# **ENERGY MARKET NEWS**

**AUGUST 2023** 

# General context



Both the Fed and the ECB raised interest rates again in August



**Economic growth** rates in Europe are **disapointing**, especially in Italy and Germany



China: concerns in the real estate sector and the growth forecasts are revised downwards

# **Natural** gas



**Gas stocks** are filled up to 90%, well before the November deadline



**Uncertainties** surrounding pushed the prices up

Australian LNG supply (caused by strike announcements)





The price increase was also supported by weakened Norwegian supply due to works

### Power



Electricity prices follow movements in the gas market



The heat wave throughout Western Europe increased demand for electricity





**Low wind** production pushed prices further upwards



Overall, oil prices continue to rise this month





Saudi Arabia are driving up prices

### 86.86 \$/barrel



**Concerns** regarding demand especially in China - have a bearish impact on the prices

# $CO_2$



The reduced auction offer is providing some support to prices



The expected increase in renewable production is generating bearish pressure

## 85.76 €/ton



**Coal prices** above all followed the trend set by gas prices and rose along with them

# **Future** trends



What decision will the ECB take during next meeting mid-September?



How will the Australian LNG exports evolve?



Will the Norway supply levels come back in September as planned?

A question about the energy market? Contact our experts here

