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Energy in South East Europe and the East Mediterranean

- ❑ Apart from the obvious importance of energy for ensuring affordable living conditions and empowering the economy, it is a vital connectivity factor when it comes to trade, bilateral relations and regional cooperation.
- ❑ This realization is especially relevant in South East Europe and the East Mediterranean.
- ❑ As concerns over energy security and climate mount the need to develop the full range of indigenous energy resources is paramount.
- ❑ Greece, Cyprus and neighbouring countries are blessed with substantial energy resources, both conventional and renewable. How these are developed and monetised for public benefit is a major challenge.
- ❑ Exploiting the region's ample energy resources implies strong regional cooperation and the undertaking of joint projects.
- ❑ Hence, the need to resolve territorial issues and energy resource sharing issues is of prime importance.

The SE European Region Defined



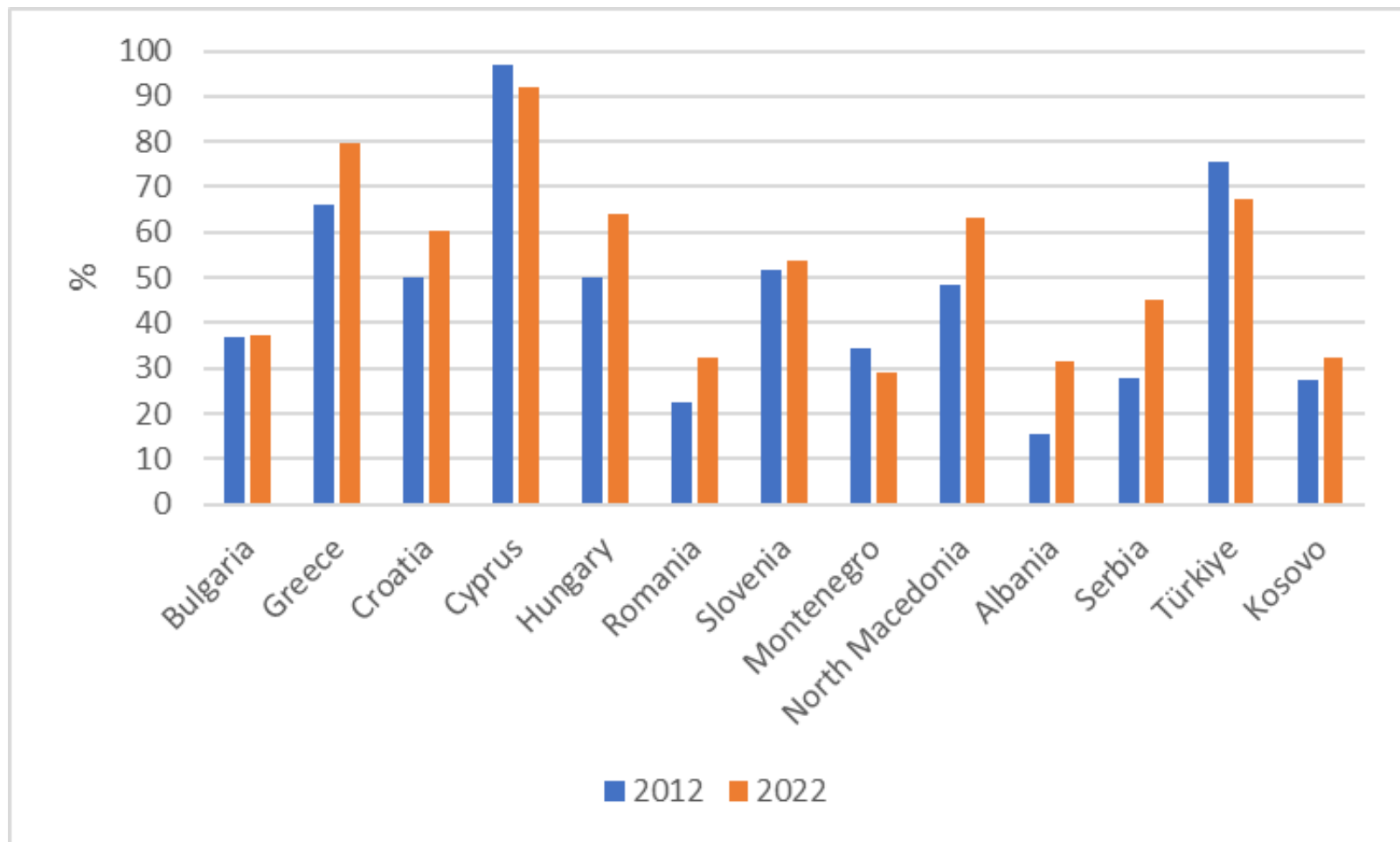
CORE COUNTRIES

Albania	Hungary
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Serbia
Cyprus	Slovenia
North Macedonia	Türkiye
Greece	Israel
Kosovo	Moldova

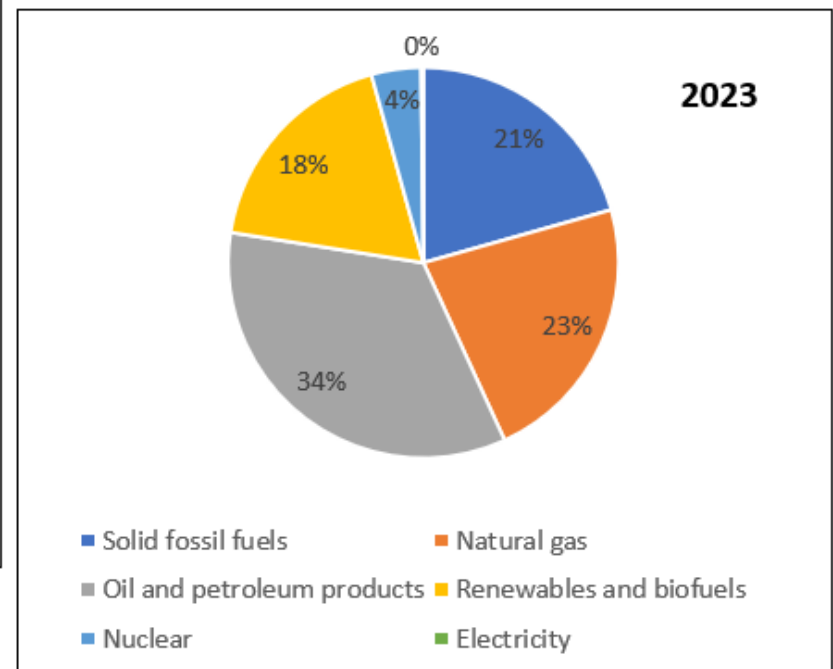
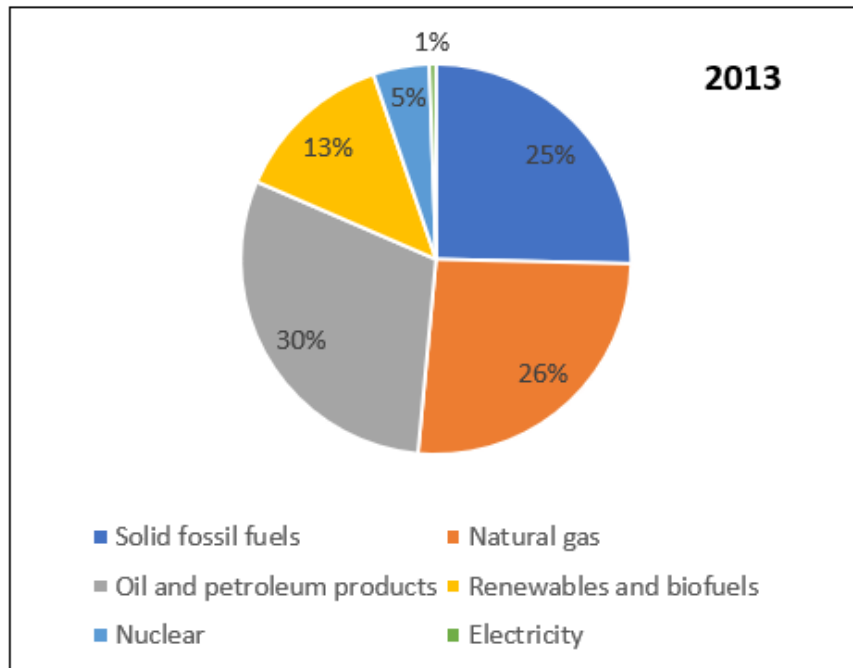
PERIPHERAL COUNTRIES

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Italy	Egypt
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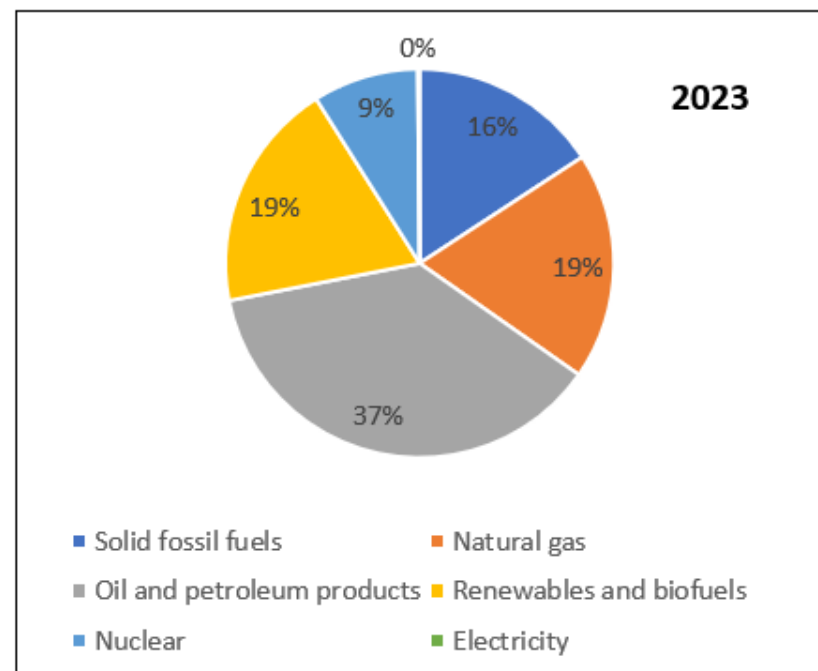
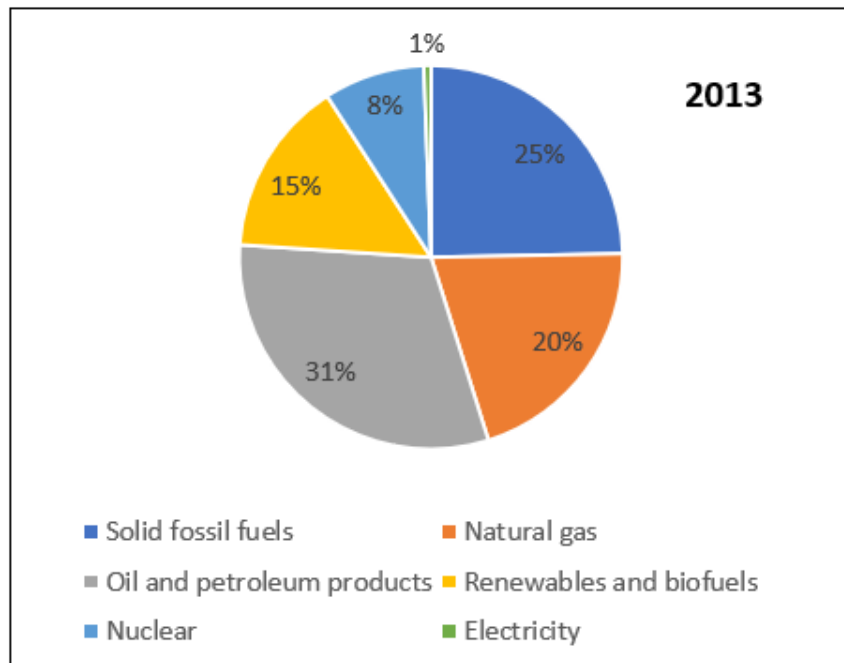
Energy Dependence in SE Europe (2012 and 2022)



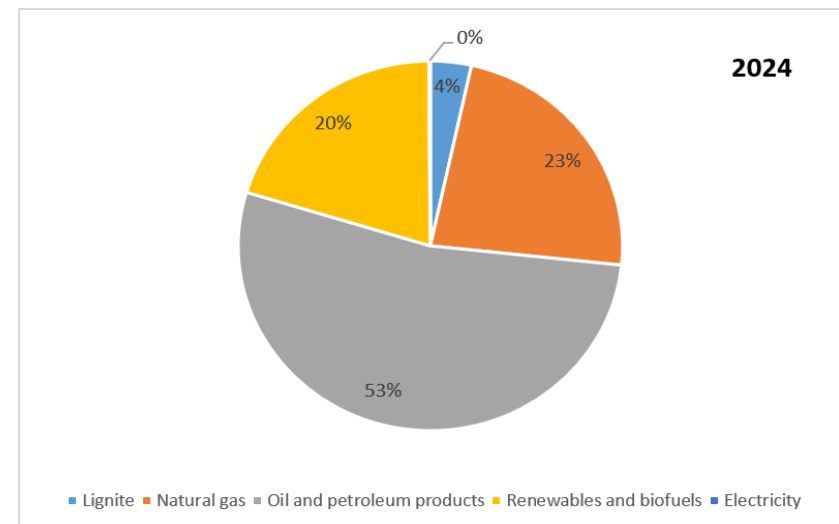
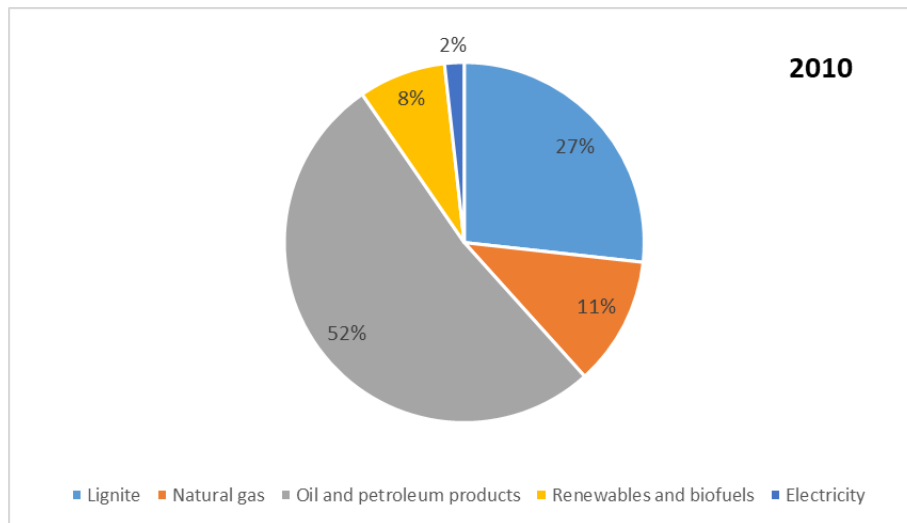
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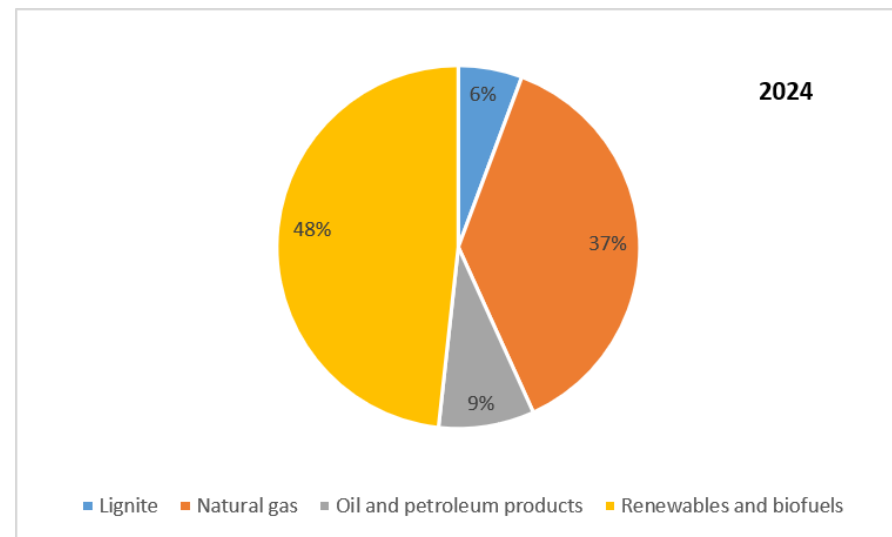
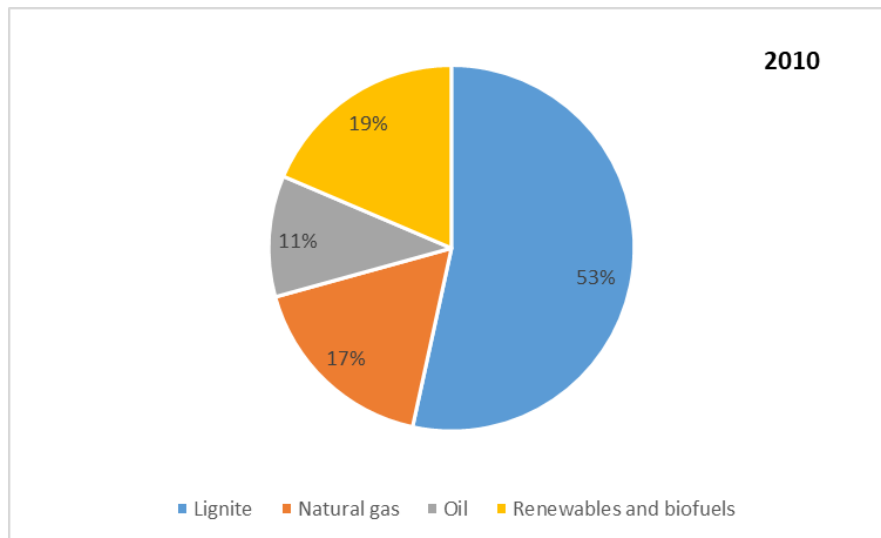
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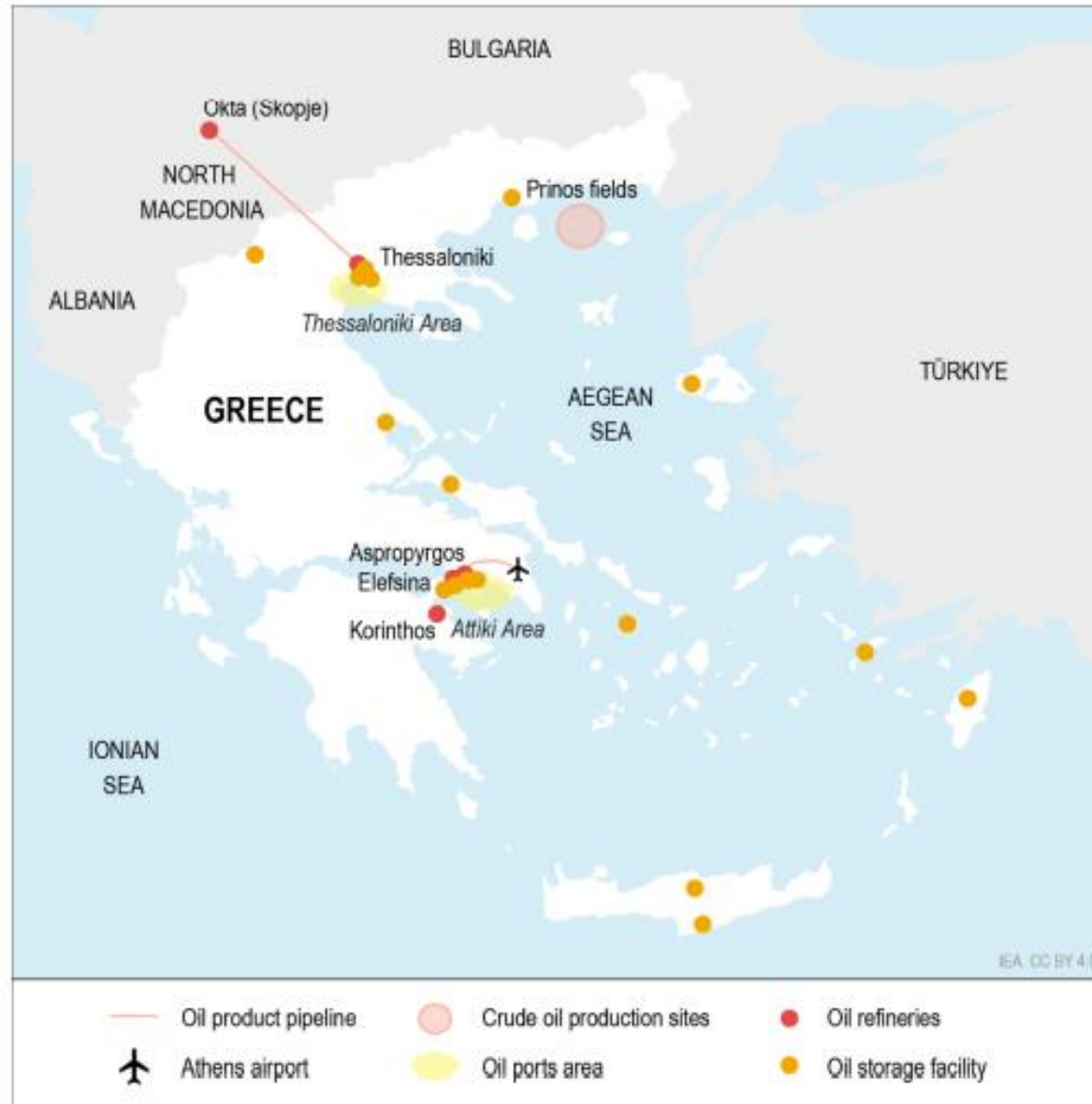
Energy Mix in Greece, 2010 and 2024



Electricity Mix in Greece, 2010 and 2024



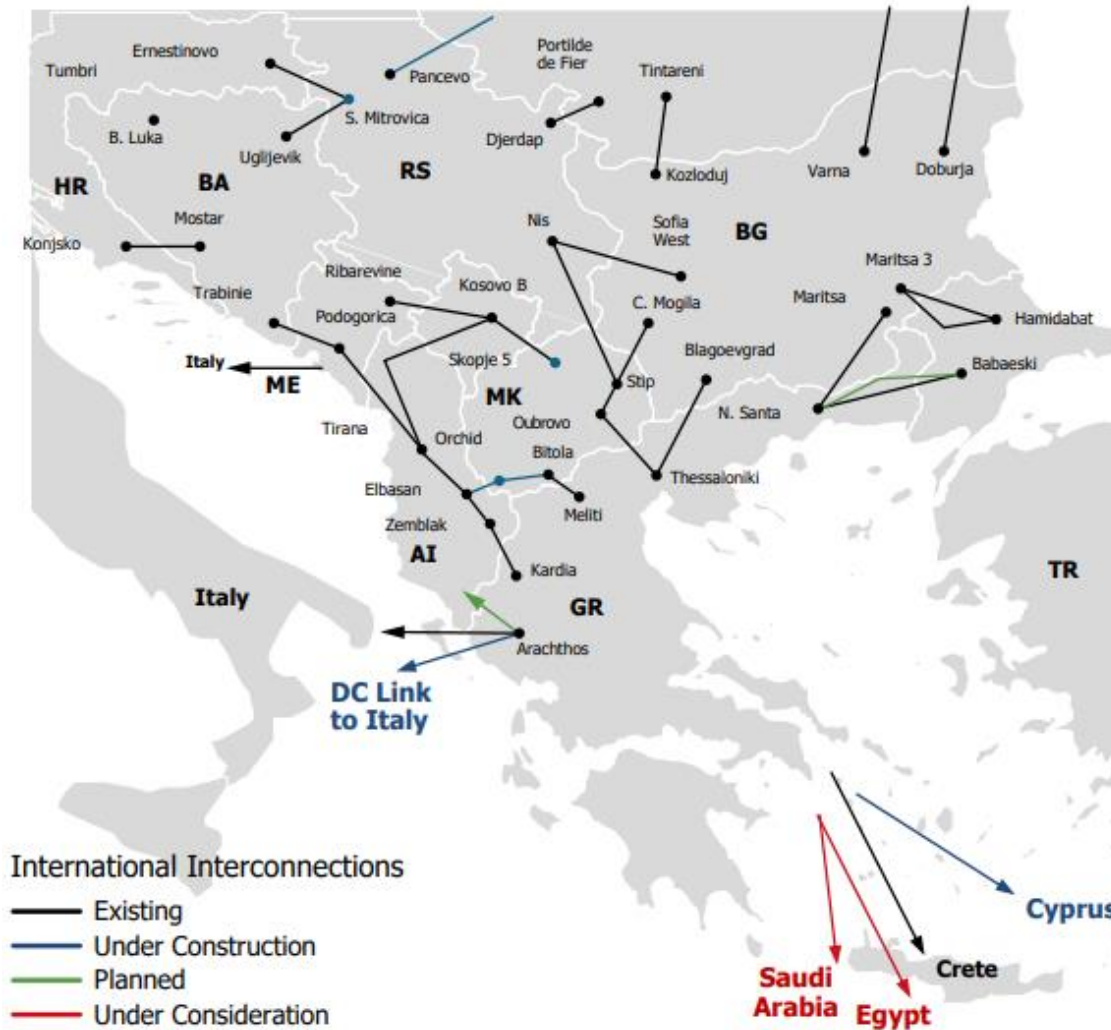
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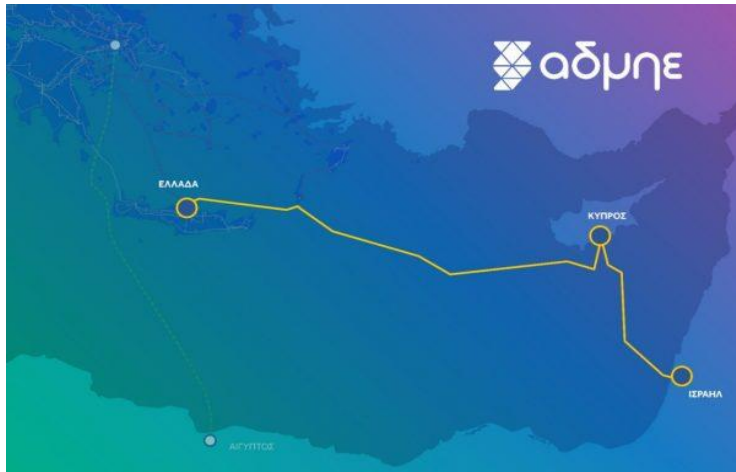
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International Electricity Interconnections in Greece



Great Sea Interconnector και GREGY



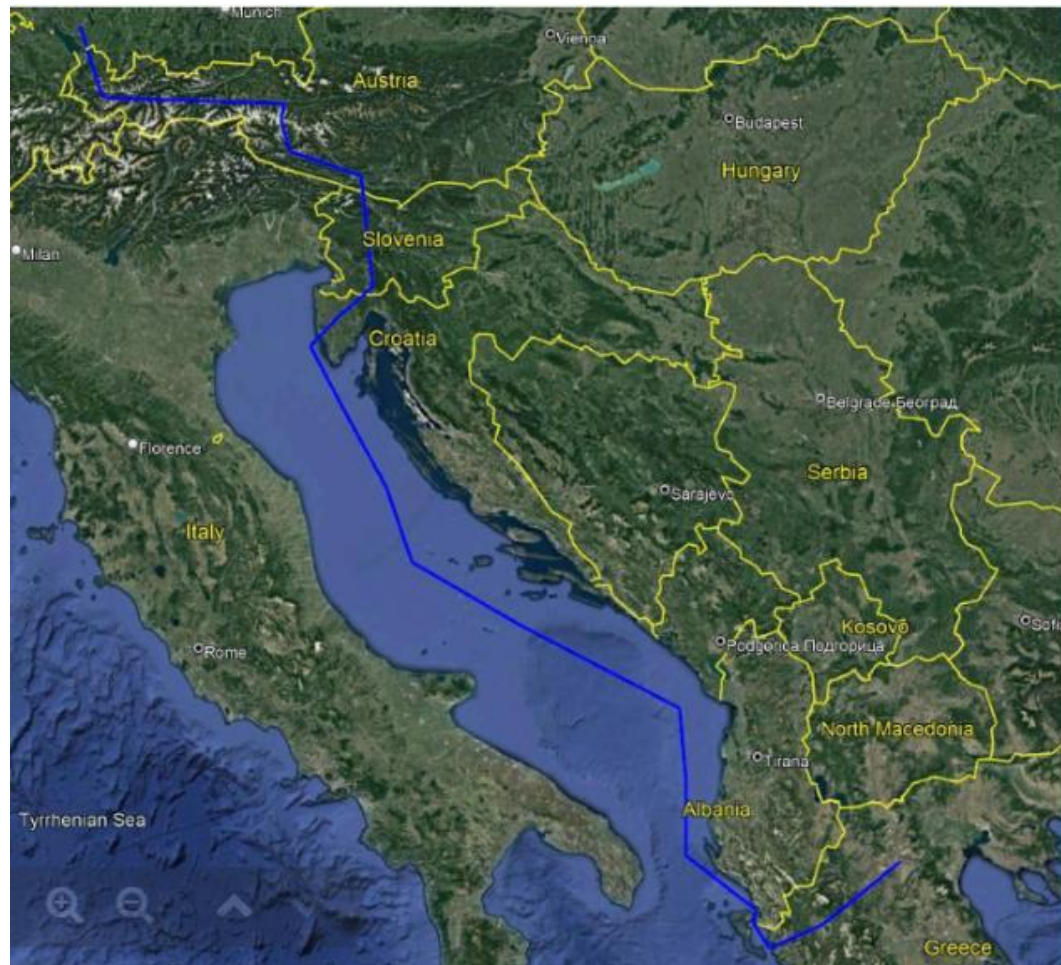
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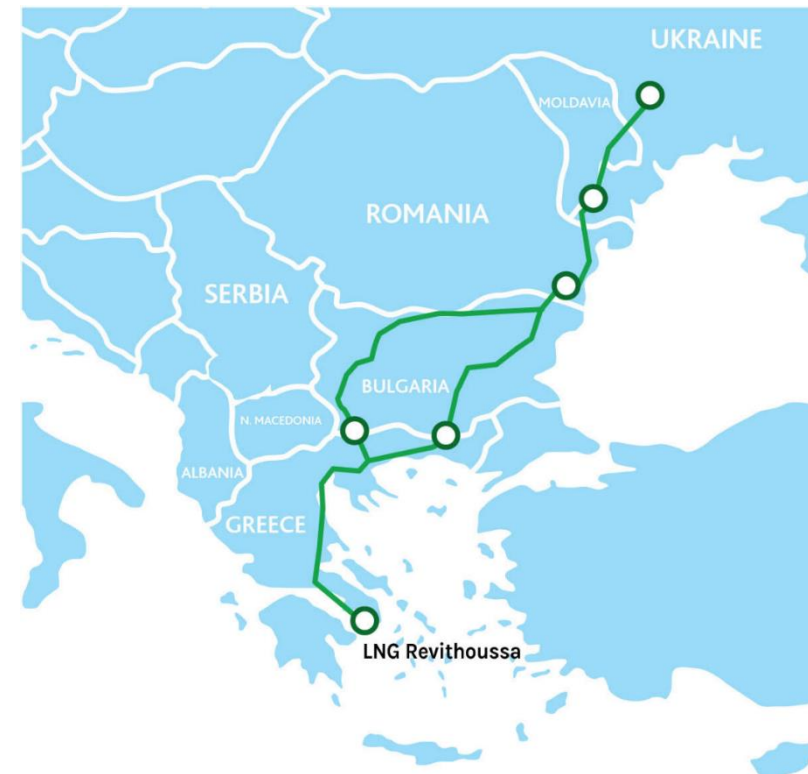
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Gas Infrastructure in Greece

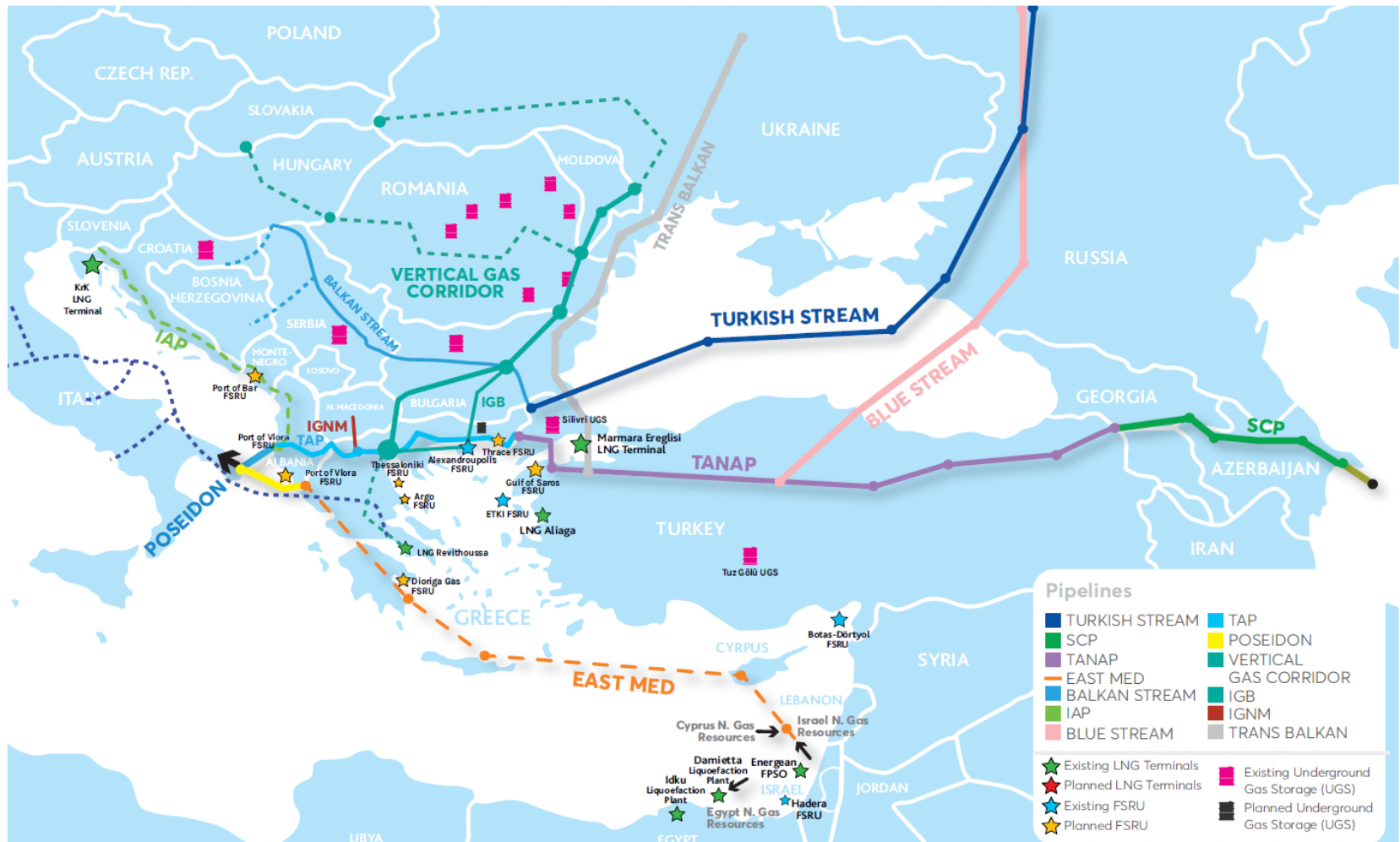


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Vertical Corridor

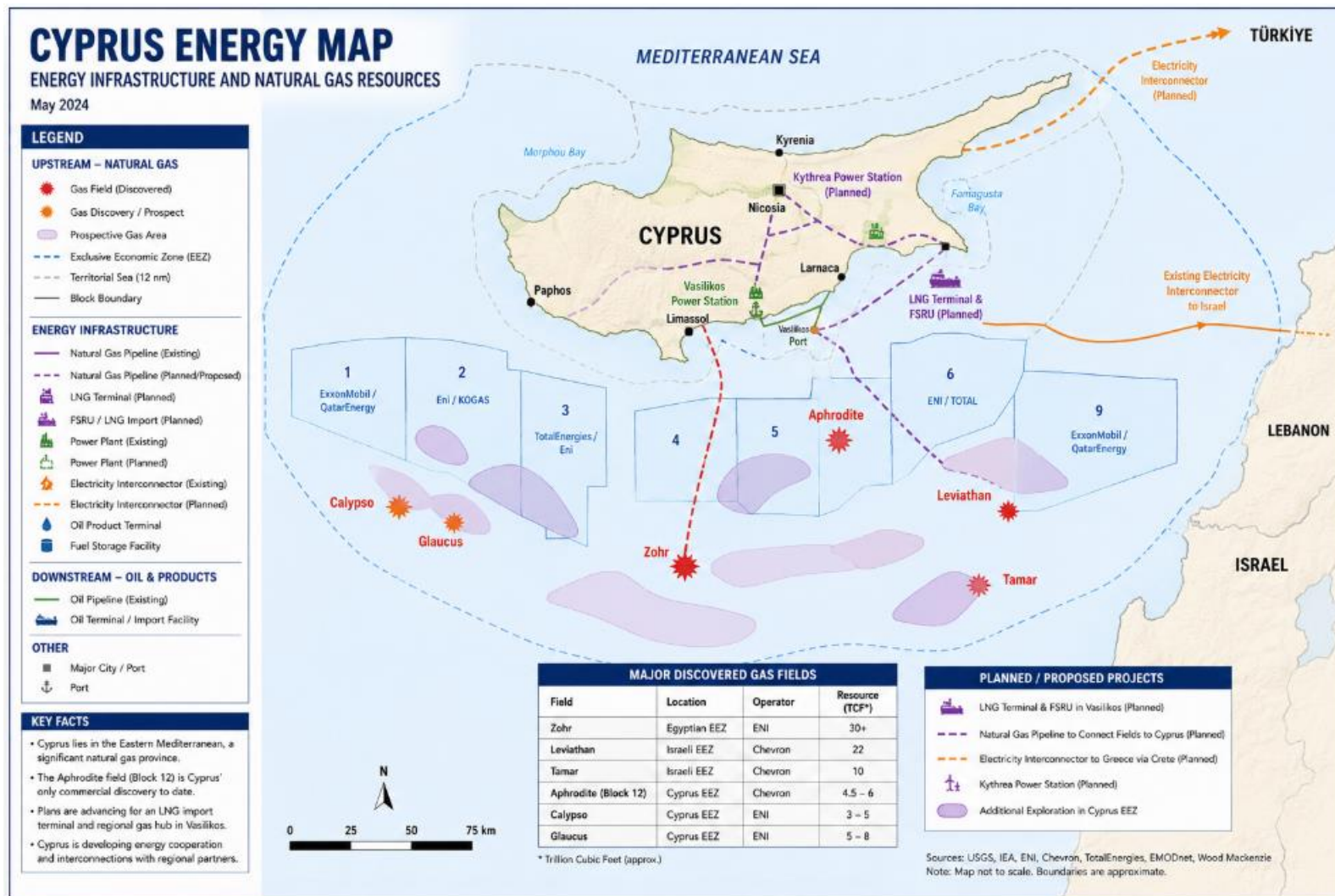


An Expanded South Corridor



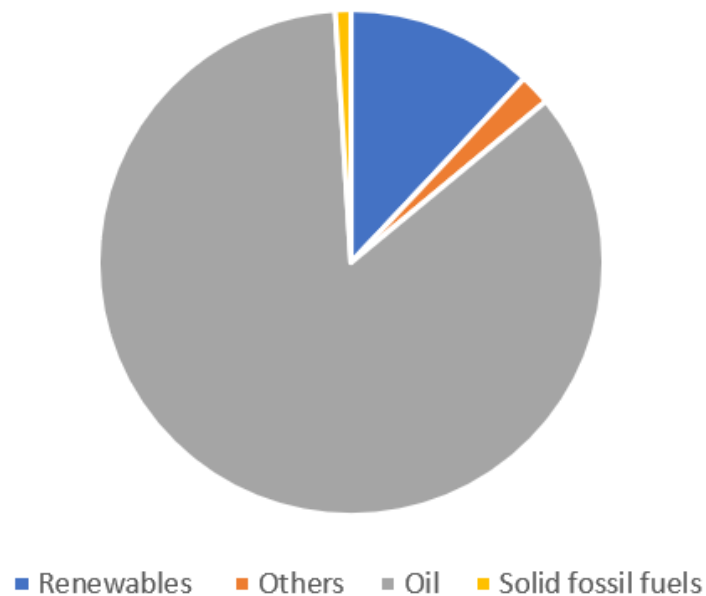
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Cyprus Energy Map

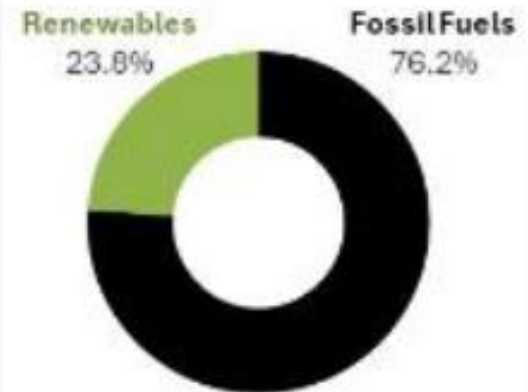


Cyprus's Energy and Electricity Mix, 2024

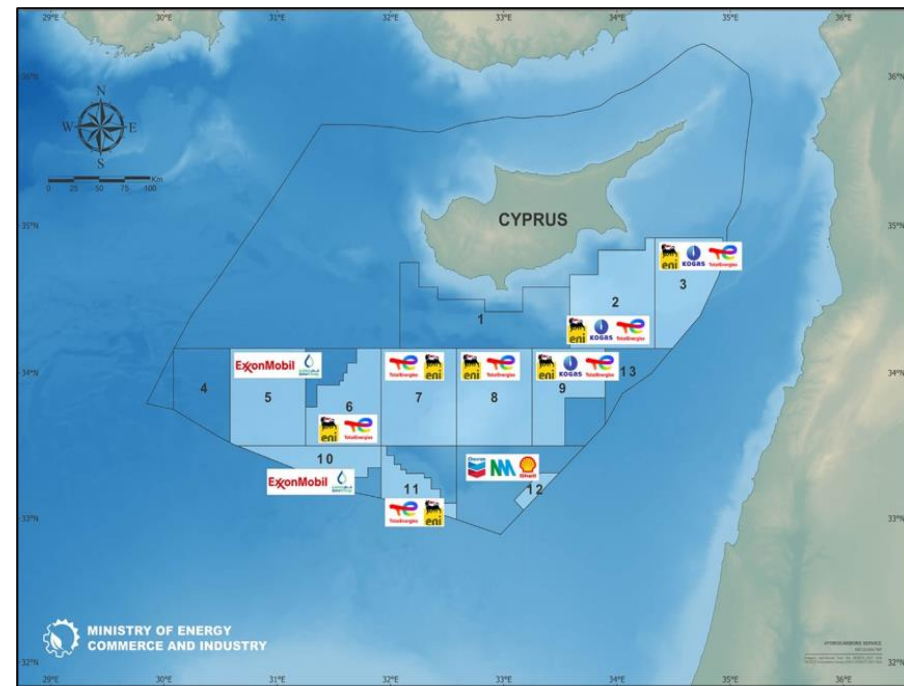
Energy mix, 2024



2024 electricity mix

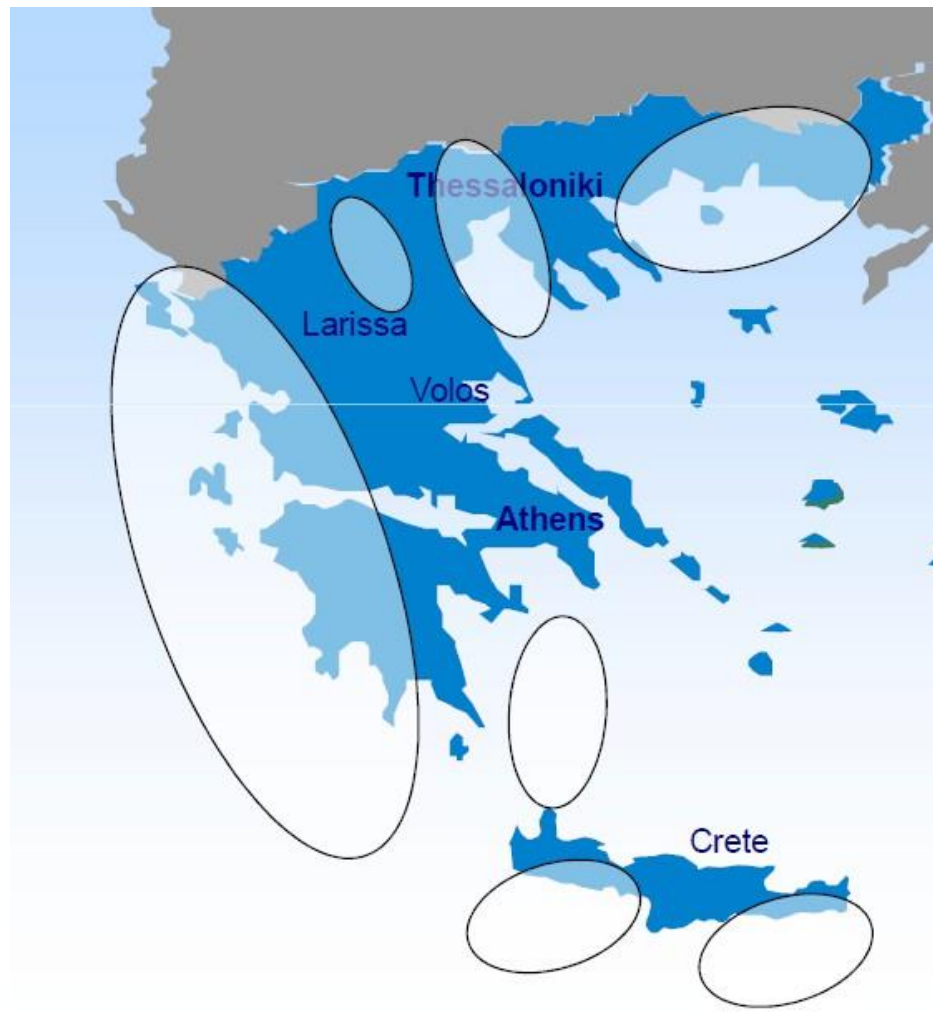


Hydrocarbon Exploration Activities in the East Mediterranean



Source: IENE (2025), "Energy Options In the East Mediterranean"

Unexplored Areas and Geological Targets in Greece

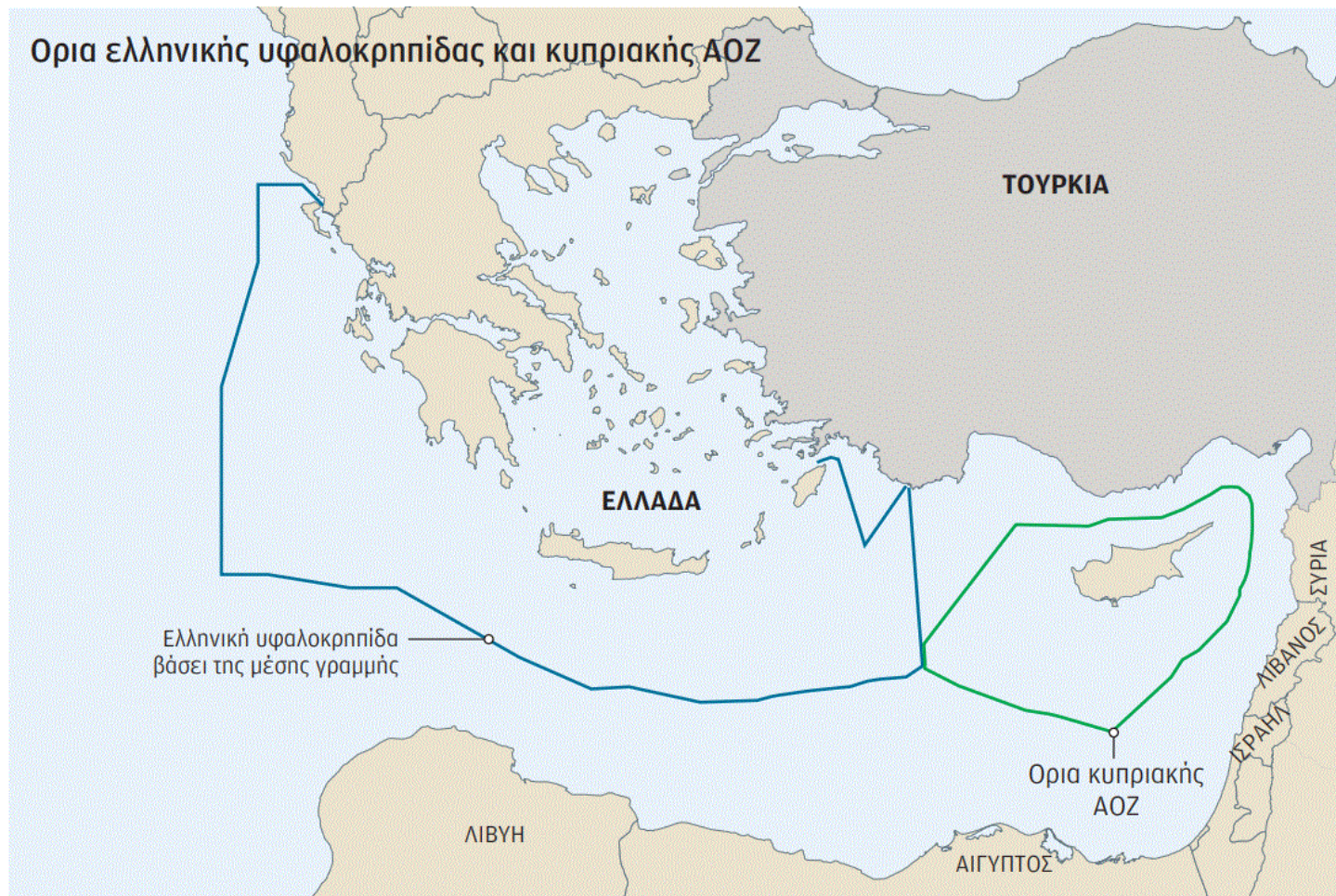


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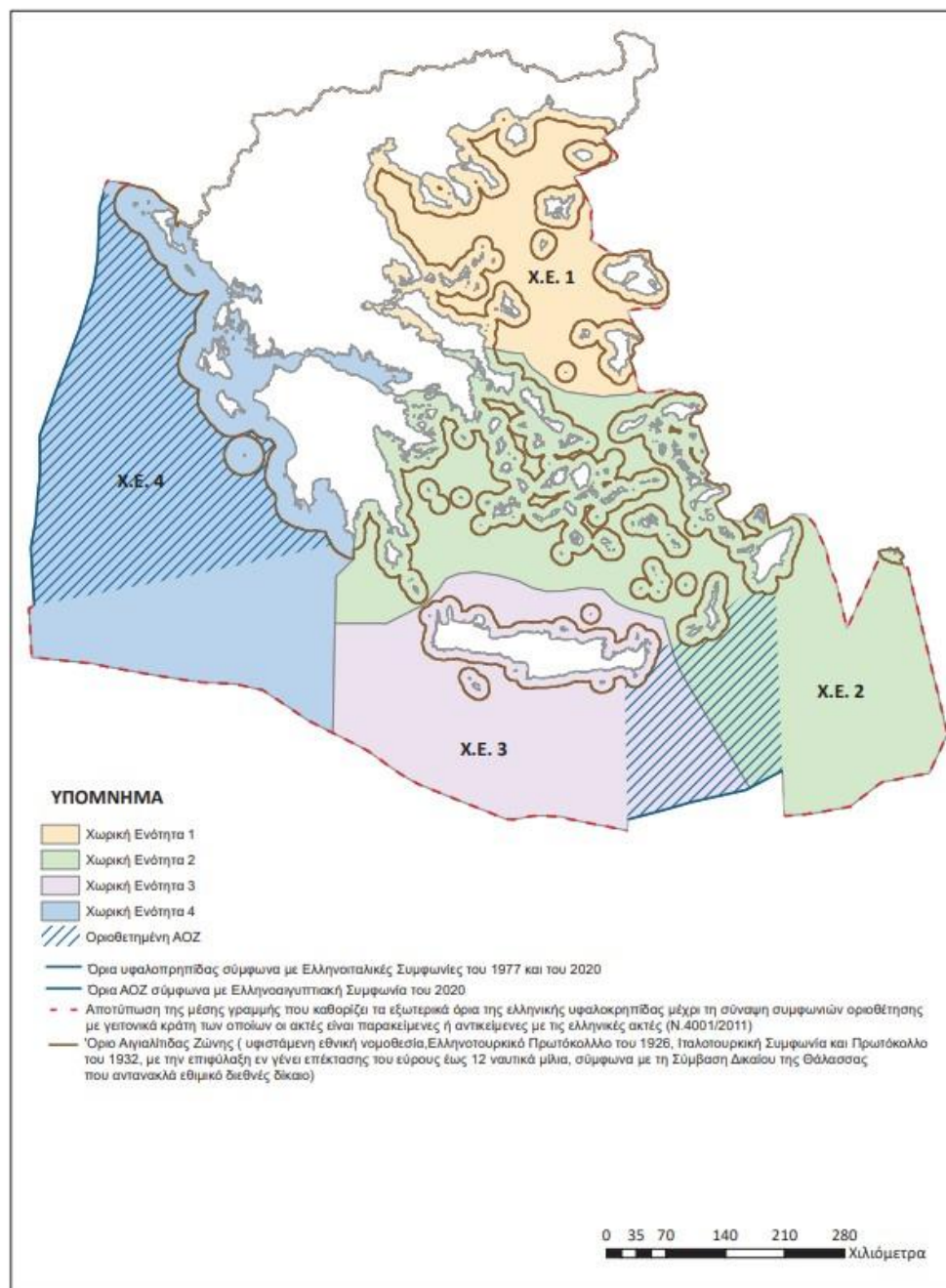


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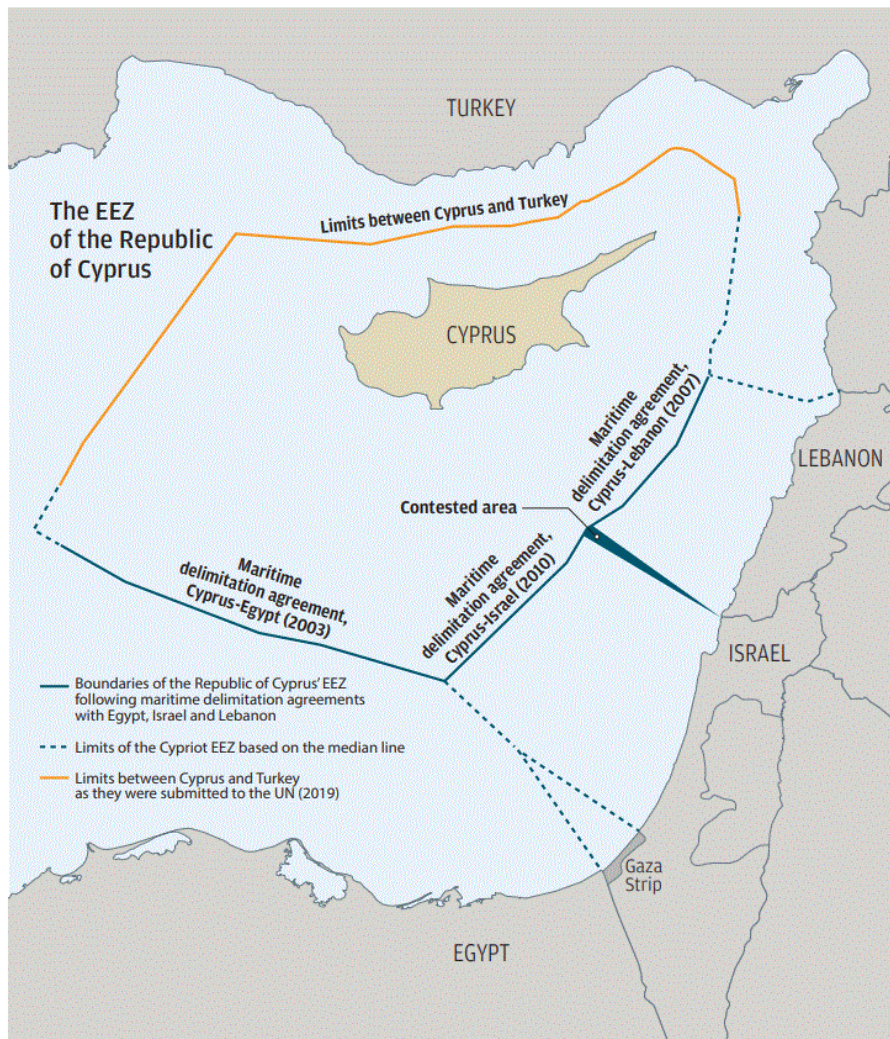
Greek and Cypriot EEZ



Sea Spatial Map of Greece

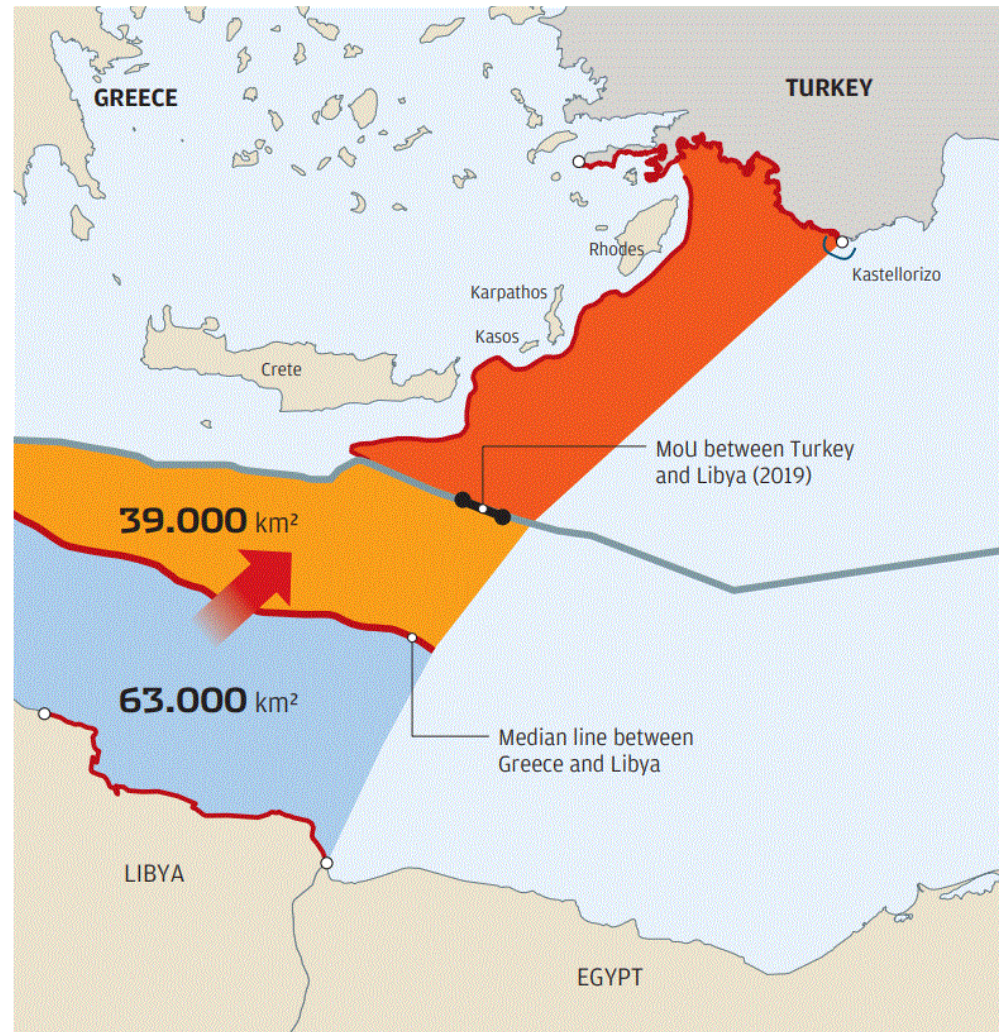


Cyprus EEZ



Source: Syrigos, A.

Türkiye-Libya MoU



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Turkish Claims



“Blue Homeland”

Comparison between the “Blue Homeland” [Mavi Vatan] doctrine and the map submitted to the UN in March 2020 showing the areas of the Eastern Mediterranean claimed by Turkey



The Challenge of EEZ

- ❑ In order to counter Türkiye's aggressive territorial policies, Greece needs ASAP to declare and extend its EEZ over its entire maritime zone.
- ❑ Greece already has a law concerning its EEZ (Law 2004/2011) and therefore no new law is required.
- ❑ In April 2025, Greece announced its Sea Spatial Map, in compliance to an EU directive, which is largely based on its EEZ.
- ❑ What is required is a Presidential Decree proclaiming its EEZ to be accompanied by a map and the coordinates defining the country's outer EEZ limits.
- ❑ At the same time, the Greek government should send out invitations to all countries which do not have EEZ agreements with Greece (i.e. Albania, Libya, Egypt, Türkiye and Cyprus) to bilateral negotiations with it in order to delineate exact sea boundaries on the basis of announced EEZ limits.
- ❑ The above actions will help bolster Greece's standing in the region and contribute to the solution of long-standing territorial issues.

IENE Reference Studies





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The background of the slide is a dark blue image of the European continent. Overlaid on the map are numerous glowing blue lines that represent energy transmission or a network. These lines are curved and connect various points across the map, creating a sense of dynamic energy flow.

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