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OPCOM has successfully launched the 15-minute local product in the intraday continuous trading

On January 31, 2021, OPCOM has launched the 15-minute product for local trading on Intraday market.

The new product launching process went smoothly, in the first hours after launch being already concluded the first transactions for the next day of delivery, February 1, 2021.

The opportunity to trade the 15-minute local product in the Romanian bidding zone is expected to increase the possibilities for imbalance management by the market participants, closer to real time.

Market participants, Transelectrica and Balancing responsible parties supported this process, respectively trading and notification process of the trades concluded on the 15-minute local product, supplemental to the 60-minute cross-border product in place as of 19 November 2019, which opened new horizons for the Intraday Market by enhancing the potential for developing the liquidity, for the benefit of the Romanian market as a whole.

Following this achievement, the final date will be announced in the upcoming days, OPCOM will launch the 15-minute cross-border product in intraday continuous trading on the Romanian-Hungarian border, as part of a 15-minute cross-border product expansion under the Single Intraday Market Coupling (SIDC) project, a process that involves, together with Transelectrica and OPCOM, the Transmission System Operator, MAVIR, and the Nominated Electricity Market Operator, HUPX, from Hungary. This 15-minute cross-border product will become operational supplemental to the 60-minute cross-border product currently in place, representing another important step towards expanding the single European intraday market.

The trading data can be found <u>HERE</u>.

About OPCOM

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