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Energy prices and costs in the EU and beyond



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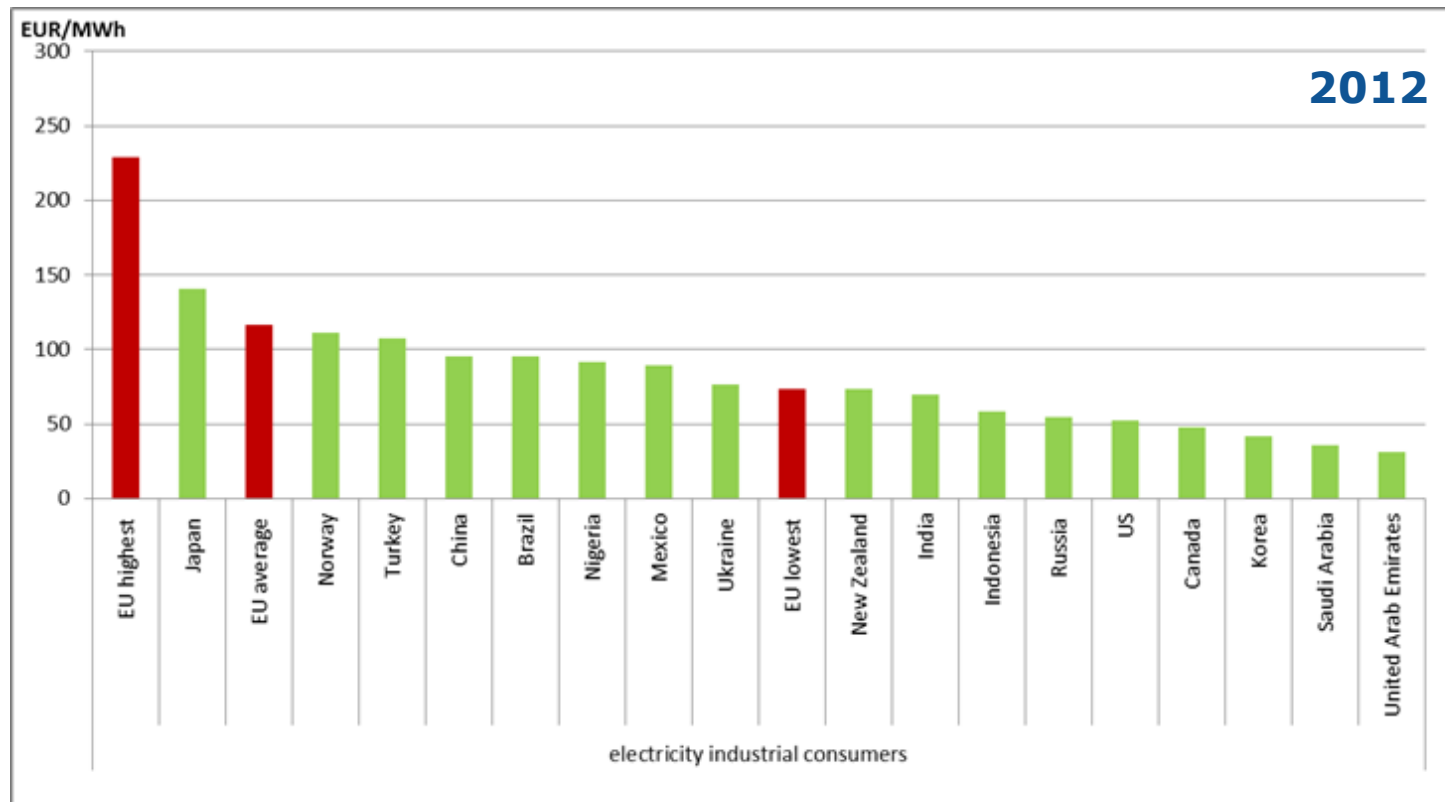
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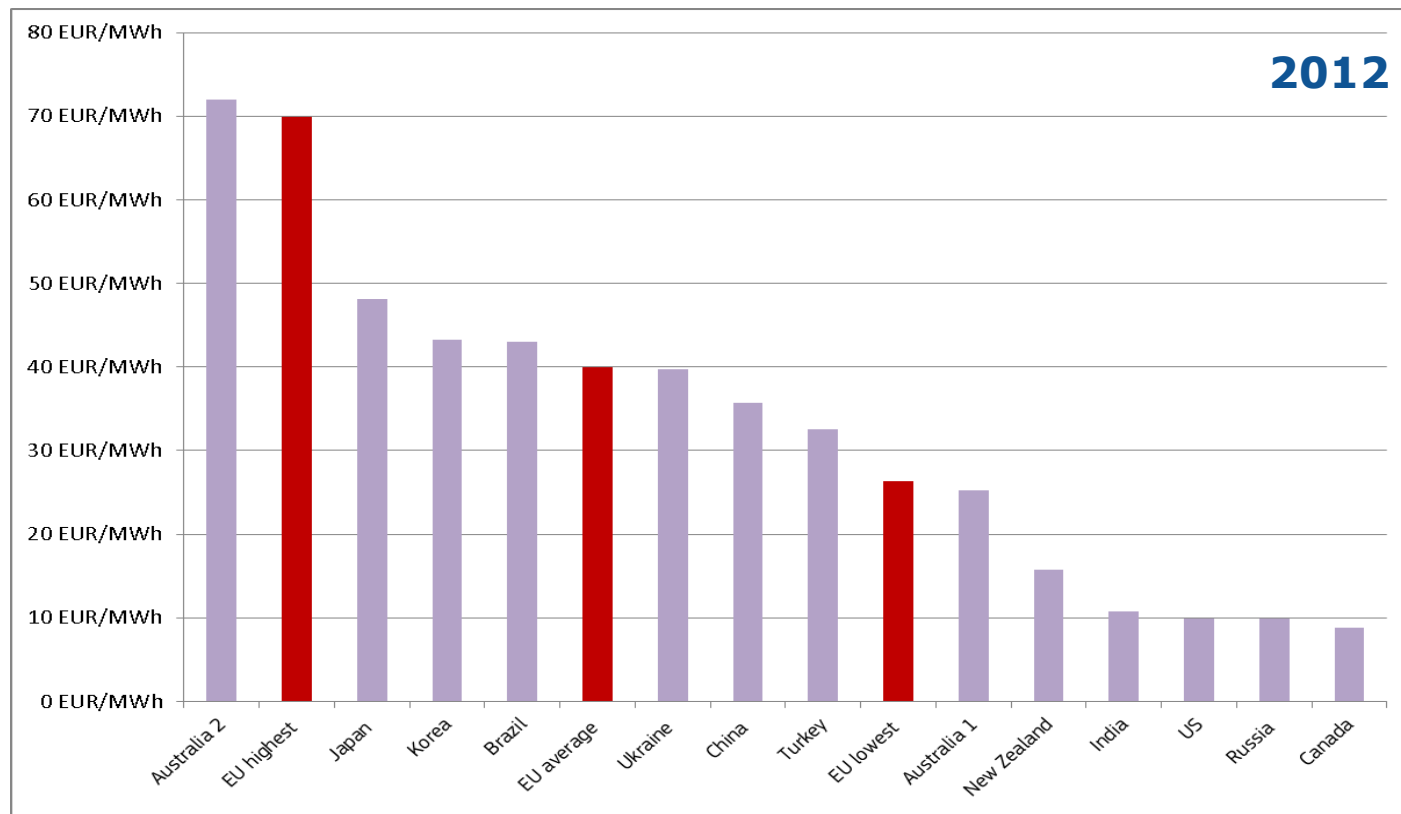


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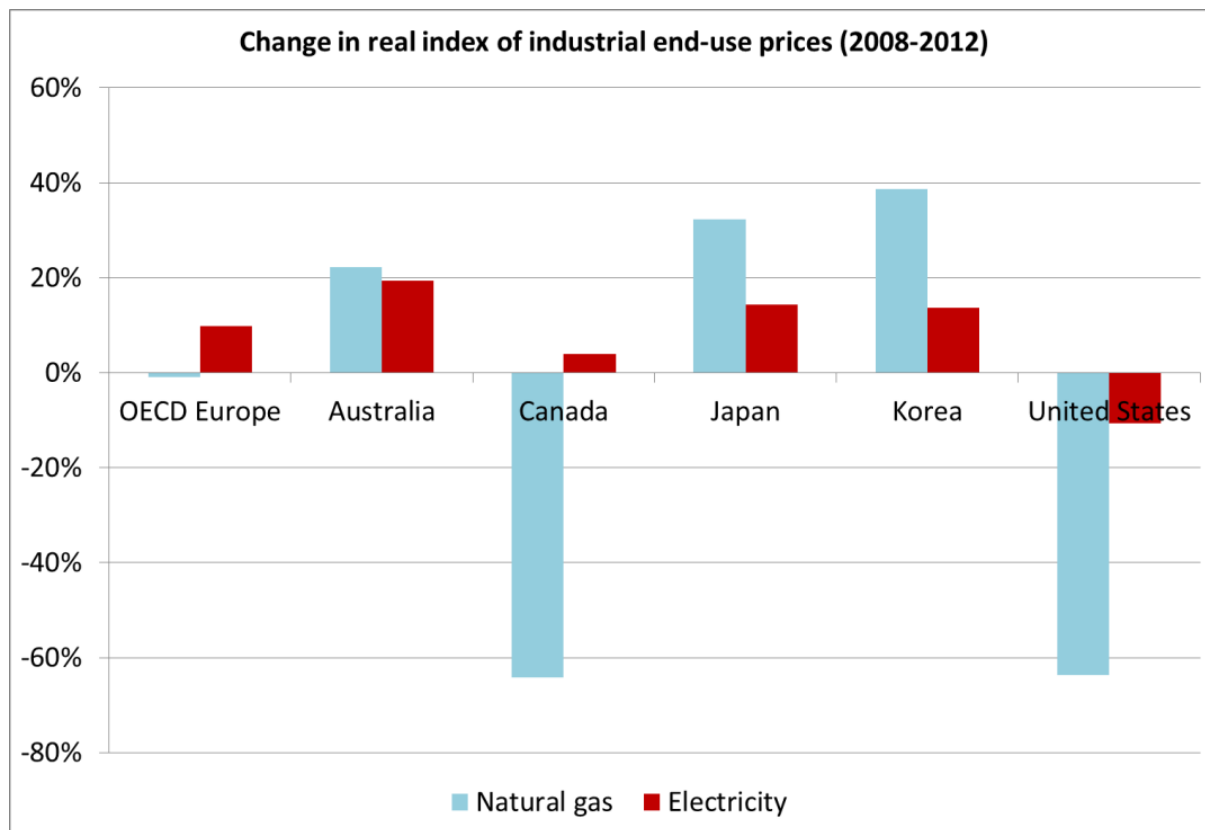
Electricity prices in the EU and major partners: industrial consumers



Gas prices in the EU and major partners: industrial consumers



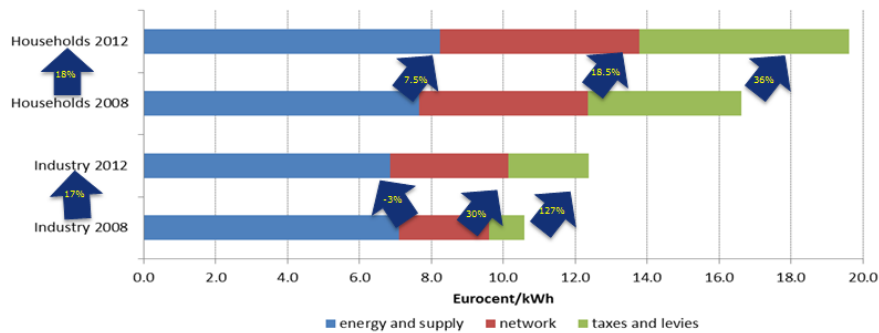
Recent developments (2008-2012)



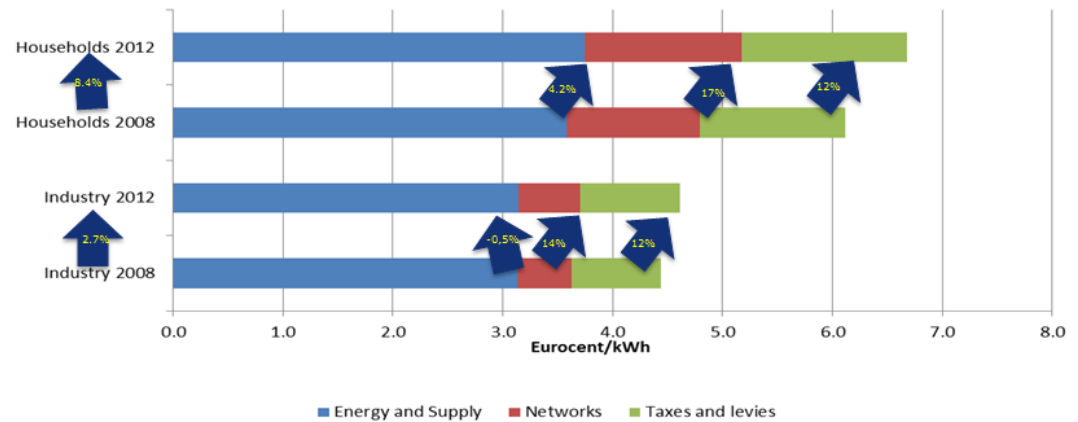
Source: IEA, European Commission calculations

Electricity and gas price drivers in Europe

Electricity price drivers (2008-2012)



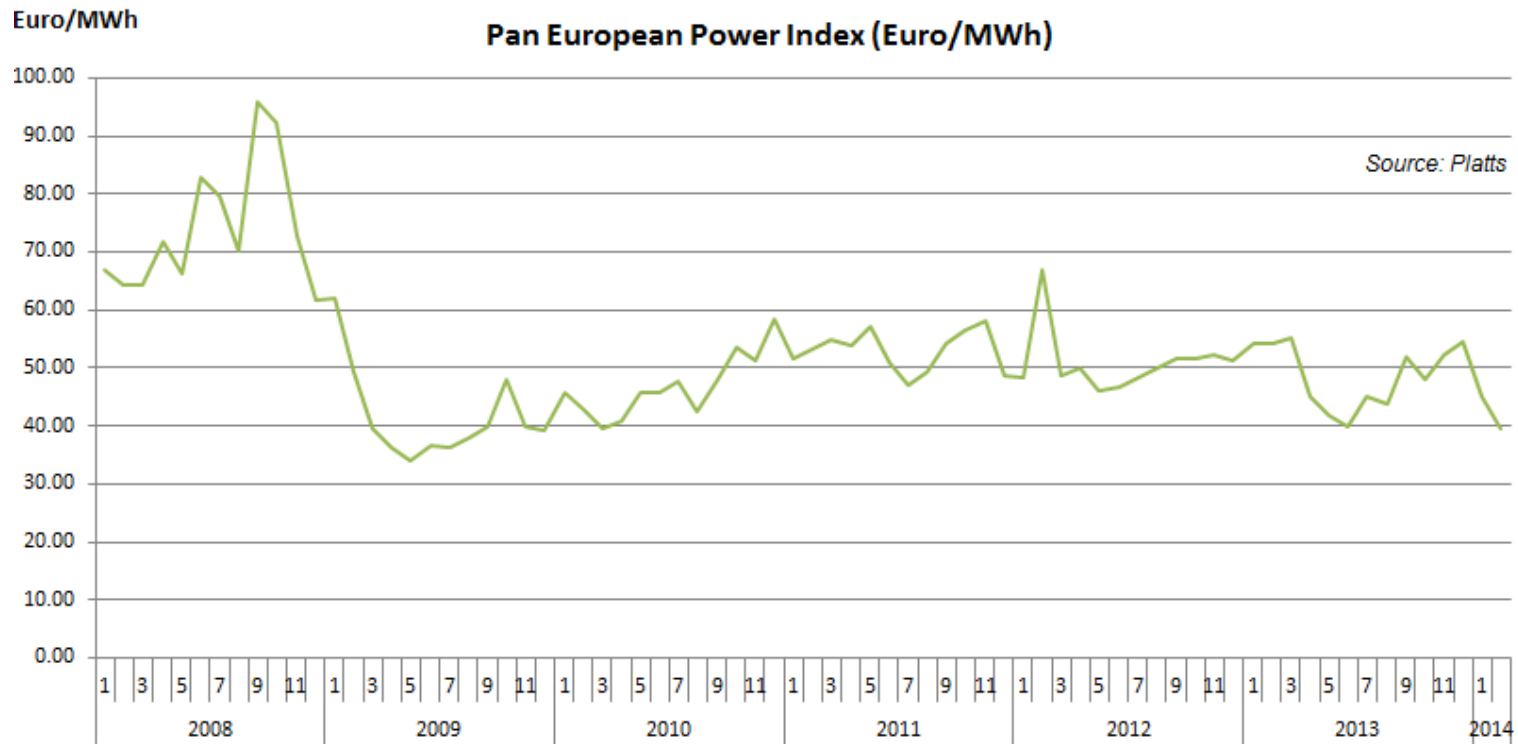
Gas price drivers (2008-2012)



Source of data for electricity: Eurostat. Includes taxes in the case of households; excludes VAT and other recoverable taxes in the case of industry but other industry exemptions are not included (not available).

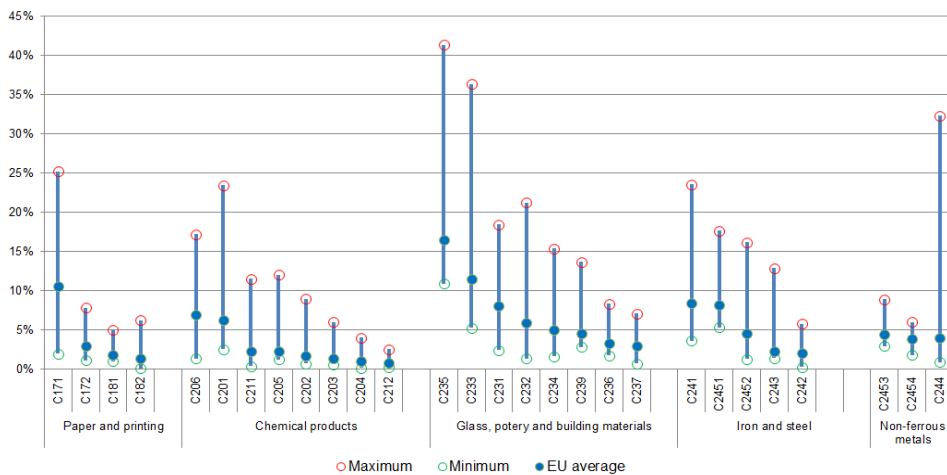
Source of data for gas: EC, Metadata Member States. Includes taxes in the case of households; excludes VAT and other recoverable taxes in the case of industry.

Sharp contrast with the downward trend at wholesale level, esp. electricity



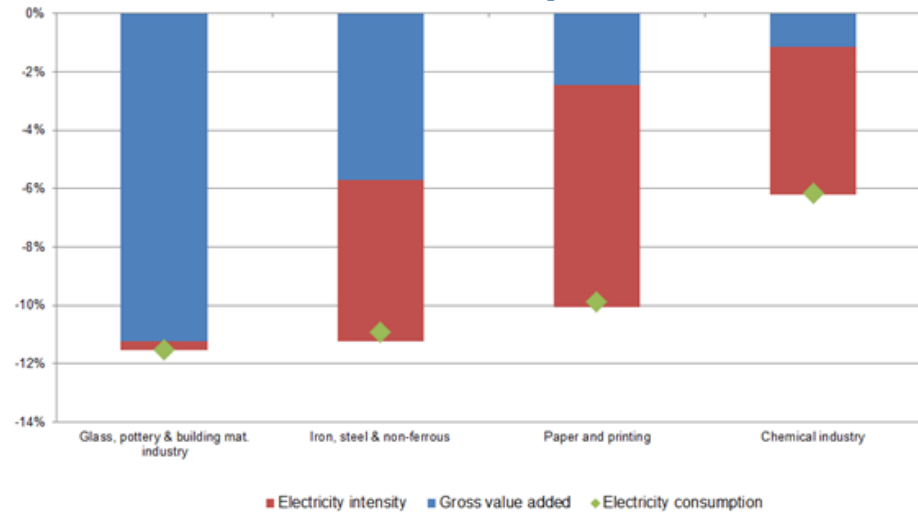
The cost dimension

Varying energy intensive industry costs in the EU



Source: Eurostat, Structural Business Statistic

Drivers of falling industrial electricity consumption



Source: Eurostat national accounts and energy balances; EC calculations

The competitiveness angle... what to do about rising costs?

- **Complete the internal (wholesale and retail) market:**
competition brings cost savings
- **Switch energy supplier**, the role of energy procurement
- Minimise network costs with **best practice**
- Keep (energy financed) **energy and climate policies** cost effective
- Use more **energy efficient products** and processes
- Where necessary, protect vulnerable households and exposed industries



Thank you for your attention!

Commission Staff Working Document "Energy prices and costs report"
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/doc/2030/20140122_swd_prices.pdf