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## **20 years operation of the Nordic electricity market**

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### **Electricity market world wide**



### **Electricity market models – the Power Pool concept**



□ Fully regulated electricity system

 Introduction of supply (generators) market



- Centralized dispatch co-optimization of energy and capacity
- The market clearing price (MCP) covers both the cost of energy ("the commodity") and ancillary services ("delivery cost").
  - Single Price" model
- Load is typically "price taker" limited demand side participation
- Trading is typically limited to financial Contract for Differences to offset price risks





### **The Nordic Electricity market**

#### Installed capacity GW (2010)



Source: Swedenergy, NVE, EMV

### **NORDIC HISTORY**



### How to form a Regional market 1991:

Main incentives to form: 19		
•	One common free power market	<b>1996</b> :
•	Approved market concentration	<b>1998</b> :
•	Regional optimisation and use of power resource	C <b>Q</b> 9999:
•	The national markets were opened for competi-	ti2000:
•	To a large extent similar legislation and regulat framework	2001:
•	Nordic TSOs cooperate through an "Inter-Nordic System Operation Agreement"	2002: 2005:
•	Common transmission tariff structure	<b>2008</b> :
•	Transmission border tariffs stepwise removed	<b>2009</b> :
•	Import/export only through the Day-Ahead Market	
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- Bilateral contracts as inter-area trade **2010**:
- Separate national procedures for system services and balancing mechanism
  2012:

2013

Norwegian power market deregulated Nord Pool Spot established as 'Statnett Marked' Rebranded to Nord Pool when Sweden joins Finland joins Nord Pool Elbas becomes the first intraday market The Nordic market fully integrated as Denmark joins Independent Market Surveillance is established Nord Pool Spot established as a separate company The Kontek bidding area in Germany opens Financial market sold to NASDAQ OMX Commodities Market coupling of 11 European countries launched through EMCC (European Market Coupling Company) N2EX launched by Nord Pool Spot and NASDAQ OMX Nord Pool Spot opens bidding area in Estonia Nord Pool Spot opens bidding area in Lithuania Nord Pool Spot opens bidding area in Latvia thus including all the Baltic countries

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### **Nordic market – main principles**

- ✓ Market participants
  - Producers, consumers, aggregators, traders
  - Do not need to have physical assets (generators or load), but must be:
- ✓ Balance responsible
  - Can be "pure" producer or consumer, or combination ("prosumer")
  - Must submit balanced schedules in the Day-Ahead market (Nordpool's spot market)
- Nordpool Spot
  - Day-ahead where the main balance of the Nordic electricity system is determined. Hourly auction based.
  - 70-80% of all energy is transacted in NPS the remaining is "behind the fence" and bilateral contracts.
  - The entire market is in perfect balance day-ahead.
- Elbas
  - Intraday balancing market for "known" imbalances.
  - < 1% of the total energy transacted</li>
- Real-time Market
  - Operated by the System Operators
  - < 5% of the total energy transacted</p>
- Derivatives market for price hedging





# The triangle of roles in the power market



### **Features of Nordpool Spot**

- Reference for other markets:
  - Reference price for bilateral trading
  - Reference price for Real-Time balancing market
- High liquidity:
  - 70-80% of the physical consumption in the Nordic market
- Features of the Market Clearing Price
  - Rational offers and bids
    - Marginal cost of generation (NB not mandatory!)
    - Intermittent renewable bids in at Zero (?)
    - Hydro bid at "opportunity cost" (hydro valuation models)
    - Substantial (and increasing) demand side bidding
  - Influenced by (and correlated with) external factors:
  - Weather conditions (temperature)
    - Hydro inflow and storage levels
    - Import and export
- Very high price volatility.
  - Price hedging handled by the Nasdaq OMX futures/forwards contract market





### **Connecting energy markets**

- Expansion of the "Nordpool" model
  - EU markets (with a few exceptions) are based on the Nordic market model
  - Markets are connected by two principles:

Market coupling - explicit auction of interconnection capacity

*Market splitting – "one market" divided into price zones if transmission congestion – implicit auction of transmission capacity* 

- Better utilization of energy and capacity resources
  - Hydro power storage highly valuated as balance of intermittent RE
  - Better utilization of cross-regional transmission grid
  - Enhance international trading and competition
  - Incentive for investment in transmission capacity
  - Larger market reduce market power for large companies (oligopolies)



The integrated North-Western Europe (NEW) power market as of Feb. 4, 2014. 75% of Europe's electricity demand = 2,000 TWh/yr. Source: ENTSO-E



### **Risks in the wholesale market**

- Larger consumers can hedge price risk at the derivatives market – Nasdaq OMX
- A variety of forward products with increasing fidelity.
- ✓ Very high liquidity.
- ✓ Nasdaq OMX also offers clearing service to reduce counterparty risks.



# NASDAQ*OMX*"





### Summary

□ Different design than the "US" model (popular in Asia, except Japan..)

- > Conceptual separation of the traded commodity (the power) from the service (capacity, balancing)
- > Decentralized generation planning and scheduling
- Focus on flexibility, ease of access to markets, open for all categories participants, promotion of demand response
- > Contract based high liquidity, but high price risk/volatility (offset by financial forwards market)

### □ 22 years history of successful operation

- First multi-national power market
- > Model for all other European markets

### □ New challenges

- > Integration of European markets cross border trading of energy, capacity and reserves
- > Handling of intermittent renewable energy balancing and price (return) depression
- > Right investment signals transmission, energy or capacity?
- > Demand response, smart systems, off-grid/decentralized energy sub-systems..



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