

EEX Exchange Council Update

On 25 June, the EEX Exchange Council held its latest meeting in Leipzig.

During the session, Council members welcomed the continued positive developments on the EEX European and Asian power as well as European natural gas markets. Furthermore, it was positively noted that EEX and ECC have recently improved several margining methodologies for the benefit of the trading community, e.g. related to options trading as well as cross-margining possibilities, which could allow for reduced initial margin requirements for market participants.

Special support was extended to EEX's ambition to drive up liquidity on the Nordic power market through an overarching liquidity boosting programme. This comprises financial incentives for the development of Open Interest and orderbook trading, in addition to tailored market making programmes and a one-year fee holiday from September onwards. The Exchange Council also welcomed EEX's commitment to provide local support to trading participants with the opening of new Scandinavian offices in Stockholm and Oslo.

Looking into the future, the advanced preparations for the integration of the Get Baltic natural gas markets as well as the imminent start of EU ETS 2 Futures trading were mentioned as encouraging next steps towards expanding EEX markets.

In terms of political and regulatory matters, the Council discussed the possible implications of the ongoing EU Commodity Derivatives Regime review and acknowledged that EEX also rejects further regulatory burden on market participants, such as tightening the current and well-functioning exemption regime or other market interventions. At the same time the Council agreed to the EEX support of a close co-operation between the financial and energy authorities in order to simplify reporting requirements, again to reduce red tape.

Finally, the Council has expressed endorsement towards the planned further extension of product portfolios across EEX's major markets in the course of this year, with new contracts planned for the power, natural gas, environmental and freight asset classes.

The **Exchange Council of EEX** is an official body of the exchange under the German Exchange Act. The Board consists of a total of 24 members, who are elected from among the trading participants in four electoral groups in order to adequately represent the various business communities. The Exchange Council primarily advises and controls the Management Board of the Exchange and adopts the Exchange's rules and regulations. In addition, the body appoints and supervises the Management Board of the Exchange and appoints the Head of Market Surveillance.

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