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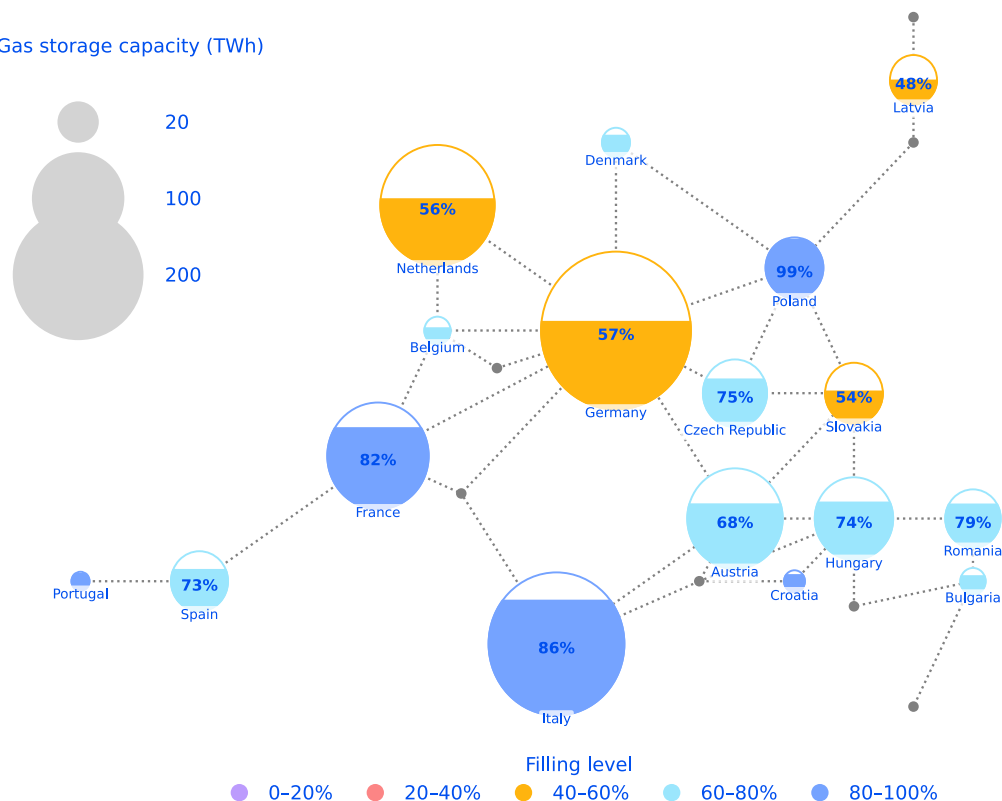
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Gas stocks sufficient to keep homes heated this winter...

Storage capacities and stock levels vary across Member States: lower stocks in Western and Central Europe

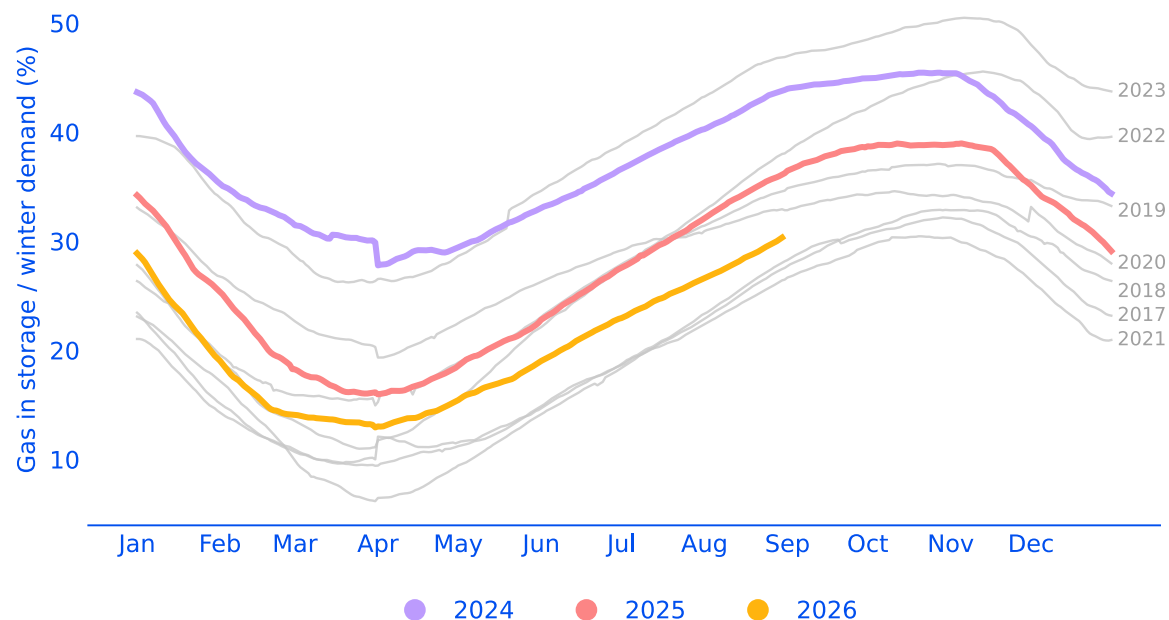
Storage capacity (TWh) and filling level (%), 1 September 2026

Gas storage capacity (TWh)



Reduced gas demand can help ease what's needed for winter

Storage coverage of winter gas demand*, 2017-2026 (%)

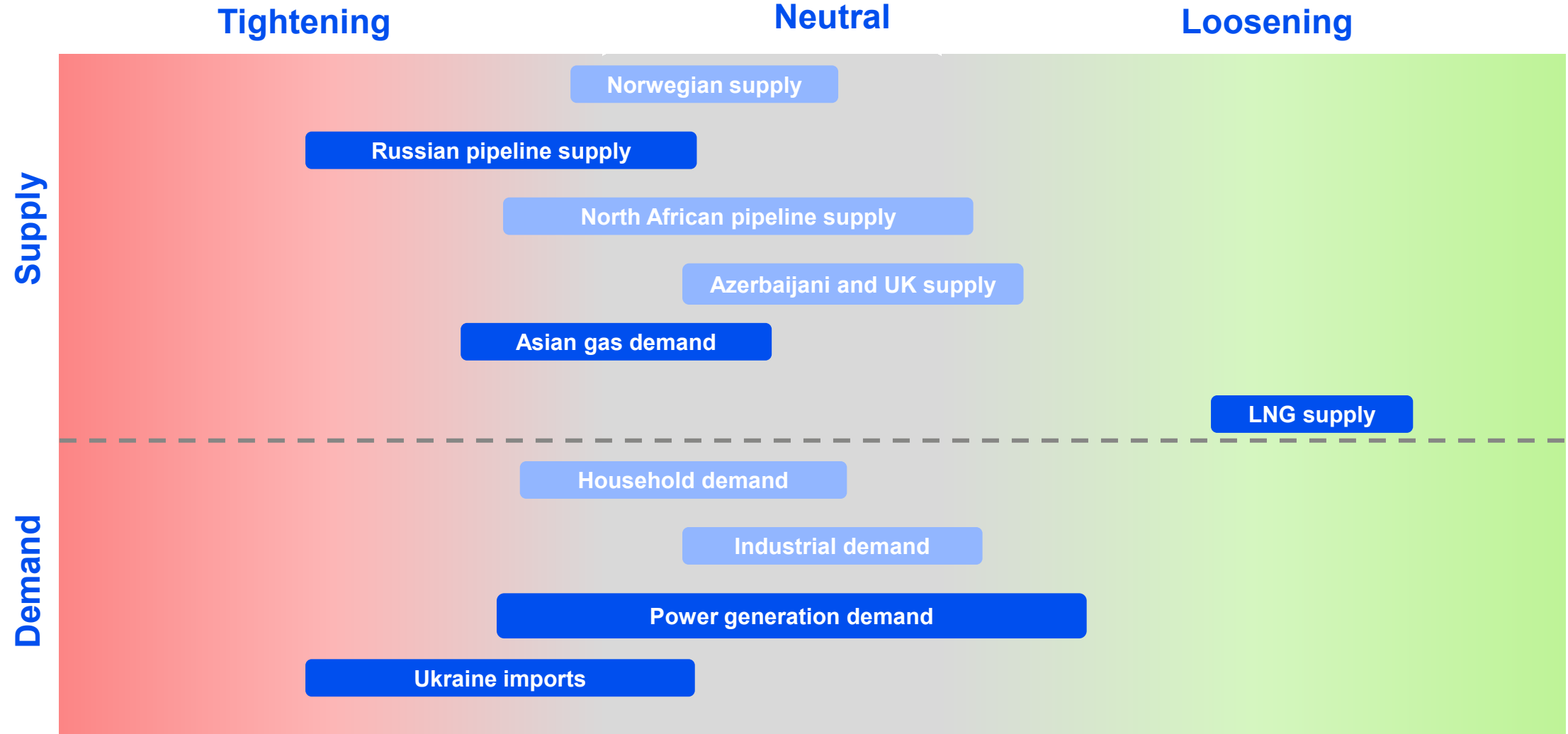


* The indicator measures the share of winter gas demand that could theoretically be covered by storages. Gas in storage is compared against winter demand within the same gas year (1 April–31 March). It is assumed that 2026/2027 winter gas demand will be similar to last winter's demand.

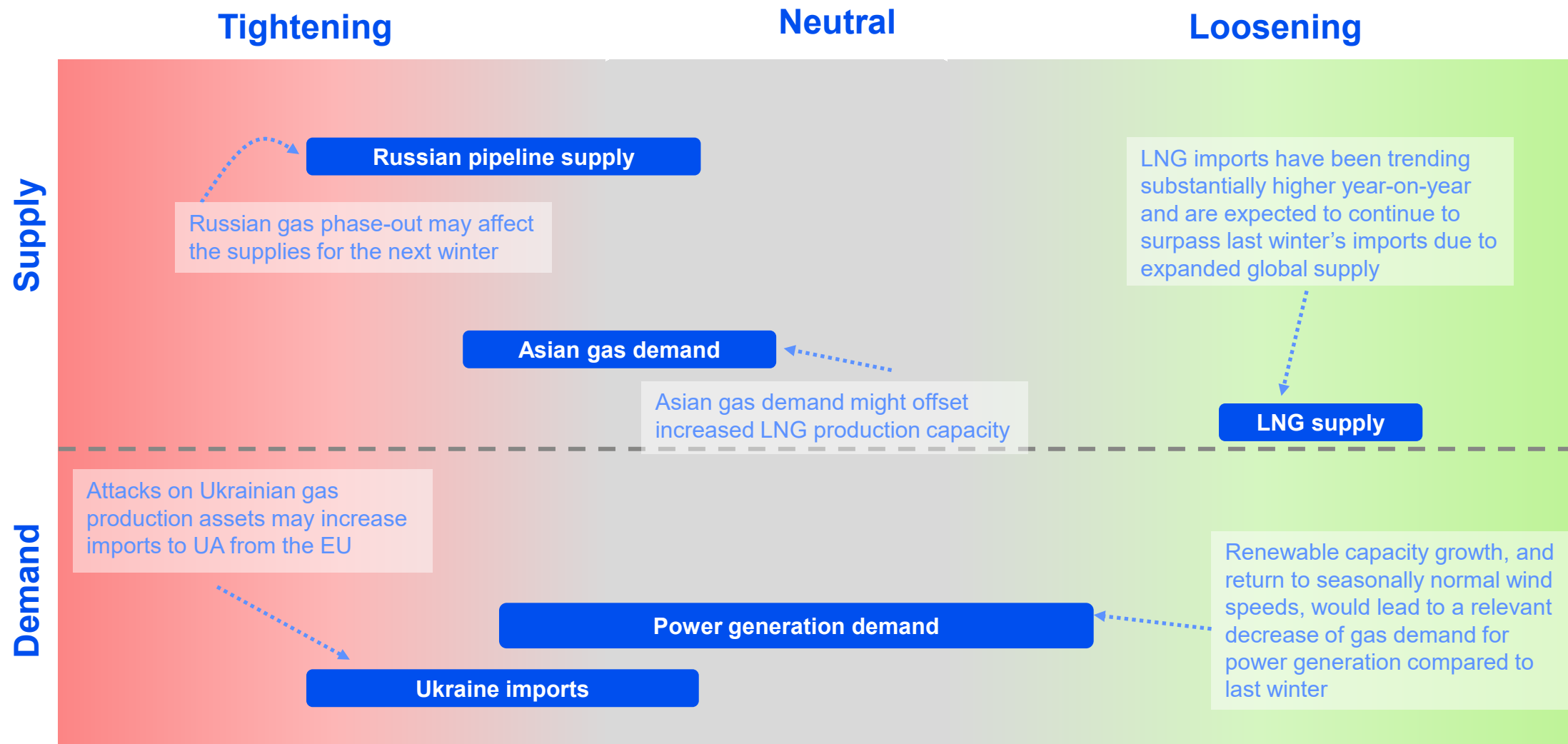
Source: ACER based on AGSI GIE.

Note: Gas storage in Sweden is not represented in the figure because its capacity is very small compared to others. Finland, Malta, Cyprus, and other European countries are not shown as nodes for the sake of simplicity. In addition, edges represent borders with cross-border gas transmission capacity.

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Challenging conditions for electricity supply in some regions in the EU over the summer

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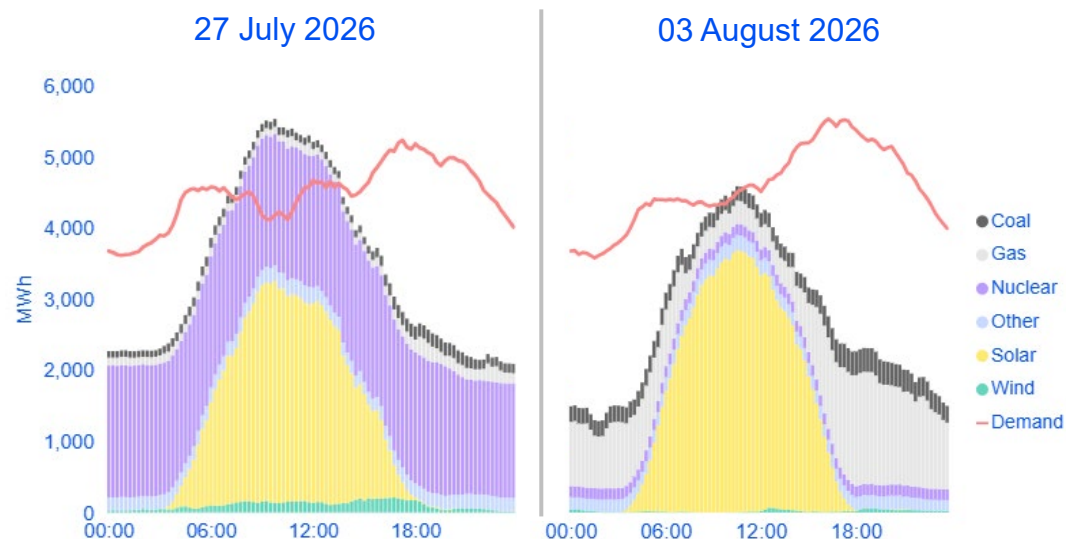
Hungary faces energy crunch as drought shuts down Paks nuclear plant, PM says

Budapest loses 40 percent of the country's electricity generation as water levels continue to drop.

Europe's heatwaves increased daily power demand by up to a quarter

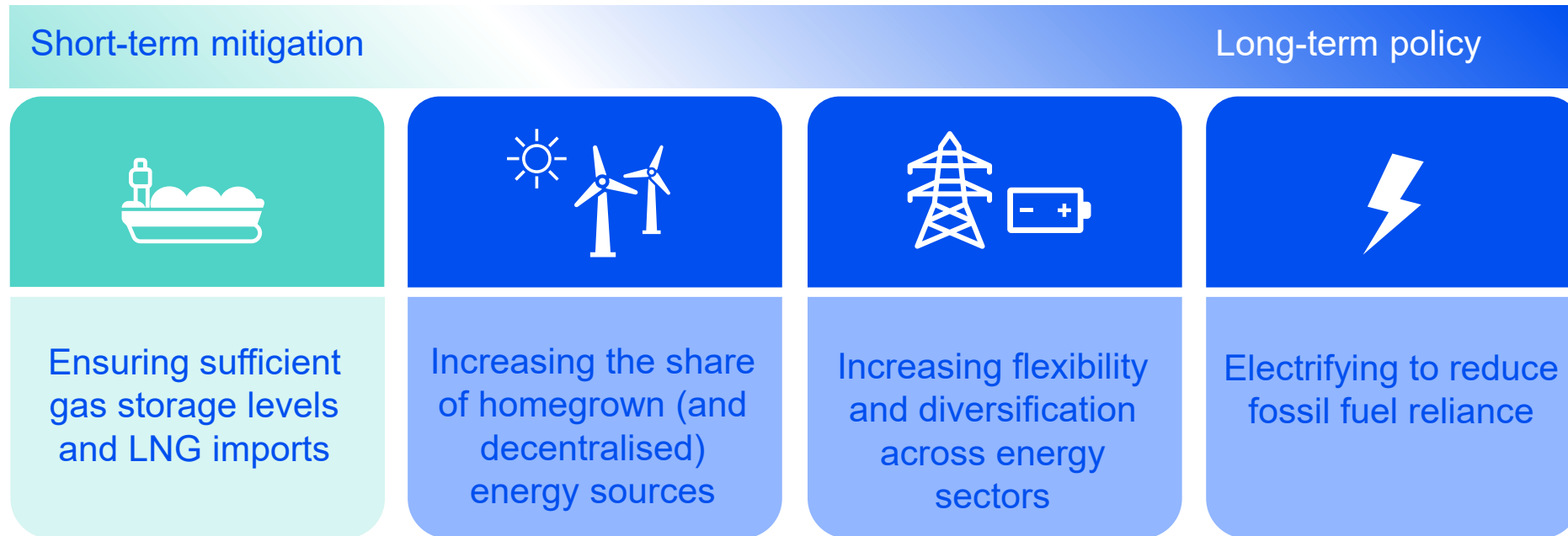
What helped keep the lights on this summer?

Electricity generation and demand, Hungary (MWh)



Hungary leans on EU grid after nuclear plant shutdown

Ensuring a resilient EU energy system



Leverage EU solidarity to achieve energy security faster and cheaper.

Thank you. Any questions?

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