# Wholesale electricity markets in Europe

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#### The development of the European Market

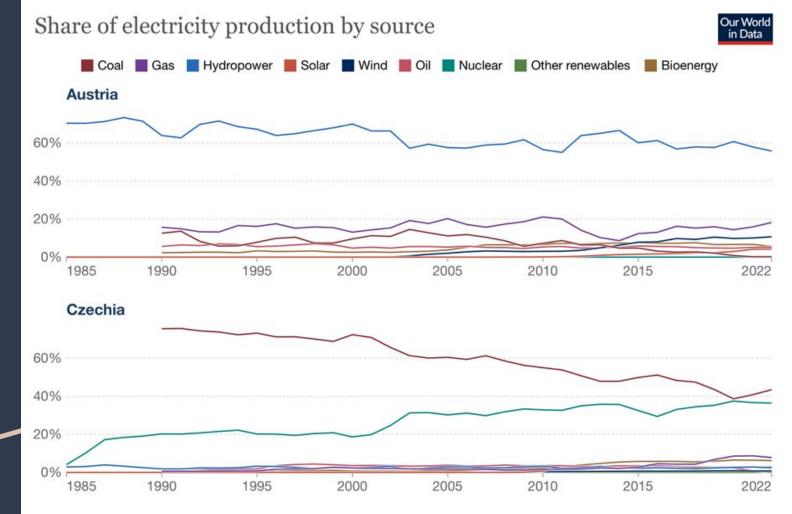
- National monopolies prior 1990s followed by several waves of liberalisation packets
- First Energy Packet in 1996
  - market liberalisation
  - unbundling of accounts
  - third party access
  - regulated network tariffs
- Second Energy Packet in 2003
  - expansion of the first packet and improvements in the internal functionality of the energy market
  - $\circ \quad \ \ \text{legal unbundling}$
  - increased consumer choice
  - enhanced regulatory powers
- Third Energy Packet in 2009
  - goal: create a fully operational and competitive internal energy market
  - $\circ$  ownership unbundling
  - establishment of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
  - consumer rights strengthening

### History of the Czech Market

- 20th century- need for electrification due to labor shortage -> number of small power plants throughout the country
- high rise in access to electricity, de-escalation due to WWII
- 1970s large coal-power plants and high-voltage transmission lines
- planned economy -> cheap electricity vs. high production costs
  - imbalance -> inefficiency and wasteful consumption
- 1980s nuclear power plants

### History of the Austrian Market

- access to electricity
  - o monarchy: 1900s
  - o common folk: 1920s
- 1947 Österreichische Elektrizitätswirtschafts-AG, today VERBUND
- introduction of hydro power plants
- efforts for nuclear power in the 1970s -> Zwentendorf Referendum of 1978 -> Austria to this day free from nuclear energy or weapons
- further expansion of hydro power to this day main source of electricity
- late 1990s liberalisation process
- renewable power: wind, sun, biomass



Source: Our World in Data based on BP Statistical Review of World Energy & Ember

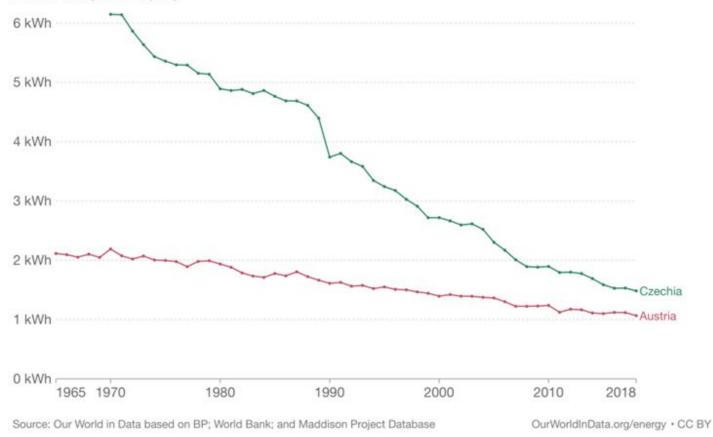
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Comparison

#### Energy intensity



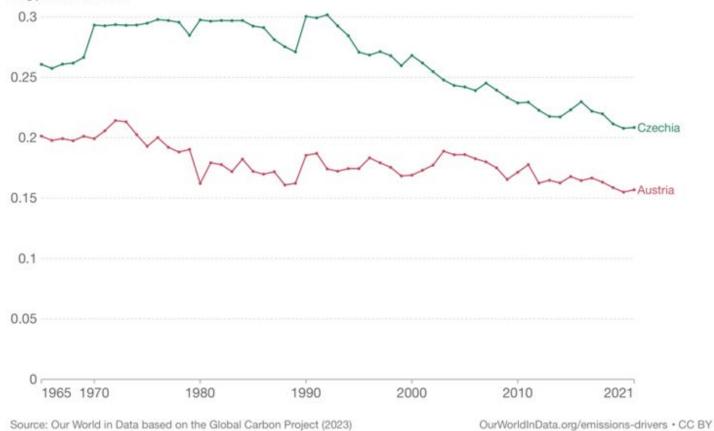
Energy intensity is measured as primary energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product. This is measured in kilowatt-hours per 2011\$ (PPP).



#### Carbon intensity of energy production

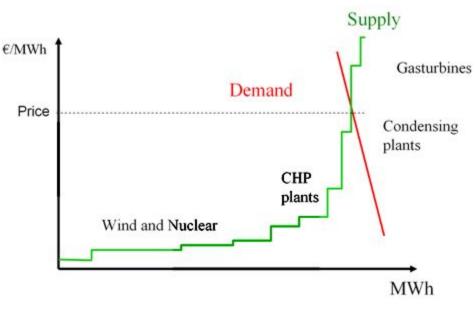


This measures the amount of carbon dioxide emitted per unit of energy production. This is measured in kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> per kilowatt-hour.



### The Market Framework in Europe

- complex network of interlinked exchanges
- energy consumers, providers and grid operators in the EU brought together
- usually based on "pay as cleared approach"
  - auction sets price and volume traded based on the point where demand curve meets supply curve
- exchanges: EPEX SPOT in Western Europe, Nord Pool in Northern Europe, GME in Italy and PXE in Czech Republic

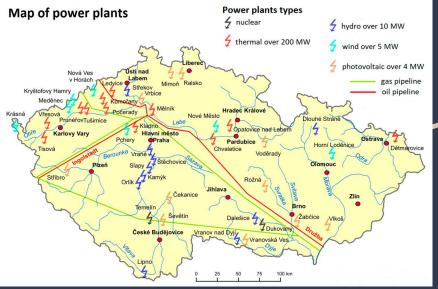


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#### Market Types

- day-ahead
  - electricity traded one day ahead of actual delivery
- intraday
  - adjusting positions closer to the time of delivery
  - continuous trades
- forward and future markets
  - locked prices for the future far ahead
  - tool against uncertainty
- balancing market
  - operates close to real-time
  - Transmission System Operator
- capacity market
  - meeting the demand during peak hours

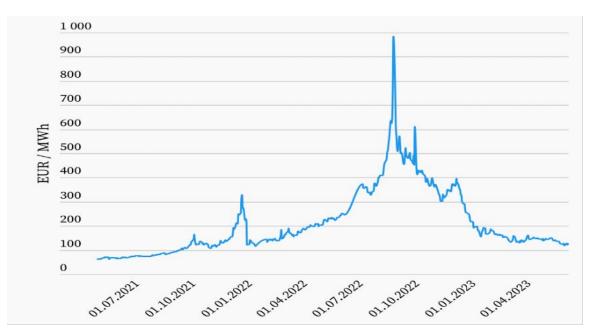
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- beginning of the competitive market with the Energy Act 2000
- Energy Regulatory Office
- 2002 admission to the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
- 2004 joining the EU
- 2007 Power Exchange Central Europe (PXE)
- fully integrated Multi-Regional Coupling
- day-ahead most liquid
- strong connections to the other V4 countries
- member of SIDC and SDAC

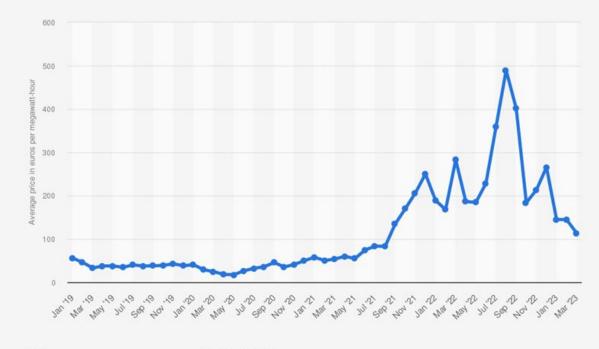
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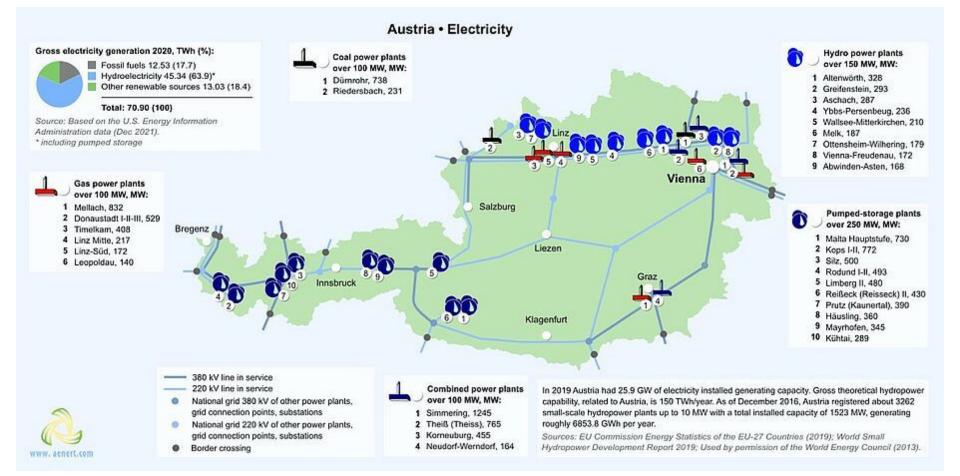
#### Austrian Electricity Market

- liberalized before the EU deadline
- hydropower dominant since the beginning
- electricity price highly dynamic over the past few years

#### Average monthly electricity wholesale price in Austria from January 2019 to March 2023 (in euros per megawatt-hour)

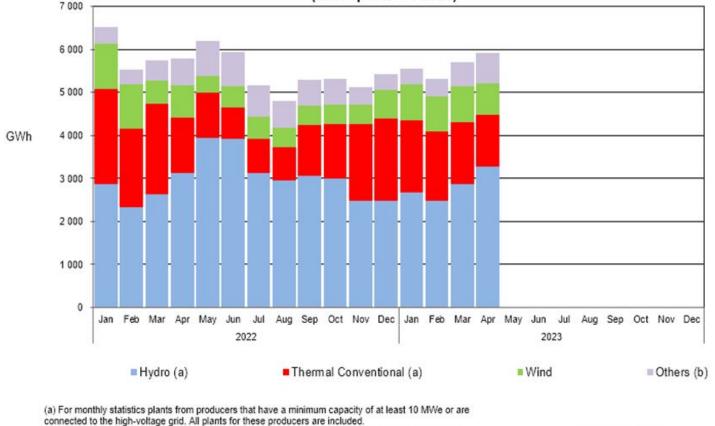


Source Ember © Statista 2023 Additional Information: Austria; January 2019 to March 2023; day-ahead prices



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#### Operational statistics Total Electricity Supply in Austria Gross Production (Last update: 05 2023)



(b) Monthly production of not gathered plants. Allocation of these volumes related to a specific type of power plant and/or primary energy source is annual.

Source: E-Control

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