



**Multi-Regional
Coupling**

**Price Coupling of
Regions**

**Italian Borders
Market Coupling**

SLOVENIAN - CROATIAN MARKET COUPLING TO LAUNCH ON JUNE 19th 2018

Another important step towards an integrated European power market

April, 26th 2018 The Slovenian – Croatian Market Coupling Project is scheduled to launch on June 19th 2018 (for delivery day June 20th 2018). The launch is the finalization of day-ahead market coupling implementations on Slovenian borders and first implementation of implicit allocation for Croatian bidding zone, which will be for the first time included in the Internal European Market via Slovenian bidding zone. The Slovenian - Croatian Market Coupling provides additional evidence of the flexibility and reliability of the Price Coupling of Regions (PCR) solution.

The Go-Live is subject to the final approval by the involved regulatory authorities.

After successful completion of all testing activities in May and June this year, the launch of the Slovenian - Croatian Market Coupling will take place on June 19th (for delivery day June 20th). From this date onwards, capacity for the Slovenian - Croatian border will be implicitly allocated through the PCR solution for the Day-Ahead markets, making the border a part of the Multi-Regional Coupling (MRC).

Implicit allocation process on Slovenian – Croatian border

The implementation project on respective border will bring two important changes in the operating procedures for IBWT region:

1. Introduction of CCP default reason – on Slovenian-Croatian border the reason for partial decoupling is (beside all already implemented) also CCP default status. The process of partial decoupling and shadow auctions with timings will not change.
2. Second auction – for Slovenian bidding zone, the process of second auction will be implemented, which will enable Slovenian market participants to modify their orders in the event of price spikes on the market. BSP will follow already implemented price thresholds in IBWT/MRC operational procedures (minimum threshold: -150 EUR/MWh; maximum threshold: +1500 EUR/MWh)

Members' tests

We are also pleased to provide you with the information needed for your participation in the Slovenian - Croatian Market Coupling member testing sessions which are scheduled in the period from May 29th to June 1st.

Member testing sessions are intended to give you an end-to-end overview of the Slovenian – Croatian Market Coupling processes, procedures and time intervals applicable in regular situation or in case of deviations.

Please be aware that the member testing is not intended to reflect future pricing or volume levels of the Slovenian or Croatian bidding zone, once launched. All prices and volumes published during the member testing as well as concluded contracts in the member test environment are completely fictional and cannot be used as a reference for exchanges price or volume analyses. In order to provide sufficient liquidity and to avoid, as much as possible, the risk of erratic pricing levels, please be aware that operators of your local exchange will submit fictitious orders to fake the presence of other members.

Members' tests invitation

The member test sessions will be organized on business days only and are planned to take place between May 28th and June 1st. The following test scenarios are planned:

Date	Simulation
Monday, May 28	Normal Day
Tuesday, May 29	Full decoupling
Wednesday, May 30	Decoupling of SI-HR border for CZC reason
Thursday, May 31	No testing (public holiday)
Friday, June 1	Second Auction at BSP

Please note that the tests will take place in the afternoon, starting at 14:00 CET, to avoid interference with market activities. This means that the real-time production timings are not respected during the tests; however the testing in the afternoon will respect the time intervals between the different steps. Order books will be opened between 14:00 CET and 15:00 CET, and from this Gate Closure Time, testing timings will correspond to production timings + 3 hours.

Information regarding regulatory approval

The launch of the Slovenian - Croatian Market Coupling is subject to the approval of the National Regulatory Authorities of Slovenia and Croatia. Consequently, the confirmation of the Market Coupling launch on this border will happen when such approvals by both National Regulatory Authorities will be issued.