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Belgian and Dutch Day-ahead markets successfully run on EPEX Trading System

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On 24 January 2017, EPEX SPOT has successfully transferred all trading products for the Dutch and the Belgian Day-ahead market to the EPEX Trading System (“ETS”). The ETS solution replaces the EuroLight® platform which was hitherto used for Day-ahead trades in Belgium and the Netherlands.

The successful Day-Ahead migration is a further important milestone in the harmonisation of trading systems following the integration of former APX Group into EPEX SPOT in 2015. Already in March 2016, EPEX SPOT transferred clearing operations to European Commodity Clearing (ECC) and, in October 2016, migrated Dutch and Belgian Intraday trading to the M7 system. Shifting Dutch and Belgian Day-ahead trading to ETS marks another achievement in the harmonization process of all EPEX SPOT markets with the former APX and Belpex markets. This launch has been planned and implemented in close cooperation of EPEX SPOT with ECC.

All EPEX SPOT markets in Central Western Europe (CWE) – Germany/ Austria, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland – now run on unified power trading systems. With the implementation of the EPEX Trading System on the Belgian and Dutch markets, trading participants benefit from a simplified infrastructure. Furthermore, they have the possibility to trade power across the CWE region on one single screen per market segment.

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