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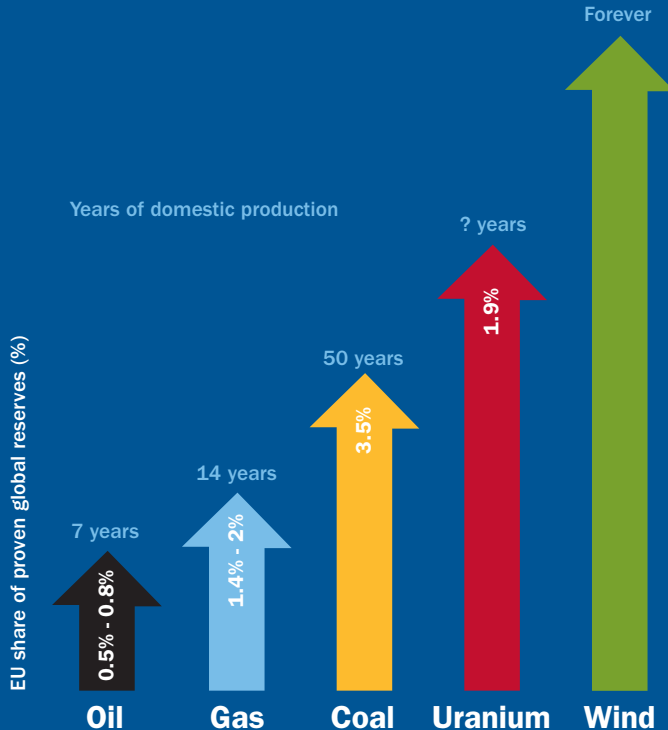
**A breath of fresh air for Europe. Now and forever.**

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## Wind energy can give Europe a breath of fresh air

Europe has little oil and gas of its own, and what it has is running out. The EU is importing 54% of its energy at a cost of €700 per citizen per year.



But Europe possesses a clean and inexhaustible energy source which could power it seven times over: the wind.

Europe faces tough challenges over the coming years: climate change, depleting energy resources, unpredictable fuel and carbon costs and the threat of supply disruptions. At the same time, Europe's power plants and electricity infrastructure are ageing. Over the next 12 years, 360 GW of new electricity capacity – 50% of current EU electricity generating capacity – needs to be built to replace ageing power plants and to meet the expected increase in demand.

We must use this opportunity to construct a modern power system that meets our energy and environmental challenges.



**A breath of fresh air is coming to Brussels:  
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