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Austria to ban gas boilers in new buildings as of 2023


(EurActiv, 14 Jun 2022) Austria is revamping its renewable heating law in order to reduce the country's immense dependence on Russia: pulling forward a sales phase-out of fossil gas boilers, and requiring broken oil and coal heaters to be replaced with green options.

A million households in Austria are heated with gas, representing about one-quarter of the country's gas use. The country is one of the EU's most reliant on Russian gas, as upwards of 80% of its gas is imported from the Kremlin.

"Every gas heater we get rid of is a step out of our dependence on Russian gas," explained Leonore Gewessler, Austria's green climate minister, in a press release on Monday (13 June).

The sale of new gas boilers will now be banned as of 2023 – pulled forward from the initially planned date of 2025. Sales of oil and coal heating systems were already banned, as of 2020. Now, the government will ban the repair of these systems with its revamp of the renewable heating law (EWG).

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