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## **BIOENERGY – MAIN RESULTS**

A study conducted by FESSEL-GfK AUSTRIA  
and GfK World Wide

in: Austria, Germany, France, Italy, United King-  
dom, Spain, Slovenia, Czech Republic.

(1.000 telephone interviews in each country; December  
2005/January 2006)

Department: PUBLIC

Study: 245.228



1. Vast majorities in all countries **expect that oil and natural gas will become much more expensive** in the next years. Fears about rising prices are most pronounced in Germany and Austria. Germans, Austrians as well as respondents in France, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom where electricity from nuclear power plants and/or coal play a significant role expect also sharply rising prices for these sources of energy. On the **other hand, only few respondents expect rising prices of energy from wind and wood/biomass.**

**Table 1: Expected Rise in Prices**

"In your opinion, which of the following energy sources will become much more expensive in the next years?"								
in %	A	D	UK	F	I	E	CZ	SLO
oil	91	90	72	84	79	76	37	75
natural gas	78	85	69	51	28	36	56	45
coal	46	55	36	20	13	7	15	21
energy from nuclear power plants	43	52	24	22	15	7	27	24
energy from hydropower plants	43	41	22	11	22	17	10	24
wood/biomass	36	43	20	19	12	8	9	24
wind energy	25	37	13	9	7	6	7	9

Source: FESSEL-GfK AUSTRIA/GfK World Wide, Bioenergy (2005/2006)

2. Most of all, the **EU should promote renewable energy sources** in the future. Here, in all countries, wind energy is named first (France, UK, Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic) or second (Austria, Germany). Energy from hydropower plants comes first in Austria and Germany and second or third in the other countries. 79% in Austria, 62% in Germany, 37% in Slovenia and 27% in France want more promotion of wood/biomass. The latter does not play a very important role in Spain, the Czech Republic (and Italy and the UK) where there are fewer wooded areas or woods have been greatly damaged in previous years (Czech Republic).

**Table 2: Which Energy Sources should the EU promote?**

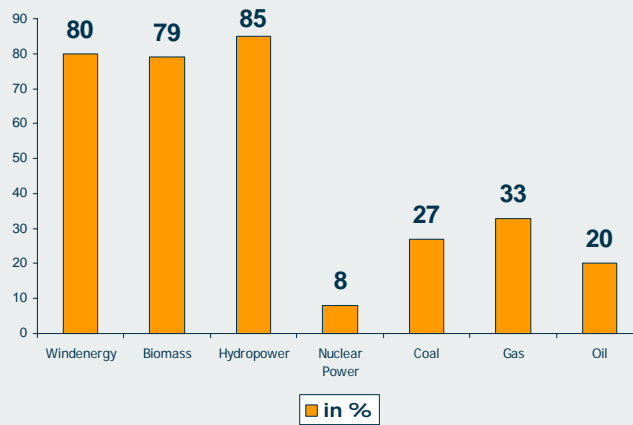
"And which of the following energy sources should the EU increasingly promote in the future?"								
in %	A	D	UK	F	I	E	CZ	SLO
oil	20	29	15	8	10	<b>16</b>	12	12
natural gas	33	46	<b>31</b>	16	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	27
coal	27	35	16	7	7	3	4	5
energy from nuclear power plants	8	27	29	18	17	4	23	10
energy from hydropower plants	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>
wood/biomass	<b>79</b>	<b>62</b>	19	<b>27</b>	12	6	8	<b>37</b>
wind energy	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>

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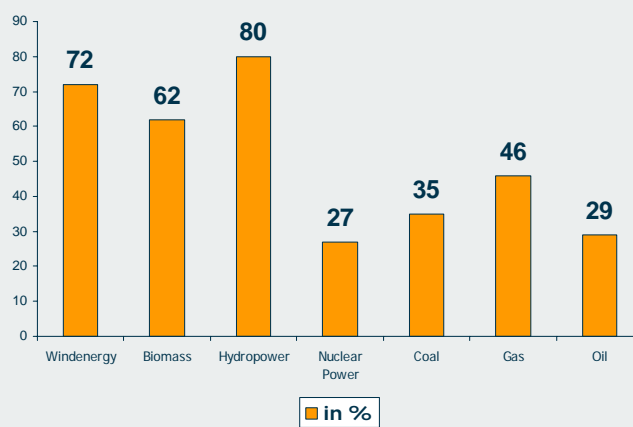
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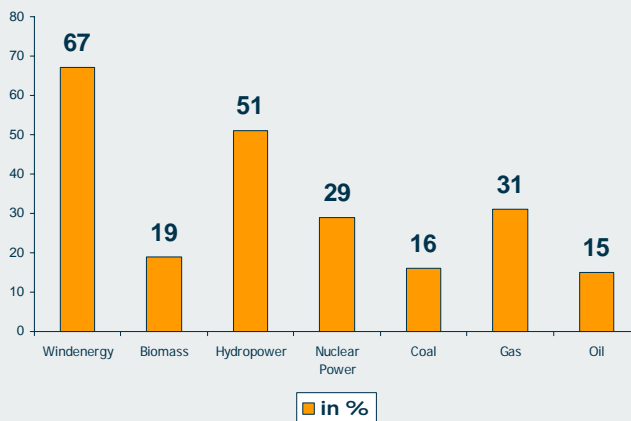
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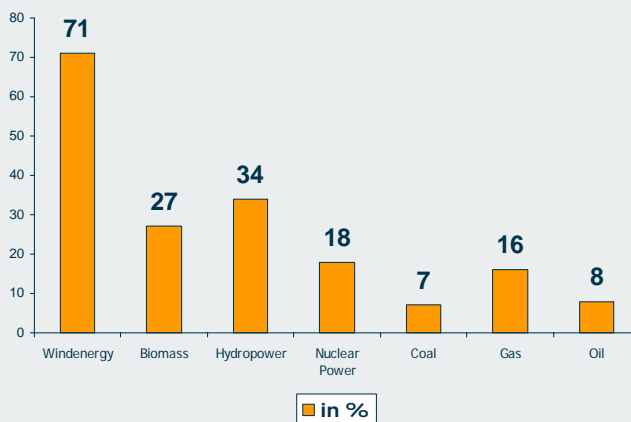
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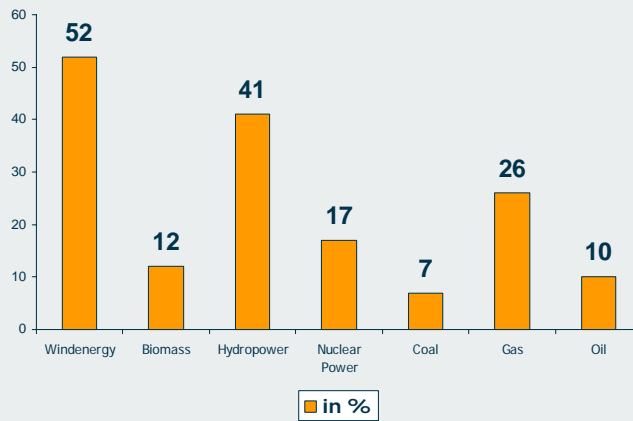
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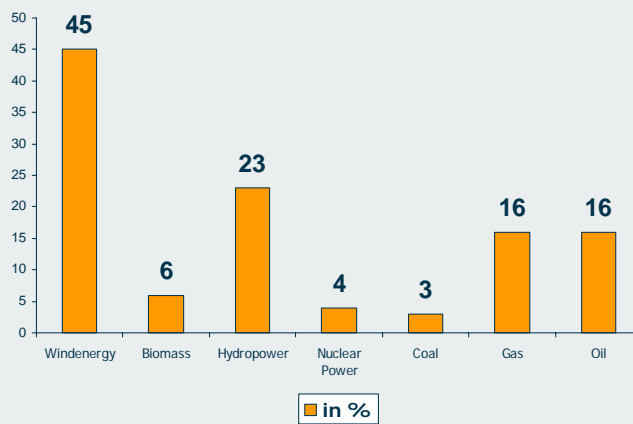
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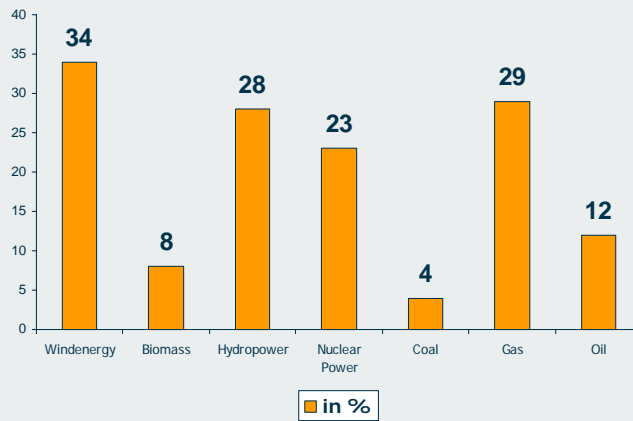
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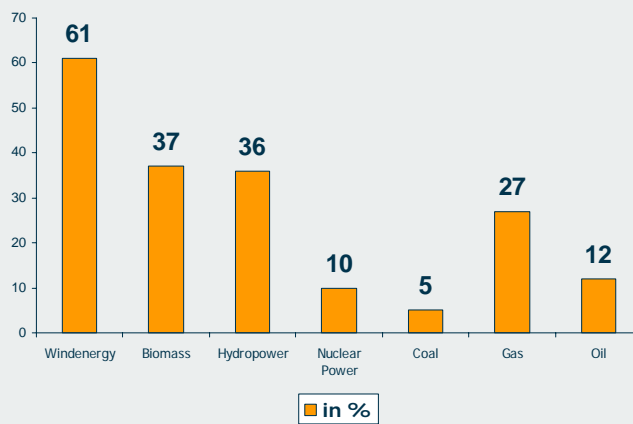
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### SLOVENIA: ENERGY SOURCES TO BE PROMOTED BY THE EU

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3. A vast majority of respondents in all countries thinks that the use of bio-fuels (e.g. bio-diesel) should be supported by the EU. This opinion is most pronounced in Austria, Slovenia and Germany.

**Table 3: Support of Bio-Fuels**

"Should the EU support the use of bio-fuels (e.g. bio-diesel)?"								
in %	A	D	UK	F	I	E	CZ	SLO
yes	93	86	70	84	82	60	76	91
no	5	11	11	10	7	14	6	4

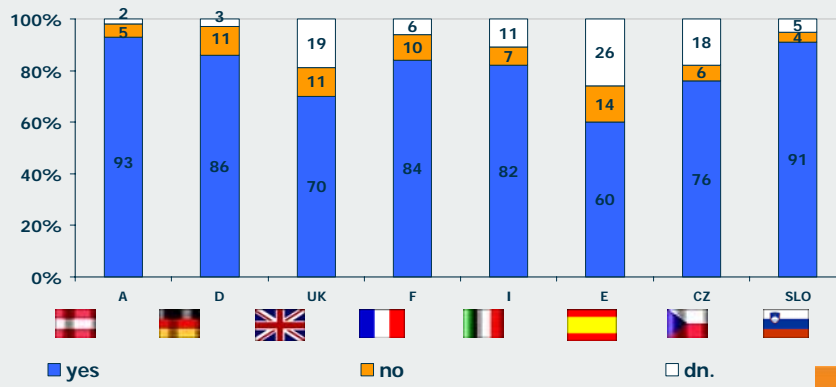
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## EU SUPPORT OF THE USE OF BIO-FUELS

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