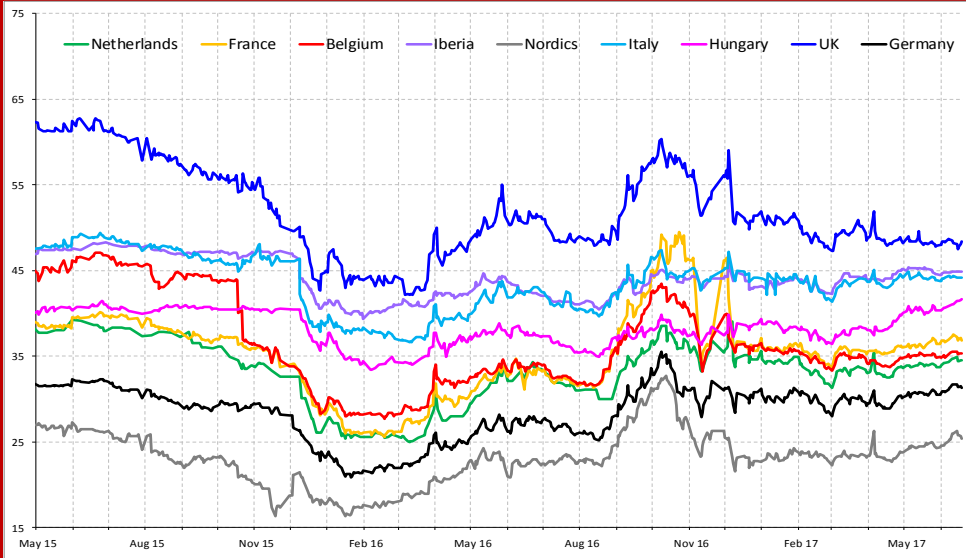


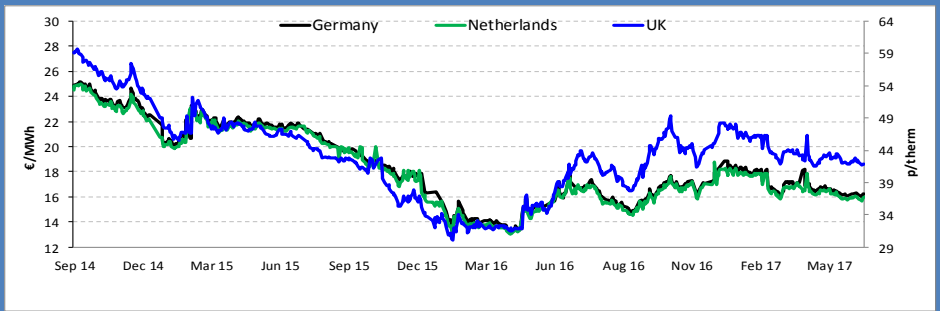
European Base Load Electricity Prices - Calendar Year 2018 (€/MWh)



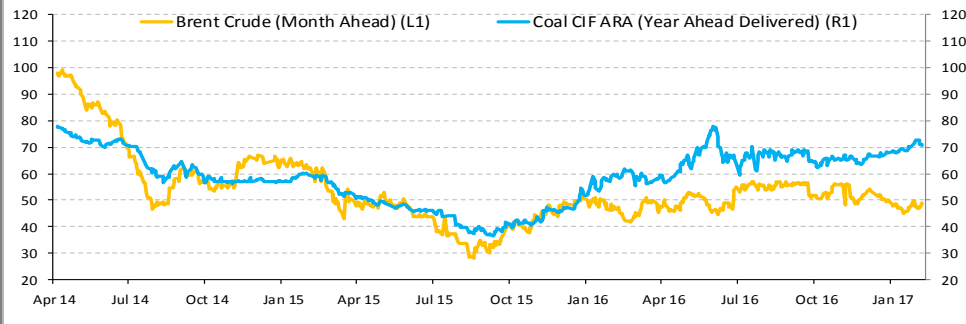
Power	Price	Change*
Italy	44.15	-0.45% ↓
UK	48.38	0.32% ↑
Netherlands	34.5	-0.58% ↓
Belgium	35.35	-0.56% ↓
France	36.8	-1.87% ↓
Germany	31.3	-1.26% ↓
Hungary	41.6	1.46% ↑
Iberia	44.9	0.11% ↑
Nordics	25.35	-2.31% ↓

Natural Gas	Price	Change*
UK (pence/therm)	41.79	-1% ↓
UK (€/MWh)	16.29	0.02% ↑
Netherlands (€/MWh)	15.95	0.63% ↑
Germany (€/MWh)	16.2	0.12% ↑

Natural Gas Prices - Calendar Year 2018



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



Commodities	Price	Change*
Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	48.85	4.27% ↑
Coal CIF ARA (\$/Ton)	71	-2.34% ↓
CO ₂ EUA (2017)	5.42	0.93% ↑
CO ₂ CER (2017)	0.22	4.76% ↑
GBP/EUR	1.1421	1.03% ↑

Power

The wind output in Europe increased significantly putting a downward pressure on spot power prices. The solar output was however more limited. In France, nuclear power started to ramp up slowly and hydro power generation was also higher adding to the bearish sentiment. On the far curve, the majority of the contracts finished lower as well, as coal contracts came under pressure and power consumption was reduced week on week. The annual Coal CIF ARA contract dropped by 2.34% to USD 71/tonne, the lowest since beginning of July. Emissions prices touched a new 4-month high but corrected downwards on Friday to close 0.93% higher at EUR 5.42/tonne. The German Cal 18 was traded at EUR 31.30/MWh at the close, a drop of 1.26%, while the annual Dutch prices dropped by 0.58% to EUR 34.50/MWh. In the UK, the power system has been more heavily reliant on gas powered plants (CCGT). Imports through both the French and Dutch interconnector, have also supported the system. The annual 2018 UK contract finished the last week down at GBP 42.65/MWh (-0.70%)

Natural Gas

European gas prices increased over the course of last week on the back of tight supply from Norway and increased oil prices that lent support to gas curve. A downward adjustment in coal prices after prompt prices hit five-month highs have mitigated some of the bullish pressure. Nevertheless, the downside potential looks limited as prospects of a heat wave combined with a low wind output and low nuclear availability in northern Europe could stimulate gas demand from CCGTs as coal prices remain high. Regarding the pricing, the German (NCG) 2018 annual contract finished at EUR 16.20/MWh (0.12%) whilst its Dutch equivalent TTF Cal 2018 prices advanced by 0.63% to EUR 15.95/MWh. In the UK, the gas system, with the exception of Thursday, opened up in length. LNG has picked up and remained supported throughout the week ahead of three LNG tankers due in the UK this month. The NBP 2018 contract dropped as much as 1% to trade at 41.79/therm.

Oil & Coal

Oil prices have finished on a bullish note last week on the back of falling inventories in the US, which continue to be driven by demand through the US driving season. Commercial crude stocks in US dropped -1.5% (-7.6 Mb) down to 495 Mb, a level last seen in January. Crude import level is still low (7.6 Mbd) but domestic production resumed increase with +60 kbd added to reach 9.4 Mbd, just 20 kbd below summer 2015 high. Added to the above, China custom data showed that demand for crude was healthy during first half of 2017 adding to the bullish sentiment. Some downside to dollar strength following the Fed casting doubts on multiple US rate rises this year also lent support to oil strength, making the commodity cheaper for traders. Brent front-month finished the week 4.27% higher at USD 48.85/bbl. China, the world's largest coal buyer, imported 21.6 million tonnes of coal in June, down from a month ago. The Coal CIF ARA 2018 contract dropped by 2.34% to USD 71.00/tonne.

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