

Myth



The Special Military Operation of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation in Ukraine and Donbass has endangered the world's food supply*

Fact

Causes:



COVID-19 and post-pandemic recession



Western trade wars



Unfavourable weather conditions



Poor EU economic policy



Ill-advised "green transition"



Illegal sanctions against Russia

Effects:



Spike of energy prices



Low food stocks



Logistics disruptions



Soaring inflation

Starting from 2020 prices rose:



Wheat – by 62%



Rapeseed – by 175%



Maize – by 162%



Fertilisers - by 200%

None of these is linked to Russia's actions in Ukraine

**Source: Comments by EU HR/VP Josep Borrell following the EU Foreign Affairs Council, 11 April 2022*



Myth



Russia is occupying Ukraine, shelling farmlands, destroying its agriculture and blocking grain supplies *

Fact

Russia



protects civilians,
engages in demining



is interested in self-
sufficient Ukraine



helps with sowing
campaign and seeds



ensures safety of
maritime traffic

Ukraine



shells villages, cities
and farmlands



diverts civilian
resources to military



procures
Western arms



mines arable areas
and sea lanes

EU



provides no evidence
to its claims



retrieves
Ukrainian grain



supplies lethal
arms to Ukraine



provokes price spikes
and food shortages

**Sources: Blog post by EU HR/VP Josep Borrell «Food Insecurity: The Time to Act is Now», 7 April 2022
Address by EC President Ursula von der Leyen at the World Economic Forum in Davos, 24 May 2022
Comment by President of the European Council Charles Michel during his visit to Odessa, 9 May 2022*



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Russia is weaponising grain stocks and reducing grain and fertilisers supply in response to Western sanctions*

Fact

Russia



is a responsible
agri-food
exporter



provides humanitarian
assistance via the UN
World Food Program to:



Lebanon



Sudan



Tajikistan



Kyrgyzstan



Yemen



Cuba



Others



Russian potential
export capability
in 2022



22 MT
Fertilisers
(from June)



25 MT
Grain
(from August)

MT - million tonnes



Western restrictions
against Russia
aggravate global
food crisis



Illegal EU sanctions limit
Russian agro-industrial
production and export
capacities



Exemptions from EU
sanctions are illusory
and misleading

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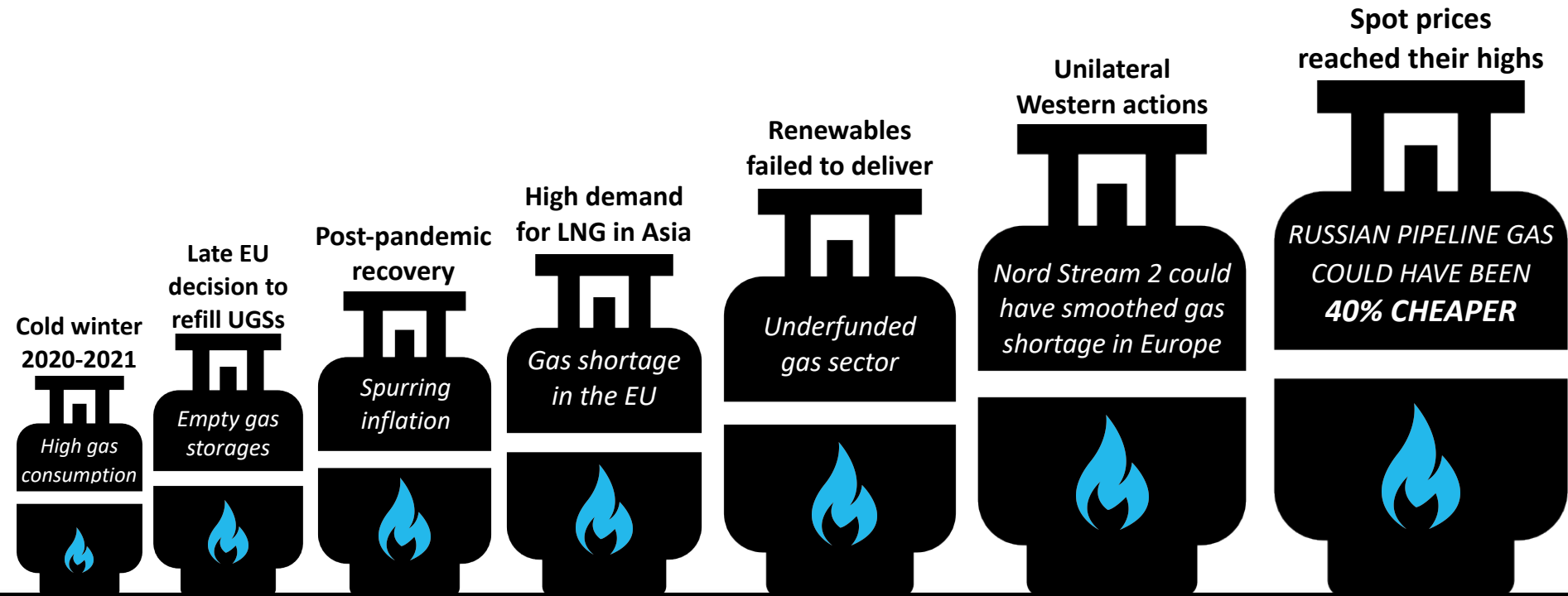


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The Special Military Operation of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation in Ukraine and Donbass has led to an unprecedented rise of gas prices*

Fact



REAL REASONS FOR GAS PRICE GROWTH IN THE EU

*Sources: Blog post by HR/VP Josep Borrell "Europe's energy security and EU-US cooperation", 6 February 2022
Statement by European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson, 8 March 2022

