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XBID Project confirms EPEX SPOT XBID solution

EPEX SPOT will only offer different products in its Local Trading System

XBID is not made mandatory outside cross-border allocation hours

XBID, the Cross-Border Intra-Day trading system defined by the CACM (Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management) guidelines from the European Commission, has been designed with three modules: Shared Order Book (SOB), Capacity Management Module (CMM) and Shipping module. The SOB is connected to the CMM to allocate implicitly the cross-border capacity to the energy transactions. In the XBID architecture, Local Trading Solutions (LTS) are interfaced with the SOB-CMM and allow market participants of a power exchange (PX) to access the local or the cross-border markets. Moreover, the LTS is the only option/orderbook when the SOB is closed (e.g. in Germany before 6pm when internal borders open and in the last 30mn after internal borders are closed).

It is worth reminding that CACM Regulation applies to the offering of products with cross-border capacity allocation within the EU. In the current state of law, nothing prevents trading venues to offer the wider scope of products on the intraday timeframe, outside of the XBID solution.

Nevertheless, EPEX SPOT has decided, supported by its Exchange Council on March 20th, that **products offered in the SOB for cross-border trading would not be offered in parallel in the LTS during cross-border allocation times.**

This should exclude the products that will not be offered at all in the SOB (such as predefined blocks or an OTC registration facility). Moreover, EPEX SPOT will re-activate all products in its LTS in case of XBID failure/downtime as a fallback solution that would preserve the security of supply of the power system.

The XBID solution offered by EPEX SPOT therefore facilitates access to the XBID Shared Order Book to all trading participants, while avoiding important market regressions and ensuring operational robustness.

The XBID Project and the European Commission confirmed this week this set-up : all PXs are allowed to use the SOB outside of the cross-border capacity allocation, although this is not mandatory.

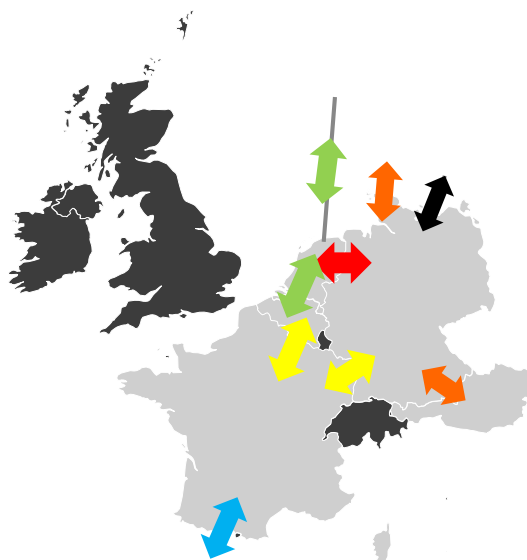
EPEX SPOT welcomes this confirmation : failing to acknowledge this principle would have otherwise transformed the XBID SOB into a European NEMO mandatory pool, severely damaging the adaptability, flexibility, innovation and performance of the intraday markets.

In Appendix below, cross-border Gate Opening Times (GOT) and Gate Closure Times (GCTs) are shown for the different borders before and after the XBID go-live. All GOT and GCT are subject to the outcome of the ACER consultation.

Appendix: GOT/GCT in the Intraday timeframe today and as of 13/06/2018

Today

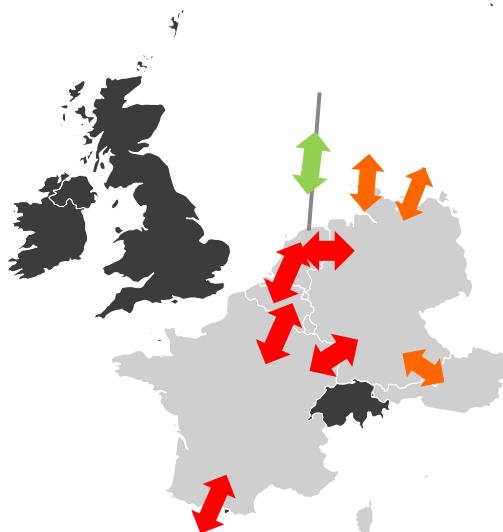
- ↔ GOT 15:30 D-1 GCT H-60min D
- ↔ GOT₁ 16:15 D-1, GOT₂ 11:15 D*
- ↔ GOT 18:00 D-1 GCT H-60min D
- ↔ GOT 21:00 D-1 GCT H-70min D
- ↔ GOT 21:00 D-1 GCT H-60min D
- ↔ GOT 21:05 D-1 GCT H-60min D**



* GCT dependent on delivery hour
 ** For DE-FR border, the same GCT applies for both half-hours of a given hour

As of 12.06.2018 (for delivery on 13.06.2018)

- ↔ GOT 18:00 D-1 GCT H-60min D
- ↔ GOT 21:00 D-1 GCT H-60min D
- ↔ GOT 22:00 D-1 GCT H-60min D**



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