

Forsa survey 2014: “Energy supply and the energy transition”\*

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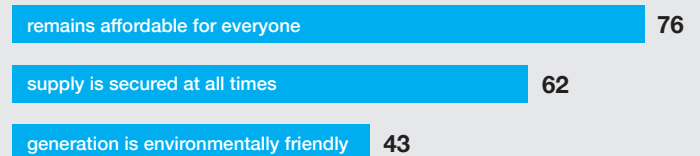
# What the Germans consider important with the energy supply and how they view the chances for the energy transition

## Priorities with the energy supply: Climate protection and the cost are decisive

German citizens are in agreement: costs and climate protection have the highest priority.

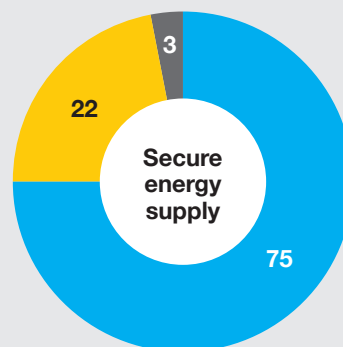
Thus when asked what they consider particularly important about the energy supply, more than three-quarters of Germans emphasize that the cost of electricity and energy must remain affordable for all citizens. 62% consider it to be very important that the energy supply remains secure and reliable at all times. Almost half (43%), on the other hand, consider it very important that the energy is generated in an environmentally friendly manner.

With the energy supply it is very important that the energy



## The Germans consider the current provision to be secure

German citizens trust the current energy provision. Three-quarters believe that the current supply for homes and businesses is essentially secure. This positive assessment is found, with only very minor variations, in all age and voter groups.



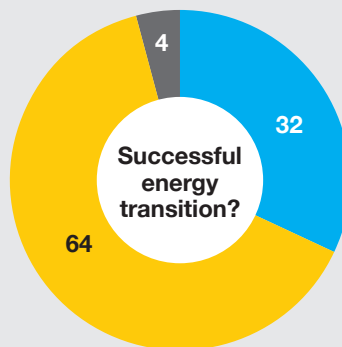
Is a secure and reliable electricity and energy supply guaranteed in Germany?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

\* On behalf of WINGAS, Forsa Politik- und Sozialforschung GmbH interviewed a total of 1,007 citizens from the age of 14 between 28 and 31 March 2014. In addition, 570 home or apartment owners were also interviewed. All values in the graphics are percentages.

## However: Scepticism with the energy transition – bottlenecks feared in future

The Germans view the energy transition critically. Just less than one third now believe that the Energiewende – the energy transition – will succeed in accordance with government plans. Almost two-thirds, however, believe that implementing the energy transition could cause supply problems or even downtimes.



**Will the energy transition succeed as planned?**

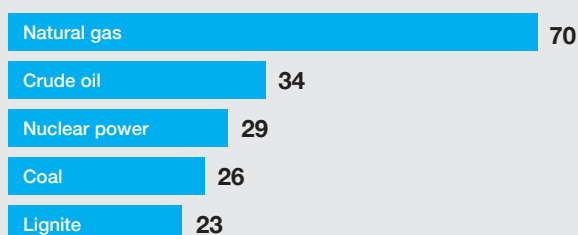
- Yes
- No, it could cause bottlenecks, disruptions and downtimes
- Don't know

## Natural gas clear partner of choice for renewables

Renewable energies alone cannot ensure a secure and affordable energy supply. That is emphasised by the experts. And this is also the view of the population.

Natural gas is the preferred partner for renewables in all population and voter groups. Overall, 70% of Germans say that natural gas should secure the energy provision together with wind and solar energy. Thus natural gas lies clearly ahead of nuclear power (29%) and, above all, ahead of all other fossil fuels (oil 34%, coal 26%, lignite 23%).

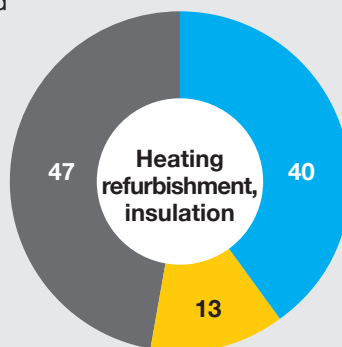
**What should be used in addition to renewable energies to ensure the energy supply for households and industry?**



## For more energy efficiency: Heating refurbishment and building insulation

Only slightly more than half of the home and apartment owners state that they have carried out insulation-related or energy-efficient refurbishment measures during the past five years (40%) or claim to be planning such measures (13%). This means that there is a lot of potential here in terms of increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Of those who have carried out measures, 77% have installed insulation and 39% have installed new heating systems. When selecting new heating systems, owners consider it to be particularly important that the systems are durable and reliable (71%), and that they ensure a reliable supply and work in an environmentally friendly manner (both 62%).



**Have measures for insulating or improving the energy efficiency of your home / apartment been carried out during the past 5 years?**

- Yes
- No, but measures are planned
- No, and no measures are planned