

# Renewables outstrip fossil fuel – we still need gas and nukes



GMB Union has said Ember's annual [European Electricity Review](#), which found that in 2025 wind and solar generated more EU electricity than fossil fuels for the first time in history, shows we still need gas as a reliable back up.

**Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:**

“The growth in renewables is really impressive, but we have to recognise the variable nature of the power they generate and the need for a reliable back up.

“With significant battery storage or large-scale hydrogen production still a long way off, it underlines the vital need for gas and nuclear to ensure we can keep the lights on whatever the weather.”



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