The European Power Market

European-wide security of supply, competition and harmonised prices have been the goals the European Union wants to achieve through liberalising the European energy markets. One of the most visible results of this liberalisation is the emergence of energy trading and of power exchanges operating electricity markets.
Basics

On our markets, Exchange members can purchase and sell electricity in the short term to optimise their portfolio – either on the Day-Ahead or Intraday auctions or via continuous trading on the Intraday market. All transactions on EPEX SPOT and its affiliates are cleared and settled through the clearing house European Commodity Clearing ECC and result in a physical delivery on the grid.

EPEX SPOT is a European company (Societas Europaea) in corporate structure and staff, based in Paris with offices in Amsterdam, Bern, Brussels, Leipzig, London and Vienna. It is held by EEX Group, part of Deutsche Börse, and HGRT, a holding of European electricity transmission system operators.

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Providing a liquid power market

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Day-Ahead markets

The auction takes place at a specific time of a day which bundles the liquidity and enables EPEX SPOT to determine reliable reference prices for the respective market areas.

For each hour of the next day, EPEX SPOT calculates the Market Clearing Price and the Market Clearing Volume resulting from the aggregated supply and demand curves, based on the orders of the exchange members. The power traded on the auction is physically delivered on the following day.

Hourly Day-Ahead auctions (all markets)

- Auction at noon, 7 days a week, year-round
- 24 hours of the following day are traded
- Integrated in the Multi-Regional Price Coupling which encompasses countries covering 65% of European consumption
- Reliable and robust solution through the EPEX Trading System (ETS), using the Euphemia algorithm for European coupling.

Half-Hour Day-Ahead 15:30 auction (UK)

- Auction at 15:30, 7 days a week, year-round
- 4½ hours of the following day are traded

Intraday markets

- Continuous Intraday trading, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round and up to 5 minutes before delivery
- 15 minute contracts on the German, Austrian and Swiss market as well as 30 minute contracts on the German, French, Swiss and UK market allow flexible balancing of portfolios
- Cross-border trading between DE, FR, AT, CH, NL & BE
- Traded on the M7 trading system

15 min Intraday opening auction (DE)

- Auction at 15:00, 7 days a week, year-round
- 96 quarters of the following day are traded

30 min Intraday auctions (GB)

- Auctions at 17:30 and 8:00, 7 days a week, year-round
- 4½ half-hourly products and 24 half-hourly products are traded

Markets

The European Power Exchange EPEX SPOT SE operates the short-term electricity markets for Germany, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg, markets representing 50% of European electricity consumption. In 2018, its 289 members traded 567 TWh. The creation of a pan-European power market is what defines EPEX SPOT’s mission.

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Membership

Our members make the market

Excellent customer service is the pillar of a growing European spot power market. A trusting relationship between an exchange and its members, as well as a clear governance and innovative products are the keys to success.

In order to ensure state of the art governance rules and the continuous improvement of products and services, EPEX SPOT has established two exchange bodies:

The Exchange Council represents the interests of our exchange members and is involved in all decisions of fundamental importance to the Exchange. Its mission includes in particular the adoption of the rules and regulations of EPEX SPOT and their amendments.

The Market Surveillance Office is an independent exchange body which continuously monitors the EPEX SPOT markets, is in permanent contact with national regulatory authorities and verifies that members comply with the rules and regulations and more specifically with the code of conduct of the Exchange.

As an additional service, EPEX SPOT offers its members an E-learning tool which allows them to better understand the power market and to take the trader exam. The platform is updated regularly and is hence a reliable source of information regarding the fundamentals of trading on EPEX SPOT:

www.epexspot.com/en/elearning

How to become a member

1. Contact us to find the membership that suits you best
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2. Find a clearing bank or sign a direct clearing agreement with ECC

3. Become a Balance Responsible Party

4. Follow the admission process including the trader exam

5. Start trading

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