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### **Electricity Prices Deloitte Survey**

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 Corona crisis: deepest crisis since World War II Belgian GDP 2020/2019: minus 5,7% (NBB)

• Strong recovery in 2021 (GDP + 6,1%)

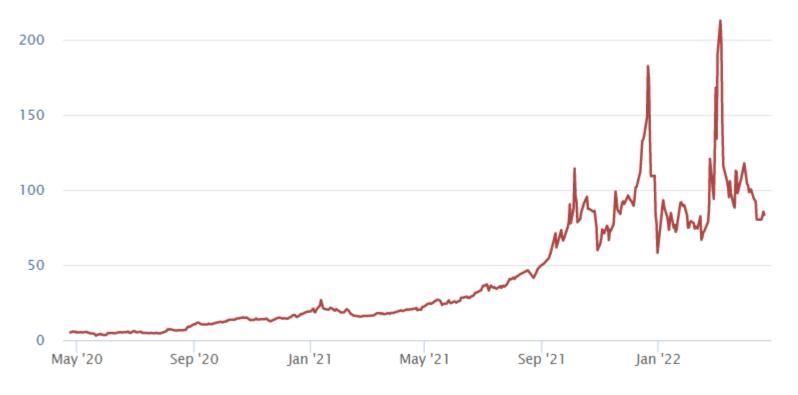
2021-2022: High (energy) demand + war in
Ukraine → energy prices reach historic highs



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# Gas prices evolution Zee Spot price (€/MWh)

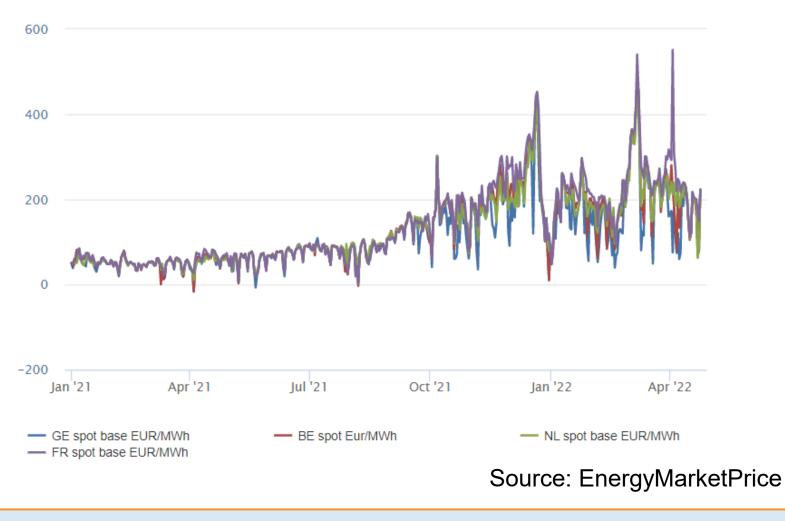
#### Zee Spot price (€/MWh)



Source: EnergyMarketPrice

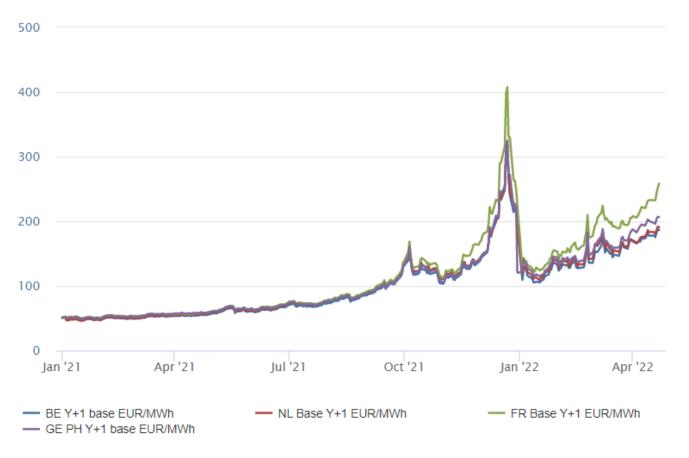


# Electricity spot prices evolution





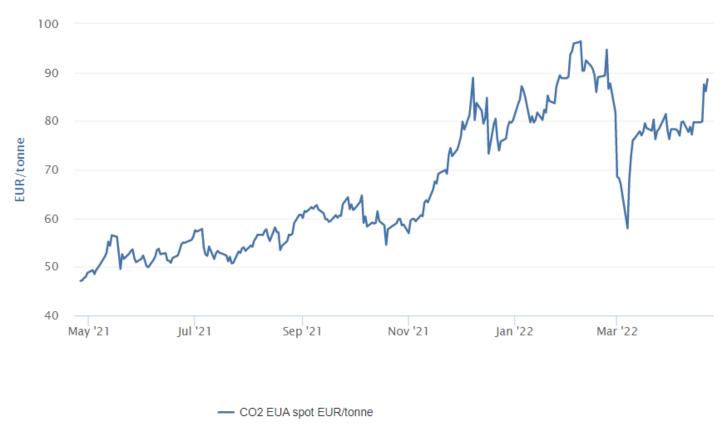
# Electricity Cal+1 prices evolution



#### Source: EnergyMarketPrice



### CO<sub>2</sub> price evolution



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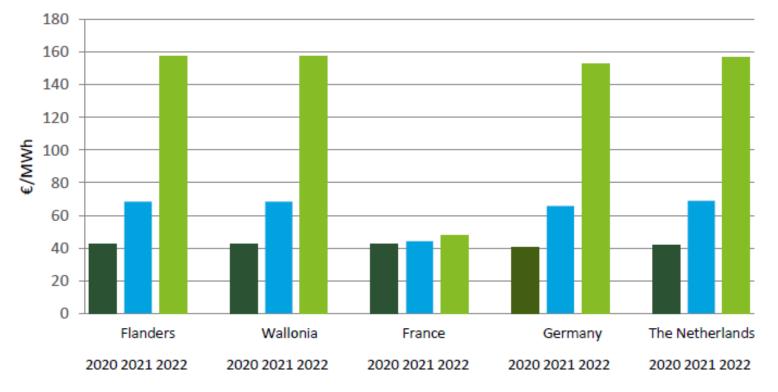


- Strong increase in all countries (historic highs)
- Belgian commodity prices (forward + spot) 2022 remained close to DE and NL
- FR <u>baseload</u> industry benefits from ARENH regulated tariff



### Electricity prices evolution Baseload

#### Commodity electricity price



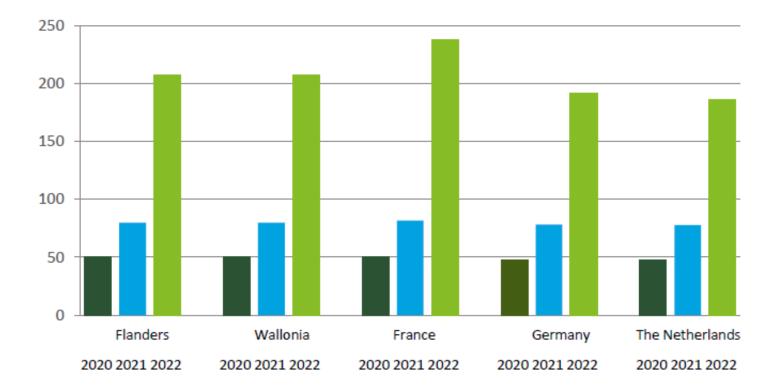
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### Electricity prices evolution Peak load

#### Commodity electricity price



Source: Deloitte



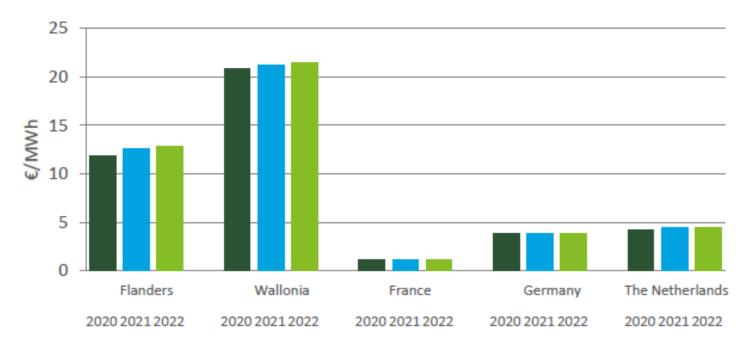
#### What about taxes?

- Tax evolutions in 2022
  - Federal level: all levies (electricity + gas) replaced by special excise as from 1/1/2022
    - Solves issue with DG Competition on offshore levy cap
    - Largest consumers: cost INCREASE (no more cap)
    - Exemption possible for specific activities (electricity + gas) Assumption Deloitte: no exemption
  - Regional level: no major changes
  - Germany: EEG Umlage probably to 0 as from 1/7/2022



#### What about taxes?

#### Electricity taxes for baseload profiles (100 GWh)

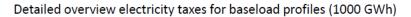


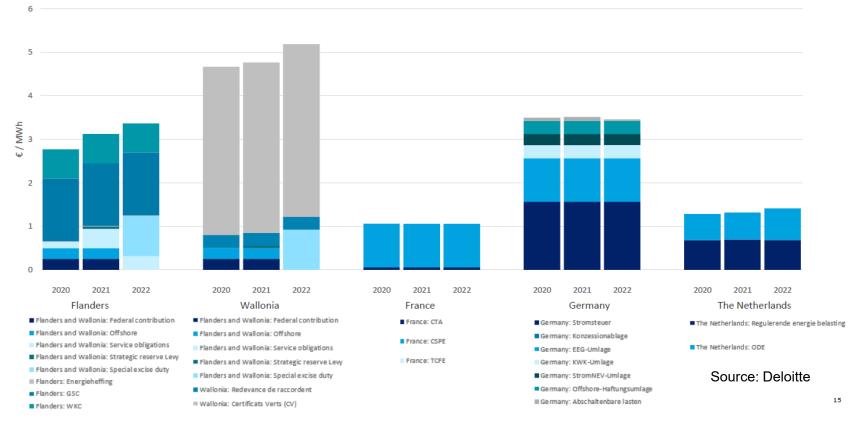
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#### What about taxes?

#### Comparative overview of electricity taxes Baseload profile (1000 GWh)

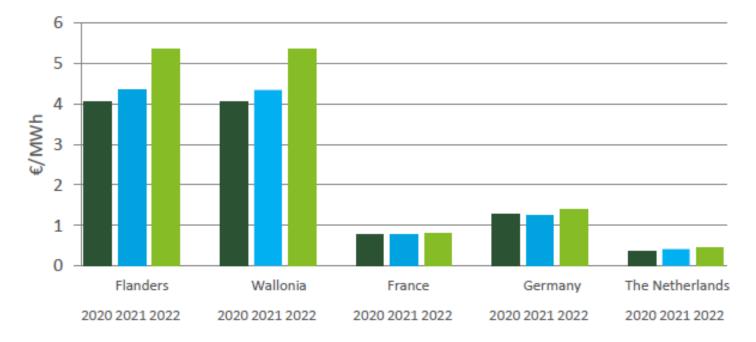






#### What about network costs?

#### Network costs for baseload profiles (1000 GWh)



Source: Deloitte



#### What about network costs?

- Up to 90% reduction in transmission tariffs in NL and D and F for stable / predictable / anti-cyclical consumption profiles
- Impact of distribution tariffs not in scope

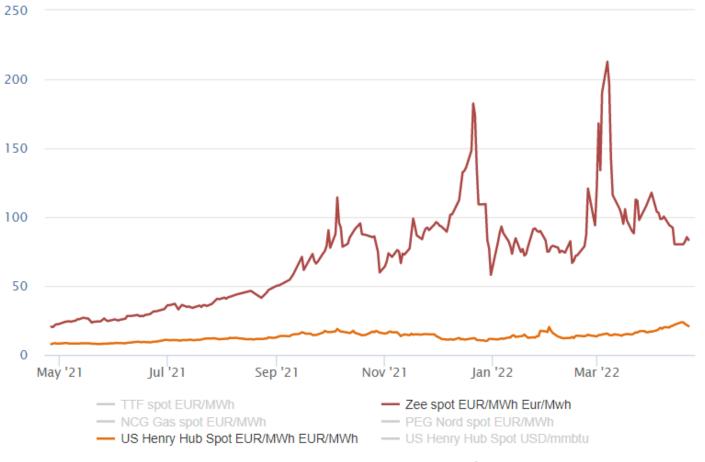


# Conclusions (1)

- Commodity price:
  - Strong increase of all market prices
  - Belgian prices converge thanks to nuclear availability
  - ARENH tariff favours French baseload consumers
- Taxes remain substantially higher in B
- Grid costs: up to 90% reduction in FR/D/NL for specific consumption profiles
  - energy norm



# Conclusions (2)



Source: EnergyMarketPrice

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# Conclusions (3)

- European industry as a whole suffers a major competitive disadvantage compared to large parts of the rest of the world, which might lead to its deepest crisis in decades.
- Febeliec calls upon European, federal and regional authorities to urgently take the necessary measures to restore European industry's competitiveness, such as:
  - a rapid and drastic decrease of all taxes on electricity consumption;
  - a reduction in transmission grid costs for baseload consumers;
  - a further geographical diversification of natural gas supply sources;
  - a close monitoring of European gas storages filling level;
  - a review of electricity, gas and CO<sub>2</sub> markets functioning;
  - further stimuli for innovation in energy efficiency;
  - a technology-neutral fuel mix for the future climate neutral energy system;
  - developing local European energy sources;
  - introducing effective measures to support industry suffering from uncompetitive energy prices.