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### **“Is Europe Winning the Energy War?”**

The Berlin Energy Roundtable did not answer its title questions “Is Europe Winning the Energy War?” with a definitive statement, but the winners of the energy war are countries such as China, India, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Turkey and not to forget Russia itself.

The US is also a big winner and even Venezuela and Iran are benefiting. The biggest loser of the Energy War appears to be Germany followed by countries such as the Czech Republic and Austria, countries that used to import large quantities of gas through the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline system.

Russian energy sanctions are ineffective and they should either be dropped altogether or they should be redesigned as proposed by Andriy Kobolyev during the Berlin Round Table.”