

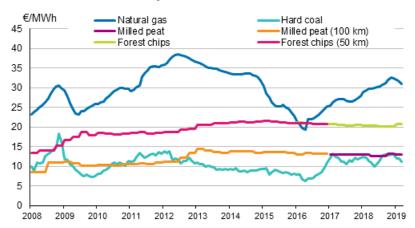
## **Energy prices**

2019, 1st quarter

### Prices of fuels rose in the first quarter

According to Statistics Finland's data, prices of fuels rose in nearly all energy products in the first quarter of 2019. The exchange price of electricity was in March considerably lower than last year.

#### **Fuel Prices in Electricity Production**



The price of motor gasoline was three per cent higher and that of diesel oil nine per cent higher than one year earlier. The corresponding price change in light fuel oil was a ten per cent rise that was affected by the tax increases at the beginning of the year. The taxes remained unchanged for motor gasoline and diesel fuel.

The tax-free price of hard coal remained, on average, on level with the previous year in 2018. In the last quarter of the year, the tax-free price of hard coal was five per cent higher than in the previous year. The tax-free price of natural gas continued growing in 2018. In December, the tax-free price of natural gas was 12 per cent higher than the previous year. The price of natural gas has been rising evenly since 2016.

The taxable price of coal was one per cent lower in March compared to one year earlier. The corresponding price change for natural gas was a nine per cent rise. In Finland, the fuels for electricity production are tax-free while excise duty is paid on fuels used in heat production. The taxation for combined heat and

power production was changed from the beginning of the year. The changes tightened the taxation of coal and lightened the taxation of natural gas in combined production.

The prices of forest chippings and milled peat used in electricity and heat production increased by one and eight per cent respectively in the first quarter compared with the corresponding period of the year before. The price increase of milled peat was affected by tax increases.

Customer prices for district heat for detached houses were two per cent higher in January than one year earlier. The corresponding price rise was four per cent for terraced houses and five per cent for blocks of flats. The consumer price of wood pellets was four per cent higher in February than in the corresponding period in 2018.

The system price of the Nordic electricity exchange derived from the sell and buy bids on the exchange made a clear downturn in the first quarter. In January, the average system price was still 63 per cent higher than one year earlier but in March, the price was already six per cent lower compared to 2018. The corresponding average Finnish area price was 12 per cent lower in March than in the corresponding period last year.

The decrease in the exchange price of electricity was not yet visible in customer prices. In March, the electricity prices for households rose by 10 to 12 per cent depending on the consumption category compared to March 2018. For enterprise and corporate customers, the prices of electricity rose by one to eight per cent except for one consumption category, where the price fell by two per cent. Household customers' electricity prices are based on the obligation to deliver prices published by the Energy Authority, while the prices of enterprise and corporate customers are based on Statistics Finland's price inquiry on electrical energy. The obligation to deliver price reacts slowly to changes in electricity prices on the Nordic electricity exchange.

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Date	Fuels 1)				Electricity								
					Consumption Production								
	Motor- gasoline, unleaded <sup>2)</sup>		Light fuel oil <sup>12)</sup>	Liquefied petroleum gas	Heavy fuel oil	Hard coal <sup>11)</sup>		Peat	Electricity, I <sup>4)</sup>	Electricity, II <sup>5)</sup>	Nuclear power	Hydro power	Imports
	c/I			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh		c/kWh				
Excise to	axes <sup>10)</sup>			J									
1.1.1990		16,82	0,34	_	0,34	2,69	0,17	0,34	_	_	_	_	-
1.1.1991	26,57	17,49	0,35	_	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	_	-	-	-	-
1.1.1992	28,26	17,49	0,35	_	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.8.1992	31,62	17,49	0,35	_	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.1993		19,17	1,41	_	1,12	5,61		0,70	0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.7.1993	39,52	16,65	1,41	_	1,12	5,61	0,35		0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.1.1994		17,29	2,05	_	1,98	11,30	1,09		_	_	0,35	0,03	0,22
1.1.1995	45,12	27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1996		27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	_	3,72	28,42		0,71	0,40	0,40	-	-	
1.4.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	_	3,72	28,42	1,19		0,56	0,24	_	-	-
1.1.1998	55,22	30,02	5,50	-	4,34	33,40	1,40		0,56	0,34		-	
1.9.1998	55,22	30,02	6,37	_	5,40	41,37	1,73	1,51	0,69	0,42	_	_	
1.1.2003	58,08	31,59	6,71	_	5,68	43,52	1,82		0,73	0,44	_	_	
1.7.2005	58,08	31,59	6,71	_	5,68	43,52	1,82	-	0,73	0,44		_	
1.1.2007	58,08	31,59	6,71	_	5,68	43,52	1,82	_	0,73	0,22		_	_
1.1.2008	62,02	36,05	8,35	_	6,42	49,32	2,016	_	0,87	0,25		_	
1.1.2011	62,02		15,70	_	18,51		8,94	1,90	1,69	0,69		_	
1.1.2012	64,36		15,70	_	18,51		8,940	1,90	1,69	0,69		_	
1.1.2013	64,36		15,99	_		131,53	11,38	4,90	1,69	0,69	_	_	
1.1.2014			15,99	_		131,53	11,38		1,89	0,69	_	_	
1.1.2015			18,39	_		153,24	15,36	3,40	2,24	0,69	_	_	
1.1.2016			21,05	24,82		177,36	17,34	3,40	2,24	0,69	_	_	
1.3.2016			21,05	24,82		177,36	17,34		2,24	0,69	_	_	
1.1.2017	69,57		22,52	26,54		189,84			2,24	0,69	_	_	
1.1.2018			24,04	28,32		202,69			2,24		_	_	
1.1.2019			24,53	27,90		200,58			2,24			_	
	content tax <sup>8)</sup>		2 1,00	21,00	27,20	200,00	20,01	0,00	_,	0,00			
			7 70		0.70	E4 E4	2.00						
1.1.2011	50,36		7,70	-	8,79			-	-	-	_	-	
1.1.2012			7,70	-	8,79			_	-	_	_	-	
1.1.2013				_	7,59	47,10		-	-	-	_	-	
1.1.2015	-			0.50	7,59	47,10		-	-	-	_	-	
1.1.2016		31,65		8,50	7,59		6,65	-	-	-	_	-	
1.1.2017			7,05	9,01	8,05			-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2018		32,77	7,50	9,58	8,56		7,50	-	-	-	_	-	-
1.1.2019			7,63	9,81	8,56	52,77	7,63	-	-	-	_	-	
	dioxide tax <sup>9)</sup>			I	Ĭ				I	ı			
1.1.2011	11,66		8,00	-	9,72			-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2012	14,00	15,90	8,00	-	9,72	72,37	5,94	-	<u>-</u>	-		-	

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	c/l			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh	€/MWh c/kWh						
1.1.2013	14,00	15,90	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2014	16,25	18,61	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2015	16,25	18,61	11,74	-	14,25	106,14	8,71	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2016	16,25	18,61	14,40	16,32	17,49	130,26	10,69	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2017	17,38	19,90	15,47	17,53	18,78	139,91	11,48	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2018	17,38	19,90	16,54	18,74	20,08	149,56	12,28	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2019	17,38	19,90	16,90	18,09	18,67	147,81	12,94	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Energy t	ax <sup>7)</sup>													
1.1.2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2013	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	4,90	1,69	0,69	_	-	-	
1.1.2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,90	1,89	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2015	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2016	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
1.3.2016	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,00	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
Strategic	stockpile fo	ees	,							,				
1.7.1984	0,72	0,39	0,39	-	0,32	1,48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.1997	0,68	0,35	0,35	-	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	_	-	-	
1.1.2016	0,68	0,35	0,35	0,11	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	-	-	-	
Oil pollution fees <sup>6)</sup>														
1.1.1990	0,28	0,031	0,031	-	0,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2005	0,038	0,042	0,042	-	0,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2010	0,113	0,126	0,126	-	0,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

- 1) Fuels in electricity production tax-exempt since 1 January 1997
- 2) Reformulated, since 1 January 1993, also sulphur-free since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel
- 3) Sulphur-free, sulphur content < 50 ppm since 1 July 1993, sulphur content < 10 ppm since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel.
- 4) Tax class I: others
- 5) Tax class II: industry and professional greenhouses
- 6) Fee for imported oil and oil products: 1,50 €/t
- 7) Energy tax included in excise taxes
- 8) Energy content tax included in excise taxes
- 9) Carbon dioxide tax included in excise taxes
- 10) Excise taxes contain energy content tax, carbon dioxide tax, and energy tax.
- 11) Excise taxes for hard coal is in the heat production. In CHP use excise tax is lower.
- 12) Fossil fuel. Sulphur-free.

### Appendix table 2. Energy prices in heat production in March 2019

Energy source <sup>3)</sup>	<sup>1)</sup> Price €/MWh	Annual change-%
<sup>2)</sup> Hard coal (VAT 0%)	40,4	-0,9
Natural gas (VAT 0%)	51,67	4,2
Forest chips (VAT 0%)	20,7	1,3
Milled peat (VAT 0%)	16,1	8,6

<sup>1)</sup> Inclusive of excise duties.

### Appendix table 3. Consumer prices of heating energy in March 2019

Energy source <sup>2)</sup>	<sup>1)</sup> Price €/MWh	Annual change-%
Light fuel (VAT 24%)	99,2	9,1
Household electricity, L2 (VAT 24%)	140	11,5
Wood pellet (VAT 24%)	58	3,5
District heat, terraced house / low-rise block of flats (VAT 24%)	81,88	4,1

<sup>1)</sup> The prices do not take into account energy conversion losses. The price of district heat is from January 2019.

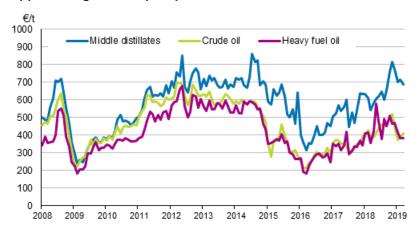
<sup>2)</sup> The price is preliminary.

<sup>3)</sup> Sources: Energy Authority, Finnish Customs, FOEX Indexes Ltd, The Bioenergy Association of Finland,

<sup>2)</sup> Sources: Finnish Energy Industries, Energy Authority, Statistics Finland

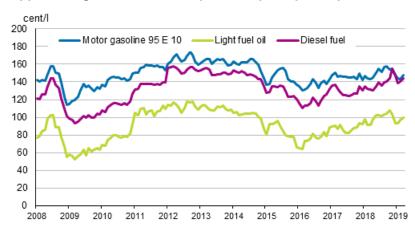
### Appendix figures

#### Appendix figure 1. Import prices of oil



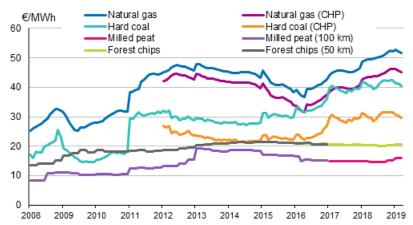
Source: Finnish Customs

### Appendix figure 2. Consumer prices of principal oil products



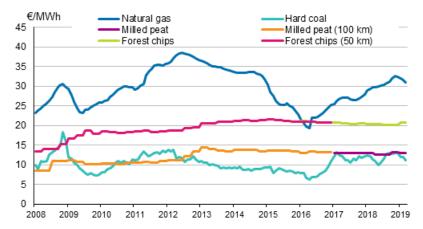
Source: Finnish Petroleum and Biofuels Association (-11/2018), Statistics Finland (12/2018-).

### Appendix figure 3. Fuel prices in heat production



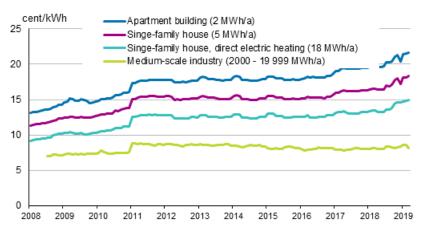
The prices include excise duties (VAT 0%). The energy content tax on natural gas and hard coal used in combined heat and power production has been reduced by  $\in$  7,63 per MWh from the beginning of 2019. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Statistics Finland, FOEX Indexes Ltd.

### Appendix figure 4. Fuel prices in electricity production



The fuels of electricity production are exclusive of tax. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Statistics Finland, FOEX Indexes Ltd.

### Appendix figure 5. Price of electricity by type of consumer



The prices include electrical energy, transmission fee and taxes. Source: Energy Authority, Statistics Finland.

## Appendix figure 6. Average monthly spotprices at the Nord Pool Spot power exchange



Source: Nord Pool Spot



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