

How much energy does Belgium use?

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Will Belgium become more reliant on electricity imports?

If policy remains unchanged, we will see Belgium's dependence on electricity imports steadily increase, from 50-60 TWh in 2036 to 70-90 TWh in 2050. Without a long-term strategy on the future energy mix and new policy measures, Belgium will therefore become more reliant on electricity imports.

Will Belgium's energy mix be reliant on imports in 2035-2050?

Belgium's existing generation facilities and already-approved investments can provide only half of what is needed in the long term. Therefore, new governments will soon have to consider the desired energy mix for the period 2035-2050 and how reliant the country is willing to be on imports.

How many nuclear reactors are there in Belgium?

In Belgium, 7 nuclear reactors generate 52 % of the electricity. Next is natural gas, whose contribution was growing continuously before the price explosion of 2022 put a stop to the development of its use. Belgium depends on imports of primary energy (that is energy available in nature) for over 74 % of its needs.

Will Belgium's dependence on electricity increase in 10 years?

However, due to the rising demand for electricity, this will no longer be sufficient in 10 years' time. If policy remains unchanged, we will see Belgium's dependence on electricity imports steadily increase, from 50-60 TWh in 2036 to 70-90 TWh in 2050.

How is electricity generated in Belgium?

It is brought in via various underground and undersea gas pipelines as well as by boat, in liquid form, via the Zeebrugge terminal. The electricity is generated in Belgium and in the neighbouring countries (France, Germany, Switzerland, etc.) in different types of power stations. In Belgium, 7 nuclear reactors generate 52 % of the electricity.

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The energy transition in Belgium has a clear direction: electricity will become the dominant vector and renewable productions, mainly solar and wind, must be extensively installed. Yet, there ...

In the Belgian Electricity System Blueprint 2035-2050, system operator Elia looks further ahead than the usual 10-year time frame used in reports on security of supply or grid development. The calculation model in ...

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