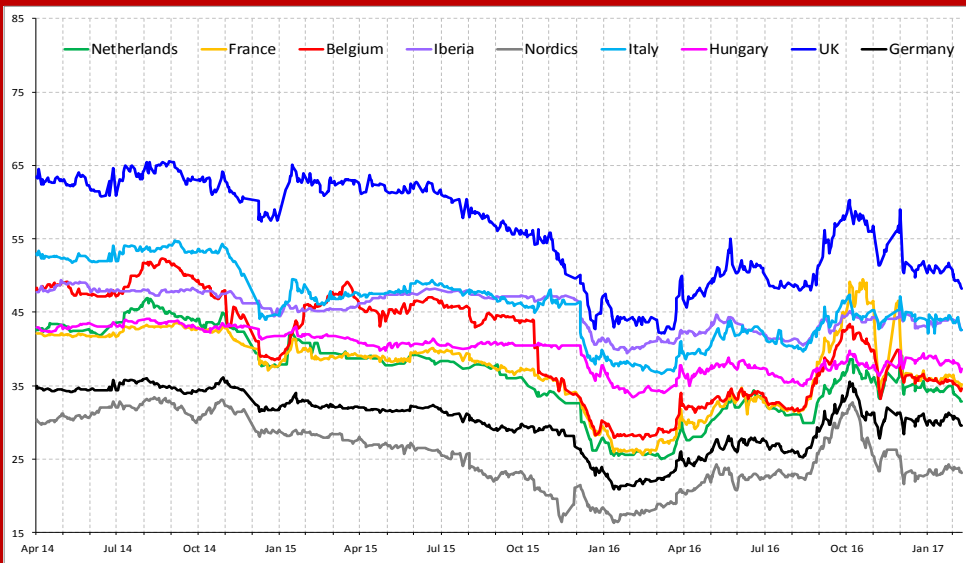
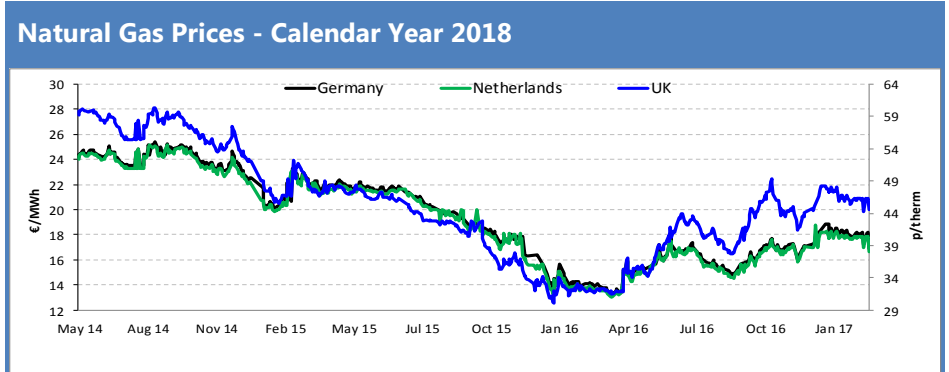


European Base Load Electricity Prices - Calendar Year 2018 (€/MWh)

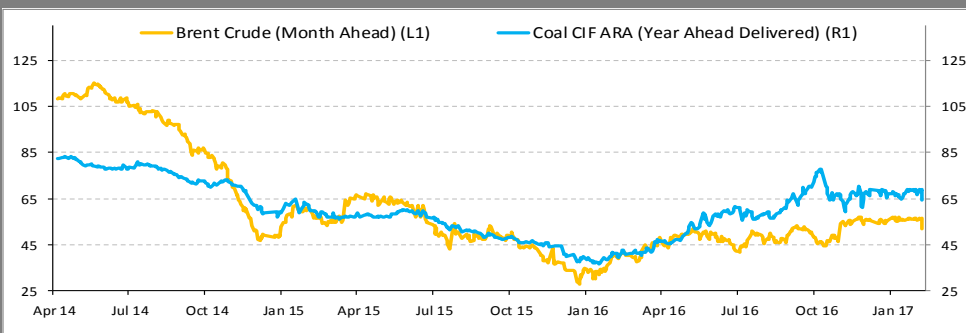


Power	Price	Change*
Italy	42.55	-2.18%
UK	49.59	-2.73%
Netherlands	32.8	-2.81%
Belgium	34.54	-1.96%
France	35.15	-1.13%
Germany	29.55	-3.43%
Hungary	37.3	-2.23%
Iberia	42.58	-2.67%
Nordics	23.11	-2.28%

Natural Gas	Price	Change*
UK (pence/therm)	44.6	0.83%
UK (€/MWh)	17.35	-0.99%
Netherlands (€/MWh)	16.61	-2.29%
Germany (€/MWh)	16.88	-2.14%



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



Commodities	Price	Change*
Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	51.92	-6.72%
Coal CIF ARA (\$/Ton)	64.5	-3.3%
CO ₂ EUA (2017)	5.16	-7.86%
CO ₂ CER (2017)	0.29	3.57%
GBP/EUR	1.1401	-1.8%

Power

All European power prices ended the week on a bearish note on the back of mild weather and low demand across the continent. Peak consumption in France fell to its lowest level this year and consumption will drop further in the coming weeks. Temperatures forecasts and wind supply have been revised higher (up to 17 GW) and solar power generation remained very comfortable (peaking at 25 GW this week). Two nuclear reactors are due to return online for April in Germany, improving supply conditions further. The German Cal 18 contract retreated as much as 3.43% to EUR 29.55/MWh whilst its French counterpart lost 1.13% of its value to EUR 35.15/MWh. The Dutch election this week could have an impact on Dutch market prices. At the moment, the Dutch power curve is in strong backwardation with the CAL 19 and CAL 20 contracts priced respectively EUR 1.95 and EUR 2.9 lower than the CAL18 which stands at EUR 32.8/MWh (-2.81%). The power system for the UK has been comfortable all week with average wind generation being around 2GW with a peak on Thursday at 6.5GW. The annual 2018 UK contract dropped circa 1% to GBP 43.50/MWh or EUR 49.59/MWh.

Natural Gas

European gas prices weakened further on Friday as low demand and comfortable supply continued to weigh on near and longer-dated contracts. Moreover, falling oil prices exerted bearish pressure on the curve while weakness in coal prices also played into losses as Coal Cal 2018 prices dropped significantly to USD 64.5/t (-3.3%). Unseasonably mild weather in the UK kept residential demand to low levels last week. UK LDZ demand was 18% below seasonal normal levels. The UK system was oversupplied as demand was low and supply remained stable, which kept prompt and longer-term contracts under bearish pressure. However, a drop in sterling on Friday against the euro added some bullish pressure to year-ahead contract as it was cheaper for traders in Europe to purchase gas from the UK. Temperature forecasts for next week across Europe were revised higher adding to the general bearish sentiment. Regarding pricing, the German (NCG) 2018 annual contract finished the week at EUR 176.88/MWh (-2.14%) whilst its Dutch equivalent TTF Cal 2018 prices dropped by EUR 0.39 to EUR 16.61/MWh. In the UK, the NBP year ahead increased by 0.83% to trade at 44.60 p/therm.

Oil & Coal

Oil prices collapsed last week with Brent May contract holding around USD 52.5/b in Friday morning before falling sharply in the afternoon with the weekly rig count striking the final blow (rose to the most since September 2015). Markets are under pressure as crude supplies climbed 8.21 million barrels to 528.4 million barrels on Wednesday, the highest in weekly data going back to 1982. Bearish sentiment is clearly back in charge and the multi-day losing streaks took prices to new three month low at levels not seen since Nov 2016. Brent reported a 6.72% drop week on week to USD 51.92/bbl. China's coal imports fell by almost a third in February from the previous month to their lowest in a year, as buying slowed due to the weeks-long Lunar New Year holiday and the peak winter heating season neared an end. The world's largest buyer of the fuel imported 17.68 million tonnes of coal, down 29 percent from January. Annual Coal CIF ARA contract for delivery in 2018 dropped 3.3% to USD 64.50/tonne.

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