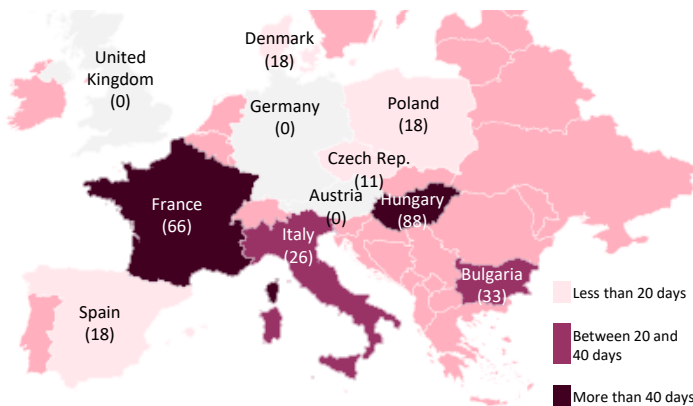




# Mandatory storage obligations for natural gas in European Union (EU)

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## Total mandatory storage obligations for natural gas (Days of consumption in 2013)



Through an analysis of storage obligations related to the security of natural gas supply in 11 countries of the European Union, it was found that:

8 of these countries have storage obligations of natural gas, except for Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom.

In terms of the storage obligations (calculated as equivalent days of national consumption), 3 categories of countries can be defined:

- Countries with less than 20 days' storage capacity: Denmark, Czech Republic, Spain and Poland.
- Countries with between 20 and 40 days' capacity: Italy and Bulgaria.
- Countries with more than 40 days' capacity: Hungary and France.

The total amount of mandatory storage is computed differently in each country and, more specifically, is determined with reference to: projected winter demand, import quantity in a given period, past firm sales in a given period, total consumption and supply standards.

Although in Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom the storage of natural gas is not mandatory, these 3 countries have storage equivalent to 95 days, 266 days and 19 days of national consumption, respectively.

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