

Message from the President

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There is an increase in coal production, mainly in China and other Asian countries.

Coal is used mainly for the production of electricity, which is to a small extent burdened with the costs of CO₂ emissions.

EU ETS (European Union Emissions Trading System)



CO₂ emission costs are around 10 times higher than in Asian Countries





Import of energy resources from Russia to the EU



In 2022, imports of hydrocarbons from Russia decreased by ~45% on average.





As a result of the sanctions imposed on Russian hydrocarbons, the production of Russian gas fell by 12% y/y. The increase in average market gas prices in 2022 by ~150% y/y translated into a significant increase in the value of gas sold by Russia.





Russia has redirected supply of Energy resources mainly to Asian markets. China's access to Russian gas, oil and coal for the production of cheap electricity has deepened the negative trade balance between the EU and China. **Consequences of a long-term negative trade balance**

- 1. Limitation of domestic production capacity and a decrease in the competitiveness of the economy,
- 2. Economic growth slowdown,
- 3. Currency depreciation,
- 4. Increase of unemployment,
- 5. Deflation,
- 6. Acquisitions of domestic entities by foreign capital.

"The only way that we can reduce our financial dependence on the inflow of funds from the rest of the world is to reduce our trade deficit"

Professor of economics Martin Feldstein (Harvard University)

United States Chairman of Council of Economic Advisers



EU dependence on imports of raw materials for green technologies



The EU replaces ~40% dependence on Russian hydrocarbons with over ~90% dependence on renewables produced in China and other Asian countries.



In 2050, ~90% of electricity produced in the EU will come from Renewables. Only ~10% of energy is to be produced in stable sources, i.e. mainly from nuclear, gas and hydrogen.



Producing ~220 thousand wind turbines requires ~120 mln tons of steel.

Requires ~5 times higher rate of implementation of investments in wind farms than currently, which will increase the EU's dependence on components produced in China and India.

Demand for photovoltaic panels



The pace of implementation of investments in PV panels needs to be ~3 times higher than currently, which will increase the EU's dependence on PV panels mainly produced in China.



79% of rare earth metals are exported from Asia



POLSKA GRUPA GÓRNICZA Source: U.S. Geological Survey 2023

EU's Critical Raw Materials Act

To strenghten the CRM supply chain and diversify imports EU needs to meet the following targets by 2030:

- At least 10% of the EU's annual consumption of CRMs must come from EU mining operations,
- At least **40%** of the EU's CRMs needs to be processed in Europe,
- At least **15%** of the EU's annual consumption must come from recycling,
- Not more than **65%** of each strategic raw material at any relevant stage of processing must come from a single third country.



Conclusions EU's Energy mix

- 1. During the energy transformation, the EU should ensure access to its own independent energy resources.
- 2. The EU should protect mining competences, which are carried by employees working in mining companies. These competences will be <u>crucial</u> in extracting our own critical raw materials and rare earth elements without which the green transformation will not be possible.





Thank you for your attention

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