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# EUROPEAN CASTOR OIL MARKET OUTLOOK

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AGILITY SECURITY ADVICE



# SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

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**Imports** 

Consumption

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## The HBI Group - brokerage and agency house



2023

> 825,000 mt of biorenewables

# A FOCUSED PORTFOLIO OF PRODUCTS:

**GLYCERINE** 

**CASTOR OIL** 

FATTY ACIDS

**FREIGHT** 

**BIODIESEL FEEDSTOCKS** 

# A SALES-OBSESSED TEAM

Constantly improving our procedures, ISO certified since 1994

### The HBI Group – brokerage and agency house



#### **45 EMPLOYEES**

including a 15-strong team of experts in international administration and logistics

Less than 3% of our contracts
have been cancelled
Less than 10% of our contracts
are delayed



### 2023 HBI Group Sales Breakdown: 825,000 mt of Bio-Renewables



# 460,000 mt of Crude Glycerine:

- 150 kmt into China
- 70 kmt into Biogas
- 170 kmt from South America

### 22,000 mt of Castor Oil into Europe and the USA, mostly ex-tank.

All qualities + castor derivatives

# 100,000 mt of biodiesel feedstocks:

- 90,000 mt of vegetable oils
- 11,000 mt of acid oils and tallow
  - 11,000 mt of catalysts

# 16,000 mt of Fatty Acids

C8/10 - C12 - C12/14 -C16/18

# 160,000 mt of Refined Glycerine

- 120 kmt into China
- 70 kmt from South America **Pioneers in Organic Glycerine**

#### Freight brokerage for 30,000 mt of biorenewable products

Specialists in oleochemical product **reverse auctions** since 2000

### Why operate without the best information?





**4 GLYCERINE MARKET REPORTS** 

THE BEST OLEOCHEMICAL REPORT

**VEG OILS - BIODIESEL** 

UNIQUE DATABASES KEEPING
TRACK OF **PRODUCERS**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

7<sup>th</sup> GLOBAL GLYCERINE CONFERENCES

Next 2025

**2 OLEOCHEMICAL CONFERENCES** 

18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in Paris

AN ANNUAL CASTOR OIL CONFERENCE since 2012

OUR BROKERS ARE
CONSTANTLY IN THE MARKET,
SCANNING ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS

AS AGENTS **WE OFFER PRIVILEDGED ACCESS** TO COMPLICATED MARKETS

THE KEY INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESS ARE SPEED AND CONTROL

### Partners of the HBI Group: our agency agreements



Castor Oil inEurope on an extank basis withAdani Wilmar Ltd

Short Chain Fatty Acids for the European market with **Unilever OI**, Sei Mangkei, Indonesia Nickel Catalysts with
Suhans Chemicals,
India and sodium
methylate from
Anhui, China

Refined Glycerine with **Bojagro**'s 30,000 mt per annum plant in Argentina

Crude Glycerine with
 B8, Brazil and
 Tecosol, Ochsenfurt,
 Germany

- **ABS and DLG** for Biogas
- Green Glycols for Green MPG
- **Aryan** for Organic Glycerine





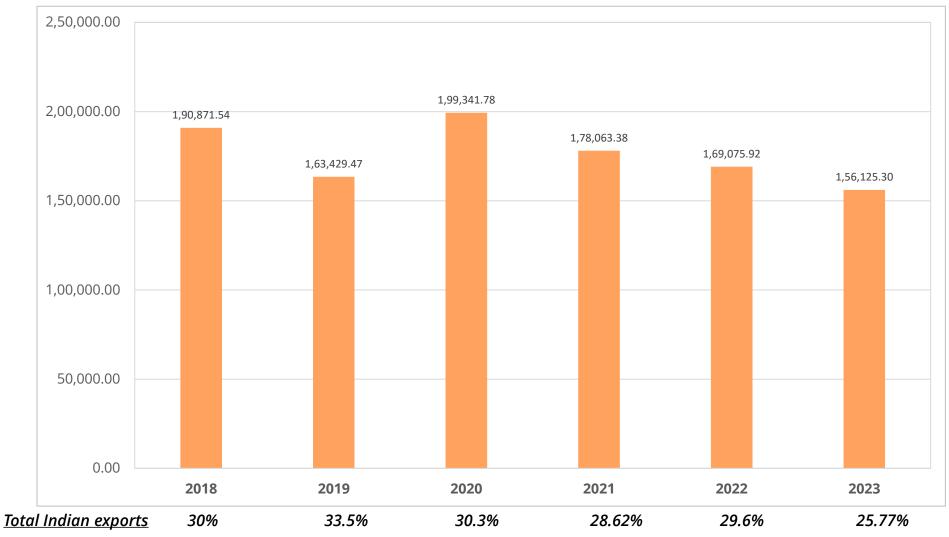
# European castor oil imports from India





2018-2023





Source: HBI / Eurostats
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# European castor oil imports per country

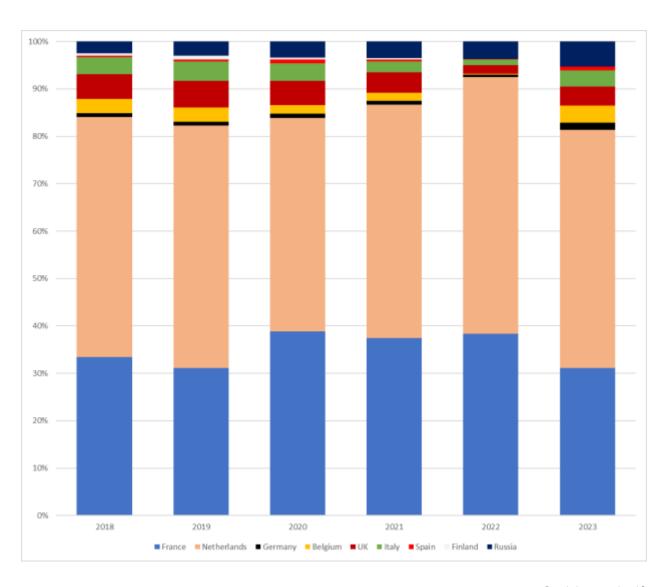




2018-2023



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	%
Europe	190 871,54	163 429,47	199 341,78	178 063,38	169 075,92	156 125,30	
France	63 222,06	50 359,68	76 901,61	66 167,08	64 528,96	48 062,79	30,78%
Netherlands	96 041,44	82 817,58	89 106,49	86 951,03	90 915,20	77 512,48	49,64%
Germany	1 412,85	1 324,38	1 834,67	1 326,55	828,44	2 232,36	1,43%
Belgium	5 794,32	4 852,69	3 482,47	3 032,77	413,72	5 619,55	3,6%
UK	9 876,53	9 055,78	10 147,16	7 591,89	2 974,77	6 136,21	3,93%
Italy	6 772,16	6 672,59	7 359,37	4 152,60	2 086,14	5 296,97	3,39%
Spain	527,08	738,10	1 541,49	611,82	139,55	1 298,88	0,8%
Finland	878,23	1 201,26	700,87	653,55	0,01	0,00	
Russia	4 818,73	4 931,03	6 820,15	6 126,04	6 258,48	8 167,48	5,23%



Source: HBI / Eurostats





# European castor oil consumption per country

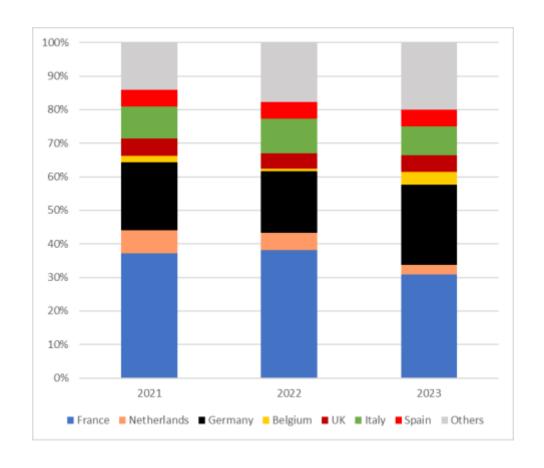




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Germany	36 036,70	31 318,23	37 456,84	24%
Belgium	3 437,43	1 118,30	5 839,51	3,74%
UK	8 966,92	7 840,75	7 952,01	5%
Italy	17 219,07	17 460,51	13 358,87	8,55%
Spain	8 834,21	8 350,60	7 597,61	4,86%
Others	25 019,27	29 929,57	31 336,51	20%



Source: HBI / Eurostats
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### Main applications for castor oil and its derivatives in Europe



#### Lubricants

- √ hydraulic fluids
- ✓ lubricating grease
- √ heavy duty automotive
- ✓ aircraft lubricants
- ✓ jet engine
- ✓ Lubricants
- ✓ Greases
- ✓ racing car lubricants
- ✓ fuel additives
- ✓ corrosion inhibitors

#### Food

- ✓ Surfactants
- ✓ Viscosity reducing activities
- ✓ Flavourings
- ✓ Food packaging

#### Paper

- ✓ Flypapers
- ✓ Defoamers
- ✓ Waterproofing additives

#### Agriculture

✓ Organic fertilisers

#### Plastic & Rubber

- ✓ Polyamide 11 (Nylon)
- ✓ Polyols
- ✓ Plastic films
- ✓ synthetic resins
- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Plasticizers
- ✓ Coupling agents

#### Cosmetics & Perfumeries :

- ✓ perfumery products
- ✓ Polishes
- ✓ Lipsticks
- ✓ Emulsifiers
- √ hair tonics
- ✓ Deodorants
- ✓ Shampoos

#### Pharmaceuticals

- ✓ Antihelmintic
- ✓ Emulsifiers
- ✓ anti-dandruff
- ✓ Encapsulants
- ✓ Cathartic
- ✓ Expectorant
- ✓ Emollient
- √ laxatives & purgative

#### Paints, inks & additives

- ✓ Inks
- ✓ paint strippers
- ✓ plasticizers for coatings
- ✓ adhesive removers
- ✓ Varnishes
- ✓ wetting & dispersing additives
- ✓ Lacquers

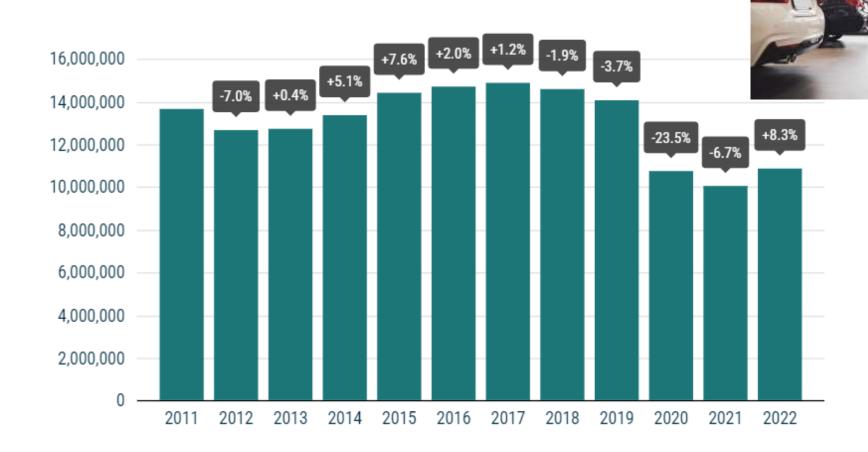


# Car production in Europe





In units, % change



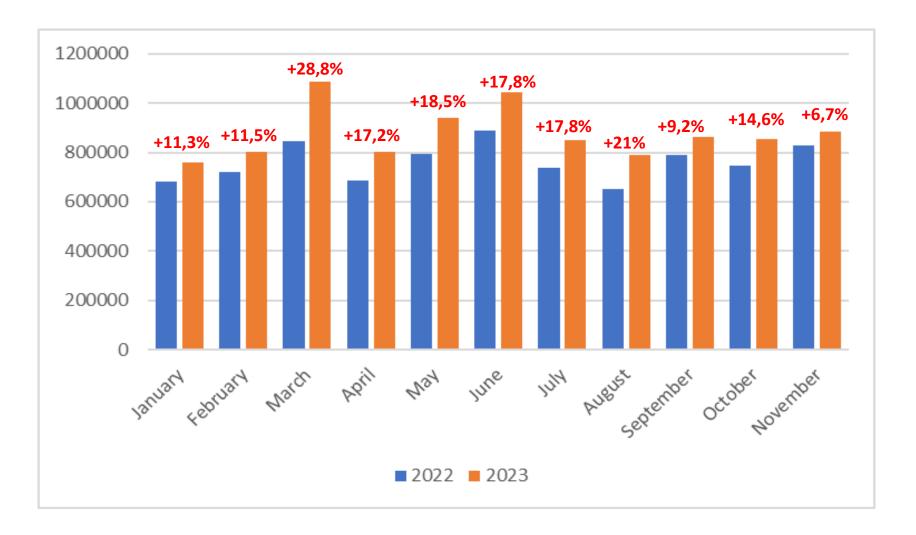
Source: S&P GLOBAL MOBILITY
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# New car registration in Europe





In units, % change



Source: HBI / ACEA
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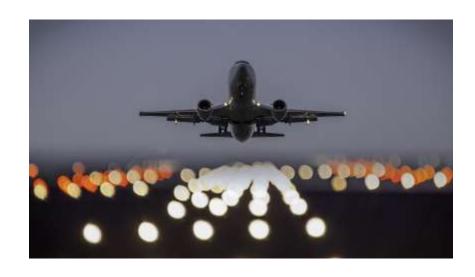
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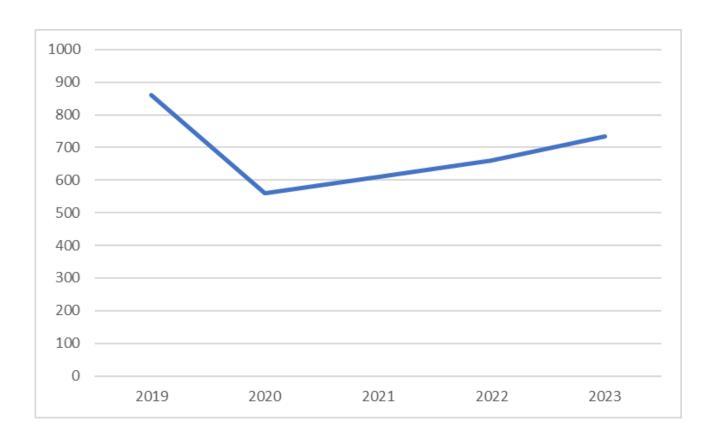




#### 2019-2023 (in units)

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
860	560	611	661	735	





Source: HBI / Airbus

## Dashboard world air transport





2015-2024\*\*



#### Revenues in billion USD

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024**
721	709	755	812	838	384	513	736	896	964

Traffic in billion transported passengers

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024**
3.6	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.5	1.8	2.3	3.5	4.3	4.7

<sup>\*</sup> Estimates

Source: HBI/IATA Part2: Consumption / p. 17

<sup>\*\*</sup>Forecasts

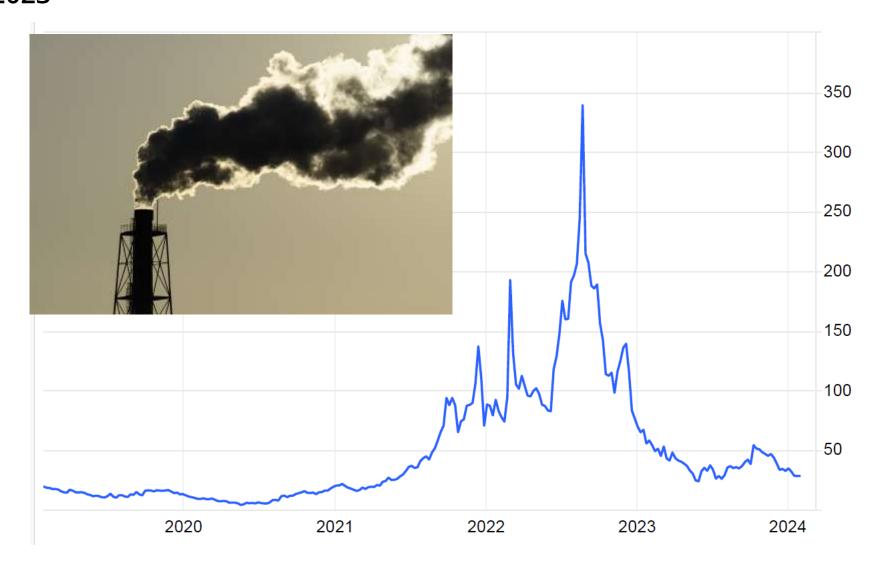


## Natural Gas EU Dutch TTF





Euro/MWh



Source: HBI / EEX

# EU27 chemicals output

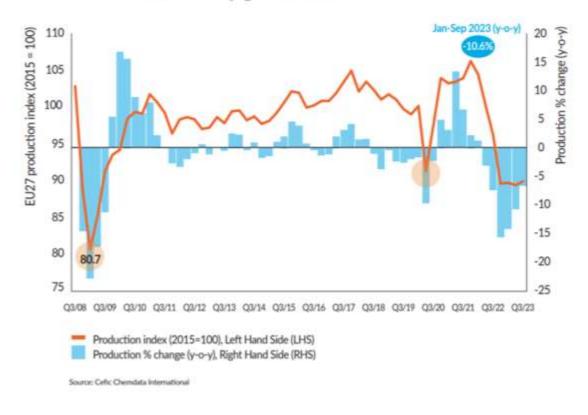




2008-2023

# EU27 chemicals output, far below the previous year's level

#### EU27 chemical industry production



Source: HBI / ECB

# EU27 chemicals capacity utilisation





2008-2023

# EU27 capacity utilisation below its long-term average

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Source: HBI / ECB

# Price comparison vegetable oils





2022-2024

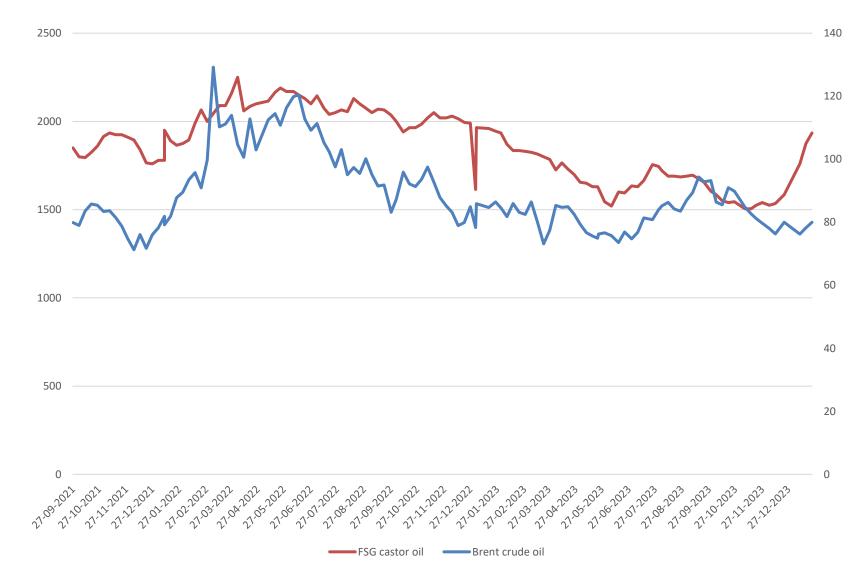


Source: HBI

### Brent crude oil vs FSG castor oil



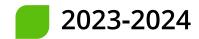




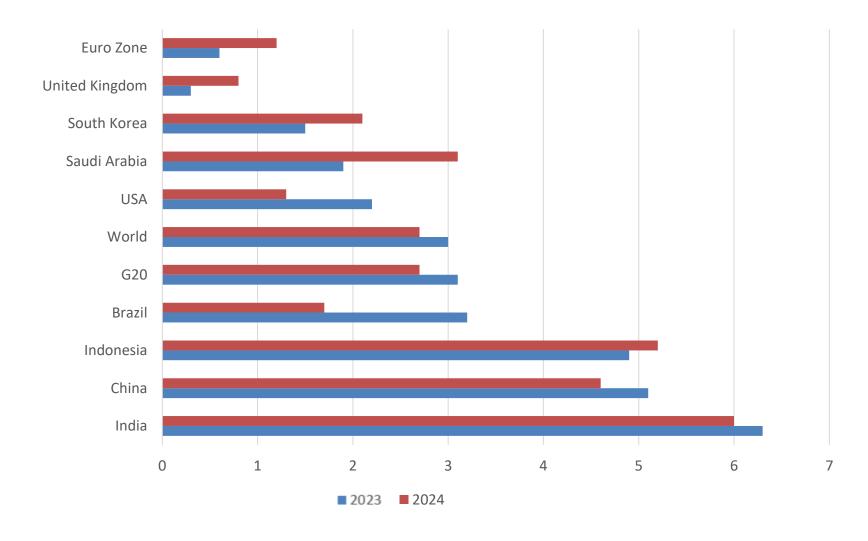
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## **Growth rate OECD world**





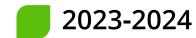
Estimate in %



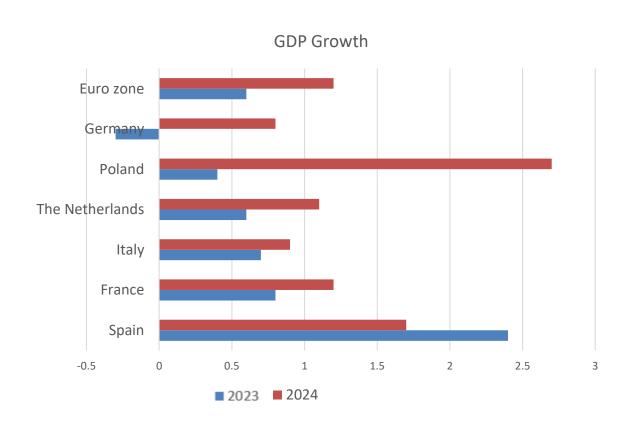
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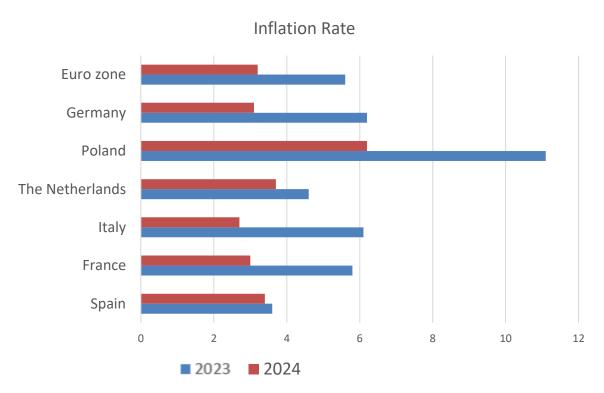
# **European GDP Growth and inflation rate**





Estimate in %





Source: HBI

## **European Economic Scenario**



- High interest rates (to fight inflation rate)
- Increased salaries (to make up for inflation rate)
- Gas price increase and fluctuation (Russian-Ukrainian war)
- Public deficit
- Decarbonization of the European economy (CO2 footprints)
- Delocalization of some industry segments
- Weak building industry
- Increased rail freight costs (expected increase of 8 to 10%)
- Sea freights (expected increase of about 5%)
- Significant increase in leasing rates (trucks, chassis, tanks) up to 70% in part due to implemented risk surcharges, inflation and increased interest rates.



## **European Economic Scenario**



- Emission Trading System (ETS) in the shipping sector effective from 1st Jan 2024:
  - ✓ aiming at reducing the Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Final objective is to become carbon neutral by 2050.
  - ✓ The EU ETS obligates ship operators to pay for the CO2 emissions produced by their vessels. Shipping will have to surrender allowances for a portion of their emissions during an initial phase in period:

In 2024: pay for 40% of emissions

In 2025 : pay for 70% of emissions

From 2026: pay for 100% of emissions

=> Shipping companies must optimize vessel routes, reduce idle times and adopt slow steaming practices to align with reduction targets.

The Red Sea crisis

## Red Sea re-routes have the potential to create havoc





- As of mid-December, liners are avoiding transit via the Suez Canal until further notice.
- Freight increases announced: USD 1000 to 4000 per container
- Add current limitations of the Panama Canal, vessel operators will say they need to go around Africa which adds 9-20 days transit times
- Uncertainty and price increases!

# **VUCA European matrix**



#### Vulnerability

 Dependency on gas supplies/local production

#### **Uncertainty**

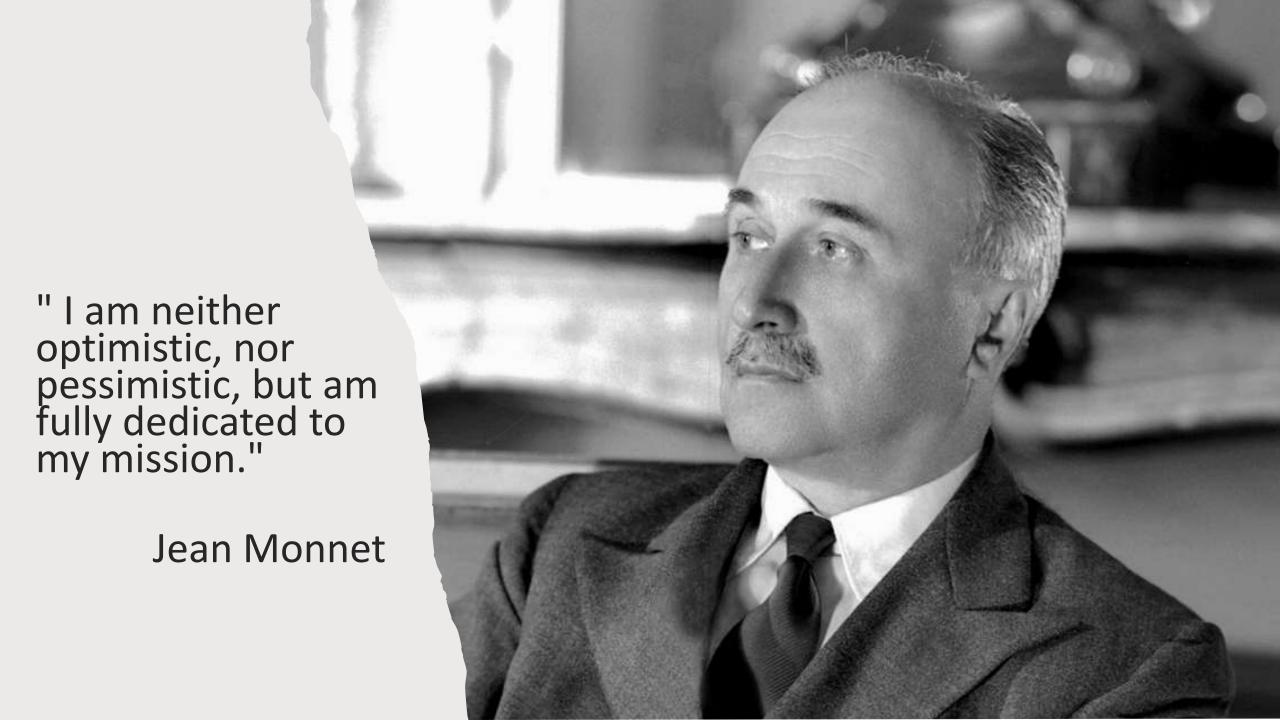
 Geopolitical challenges/European relocalization

#### Complexity

 EU decarbonization policies/green biofuels

### **Ambiguity**

 Carbon neutrality in 2050/transition to biosourced products



# CASTOR OIL MARKET OUTLOOK



HBI's mission is to sell market intelligence to participants to the international trade of biorenewables and by the resulting transactions promote sustainable cultural and economic bonds between regions.

Thanks for your attention

**Biorenewables Ahead**