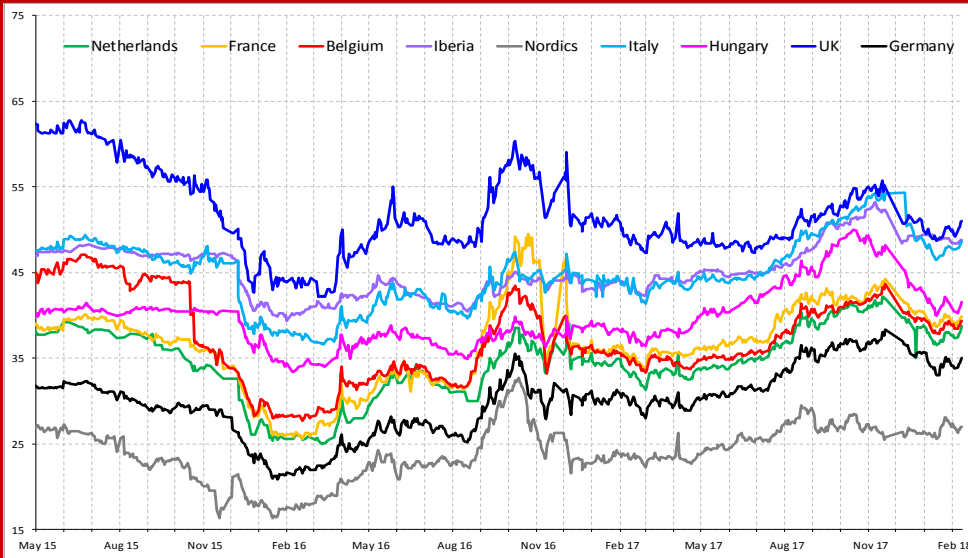
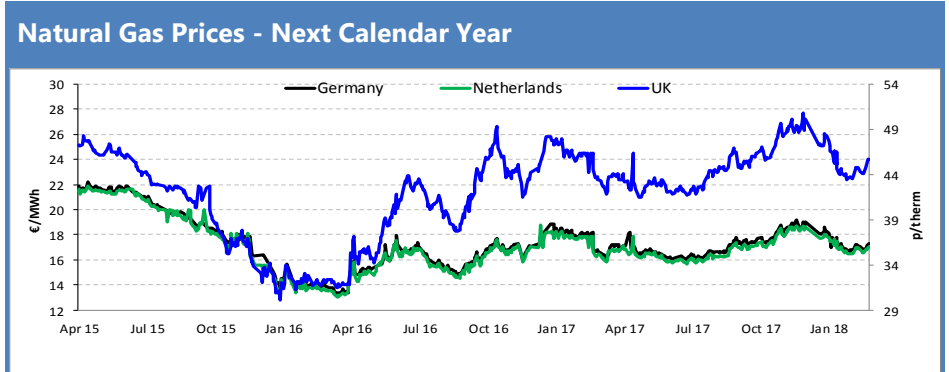


European Base Load Electricity Prices - Next Calendar Year (€/MWh)

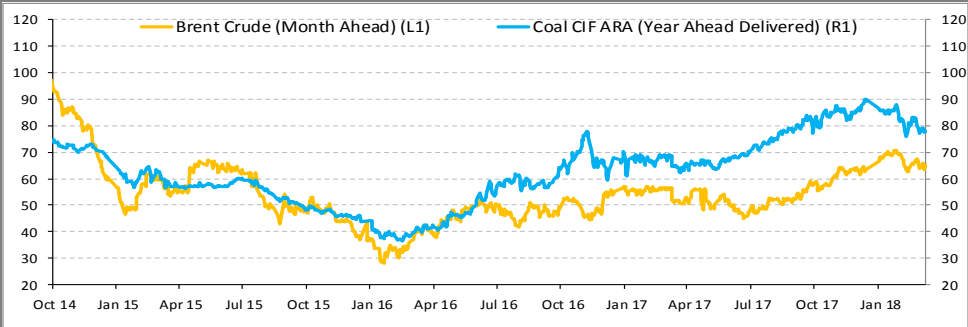


Power	Price	Change*
Italy	48.55	1.89% ↑
UK	53.28	4.55% ↑
Netherlands	38.75	3.89% ↑
Belgium	39.35	2.34% ↑
France	39.85	2.84% ↑
Germany	35	3.67% ↑
Hungary	41.5	2.72% ↑
Iberia	48.75	0.72% ↑
Nordics	26.95	0.37% ↑

Natural Gas	Price	Change*
UK (pence/therm)	45.67	3.64% ↑
UK (€/MWh)	17.52	4.06% ↑
Netherlands (€/MWh)	17.02	2.53% ↑
Germany (€/MWh)	17.31	2.91% ↑



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



Commodities	Price	Change*
Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	65.26	1.62% ↑
Coal CIF ARA (\$/Ton)	77.7	0.26% ↑
CO ₂ EUA (2018)	11.12	9.66% ↑
CO ₂ CER (2018)	0.18	0% →
GBP/EUR	1.1243	0.41% ↑

Power

Spot market prices regained their seasonal price levels last week, with temperatures becoming gradually milder and an improvement in wind production. Electricity consumption in France had thus moved from 95 GW the previous week to around 74 GW last week (-20%). The fall in consumption was naturally weaker in Germany and day-ahead prices there fell by less. Production from thermal and hydraulic power stations was almost unchanged in this context, with little influence on prices. Prices on the curve rebounded strongly. The German 2019 annual contract increased by almost 4% to finish the week at EUR 35.00/MWh, up EUR 1.24, mainly driven by CO₂ prices (+10% in one week for the Dec'18 EUA). In France, nuclear availability will be expected to fall next year compared with 2018. The strong rise in CO₂ prices could cause sector analysts to review their forecasts, which could persuade many players to take up buying positions to cover their risk and thus increase the bullish movement. The French 2019 annual contract finished the week at EUR 39.85/MWh. In the UK, the annual 19 contract also firmed to finish the week at GBP 47.39/MWh (EUR 53.28/MWh).

Natural Gas

European gas demand dropped significantly last week as temperatures moved back closer to seasonal norms. On the supply side, both UKCS and Norwegian gas output rebounded after the end of unplanned outages which constrained flows a week earlier. But concerns over low stock levels are growing as they are at their lowest level since 2013 in most countries and possibly at a record low in France. European spot gas prices moved back into a trading range closer to the historical average last week after a sharp increase at the end of February. But the winter risk premium on the near-curve continued to increase due to record low stock levels across Europe. Prospects of below-average temperatures for the end of March and the beginning of April added support to pricing. TTF Calendar 2019 prices ended higher, week-on-week, at EUR 17.02/MWh, up 2.53%. The German (NCG) 2019 annual contract finished the week at EUR 17.31/MWh, up 2.91%. In the UK, the NBP 2019 contract firmed by 3.64% to finish trading on Friday at 45.67/therm.

Oil & Coal

The crude oil markets were very jittery last week, high volatility with no clear direction. There were wide variations with Brent varying between USD 66.12/b (Tuesday) and USD 63.44/b (Thursday) without however showing a clear trend. The markets are continuing to fluctuate between the bearish announcements about the US context and the optimistic communication from OPEC without finding a reason to take any particular direction. Brent finished the week at USD 65.26/bbl, up 1.62% on the previous week close. International coal prices remained rangebound last week after hitting technical resistances at the beginning of the week. Uncertainty over production levels in China continued to be supportive as authorities announced a plan to close further outdated mines and increase domestic production in 2018 at the same time. API 2 Cal 2019 prices gained 0.26% over the week, trading at USD 77.70/t on Friday.

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