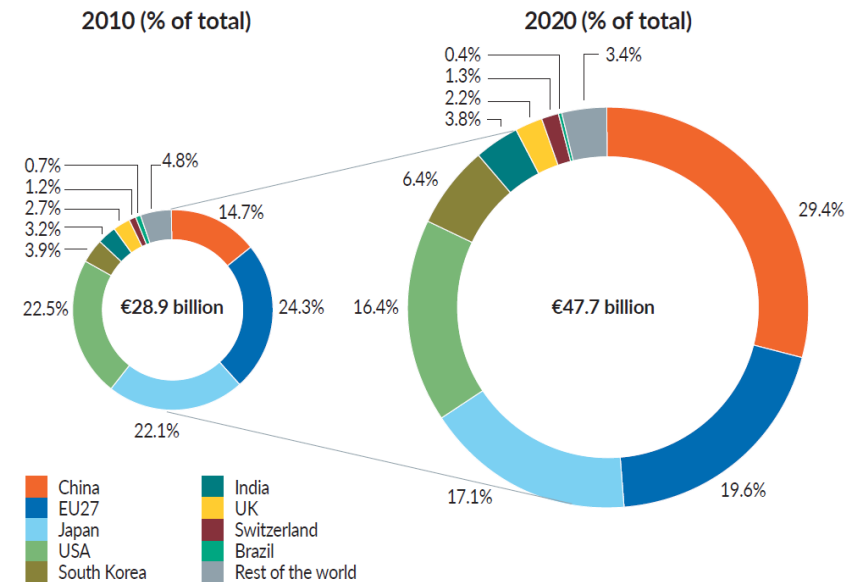
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Source: OECD and Cefic Chemdata International

Chemicals R&I spending by country, 2020 vs 2010



Source: OECD and Cefic Chemdata International

**EU27 is the second largest R&I investor in the world**

**...but China outpaces all other regions**



# On top of the license to operate, chemical companies are witnessing a wave of cost increase

**+50%**

**Total production costs** increasing by 50% over the last months

**2.5x**

**Futures market energy cost** at double to triple levels versus 2021

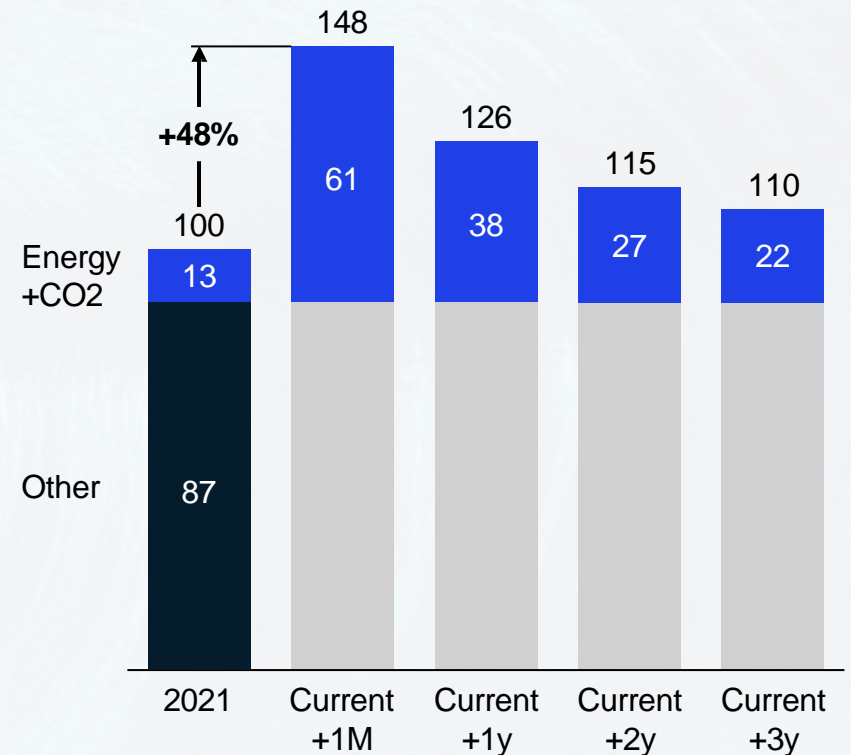
**>10%**

**Raw material increase** due to inflation, scarcity and supply issues

1. Fraction of total cost in 2021 for electricity 5% (60 EUR/MWh), gas 5% (20 EUR/MWh), CO2 2.5% (50 EUR/MWh) - electricity price assumed double of natural gas price including CO2, CO2 price evolving to 100 EUR/ton for future years

## Typical production cost structure<sup>1</sup> (process industry player)

EEX futures, TTF March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022





# Perspectives



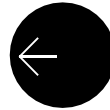
# Geopolitical tensions are increasing the probability of decoupling

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## US decoupling forces

- **Pressure from politics and business community: anti-dumping, export controls, tariffs, etc.**
- **Backlog of trade adjustment costs**
- **Confluence of concerns of trade hawks, human rights hawks, and national security hawks**



## China decoupling forces

- **Drive to maintain domestic control (e.g., data)**
- **Technological decoupling as greatest challenge (limited near-term options for self sufficiency/diversified sourcing)**
- **Restrictions on access to dollar-based trade** would significantly threaten China's ability to engage internationally



## EU concerns

- **Very integrated into global value chains with China and the US**
- Expectation is that **US** will continue to **put significant pressure on China**
- **EU focused on “open strategic autonomy,”** strengthening its capacity to pursue its interests while continuing to work with global partners around the world

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# Major trends — significantly accelerated

## **1 Volatility of the macroeconomic context**

- Dampened growth environment, much more differentiated
- Inflation soaring, volatility increased
- More frequent and longer supply chain disruptions
- Decoupling, de-globalization, re-regionalization?

## **2 The sustainability transformation**

- Scope 1, 2, and 3 decarbonization driven by regulatory and consumer pressure, for real and not limited to Europe
- Circular economy massively accelerating
- Downstream demand with significant (product) portfolio effects

## **3 Core technology and digital transformation**

- Digital transformations finally unfolding in chemicals
- Overdue large-scale modernization of core tech (ERP, data, analytics)

## **4 Talent and capabilities**

- Talent scarcity and attrition
- Upskilling/reskilling

# Decarbonization is becoming a pre-requisite for industrial companies' license to operate



## Acceleration in aspiration

**1,500+ companies** globally have set a **net-zero emissions** target –  
That is a **3x increase** since the start of 2020



Significant value-at-stake

**~5-10% of EBITDA**



Shifting customer expectations

**15-30% price premiums**



Increasing investor requirements

**38% of assets**



Bolder environmental regulation

**30-50% corporate profits at risk**



Talent moving to sustainable companies

**25-50% less turnover**

# Chemical companies are at the brink of a larger scale technology modernization

## From...

... tailor-made environments for lighthouses (to bypass current limitations)...

## To...

... a modern backbone that supports technology ambition at scale

... complex architectures and inefficient legacy processes

... lean, modular architecture and automated, efficient processes

... fast growing IT costs with a bias towards investments into inefficient legacy systems

... skewing investments into modernized, flexible systems ("change" vs. "run")

... monolithic, inflexible systems

... a flexible tech stack as strategic asset, supporting technology-centric business capabilities and portfolio management

... siloed organizations with IT as a "support function"

... digital native workforce in business and technology that seamlessly integrates technology into everyday work

→ **Enable digital at scale**

→ **Reduce technical debt**

→ **Bend the cost curve**

→ **Support business priorities**

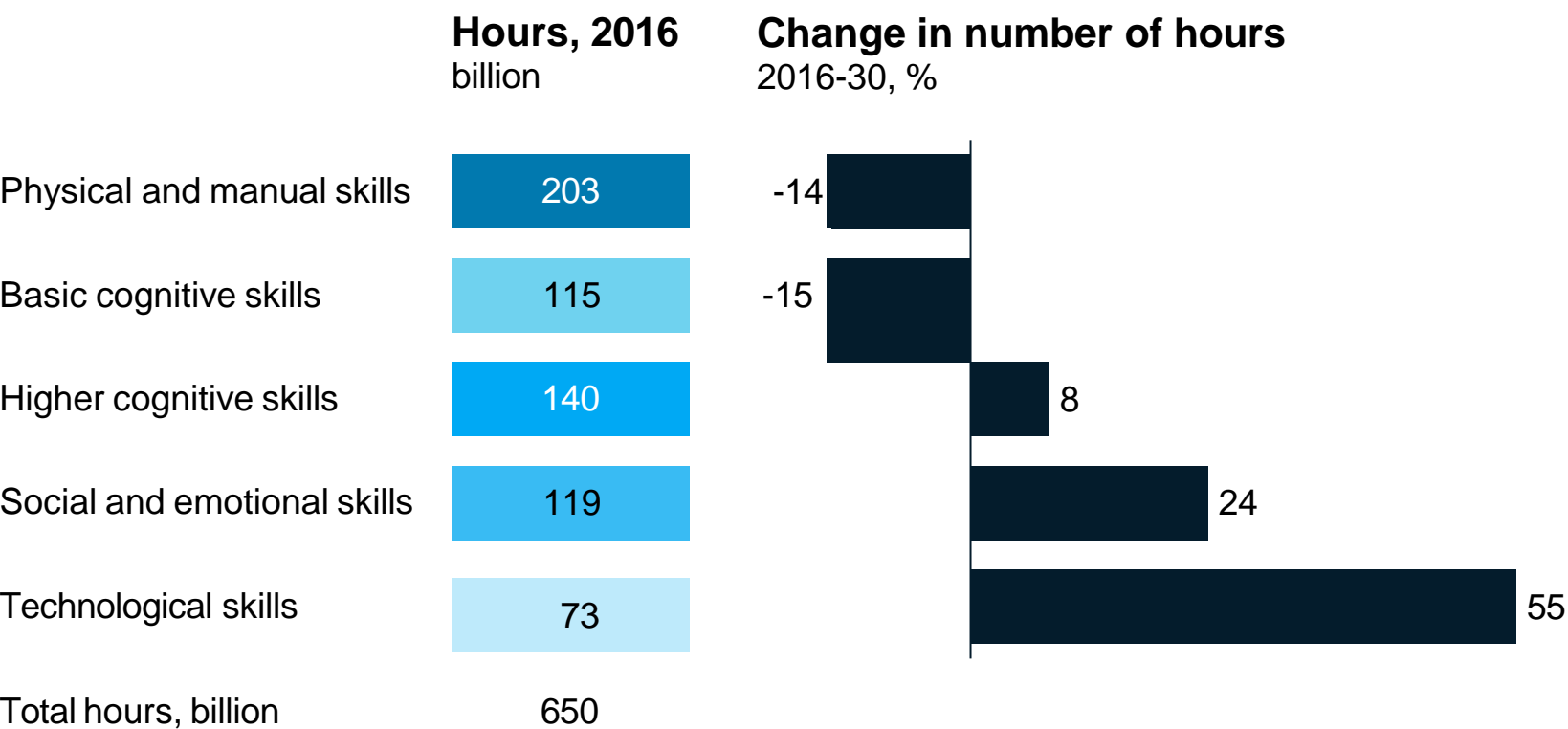
→ **Attract and retain digital native workforce**



# The “skills of the future” are technological, but also socio-emotional and higher cognitive

McKinsey Global Institute Analysis, all sectors

## United States and Western Europe



Though technological are key, higher cognitive and socio-emotional will also be in demand in the future

Research also finds that the shifts in exact skill needed is accelerating, so meta skills like adaptability are critical

Importance  
Lower  Higher

## FULL CIRCULARITY & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Packaging Waste Directive  
Waste Framework Directive  
Circular Economy Action Plan  
Sustainable Finance  
Construction Products regulation  
Single Use Plastics Directive  
Textile strategy  
Bioeconomy action plans  
Cosmetics Regulation

Targets on the use of pesticides and fertilisers

**CSS**  
Towards a toxic-free environment

Eco-design for sustainable products (ESPR)

**IED + AELs**  
for energy, water & material consumption

**REACH**  
Polymer registration, Redefining safe use (MAF), Generic bans

Strategic Framework for Health and Safety at Work

Food contact materials regulation  
RoHS

**SUSTAINABLE CARBON CYCLES**

20% non-fossil carbon in chemicals & plastics

5Mt carbon removal target for industry

## CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

**EU ETS 2030**  
-61% emission reductions vs 2005

EU Methane Strategy

Energy Efficiency Directive

Gas Directive and Regulation

RED / RFNBO mandate

ETD

Due diligence obligations

Digital Market Act

Data Governance Act

Data Act

Data Services Act

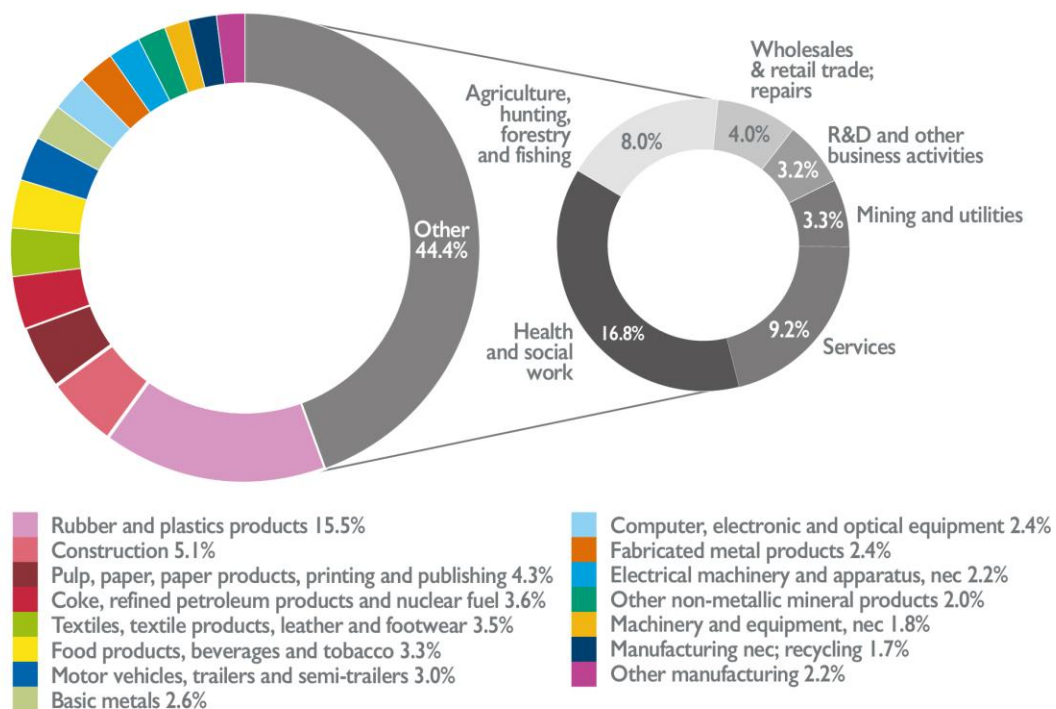
## DIGITALISATION & FULL TRANSPARENCY

Artificial Intelligence Act

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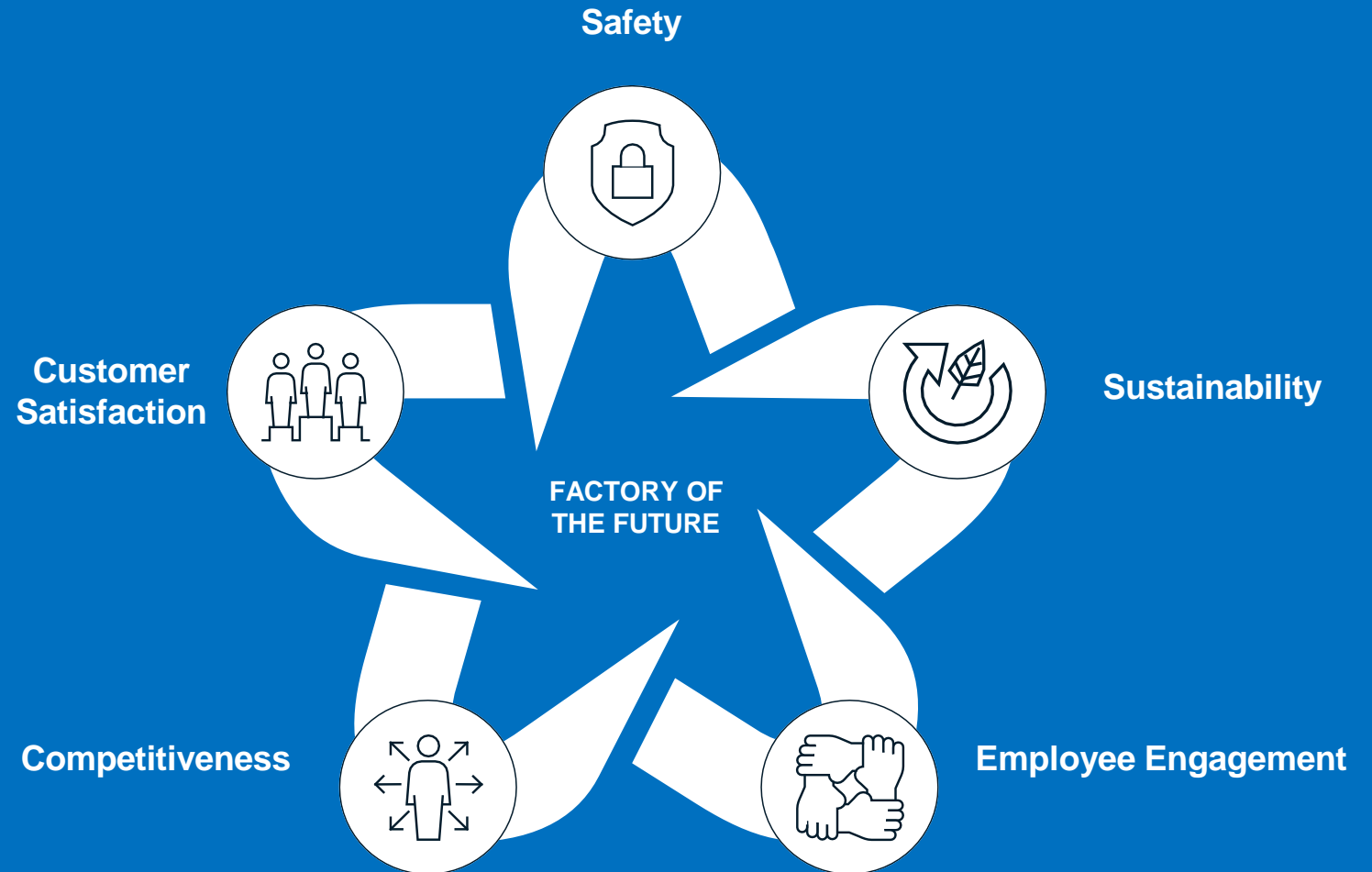
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**and win through  
a holistic  
transformation**

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## About Cefic

Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, founded in 1972, is the voice of large, medium and small chemical companies across Europe, which provide 1.1 million jobs and account for 15% of world chemicals production. Cefic members form one of the most active networks of the business community, complemented by partnerships with industry associations representing various sectors in the value chain. [A full list of our members](#) is available on the Cefic website.

Cefic is an active member of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), which represents chemical manufacturers and producers all over the world and seeks to strengthen existing cooperation with global organisations such as UNEP and the OECD to improve chemicals management worldwide





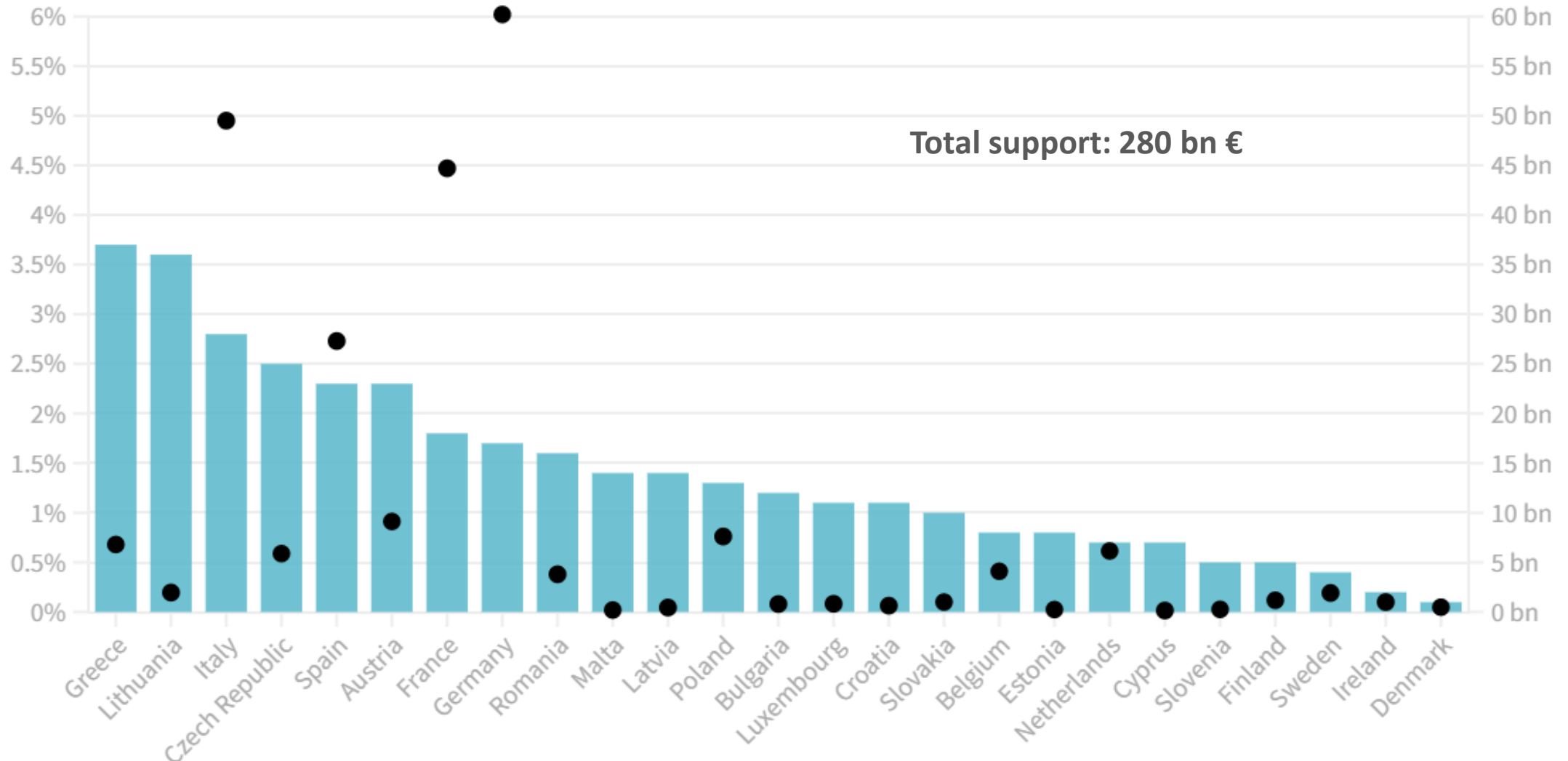
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# Governments allocated funding (Sep 2021 - Jul 2022) to shield households and businesses from the energy crisis

Last update: 10.08.2022

<https://www.bruegel.org/dataset/national-policies-shield-consumers-rising-energy-prices>

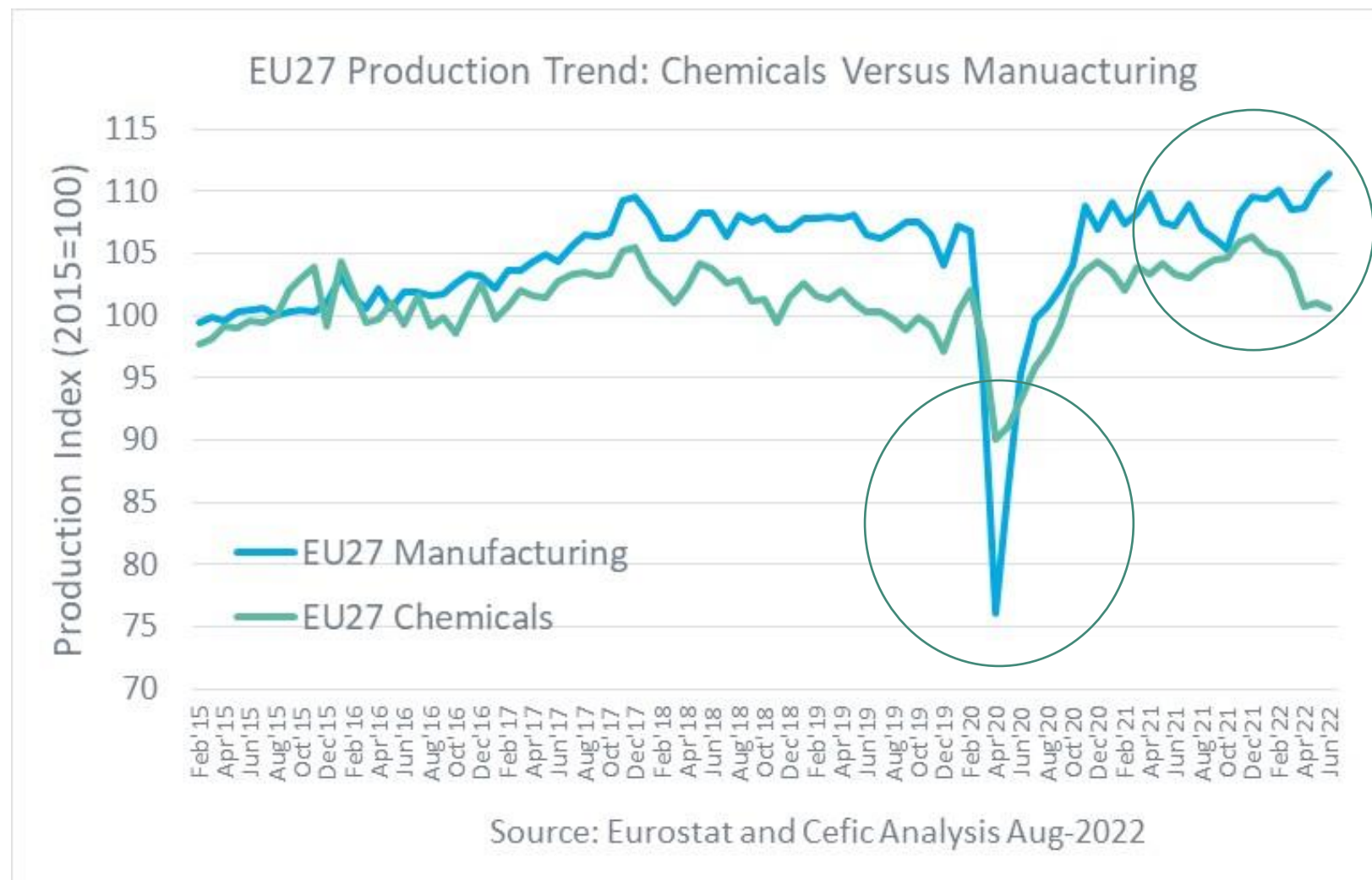
■ Percentage of GDP ■ Allocated funding (bn)



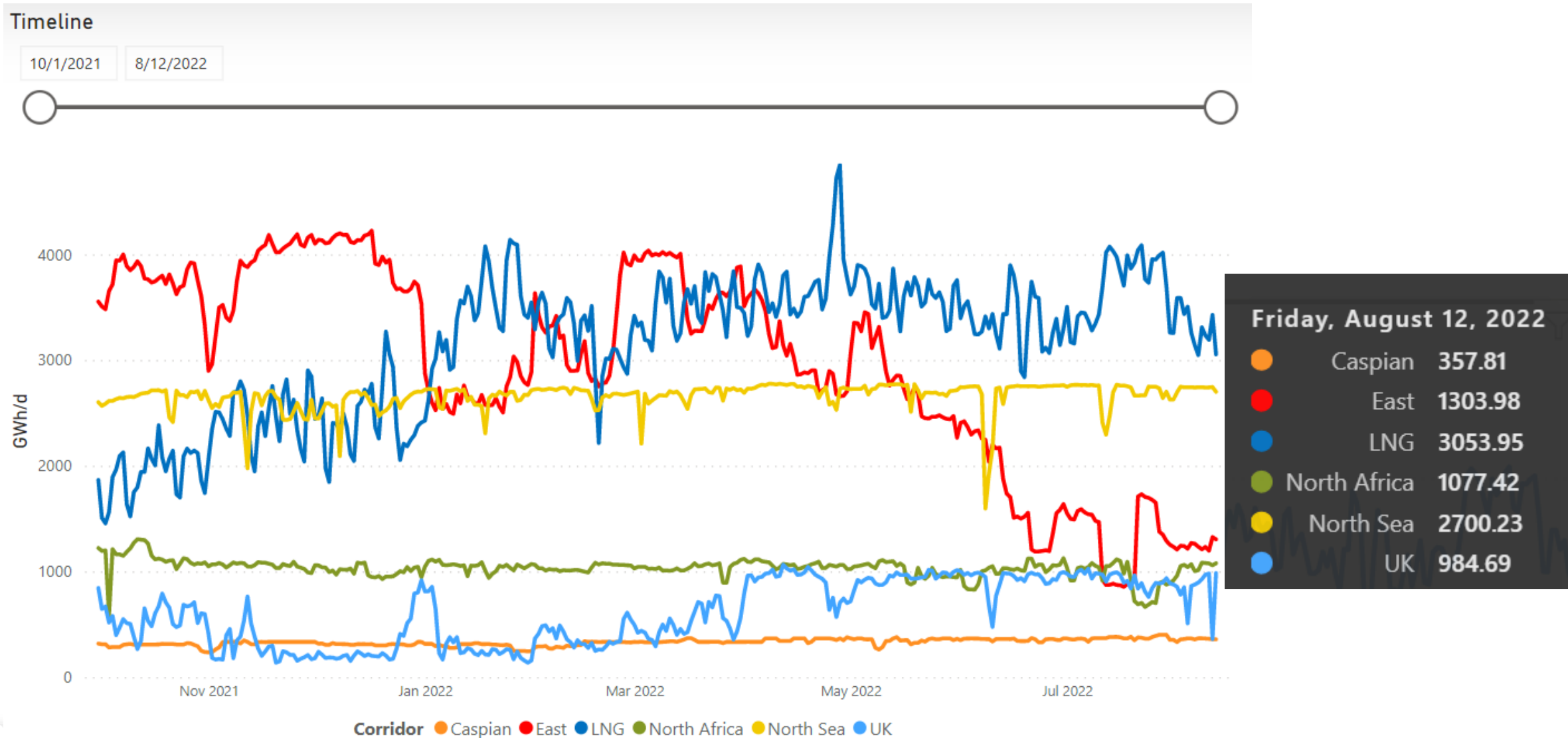


# Manufacturing and chemicals moved to opposite direction

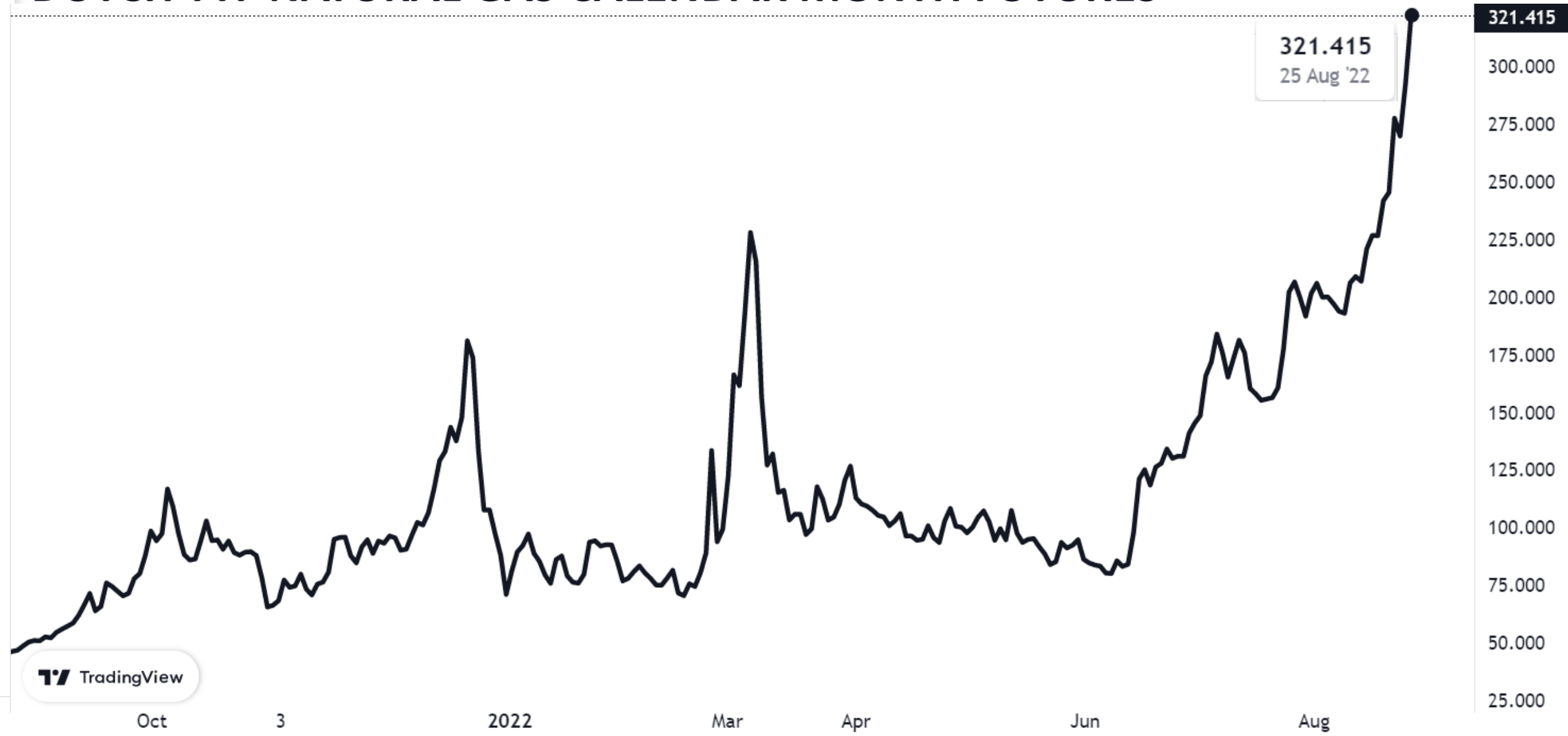
- **In June 2022, EU27 manufacturing production increased by 3,9% compared to June 2021.** The analysis of the first half of 2022 shows that output was 1.4% above 2021's level (Jan-June),
- **On the chemicals side, figures are less positive, output in June was 2,7% below 2021's level,** and 1H2022 was 0,7% below the first half of 2021.
- **Chemicals and manufacturing move to opposite direction during the first half of 2022.** Chemicals is most impacted by the energy crisis than the overall manufacturing sector.



# Gas supply to corridors and flow to Europe (source: ENTSOG [Dashboard](#))



# DUTCH TTF NATURAL GAS CALENDAR MONTH FUTURES

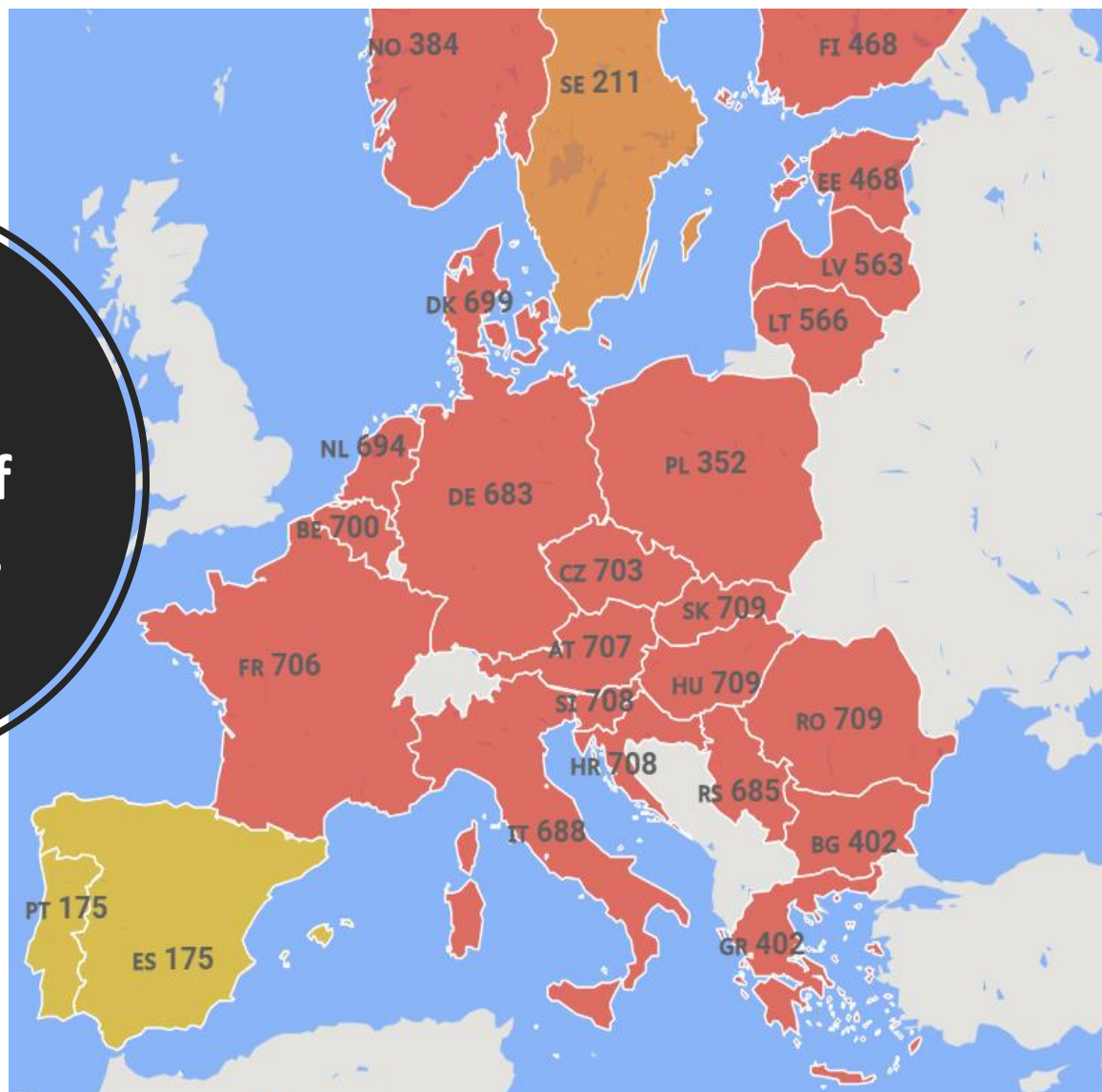


TradingView



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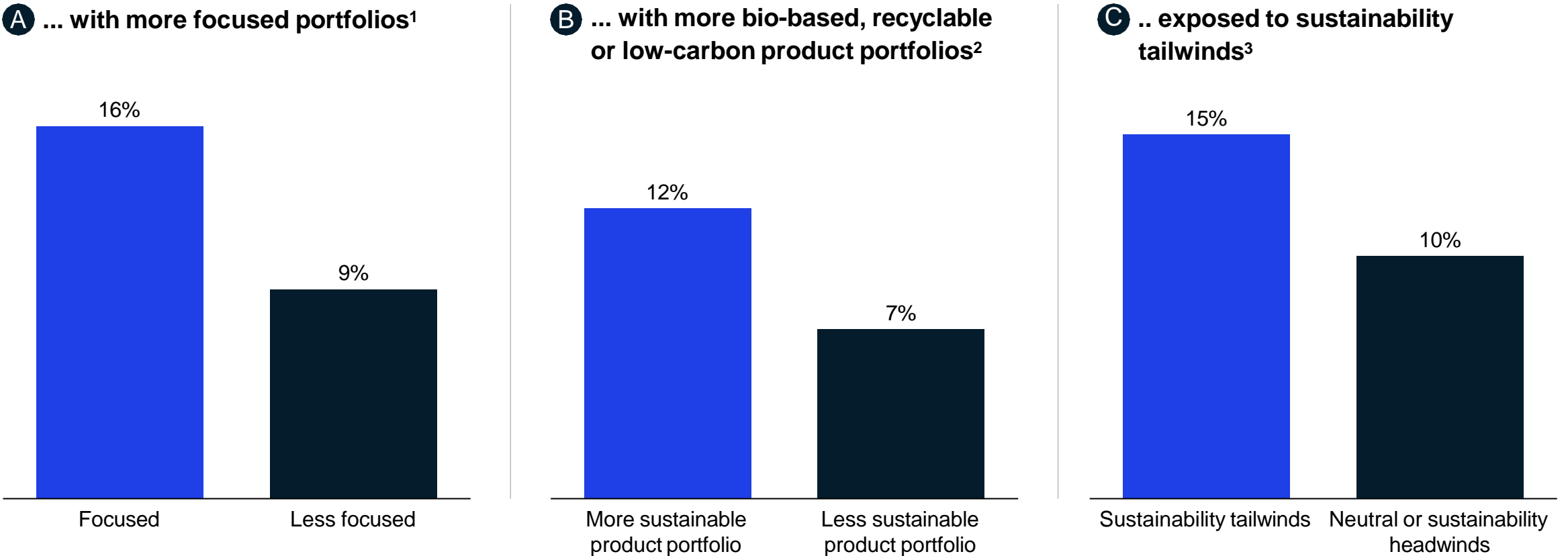
## Electricity prices as of 26/8/2022



source: <https://euenergy.live/>

# Portfolio effect – more focused and/or "greener" companies more likely to show higher TRS performance

Total return to shareholders – we see a higher TRS performance in companies....



1. Focused players make more than 80% of their revenues in maximum 2 chemical segments, CAGR 17-21

2. More/less than 25% of sales in biologic, recyclable or low-carbon products, CAGR 16-20

3. Companies with sustainability tailwinds are e.g., in Evs, energy storage, water reduction, energy efficiency, natural ingredients, circular packaging, while companies with sustainability headwinds are oil&gas, ICE automotive, guns, ammunition, tobacco. See back-up for details, CAGR 16-20

# Drawing a long-term investment timeline

\* Illustrative

