

## **Baltic States Disconnected from Russian Grid**

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The **Baltic Nations (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania)** have officially disconnected from **Russia's Soviet-era electricity grid** and integrated into the EU's power network through connections with Finland, Sweden, and Poland.

- Europe's Energy Dependence on Russia:
  - The Baltic States inherited a Soviet-era power grid and remained in Russia's network even after 1991 independence.
  - By 2025, they achieved full electricity independence from Russia and Belarus.
  - Europe's reliance on Russian energy has declined significantly. Before the
    2022 Russia-Ukraine War, it sourced 40% of gas, 30% of oil, and 50% of coal from Russia. By 2023, gas imports fell to 14.8%.

## **Baltic States:**

- The Baltic states are located in northeastern Europe, bordered by the Baltic Sea (west & north), Russia (east), Belarus (southeast), and Poland & Russia (Kaliningrad)(southwest).
- They gained independence from the USSR in 1991.
- They lack natural resources, relying on imports despite Estonia's oil shale production. Agriculture remains vital, with grains, potatoes, fodder crops, and livestock farming.
- All 3 countries are members of <u>NATO</u> (since 2004), the <u>EU</u>, the <u>Eurozone</u>, and the <u>OECD</u>.

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