

# **European Gas Hub Liquidity**

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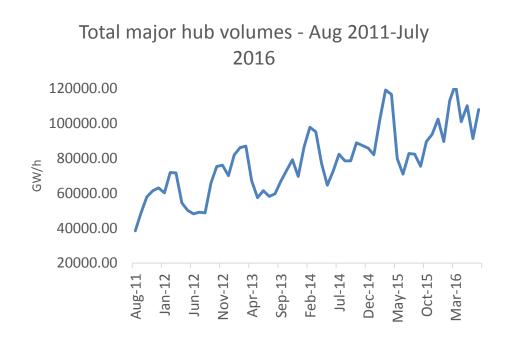




# European gas trade – central themes



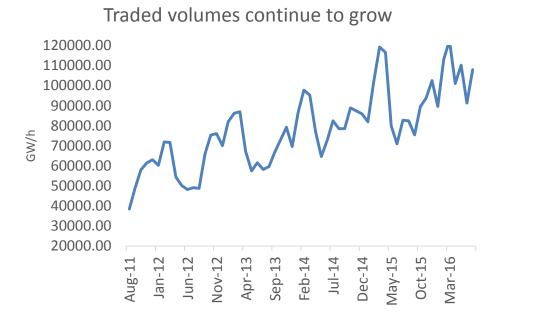
### European gas trade – trading volumes continue to rise

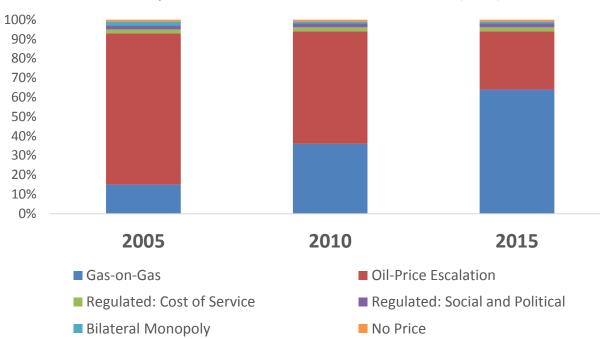


- Traded gas volumes have continued to grow across Europe on the back of market liberalisation and changing contract structures.
- Traded volumes (OTC and exchange) rose by approx 400% between 2008-2016 (ICIS data)
- Total traded volumes reached 4 trillion cubic metres in GY 2015



### European gas trade – gas-to-gas competition





#### European Price Formation - 2005-2015 (IGU)

- Nearly two-thirds of gas sold across Europe includes some hub price indexation component, according to latest International Gas Union survey (2015).
- Over 90% of gas sold in NW Europe was priced at the hub; nearly 60% in Central
  Europe

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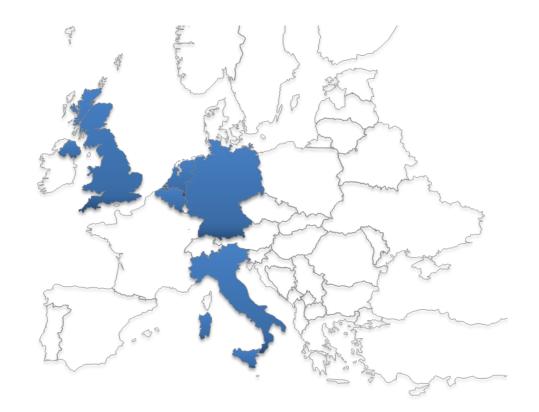
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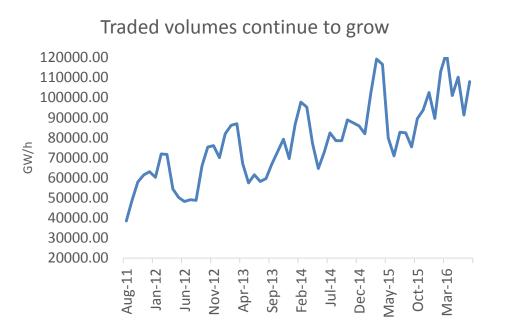
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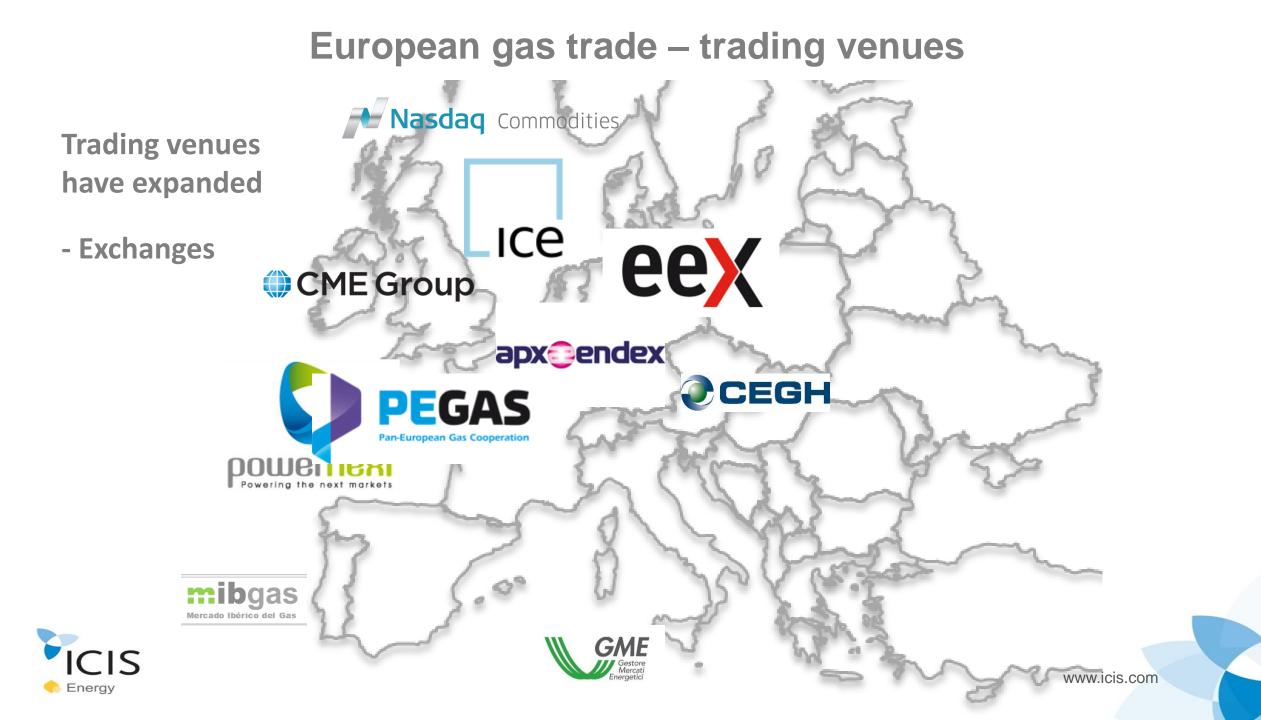


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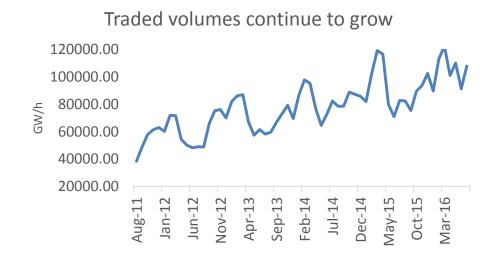




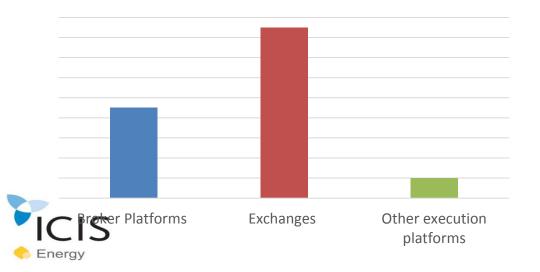




#### **European gas trade – venue expansion**



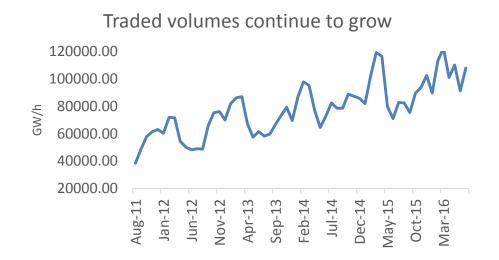
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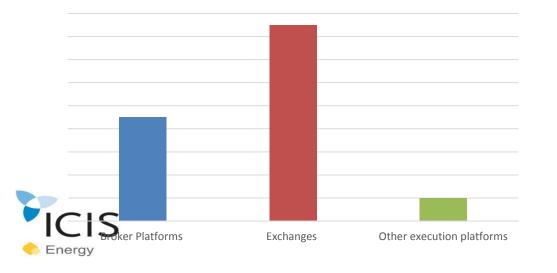
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### European gas trade - increased regulatory oversight



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- Financial regulation EMIR, MAR, MiFID II
- Future regulation FTT?



# **Trade liquidity developments**



## No single consistent measure of market liquidity

### Volume

- Broker and exchange platforms
- Price reporting agencies includes bilateral where possible
- Transmission system operators varying methodologies, some include long-term title transfer at hub, the majority net trade.

### **Churn Ratio**

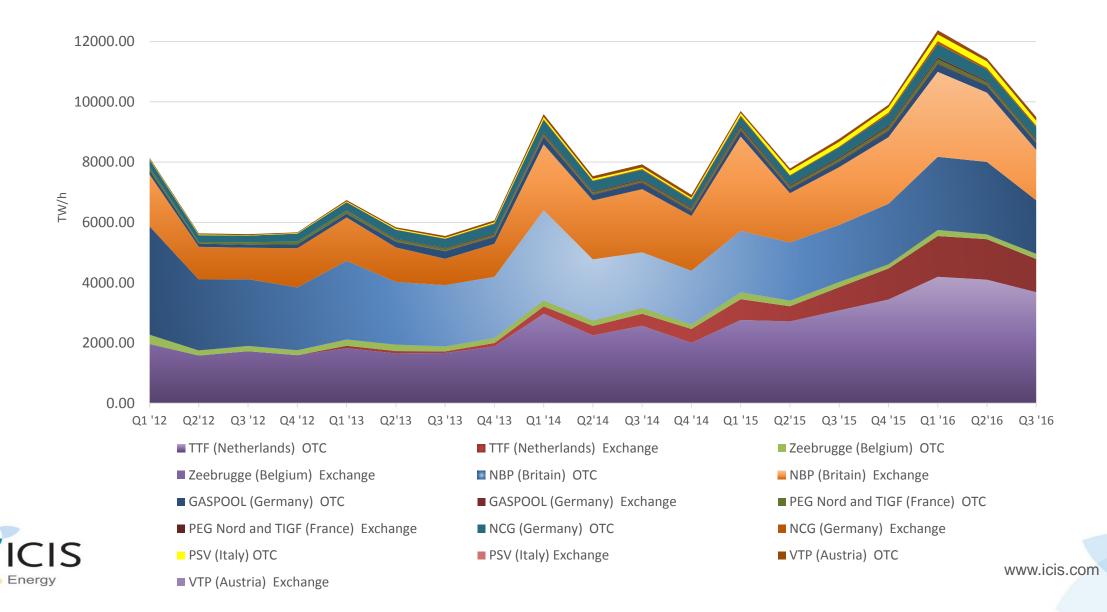
 Various methodologies – generally measures number of times every unit of energy delivered has changed hands. Measures maturity most effectively, but no consistent unified exchange/OTC measurement yet.

## **Bid-offer spread**

- Bid-offer spread difficult to get a scientific or complete breakdown.
   Only PRAs currently can judge bilateral as well as brokered.
- Depth of bid-offer spread can only be used with real-time data from all brokers, choice and screen – and can't capture bilateral trade.

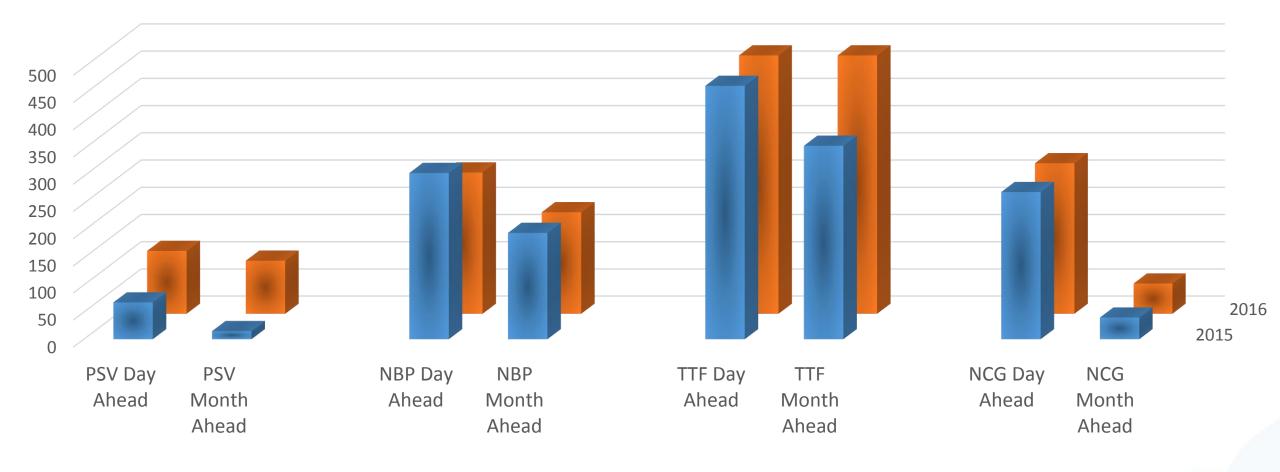
### **OTC and Exchange traded volumes 2012-16**

Source: ICIS, ICE, EEX, Powenext, PEGAS, CEGH



### **Average daily number of OTC trades 2015/6**

Source: ICIS

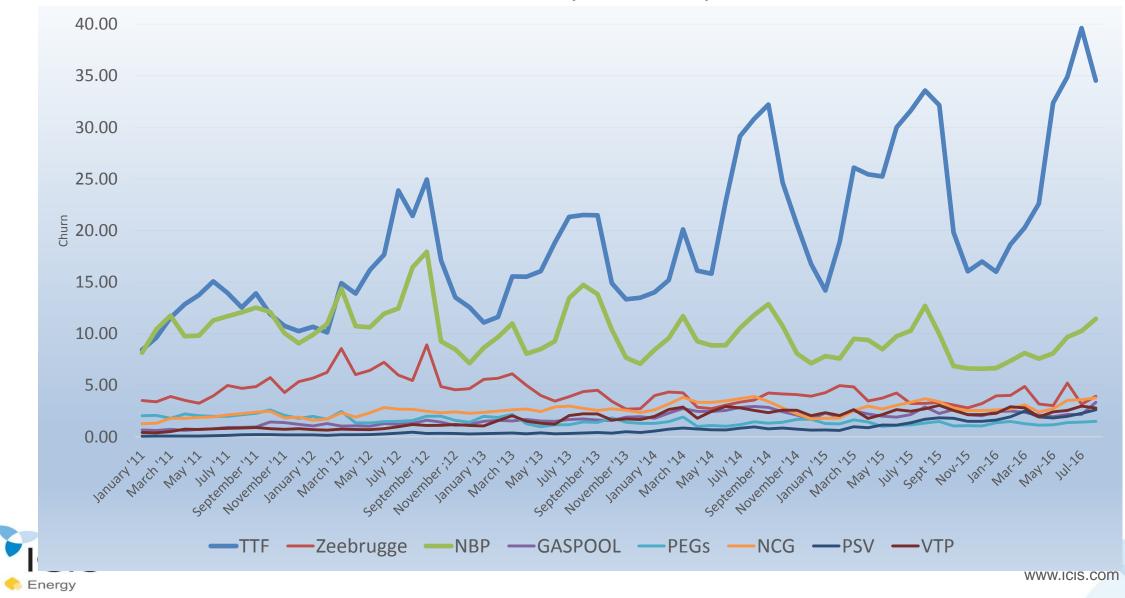




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### ICIS OTC churn ratios 2011 – 2016

Source: ICIS European Gas Hub Report



### **ICIS Tradability Index – measuring the bid/offer spread**

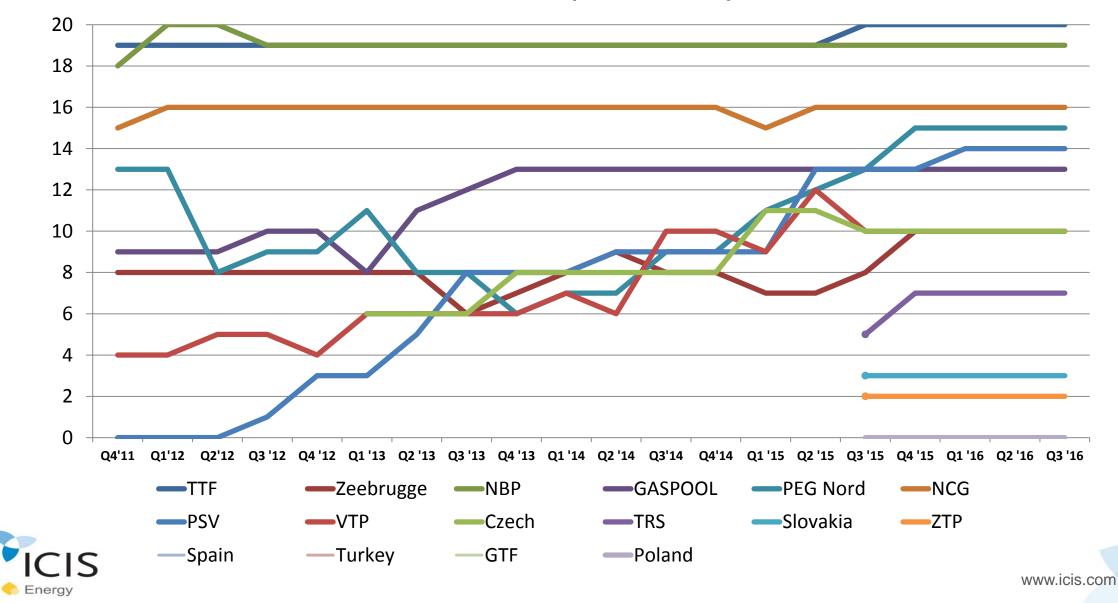
Contract	Width of spread	Availability
Within-day	< €0.5/MWh	0
Day-ahead	< €0.5/MWh	1
Balance-of-month	< €0.5/MWh	1
Month-ahead	< €0.5/MWh	1
Next quarter	< €0.5/MWh	1
Next season	< €0.5/MWh	1
Two seasons ahead	< €0.5/MWh	1
One year ahead	<€0.5/MWh	1
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Three years ahead	< €0.5/MWh	1
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Total		16

Compiled by price reporters.

- As each contract reaches the threshold spread width it is assigned 1 point out of 20.
- Applied to contracts from Within-day to 3 years ahead.
- Applies for a full quarter –the spread had to be there every trading day.

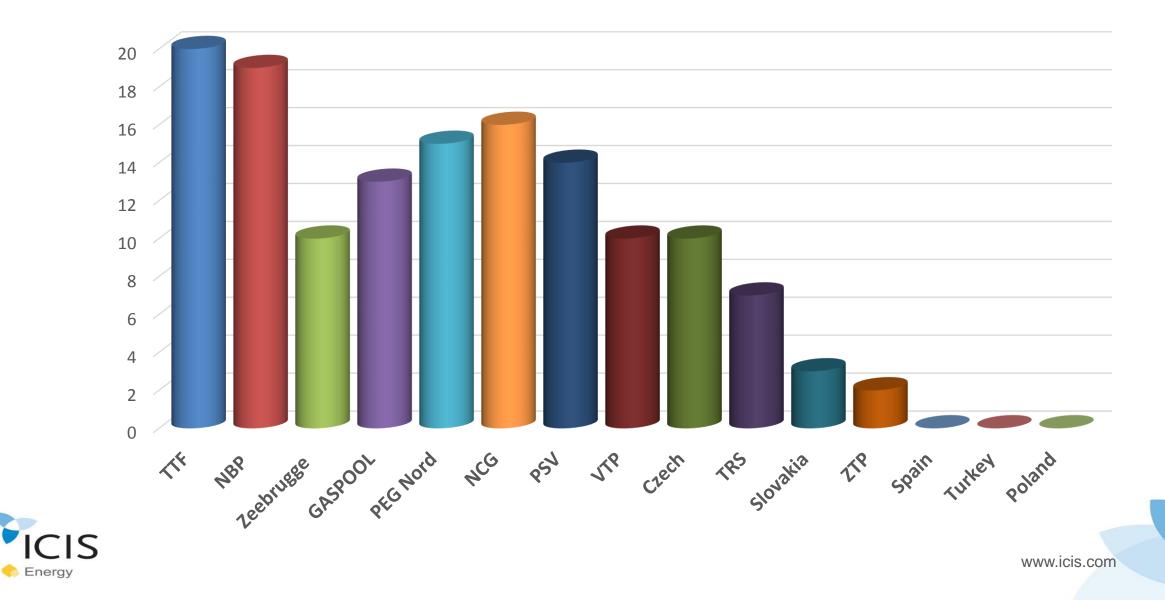
### History of ICIS Tradability Index 2007 – 2016

Source: ICIS European Gas Hub Report



#### Latest Tradability Index for Europe – Q3 2016

Source: ICIS European gas hub report





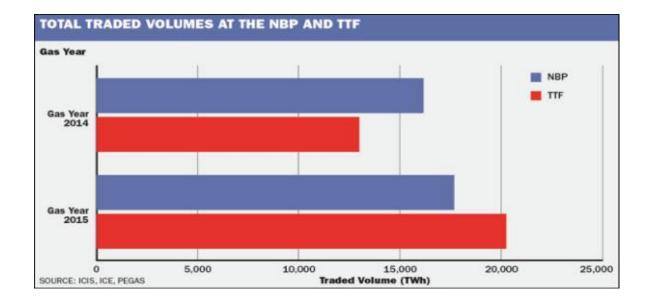
### Main Trading Hubs – recent developments



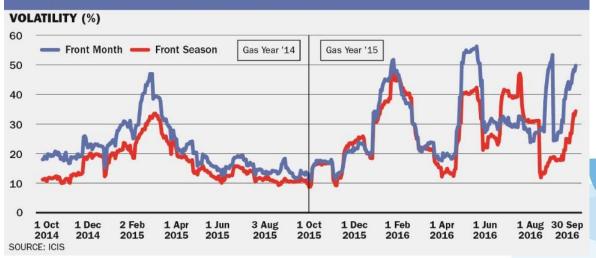
# NBP – OTC volume rebounds as market volatility returns

- NBP total (OTC and exchange) volumes rise by approx. 10% in GY16, although eclipsed by TTF.
- Trading boosted by increased market volatility – Rough outage, Groningen cap, Brexit uncertainty, 'short squeeze'
- OTC trading regains ground growth in gas generation encourages more physical participants to trade.
- The NBP still has a strong influence on European prices and is likely to be the
- second biggest hub

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#### NBP VOLATILITY (GAS YEAR 2014 AND 2015)



### TTF – the road to market ascendency

- TTF total (OTC and exchange) volumes surge by 56% in GY2015, buoyed by market conditions and structural changes
- More contracts move to hub-pricing, disproportionality benefits TTF with increasing hedging activity on the curve.
- Removal of Groningen as a flexible production source creates some uncertainty in the market and likely to increase volatility.
- TTF will remain a crucial venue for global LNG forward hedging, which should support further

growth on the far curve.

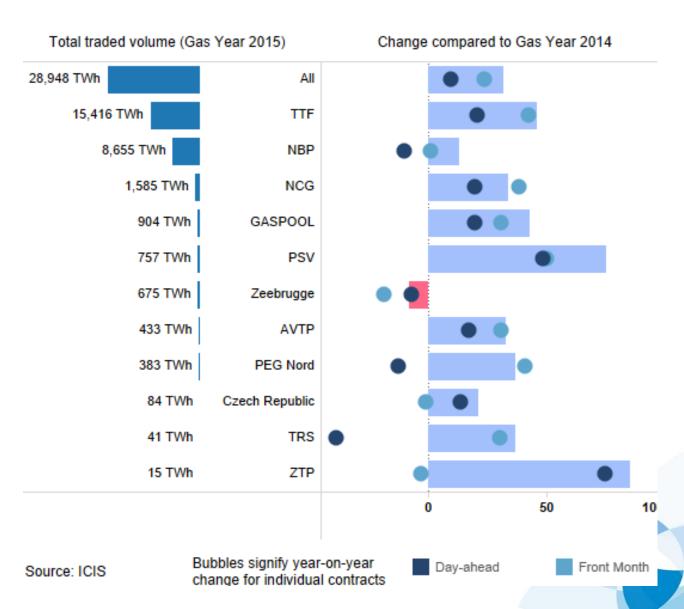
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#### NBP AND TTF TRADED VOLUME SPLIT TRADED VOLUME (TWh) 6000 Quarters Seasons Years Months 5000 4000 3000 2000 1000 0 NBP TTF NBP</th NBP TTF 03 '16 ICIS ICE FUTURES FUROPE ICE ENDEX OUARTER/HUB

### Europe's medium-sized hubs on growth trend

- Volumes on Europe's medium-sized hubs all rise with exception of Zeebrugge.
- Supported by market volatility and growth largely centred on prompt and near curve contracts
- Increasing market confidence supports PSV liquidity, although questions still surround participation in new balancing platform

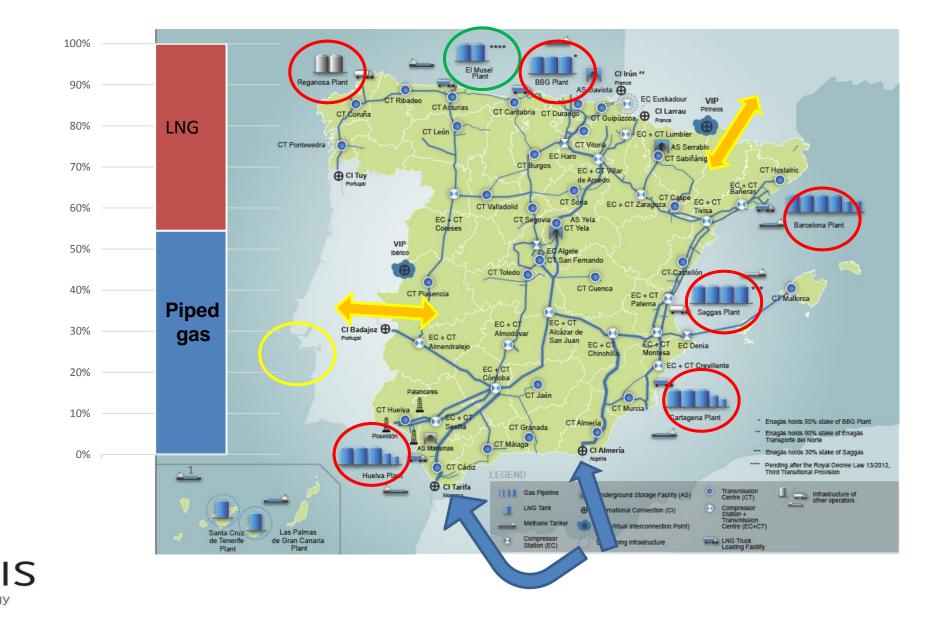
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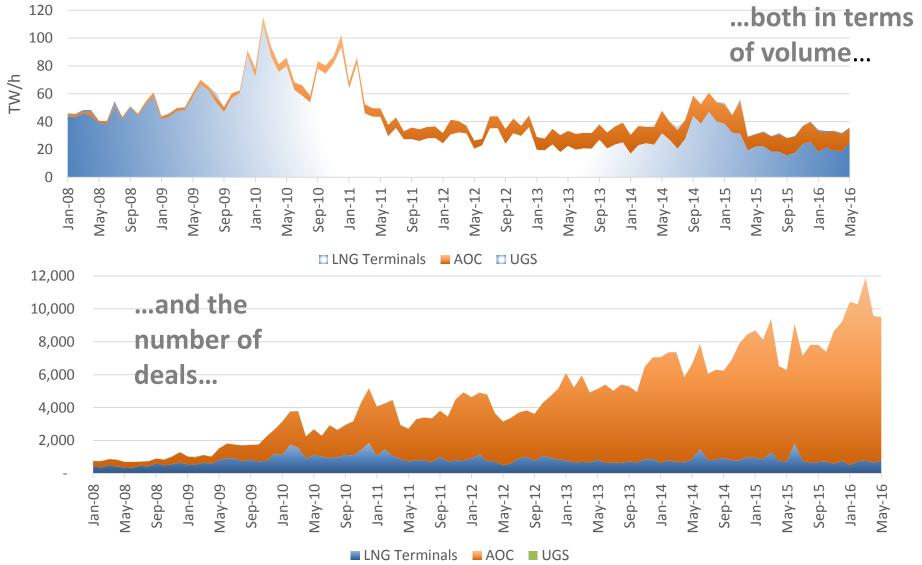
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### Spain: An LNG market with pipeline gas

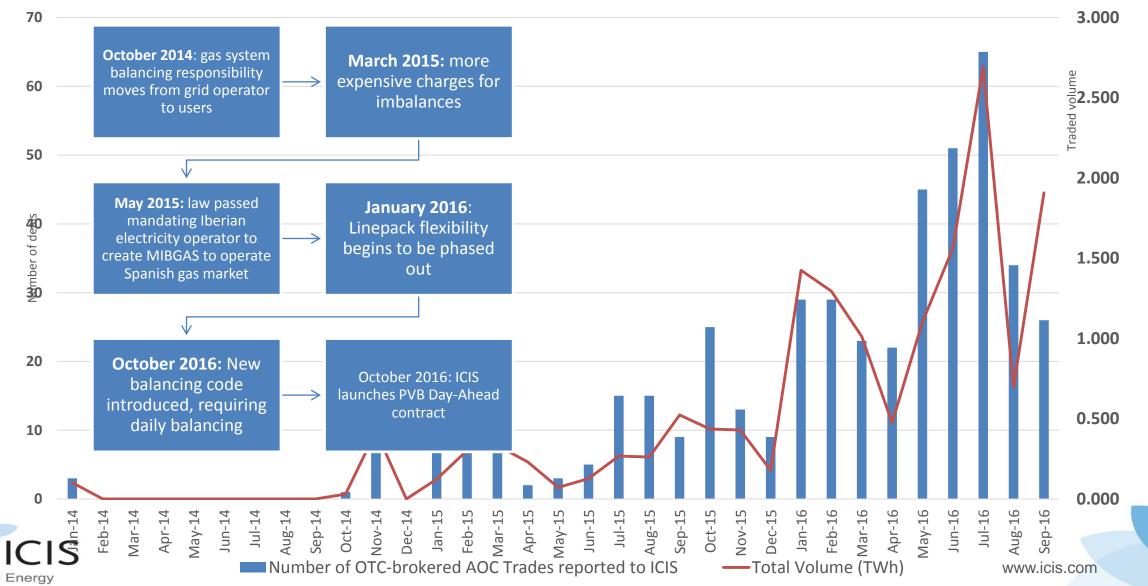


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#### Spain as a venue for trading has grown steadily in recent years

# Spain's gas hub development has required multiple pieces of legislation, but is progressing ...



#### Opportunities and challenges for developing Spanish PVB hub

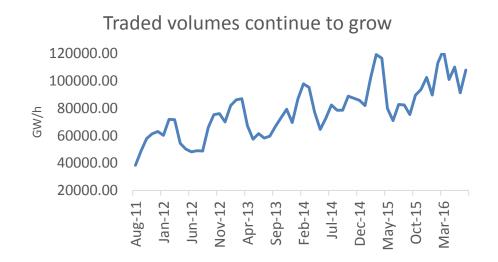
Positive	Negative
Spain has been an enthusiastic adopter of EC regulations and a willing exponent of energy market liberalisation	A lack of interconnections keeps Spain and Portugal as an 'energy island', cut off from other EU hubs
The prevalence of LNG makes Iberia a good source of flexibility globally	but LNG's prevalence caused Iberia to develop separately and keeps it more plugged in to global markets than EU
Trade increase set to be generated by redesign of balancing system	Even Spain and Portugal together may be too small to sustain a market
Steering information provision improved from October 2016, but systems unproven	Consequences of abolishing bundled storage for shippers remain untested
Obligation to trade should cut appeal of time and location swaps between rival companies	Spain is a secondary market with oil- linked long-term contracts and no primary supply



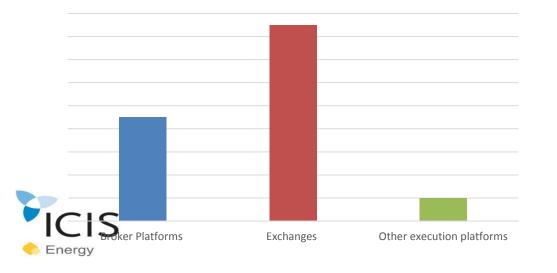
### Outlook



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#### Outlook for growth – what will European trade look like in 2020?

#### **Market Trend**

- TTF will be the pre-eminent European hub and the only continental European hub with any noticeable liquidity on the far curve or significant futures trading activity.
- Volatility may increase as flexible supply infrastructure is decommissioned (Groningen) or continues to age (e.g. Rough) without investment in new flexible infrastructure.
- Global LNG supply/demand will continue to have a major impact on liquidity and prices as more swing Atlantic Basin (i.e. US) volumes enter the global market.
- Uncertainty surrounding nature of Brexit, but NBP will continue to exert influence on European prices and will be major trading hub with deep liquidity.





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