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Successful launch of the 15-minute cross-border product in intraday continuous trading on the Romania-Hungary border under SIDC

On February 10, 2021, for the 11th of February delivery day, OPCOM launched the 15-minute product for trading under Single Intra-Day Coupling (SIDC) project. It is expected that the introduction of the 15-minute cross-border product into intraday continuous trading on the Romania-Hungary border, as part of a 15-minute cross-border product integration within SIDC, will bring new opportunities for intraday market participants to adjust their commercial position closer to delivery time, thereby increasing the benefits of electricity trading and decreasing the costs with imbalances.

The launch process went smoothly and the first trades for the delivery day February 11, 2021 have been concluded immediately after launch.

By this implementation that invloved, together with TRANSELECTRICA and OPCOM, the Transmission and System Operator, MAVIR, and the Nominated Electricity Market Operator, HUPX, from Hungary, Romania joins the already coupled intraday market for 15-minute products of Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Belgium, Hungary and Netherlands.

The 15-minute products are supplemental to the already available 60-minute products, currently SIDC (Single Intraday Market Coupling) coupling 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.

The trading data can be found HERE.

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