October proved to be a quiet month for trading after September. Curve prices remained range bound with a slight downward trend. The front year contracts hit their lowest in the middle of the month, after the European Investment Bank said it would sell 100 million permits between November and April. EU carbon prices fell to a fresh one-month low. The Czech baseload Cal 14 hit its lowest point in on the 14th of the month of 36.25 EUR and its highest point hit on the 7th of the month of 37.35 EUR. The contract closed 55 cents below where it had entered the month. A similar situation was seen in the Slovak equivalent with the Hungarian power product closed 30 cents below where it had entered the month. During October the spread between the Czech/Slovak and German/Czech contracts remained relatively stable, while the German/Hungarian spread on the front year extended compared to the previous month, rising sharply near the end of the month supported by higher Hungarian spot power prices. Bearish pressure on the Czech and Slovak spot prices throughout the October was caused by strong German wind power production and warmer weather forecast mainly in the second part of the month, but on some days the spot power prices were influenced by a tighter supply situation in the Balkans. Hungarian spot price split from the trend in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The price was supported by less available supply in the region, as a result of maintenance at regional nuclear power plants (Outages at Hungarian Paks NPP, Slovenian Krsko NPP, Bulgarna Kozloduy NPP), as well as, limited imports from Ukraine and cross-border capacity restrictions between Hungary and its neighbouring countries. Baseload price of the month in delivery finished 3.29 EUR above the last price in September for the October Future product. The Czech and Slovak spot markets were fully coupled only 19 days, while the Hungarian spot market was fully decoupled each day on the month. Overall the Czech Hungarian spot spread came to over 13.19 EUR for the month, around 9.1 EUR higher compared to previous month and way above where it had entered the month at 6.45 EUR.

German - Czech CAL 14 baseload spread averaged at 1.00 EUR/MWh down from 1.02 EUR/MWh. The spread on the Hungarian – German CAL 14 baseload averaged at 5.58 EUR/MWh premium up from 4.66 EUR/MWh.
Volumes in October decreased 51.79% month on month. The total volume traded on PXE was 2,433,495 MWh. Slovak power trading amounted for 36,720 MWh (down from 259,400 MWh) out of the total, while Czech power trading stood for 2,214,975 MWh (down from 3,944,665 MWh). On the Hungarian market, 181,800 MWh were traded (down from 843,693 MWh).

The OTE Spot Index averaged at 37.17 EUR (down from 42.50 EUR/MWh) for the base and 43.39 EUR (down from 48.54 EUR) for the peak. The Hungarian spot price averaged at 50.44 EUR (up from 46.56 EUR/MWh) for the base and 61.31 EUR (up from 54.10 EUR) for the peak.
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Czech Spot Market Index Baseload (EUR/MWh)

Hungary Spot Market Index Baseload (EUR/MWh)