

Quarterly Gas Report –Q2 2023

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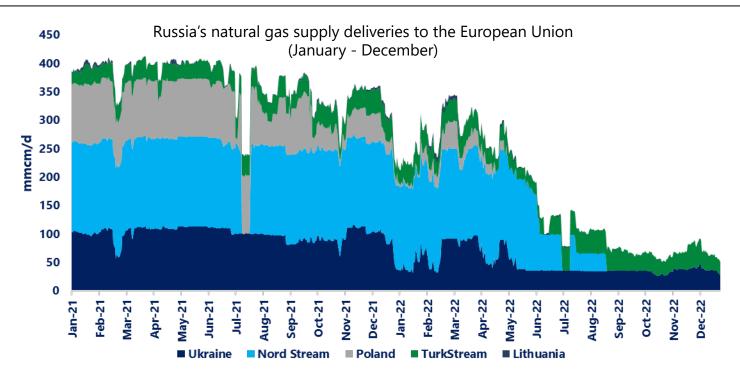
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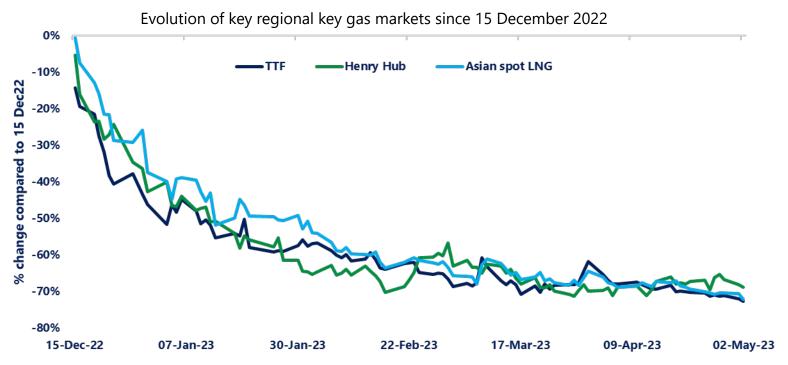
The gas supply shock of 2022



Russia more than halved its piped gas supplies to the European Union in 2022, putting an unprecedented pressure both on the European and global gas markets.



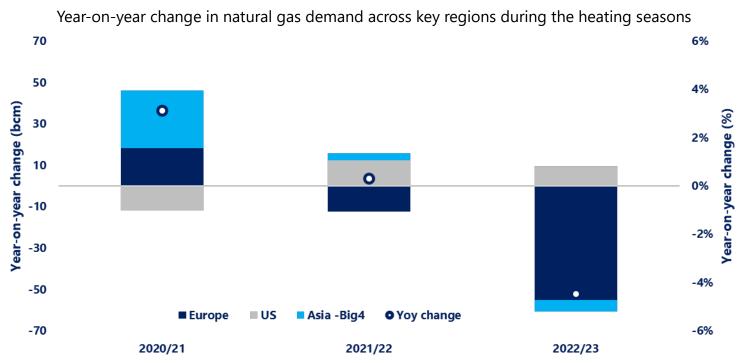
Market tensions moderated significantly since mid-December 2022



Natural gas prices fell by 70% since mid-December 2022 amidst easing market fundamentals. By the end of Q1 2023, TTF and JKM fell back into the price oil-indexed LNG –first since summer 2021.



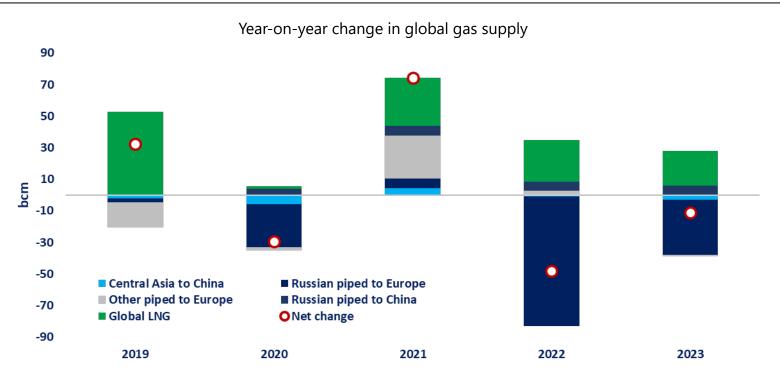
Demand played a key role in easing market fundamentals



Mild weather, slower economic activity and timely policy actions were key to bring down gas demand through the 2022/23 winter season, which dropped by 5% y-o-y across key gas regions.



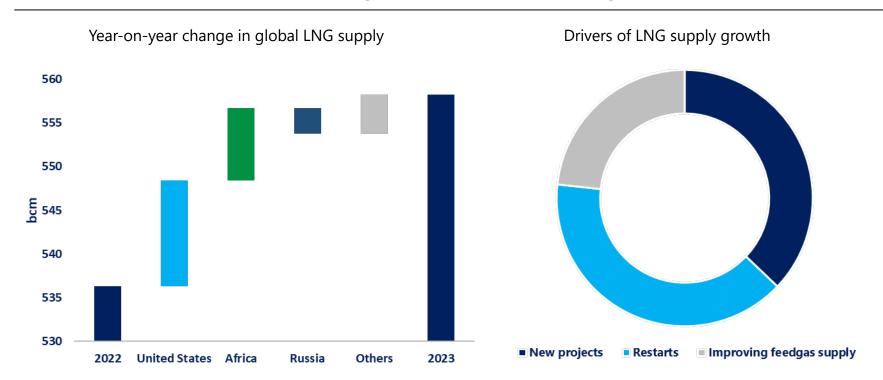
Global gas supply is set to remain tight in 2023



Global incremental LNG supply in 2023 won't be enough to offset the expected drop in Russia's piped gas deliveries to the European Union, leading to tighter gas supply



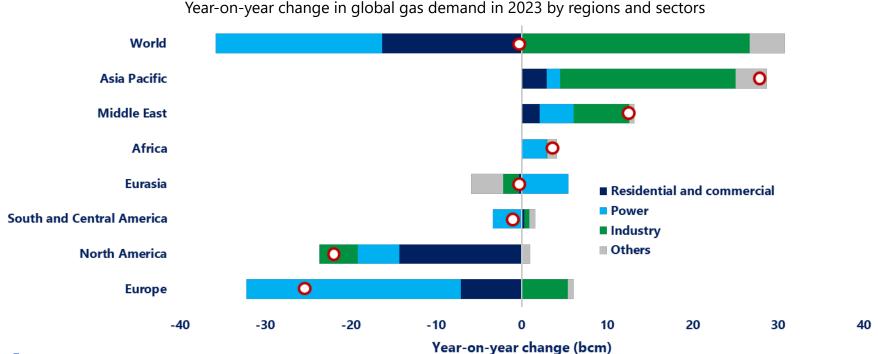
The United States will drive global LNG supply growth in 2023



The United States will account for over half of incremental LNG supply in 2023 to become the world's largest LNG exporter. Improving feedgas availability in Africa remains an uncertainty in our outlook.



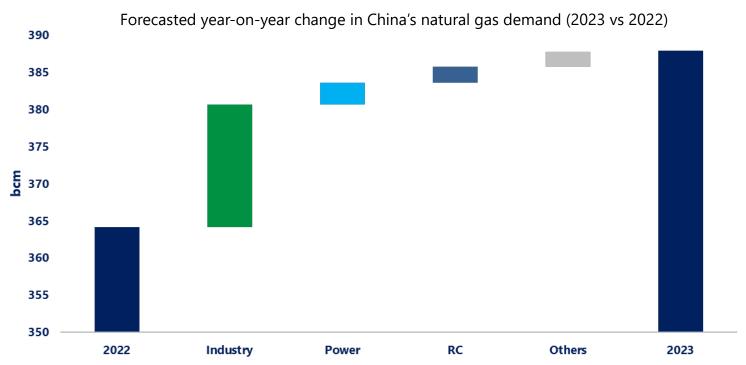
No relief: global gas demand remains broadly flat in 2023



Asia and the Middle East is set to drive demand growth, offsetting the expected drop in Europe and North America. Lower demand in the power and heating sectors is compensated by higher gas use in industry.



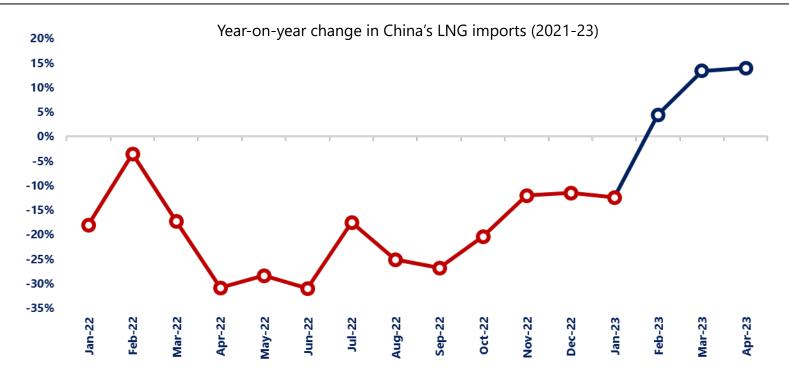
All eyes on China: set up for recovery?



China's natural gas demand returned to growth in Q1 2023. The country's gas demand is expected to increase by over 6% in 2023, largely supported by improving economic activity.



China gradually recovers its appetite for LNG



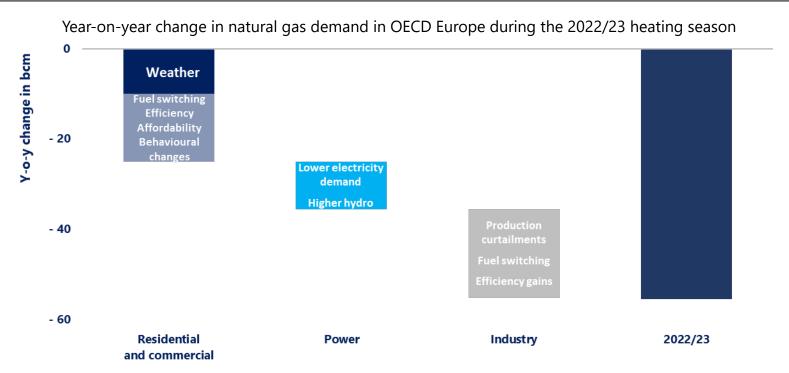
China's LNG imports returned to double-digit growth, supported by a recovery in internal demand. Nevertheless, the country's LNG imports are expected to remain below their 2021 levels.



European gas market



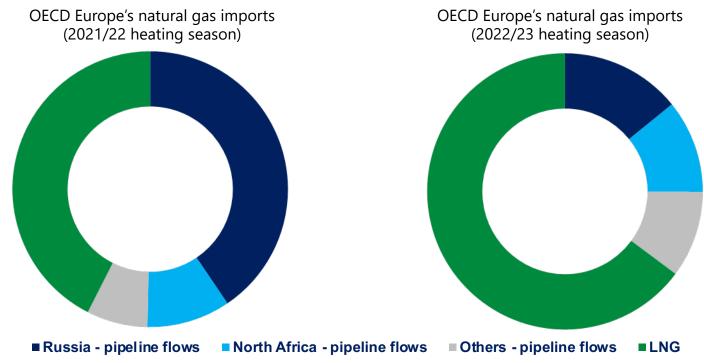
European gas demand dropped by a record 55 bcm



Natural gas consumption in OECD Europe fell by an estimated 16% (or 55 bcm) y-o-y during the 2022/23 heating season – its steepest drop in absolute terms for any winter season in our records.



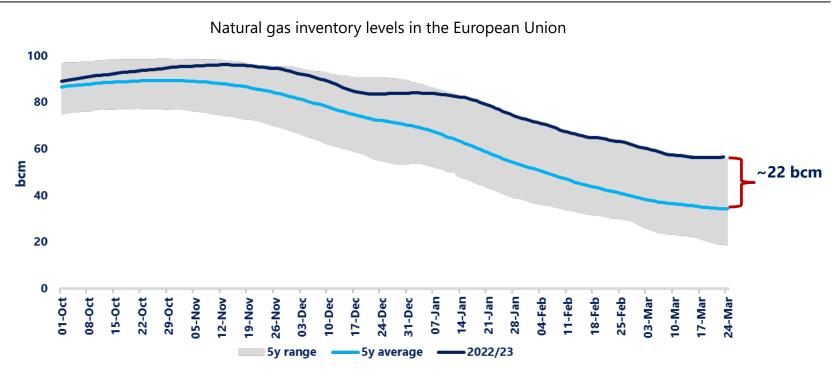
LNG became a new baseload supply for Europe



LNG accounted for two-third of Europe's imports and met around one-third of the region's gas demand through the 2022/23 winter season.



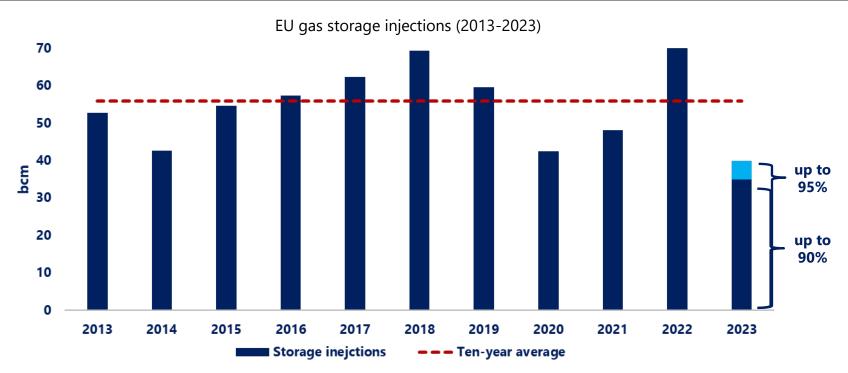
EU gas storage sites closed the heating season 55% full...



EU gas storage sites were 55% full at the end of the heating season –standing 65% (or 22 bcm) above their 5-year average.



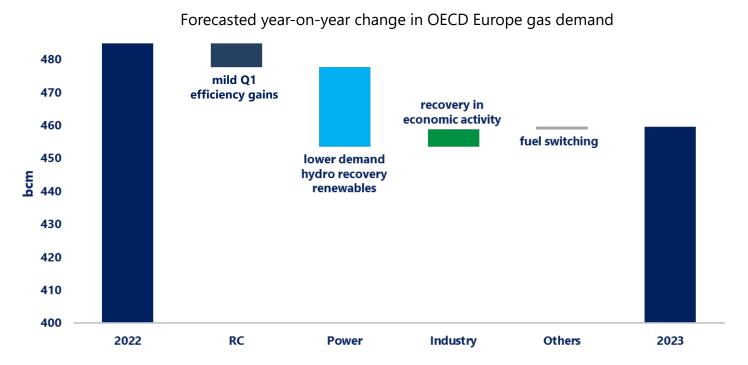
...reducing injection demand through summer 2023



In the European Union, half of last year's storage injections would suffice to reach 90% fill levels by the start of the 2023/24 heating season.



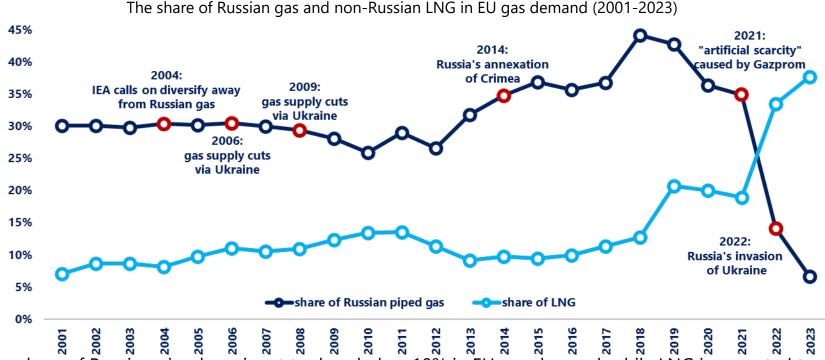
European gas demand is expected to decline further in 2023



Natural gas demand in OECD Europe is expected to drop by 5%. A modest recovery in industrial gas demand won't offset the lower gas use in space heating and for power generation.



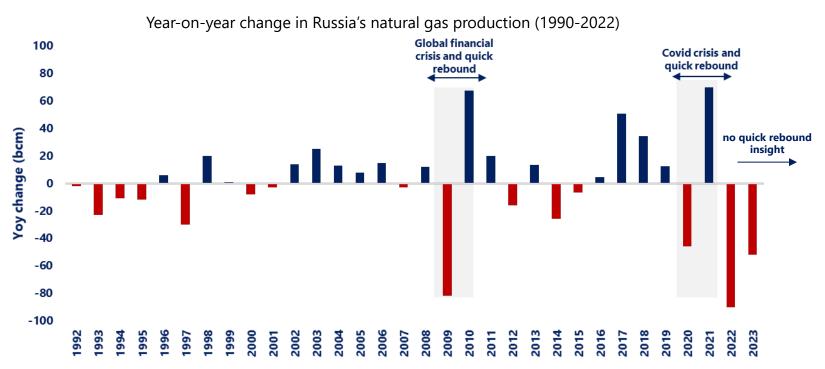
Russian piped gas is being replaced by LNG in EU supply mix



The share of Russian piped gas is set to drop below 10% in EU gas demand, while LNG is expected to account for over 35% of EU gas supplies in 2023 –replacing Russia as a baseload supplier.



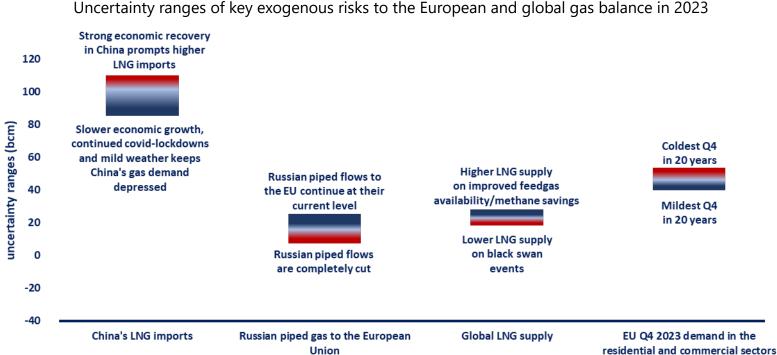
Russia's gas production is set to decline by over 50 bcm in 2023



Russia's gas output displays significant flexibility, although steep demand reduction in two consecutive years would be unprecedented and could test the flexibility of the Russian gas system.



Natural gas markets in 2023 face an unusually wide range of risks



The global and European natural gas balance is subject to an unusually wide range of uncertainties in 2023. If not mitigated through proper policies, we will see heightened market tensions

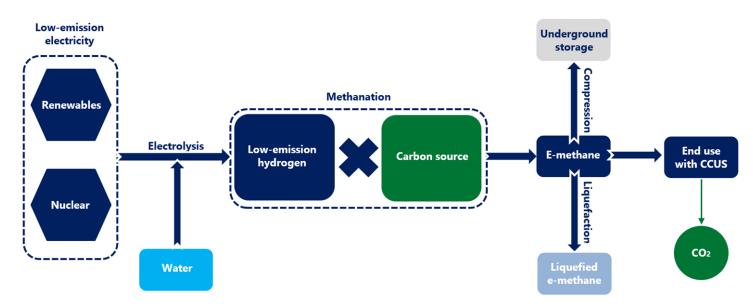


Spotlight on e-methane



E-methane is produced through a two-step process

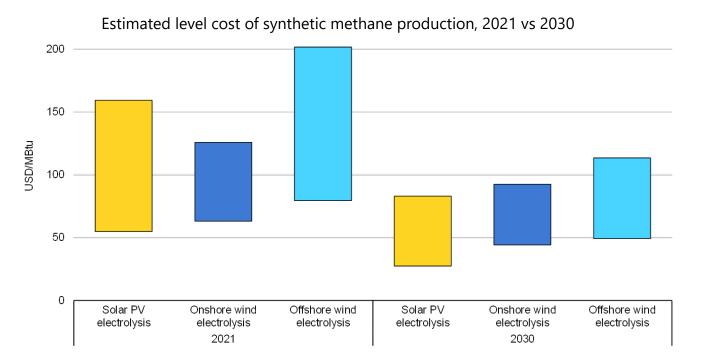
Simplified scheme showing e-methane production



Low-emission electricity is first converted to hydrogen by electrolysis and the resulting is converted via electrolysis into hydrogen, which is then reacted with a carbon source to obtain e-methane (methanation)



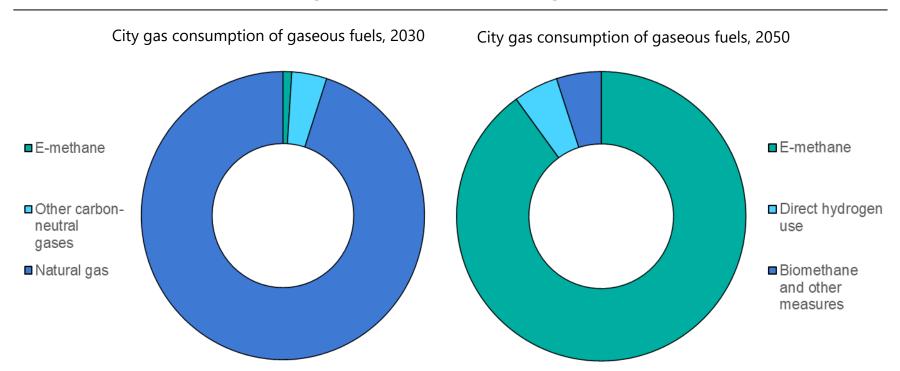
Both CAPEX and OPEX are high



Current e-methane production costs are in the range of USD 50-200 per million British thermal units, which could be 70-160 % higher than low-emission hydrogen costs.



Japan's e-methane target: 90% of its city gas supply by 2050

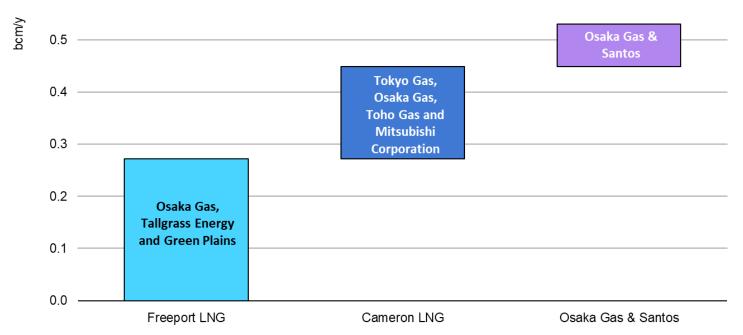


Japan set a target for synthetic methane to comprise 1% of the gas supply in existing networks by 2030, increasing to 90% by 2050.



Japan is developing international e-methane supply chains





Japan is actively developing e-methane supply chains with LNG exporting countries. While no binding agreements have been reached yet, recent project proposals could enable 0.55 bcm/y imports by 2030.



