

One year after the second wave go-live, the extension of the continuous intraday product suite for cross-border trading, i.e. 30 and 15 minute products will be newly available on several borders, the nominated electricity market operators (NEMOs) and transmission system operators (TSOs) involved in the European Single Intraday Coupling (SIDC - formerly XBID) announce.

In the meantime, Local Implementation Project 14 has revised its timeline and scope. As an important step towards the better market integration of renewables, smaller granularity cross-border products for continuous trading will be made available on a number of borders from 10 December 2020. The first tradable delivery periods for these products will differ based on local NEMO arrangements. Delivery for the Austrian-Hungarian border will be possible from 11 December, delivery for other borders will be possible after products' activation (expected not before 11:00 CET on 10 December) following local gate closure time arrangements.

30 minute products will be introduced on the French-Belgian border, 15 minute products on the Austrian-Hungarian border, and 15 as well as 30 minute products on the Belgian-German, Belgian-Dutch and Dutch-German borders.

This will provide Dutch and Belgian market participants with access to the existing liquidity of 30 minute products already available in France and Germany. In addition, the already coupled intraday market for 15 minute products of Austria, Germany and Slovenia, will be extended to Belgium, Hungary and the Netherlands.

Bids made for 15, 30 and 60 minute products can then be matched against other bids with the same time resolution. Thus, a bid for a 15 minute product will be matched with another bid for a 15 minute product. The implementation of a cross-product matching functionality in the SIDC platform, by virtue of which 15, 30 and 60 minute products could be matched against each other, is currently under investigation.

Meanwhile, NEMOs and TSOs cooperating in the Local Implementation Project (LIP) 14, which aims to integrate Italian borders (IT-FR, IT-AT and IT-SI) into the already coupled intraday region, have announced a revision of the project timeline due to the obligation of some parties to work on several European initiatives in parallel. According to the new timeline, the go-live window is planned for May 2021.

In addition, Greek borders (GR-IT and GR-BG), initially foreseen to go-live in the framework of LIP 14, are expected to become operational in the project's fourth wave go-live along with Slovak borders of LIP 17 (SK-CZ, SK-PL, SK-HU).

A third wave pre-launch event is being planned in Q1 2021 to brief stakeholders ahead of go-live. A trial period with market parties is also being arranged to provide opportunities for new users to gain familiarity with the SIDC solution and undertake their own tests.

SIDC currently couples the continuous intraday markets of 22 countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany,

Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal,  
Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.