**Overview of energy situation across EU and member States**

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| **EU level**  *Glass Alliance Europe*  *Update: 06 April* | **RePowerEU plan**: [link](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A108%3AFIN)  Possibility for Member States to lower VAT rates and excise duty on energy  **Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid:** [link](https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/legislation/temp_framework_en.pdf)  Possibility for Member States to grant support to companies and extra support to energy intensive ones (alinea 52 and 53) in case of losses generated by soaring energy costs. *Analysis circulated on 23 March by Veronique & Bertrand* | **RePowerEU plan**: [link](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A108%3AFIN)  Objective to reduce dependence on Russian gas imports. Several routes proposed including energy savings, diversification of gas supplies (LNG), refill of energy gas stocks by the autumn, etc.  Warning by EC in the High Level Group on EIIs that industry needs to prepare for earlier phase out of Russian gas, in case…  Oral Statement by DG GROW in response to BC intervention in HLEG on continuous supply: *‘We have on our radar the necessity for some sectors to be guaranteed continuous supply, incl. glass industries’*  All Member States asked to prepare and send to EC updated national / regional energy shortage contingency plans. EU will ‘collate them to check if they add up.’  Therefore very important to know from countries how the glass industry is treated in those national plans. | Joint Statement by some EIIs in response to RePowerEU drafted & cosigned by GAE: [link](https://www.glassallianceeurope.eu/images/para/22-03-09-joint-eii-statement-energy-crisis_file.pdf)  Several papers and statements by [FEVE](https://feve.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FEVE-Position-on-non-interruptability-of-energy-supply-10032022.pdf) and [Glass for Europe](https://glassforeurope.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GlassforEurope-Continuous-energy-supply-March-2022.pdf).  Interventions by BCazes at the HLEG on the importance for glass industry to be guaranteed continuous supply of energy.  [Opinion piece by P. Bastien](https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/opinion/lets-get-the-fitfor55-package-right-to-trigger-the-much-needed-virtuous-cycle-of-decarbonisation/) in EU press stressing need for continuous supply.  Next actions / papers to be decided after assessment of needs based on input from national associations (input to this table). |

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| **Germany**  *BV Glas Update: 22/04/2022* | <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Downloads/M-O/massnahmenueberblick-schutzschild-der-breg-fuer-vom-krieg-betroffene-unternehmen.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=4>  Germany publishes shield for energy intensive companies endangered/affected by high energy prices, in line with the EU Temporary Crisis Framework. | Federal Network agency invited BV Glass President to exclusive High Level CEO round table for energy intensive sectors. A dialogue platform was designed for natural gas security and contingency plans. BV Glas members are represented in all four groups. National Data base will be established in October 2022 where every natural gas consumer (> 10 MW) will be listed with the crucial information in case of an emergency. This information platform will be the basis for the Federal Network agency to act in case of natural gas shortages. | Several Position papers on energy price crisis and energy security supply. Intensive contacts with ministry of economics and Federal Network agency. Many press article and interviews where the special situation of our industry was stressed. Lobbying actions on energy crisis where taken in unison with the alliance of energy intensive industries in Germany. |

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| **France**  *FCSIV Update (19/04)* | Financial support is focusing on company with losses according to European rules…we are not aware of glass companies concerned. | Mechanism is being implemented in case of shortage. Priority list has to be defined with a focus on site with consumption higher than 5 GWh/year. Such sites have to answer a survey on the consequences of shortage. List of priority will be defined at a local level…  To be noted, the very short delay for activation of the mechanism: 2h!  Link to the text :  <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000045530674> | * Letter send to the ministry of economy * Exchanges with our authorities at different levels * Recognition in the media of our argument, glass is often used as an example (*Article in Les Echos*)! |

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| **Poland**  *ZPPL Update (19/04)* | * Continuous lobbying re regulatory part of electricity price (including network costs, green - renewables and white – en. efficiency certificates, method to determine the price on she stock market). * Some new measures available to the industry to be presented by end of April. | No special provisions for any industry, but:   * the gas storage is currently 70% full, * a new natural gas pipeline from Scandinavia (the Baltic Pipe) operational in autumn, * Further build-up of the LNG terminal. | * Presentation by ZPPS on official social dialogue meeting on 24th of February. * 2 position papers and legal analysis sent to the ministries, prime minister office, grid operator, energy regulatory office and main gas suppliers. * Common position paper of energy intensive industries inspired by ZPPS. * MEP’s from “glass” regions and local authorities alerted. * Support from trade unions. * First lobbying actions started in November 2021. |

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| **Austria**  *Fachverband update: 21.04.2022* | The green electricity costs will be suspended and set to zero for the year 2022 for businesses and households. Usually an annual green electricity flat rate and a green electricity subsidy, which is consumption-dependent, has to be paid by energy customers to promote the expansion of renewable energies.  A measure announced but not yet implemented: The reduction of specific energy levies (natural gas levy and electricity levy) up to 90 % by 30.6.2023. | Individual levels of the contingency plan:  Early Warning Level (Level 1):  Level 1 is declared when there are concrete and reliable indications that there could be a deterioration in gas supply. Since March 30, 2022, the early warning level for the Austrian gas supply has been in effect due to the developments in connection with the Ukraine war. In the early warning stage, the main focus is on closer monitoring of the gas market and analysis of the situation, as well as information and communication to and with the relevant national and European bodies.  Alert Level (Level 2):  The alert level is declared if the probability of a deterioration of the gas supply situation increases, e.g. due to the concrete announcement of official, responsible sources of supply restrictions or supply stoppage. Voluntary energy reductions will be used to reduce gas consumption. Industry is also encouraged to use alternatives to natural gas where possible.  Emergency Level (Level 3):  The declaration of an emergency level may be necessary when there is a high probability that gas supply constraints will occur and current demand cannot be met through market-based measures. Gas consumers can be obliged to reduce gas consumption on the basis of an ordinance. The enactment of such an ordinance is possible at short notice through parliamentary stages. Priority is given to supply sufficient heat to households and basic social services as protected customers. All other gas consumers such as companies may be temporarily excluded from or restricted in gas supply without further proceedings.  There is no specific focus on individual sectors like the glass industry regarding the criteria for the reduction measures but benefit maximization on the one hand and harm minimization on the other would be the guiding principles. | National competent authorities and ministries are by now mostly aware of the special situation in the glass industry and the need of continuous gas supply to avoid total damage.  Whenever we have the opportunity (meetings, questionnaires, media reports etc.), we refer to the special energy needs in the glass industry. |

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| **Belgium**  *Indufed Update* | Nihil | Contingency plans (gas) foresee to have a contact with “all stakeholders” in case of shortages – however industry will be the first to have to cut down its consumption; first phase would be on a voluntary basis, second phase on a compulsory basis (the network manager would simply reduce or shut down the supply to specific factories). A number of SEVESO companies could get a favourable treatment if possible. The different phases are decided by the Federal Energy Minister. | inDUfed has anticipated the bad news included in the emergency plan by alerting the Prime Minister’s office, the interprofessional federation of Belgian companies and the federal administration to the special case that glass production (glass furnaces) represent. Our aim is to add the glass furnaces to the SEVESO companies. |

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| **Spain**  *Vidrio España update:* | • **Royal Decree-law** by which urgent measures were adopted within the framework of the National Plan to respond to the economic and social consequences of the war in Ukraine: [Link](https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/consejodeministros/referencias/Paginas/2022/refc20220329_corregidav02.aspx#energia)  Among others, this includes direct aid for specific sectors: paper and cardboard, glass and ceramics. A fixed amount that will depend on their activity sector and their number of employees, with a maximum of 400,000 euros, determined by the European Framework. €2,600 per worker for the glass industry.  • **Spain and Portugal - ‘energy island’:** joint proposal to Brussels for setting a maximum price of €30 per megawatt (MWh) for gas-fired power plants to lower the cost of electricity. | • Spain has **increased energy reserves to 7.5 days** to try not to stress the markets and lower gas prices.  Vidrio España has carried out lobby actions to insist in the need for continuous supply. | • 03/25/2022- **Meeting of sectoral associations with the Ministry of Ecological Transition**: to address energy problems as well as national and European negotiations to resolve them.  • 03/30/2022- **Meeting of sectoral associations with the Ministry of Industry:** informative meeting on aids as a result of the war in Ukraine (Royal Decree-law).  • 04/08/2022 – **Meeting of VIDRIO ESPAÑA/ANFEVI with the Ministry of Industry:** to convey the energy requirements of the glass sector, and the crisis it is facing regarding energy prices. |

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| **Italy**  *Assovetro Update* |  |  |  |

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| **Netherlands**  *VNG update:* |  |  |  |

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| **Czechia**  *ASKPCR update:* |  |  |  |
| **Slovakia**  *Zvsp update:* |  |  |  |
| **Bulgaria**  *AGPB update:* |  |  |  |

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| **United Kingdom**  *British Glass update: 22/04/2022* | Announced in the UK Energy Security Strategy   * RO/FIT/CFD exemption relief to be increased from 85% to 100% - unknown start date either 1st April 22 or 1st April 23.   Indirect cost compensation for UK ETS and CPS costs from 85% to 100% - glass still not sure if eligible awaiting consultation response – starting from 1st April 22. | Announced in the UK Energy Security Strategy:  **Oil and Gas:**  – Regulatory Accelerators for new oil and gas – Planned new oil and gas licensing, mindful of delivered Climate Checkpoint and energy security – Review of the science on shale gas – Clean electricity for offshore platforms – CCUS clusters to futureproof North Sea – Phase out Russian oil and coal by end 2022 and Russian LNG gas imports as soon as possible thereafter  **Nuclear**  - Up to 8 reactors progressed across the next series of projects – Reaching up to 24GW by 2050 (up to 25% of demand) – Started scoping out the Great British Nuclear Development Vehicle next month  **Solar**  – Consult on amending planning rules to strengthen policy in favour of solar development – Consult on reviewing permitted development rights to support solar deployment – Explore low-cost finance options with retail lenders to help households install rooftop solar – Design performance standards to further encourage renewables, including solar PV, in new homes and buildings  **Wind**  – Halving planning and regulation time for new offshore wind projects – Consult on developing partnerships for a number of onshore wind projects for supportive communities, with associated benefits for local population – Improving community benefits for areas with strategic network infrastructure – By next year, have blueprint for strategic network infrastructure – Networks Commissioner and Future System Operator to help plan ahead – Launch an Offshore Coordination Support Scheme  **Hydrogen**  – Double our ambition to up to 10GW hydrogen production capacity, at least 50% from electrolytic projects – Aim to run annual allocation rounds for the hydrogen business model, moving to price-competitive allocation by 2025 as soon as legislation and market conditions allow – Aim that up to 1GW of electrolytic hydrogen is in operation or construction by 2025, alongside our existing commitment of up to 1GW of CCUS-enabled hydrogen – Design Transport and Storage business models by 2025  **Demand**  – VAT cut for insulation and heatpumps – Facilitating low-cost finance from retail lenders to catalyse green finance market – Heat Pump Investment Accelerator of up to £30 million – Better labelling and product standards so consumers can purchase more efficient products including for heating, lighting, and cooking – Setting clear energy performance standards varying by building type  – Launching our new national digital support tool on GOV.UK, energy advice service, to help consumers improve the energy performance of their homes – Establishing a dedicated energy advice offering for smaller businesses  – Extend the EII Compensation Scheme for a further 3 years, and intend to increase the aid intensity to up to 100% (1.5% of GVA)  – Consider other measures to support business, including increasing the renewable obligation exemption to 100% | We continue to lobby for level playing field with the EU   * Reduction in network costs similar to mainland Europe * Linking UK ETS with EU scheme * Indirect costs compensation for UK ETS costs   We lobby through the Energy Intensive User Group |