

Press Release

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Relaunch Process for Market Coupling well Advanced

Committed team work within European Market Coupling Company (EMCC) and its shareholders have led to a very good progress of the relaunch project. However, EMCC decided to shift the relaunch date into Q2.

A task force meeting at the end of February confirmed that the project plan for the relaunch of market coupling on the Danish-German border is in time. However, in order to be on the safe side, the last steps, final testing and the migration of the system, will be allowed even more time than originally planned, especially as there are Easter holidays in-between. "We want to be even more cautious," explains Enno Böttcher, Managing Director of EMCC. "The quality of the system is our highest priority."

A team of about 30 people is involved in the relaunch project, which is divided into analysis, specification, implementation, testing and migration phase. Moreover, the team was extended by two external analysts to support the testing and to certify the system's readiness before its relaunch. "We are very satisfied with the progress of our relaunch process as the test results are of a high quality."

Unexpected market coupling results caused by small deviations between the algorithms of the exchanges and EMCC had led to the temporary suspension of market coupling between the Danish and German border in October last year. The exact relaunch date will be communicated four weeks ahead in order to allow all market participants enough time to prepare.

European Market Coupling Company

European Market Coupling Company GmbH is the central auction office for market coupling between Germany and the Nordic countries. The company carries out day-ahead congestion management services on the two interconnectors between Germany and Denmark, DK West (950 MW north / 1,500 MW south) and DK East (550 MW north and south). The aim is to improve market efficiency of cross border capacity trading. The company was founded in Hamburg in August 2008 as a joint venture of Nord Pool Spot, European Energy Exchange, Vattenfall Europe Transmission, E.ON Netz and Energinet.dk. EMCC is designed to allow the extension of its services to other interconnectors or markets.

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