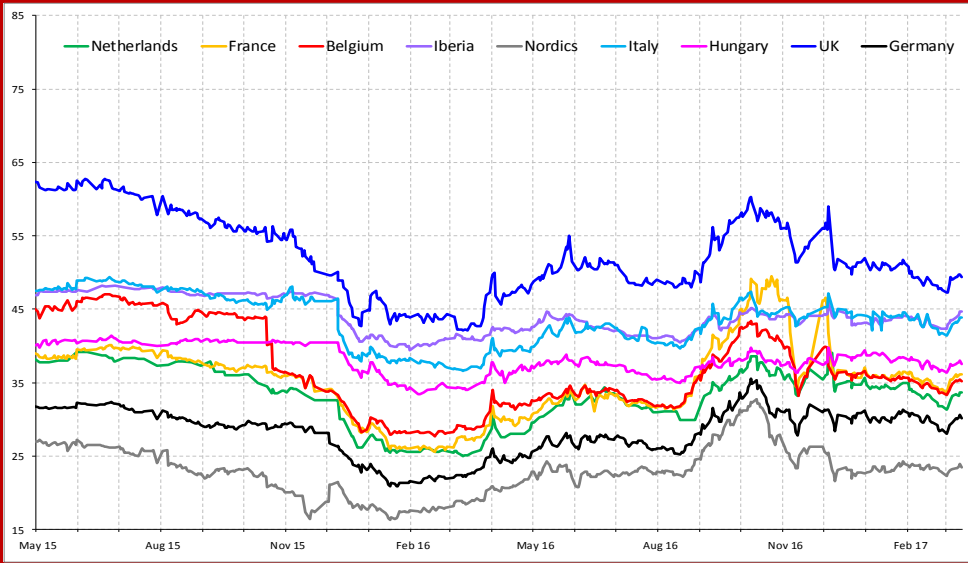


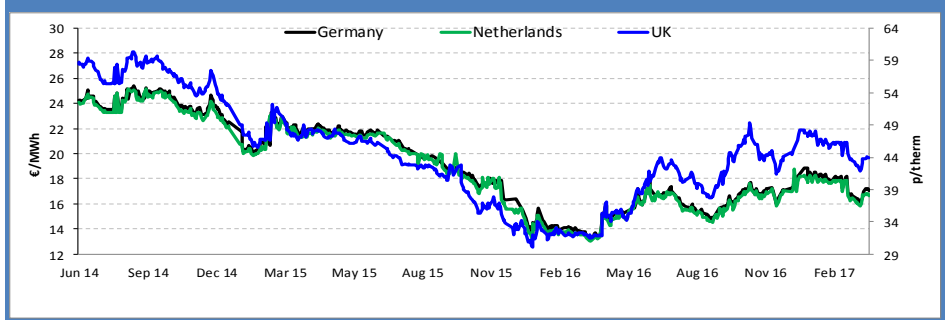
## European Base Load Electricity Prices - Calendar Year 2018 (€/MWh)



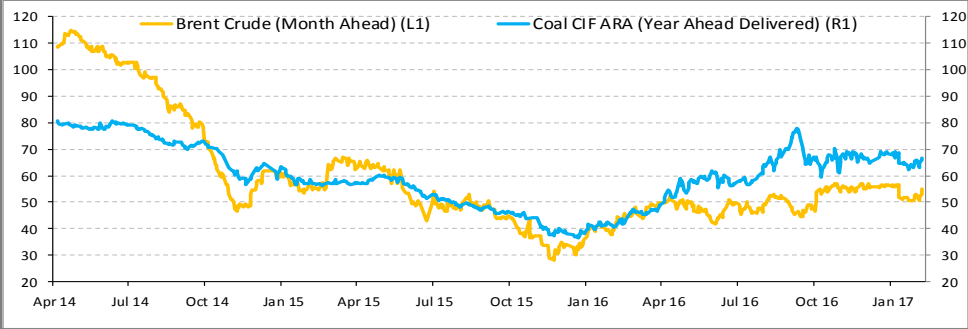
Power	Price	Change*
Italy	43.85	2.21% ↑
UK	49.32	-1.23% ↓
Netherlands	33.65	1.51% ↑
Belgium	35.16	0.98% ↑
France	36.1	1.83% ↑
Germany	30.15	2.2% ↑
Hungary	37.55	0.81% ↑
Iberia	44.65	2.76% ↑
Nordics	23.5	1.08% ↑

Natural Gas	Price	Change*
UK (pence/therm)	43.94	0.29% ↑
UK (€/MWh)	17.51	0.02% ↑
Netherlands (€/MWh)	16.65	0.12% ↑
Germany (€/MWh)	17.07	0.41% ↑

## Natural Gas Prices - Calendar Year 2018



## Brent Crude (Month Ahead) & Coal CIF ARA (Year Ahead Delivered)



Commodities	Price	Change*
Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	55.11	4.71% ↑
Coal CIF ARA (\$/Ton)	66.65	0.98% ↑
CO <sub>2</sub> EUA (2017)	5.01	7.05% ↑
CO <sub>2</sub> CER (2017)	0.26	-3.7% ↓
GBP/EUR	1.168	-0.27% ↓

### Power

European power prices across the curve remained firm last week on the back of bullish fundamentals. Weather forecasts have been revised downward quite sharply, increasing the demand expectations. Meanwhile wind power generation was generous, compensating for a loss in nuclear power in Germany and hydro in France. This tighter context supported prompt prices in the short run. On the far curve, prices mirrored the movements seen in the prompt market and moved decidedly upwards. Moreover, the steep rise in oil prices contributed significantly to firmer prices at the end of the week. The French energy minister issued a decree to close the nuclear plant of Fessenheim as part of the Energy transition law that sets a cap for nuclear capacities in France at 63.2 GW. This development added some pressure on French prices with the French 2018 contract adding as much as EUR 0.65 to trade at EUR 36.10/MWh. In Germany, the 2018 contract increased by 2.2% to 30.15/MWh whilst the Dutch annual contract increased by 1.51% to EUR 33.65/MWh. In the UK, The power system remained well supplied with peak power margins staying comfortably above 14GW for the week. The annual 2018 UK contract dropped by circa 1% to GBP 42.22/MWh.

### Natural Gas

European gas prices tracked moves in the oil market on Wednesday and ended the session in positive territory. Nevertheless, a late downward correction in oil prices following the release of the US EIA crude stocks report eroded some gains towards the close. Gas fundamentals were a bit supportive as residential consumption increased on the back of cooler temperatures across Europe and ongoing unplanned constraints on Norwegian supply. A drop in the euro against the pound was also supportive for euro-traded contracts whereas it could exert bearish pressure on the NBP curve. Regarding LNG, 11 tankers have docked in European ports last month mitigating some of the bullish pressure. Regarding pricing, the German (NCG) 2018 annual contract finished the week at EUR 17.07/MWh (0.41%) whilst its Dutch equivalent TTF Cal 2018 prices firmed marginally by EUR 0.02 to EUR 16.65/MWh. In the UK, the NBP year ahead contract increased by 0.29% to trade at 43.94 p/therm.

### Oil & Coal

Oil prices remained range bound for the majority of the week. The market was affected by news of a supply outage in the UK's North Sea, along with higher than anticipated US crude stockpile data. The EIA report for last week showed crude stocks rebounding by 1.6Mb, while both market expectations and API data pointed to a fall. However the end of the week saw oil reach its highest prices for a month following the US airstrike in Syria. The market is sensitive to the implications of US intervention, which the Kremlin describes as a 'significant blow to US-Russia relations'. Although the US have downplayed the extent of their intervention, the aftermath of this incident will be a significant factor in oil prices in the coming week. Brent increased sharply to USD 56/bbl before settling at USD 55.11/bbl on Friday. The effects of the cyclone Debbie were still present in the coal market pushing prices further up. Coal CIF ARA contract for delivery in 2018 traded at USD 66.65/tonne (+0.98%)

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