

Energy Market Monitoring Report

April 2025



Market Results

Summary Dashboard

Monthly Averages	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
DAM (€/MWh)	88.52	107.75	107.74	110.94	100.44	112.73	122.9	146.14	136.99	167.51	140.85	131.8	111.11
% Change from previous month	2%	22%	0%	3%	-9%	12%	9%	19%	-6%	22%	-16%	-6%	-16%
% Change from previous year	-30%	2%	-8%	15%	-6%	1%	-2%	19%	54%	68%	66%	52%	26%
Actual System Demand (MW)	4610	4356	4193	4279	4255	4467.76	4671	5085	5020	5256	5194	4951	4594
% Change from previous month	-5%	-6%	-4%	2%	-1%	5%	5%	9%	-1%	5%	-1%	-5%	-7%
% Change from previous year	3%	2%	0%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	2%	0%
Actual Wind Generation (MW)	1496	894	1072	883	1437	1263	1668	1448	2040	1948	2509	1615	1278
% Change from previous month	-28%	-40%	20%	-18%	63%	-12%	32%	-13%	41%	-5%	29%	-36%	-21%
% Change from previous year	-3%	1%	22%	-33%	3%	-9%	22%	-20%	-17%	5%	25%	-22%	-15%
Gas Price p/therm	71.69	76.69	81.51	75.07	84.71	86.94	99.04	111	111.22	122.85	123.04	100.94	84.72
% Change from previous month	5%	7%	6%	-8%	13%	3%	14%	12%	0%	10%	0%	-18%	-16%
% Change from previous year	-29%	6%	5%	6%	2%	-5%	-6%	6%	32%	64%	94%	48%	18%
Carbon Price (€/Tonne)	63.25	70.90	68.29	67.00	70.12	64.86	63.51	67.15	67.05	75.87	76.08	68.39	63.96
% Change from previous month	9%	12%	-4%	-2%	5%	-8%	-2%	6%	0%	13%	0%	-10%	-6%
% Change from previous year	-30%	-16%	-20%	-23%	-17%	-21%	-22%	-12%	-7%	16%	36%	18%	1%
Coal Price (\$/tonne)	118.13	106.15	109.54	105.93	121.36	114.96	119.65	120.84	113.32	109.23	102.88	97.91	101.46
% Change from previous month	6%	-10%	3%	-3%	15%	-5%	4%	1%	-6%	-4%	-6%	-5%	4%
% Change from previous year	-14%	-11%	-3%	-5%	5%	-5%	-9%	-1%	-4%	1%	6%	-12%	-14%
EWIC % Import Periods	81.94%	84.98%	85.90%	94.59%	85.29%	81.53%	71.32%	78.30%	67.64%	67.88%	43.01%	55.18%	82.85%
EWIC % Export Periods	4.86%	0.67%	3.72%	1.11%	7.56%	5.52%	10.31%	9.03%	11.49%	10.18%	13.91%	2.66%	1.98%
EWIC % Not Flow Periods	13.19%	14.35%	10.38%	4.30%	7.15%	12.95%	18.37%	12.67%	20.87%	21.94%	43.08%	42.16%	15.17%
Moyle % Import Periods	87.40%	94.96%	92.47%	96.77%	80.71%	91.98%	81.08%	82.47%	81.55%	78.53%	64.62%	79.24%	77.92%
Moyle % Export Periods	12.50%	5.27%	7.53%	3.23%	10.44%	7.60%	18.65%	17.50%	18.41%	21.27%	22.43%	6.16%	21.84%
Moyle % Not Flow Periods	0.10%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	8.84%	0.42%	0.28%	0.03%	0.03%	0.20%	12.95%	14.60%	0.24%
Greenlink % Import Periods	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	68.97%	88.63%	80.14%
Greenlink % Export Periods	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25.04%	9.49%	10.35%
Greenlink % Not Flow Periods	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.99%	1.88%	9.48%

Market Volumes April 2025

Daily Average Volume MWh

DAM	119,849
IDA1	24,202
IDA2	3,202
IDA3	848
IDC	70

Total Monthly Volume MWh

DAM	3,595,462
IDA1	726,068
IDA2	96,073
IDA3	25,447
IDC	1,827
Total	4,444,877

Total Market Value €

DAM	€ 405,451,557
IDA1	€ 81,361,709
IDA2	€ 10,134,679
IDA3	€ 3,716,057
IDC	€ 211,740
Total	€ 500,875,742

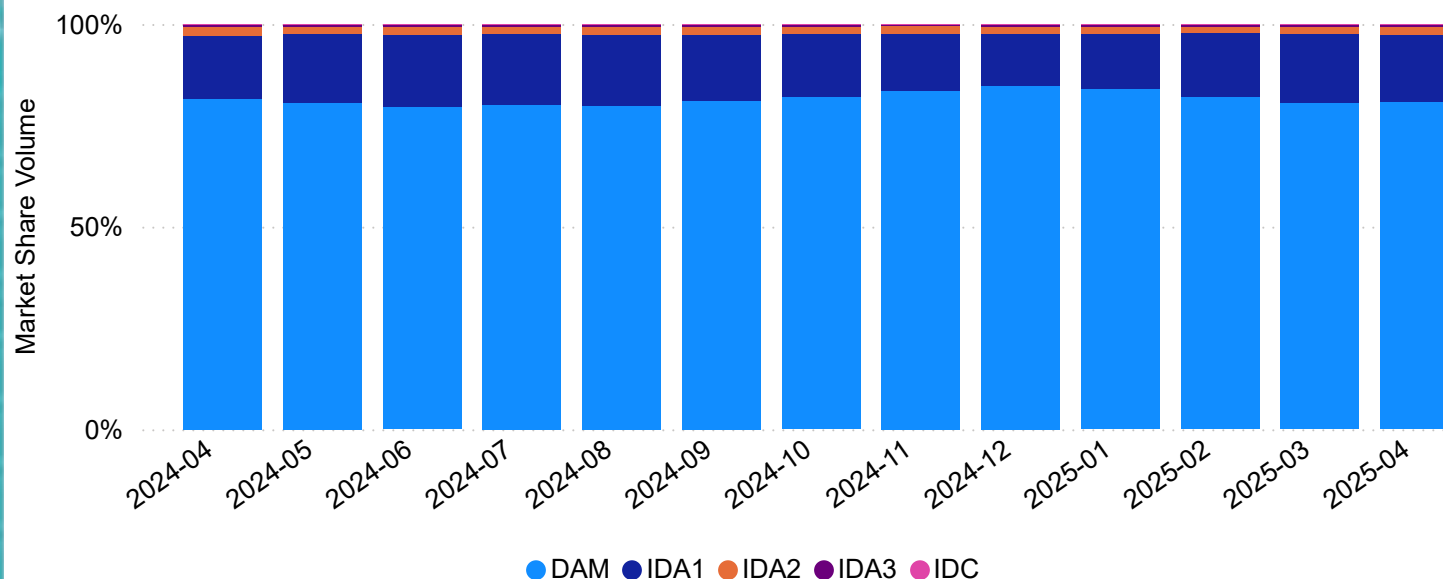
Market Volumes and Values

The Day Ahead Market is, by far, the largest market in the SEM, circa 80-85% of all transactions are cleared in this market. The distribution of volumes across the SEM markets have been broadly constant since the introduction of these trading arrangements in October 2018.

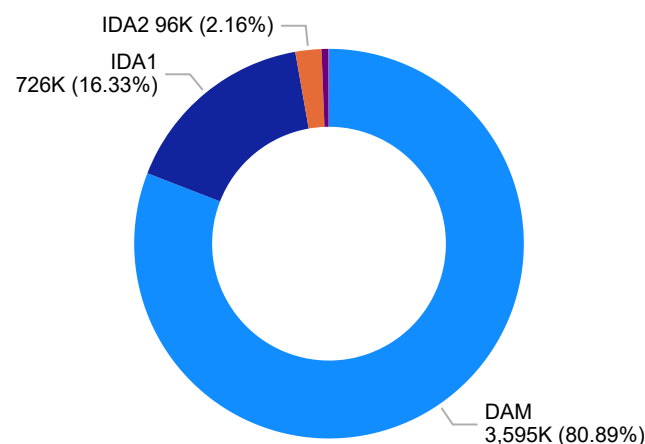
Generally, in power markets, market participants will prefer to lock their positions well ahead of delivery time given the increased volatility in prices closer to real time.

Another important factor is associated with the TSO dispatch arrangements. The vast majority of wind generation in the SEM is cleared at the Day Ahead stage. That might also explain to some extent the additional volumes cleared in this market.

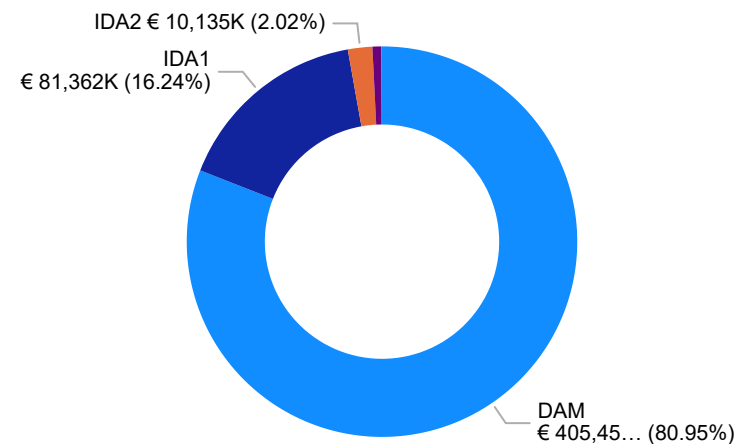
Ex-Ante Monthly Volume by Market



Ex-Ante Volumes (MWh)



Ex-Ante Values (€)



● DAM ● IDA1 ● IDA2 ● IDA3 ● IDC

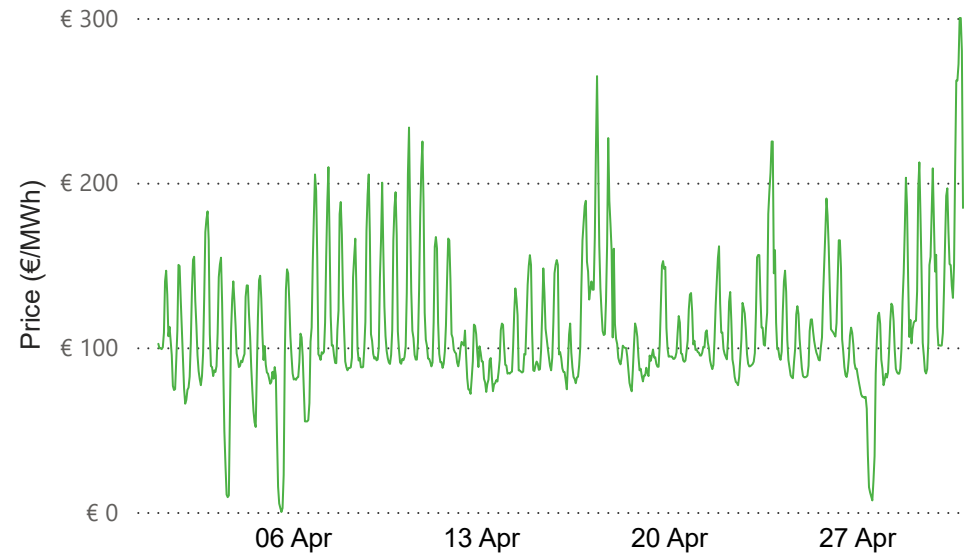
● DAM ● IDA1 ● IDA2 ● IDA3 ● IDC

Day Ahead Market April 2025

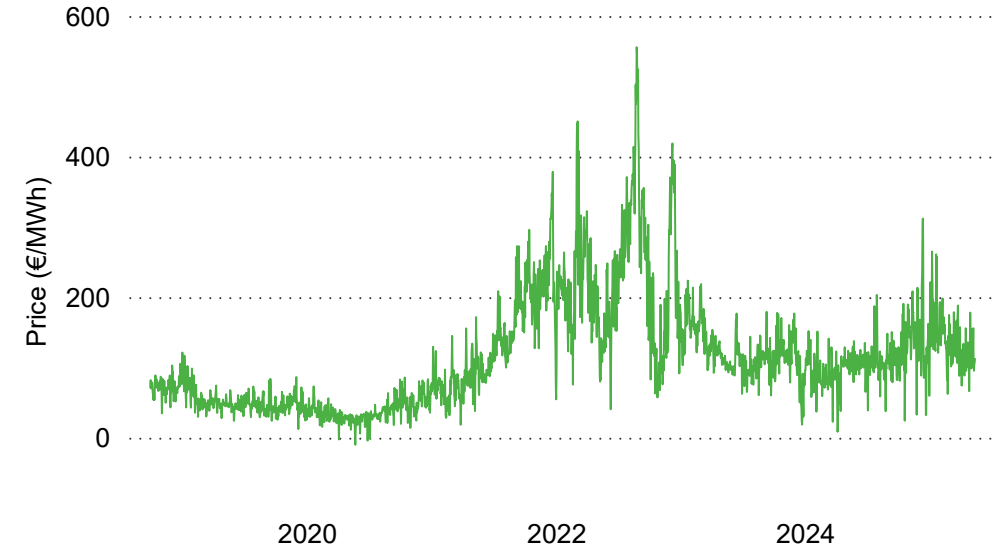
€ 111.11
Average DAM Price
€ 0.00
Min DAM Price
€ 300.00
Max DAM Price

The most frequent price range for
April was between €80 and €120.

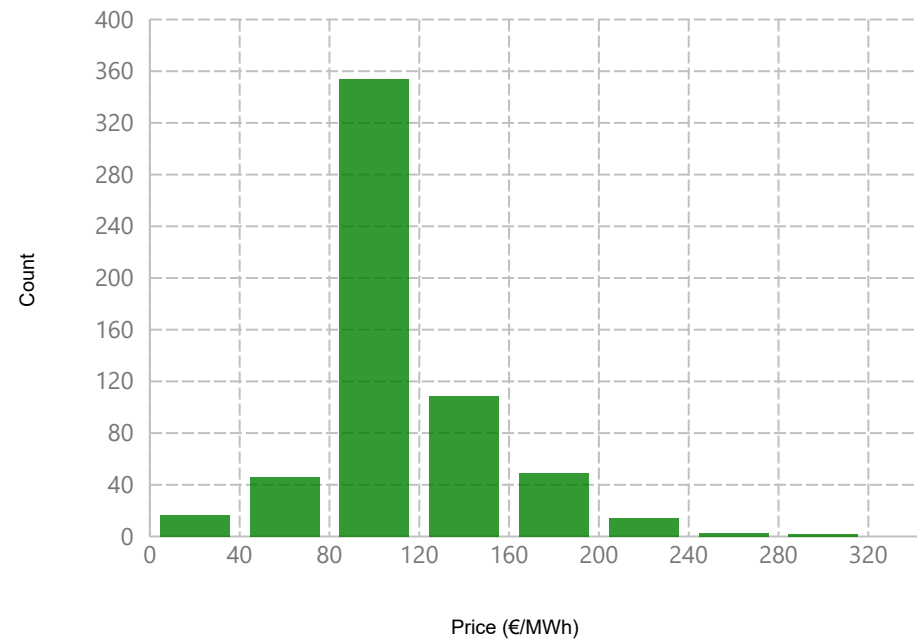
DAM Prices



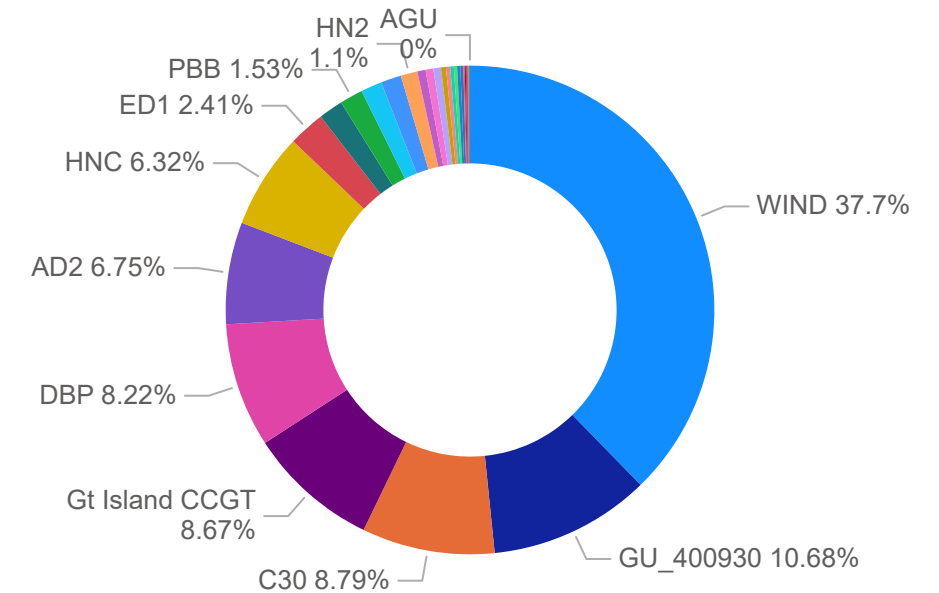
Historic Daily Average DAM Prices



Histogram of DAM Prices

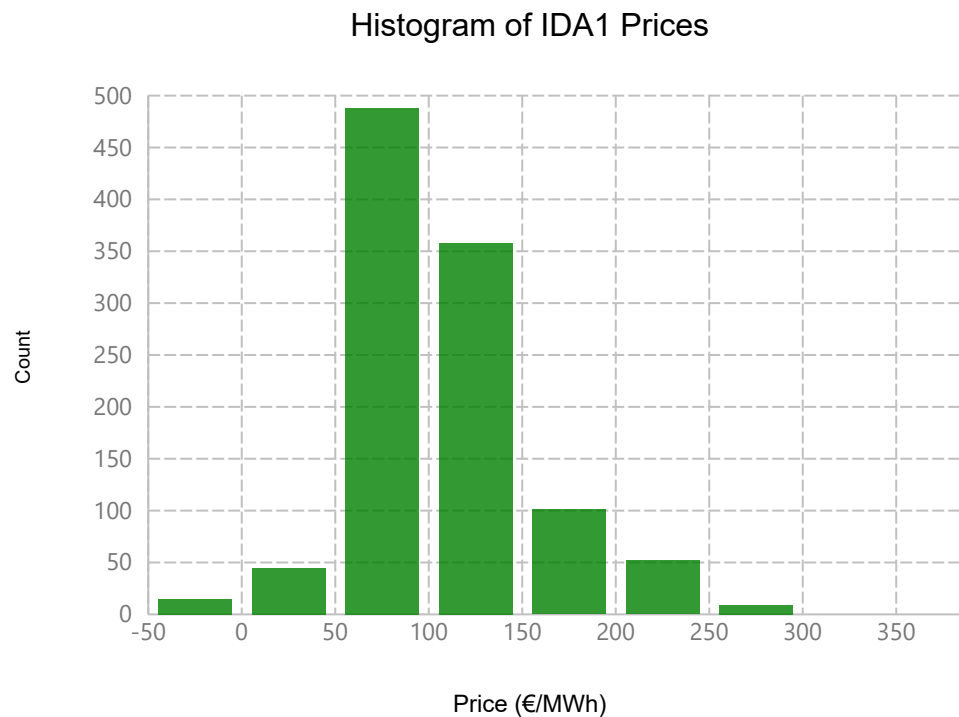
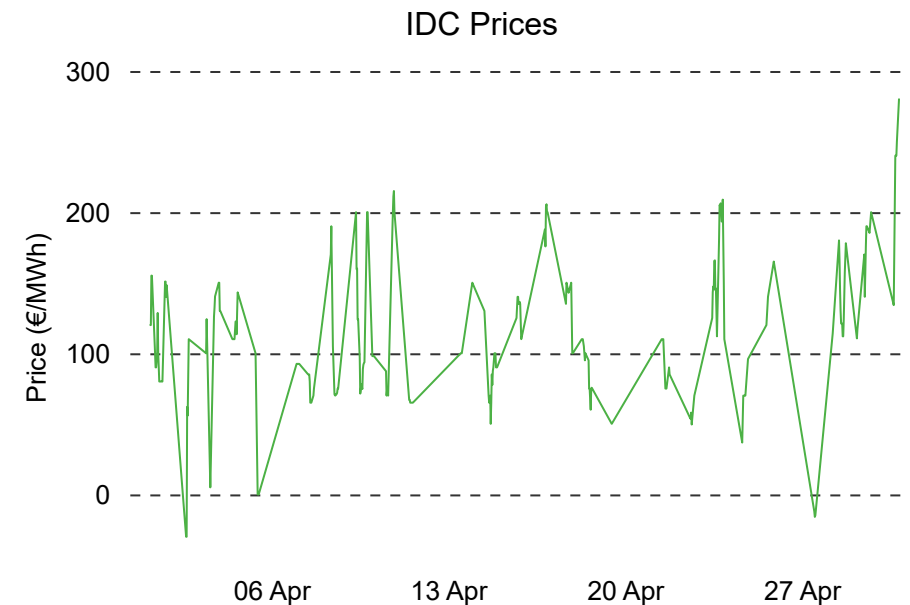
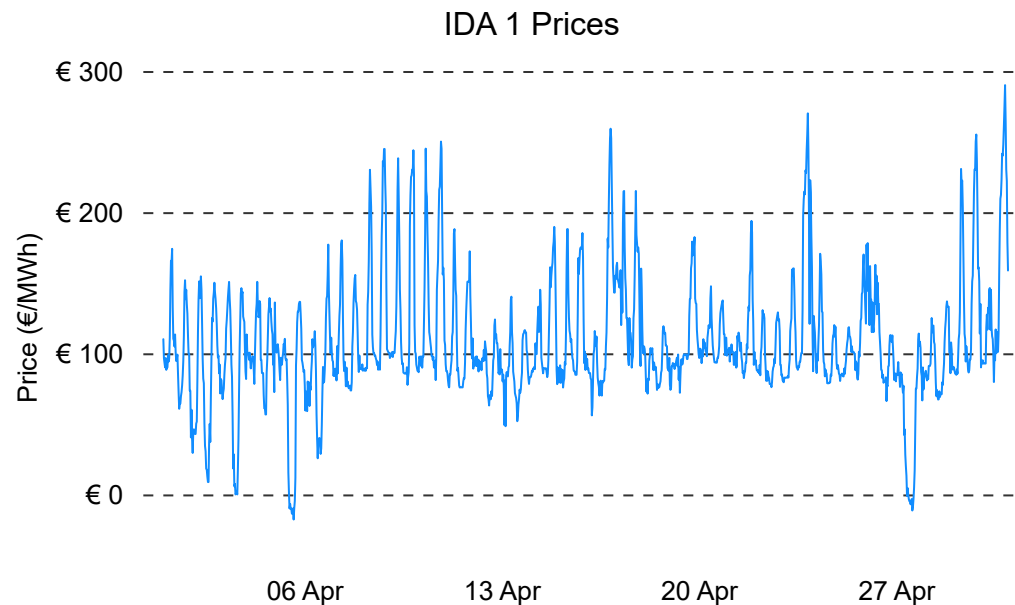


DAM Sell Side Generator Order Results

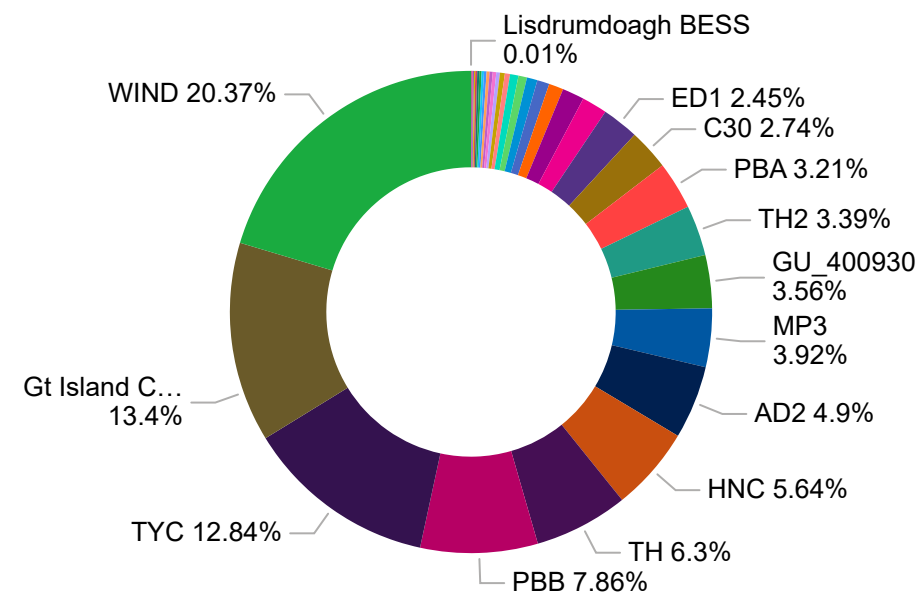


Intraday Market April 2025

€ 108.10
Average IDA1 Price
-€ 17.79
Min IDA1 Price
€ 290.00
Max IDA1 Price



IDA1 Sell Order Results By Market Participant



The most frequent price range for April was between €50 and €100.

SEM vs GB DAM April 2025

SEM Day Ahead Price

€ 111.11

Average DAM Price

€ 0.00

Min DAM Price

€ 300.00

Max DAM Price

GB Day Ahead Price

€ 91.69

Average Price

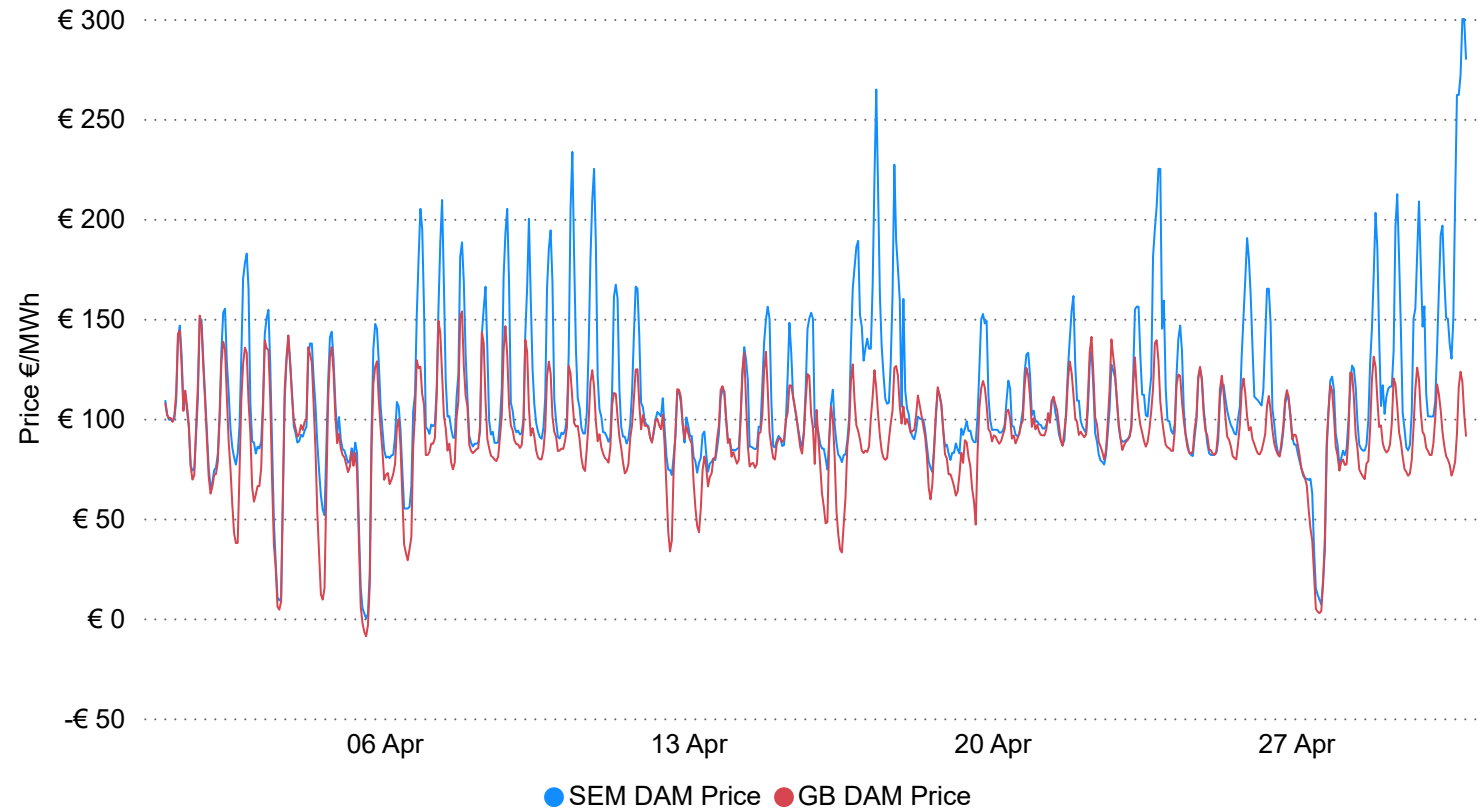
-€ 8.95

Min Price

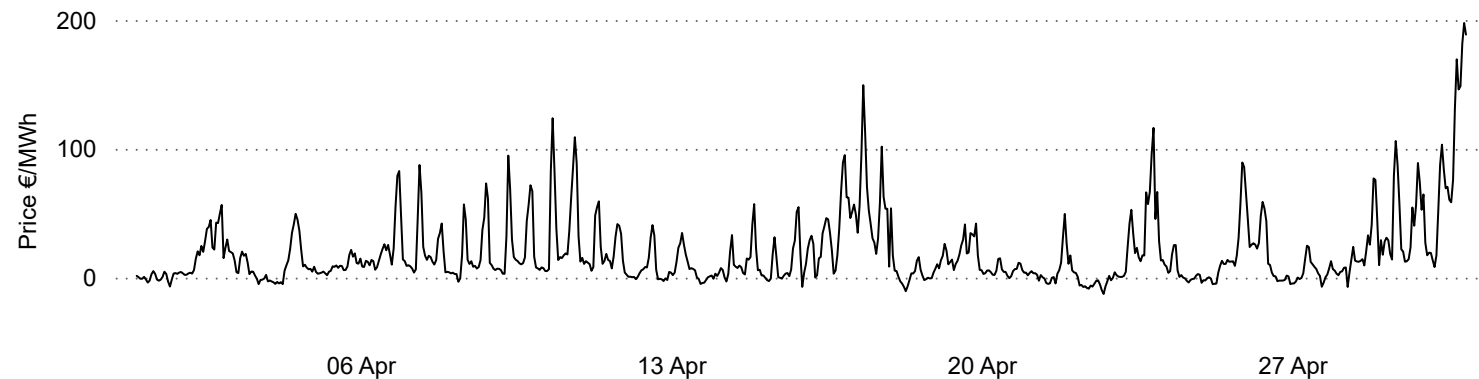
€ 153.66

Max Price

SEM & GB DAM Prices



SEM & GB DAM Prices Spread



SEM-GB Price Differential

The charts show that the SEM and GB prices appear to follow the same general trend. Significant spreads can be observed on several occasions.

Periods of significant spreads between the two markets are generally correlated with periods of very low wind in the SEM.

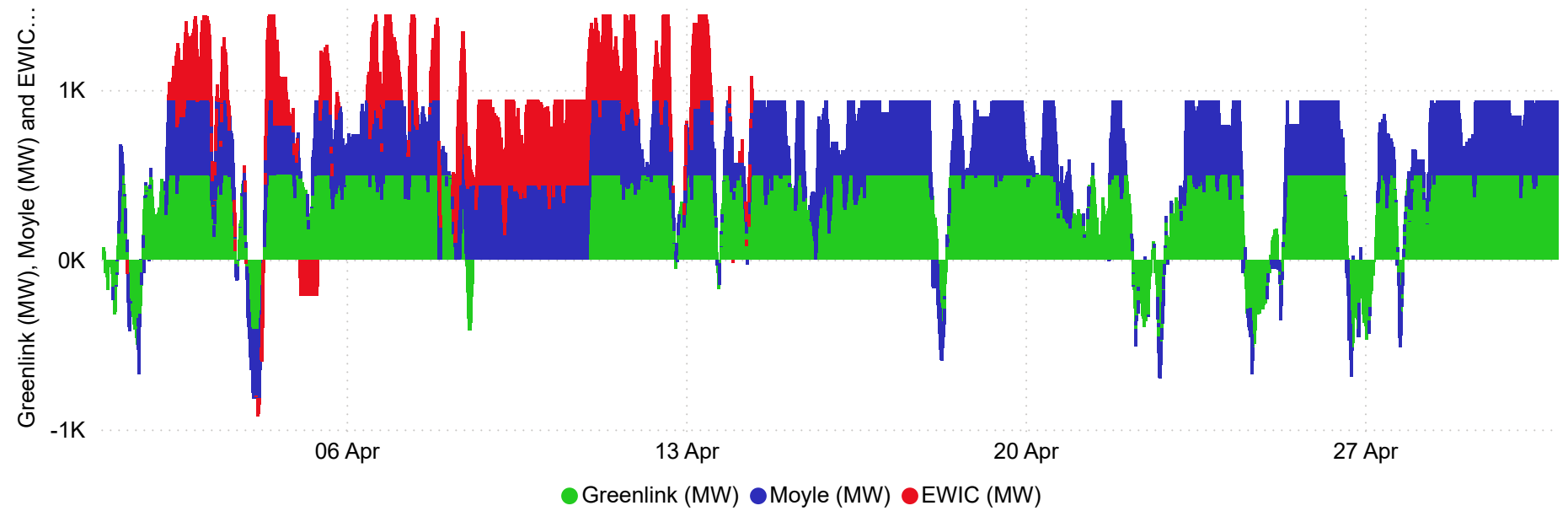
The MMU is investigating this matter further and will come back to the SEMC in the foreseeable future with more information on this front.

SEM Interconnectors April 2025

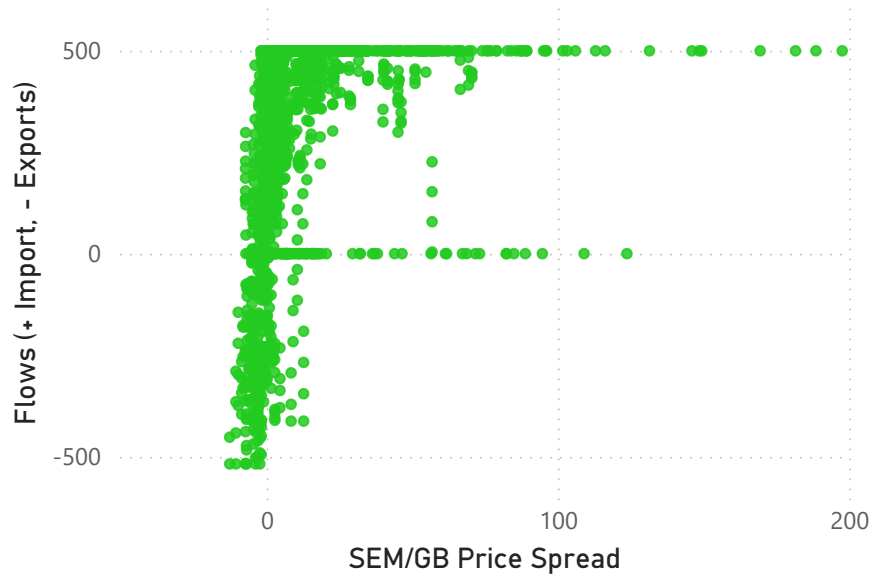
Due to higher average day-ahead prices in the SEM compared to GB, interconnectors operated largely in a net import position.

Planned maintenance at the East-West Interconnector restricted interconnector capacity between GB and the SEM.

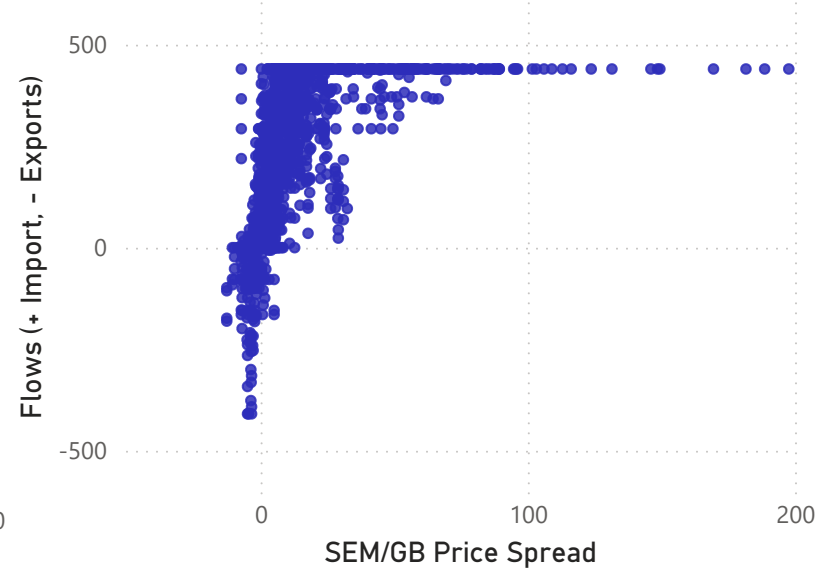
SEM Interconnector Flows



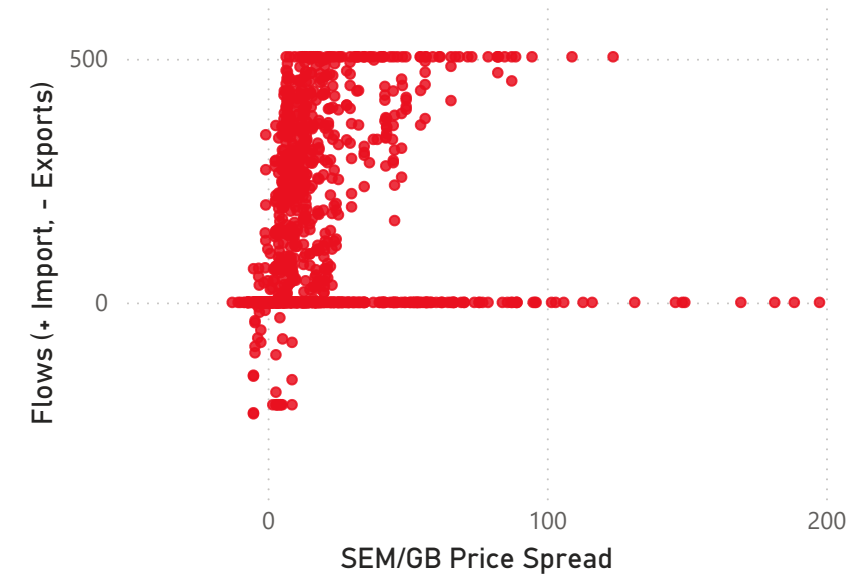
Greenlink Flows vs SEM/GB Price Spread



Moyle Flows vs SEM/GB Price Spread



EWIC Flows vs SEM/GB Price Spread

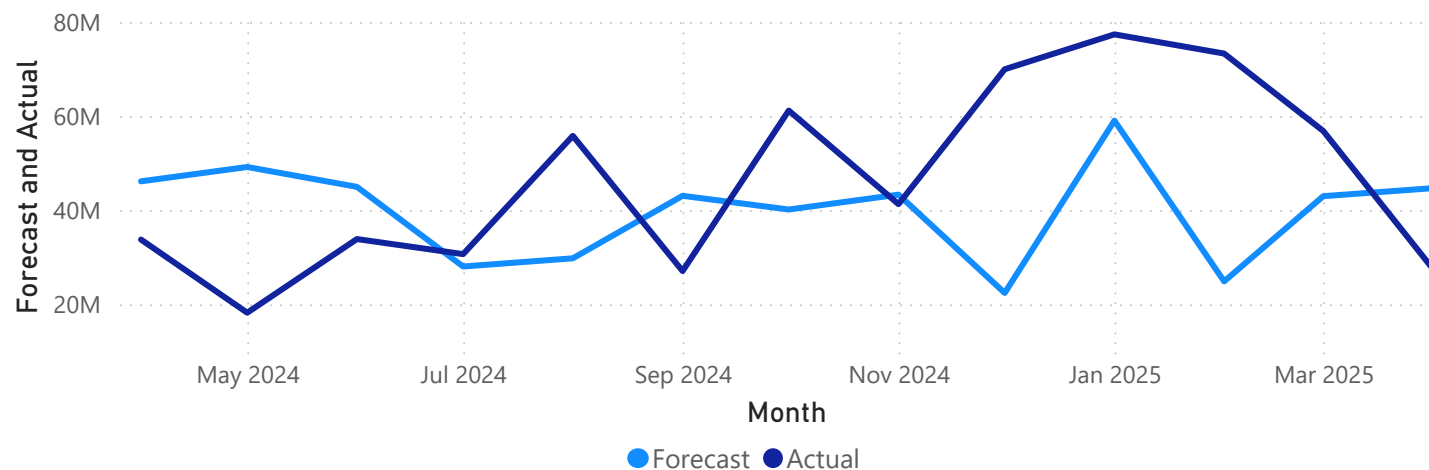


Balancing Market April 2025

Where power stations are run differently from the market schedule, it is termed “constraint”. Subject to the Trading and Settlement Code and Firm Access, Constraint payments keep generators financially neutral for the difference between the market schedule and what actually happened when generating units were dispatched.

Generators can be constrained ‘on’ or ‘up’ if the market schedule indicated they were to be run at lower levels than actually happened. Or they could be constrained ‘down’ or ‘off’ if they were to be run at a higher level than happened in reality. There is always an overall net cost to the system associated with constraints.

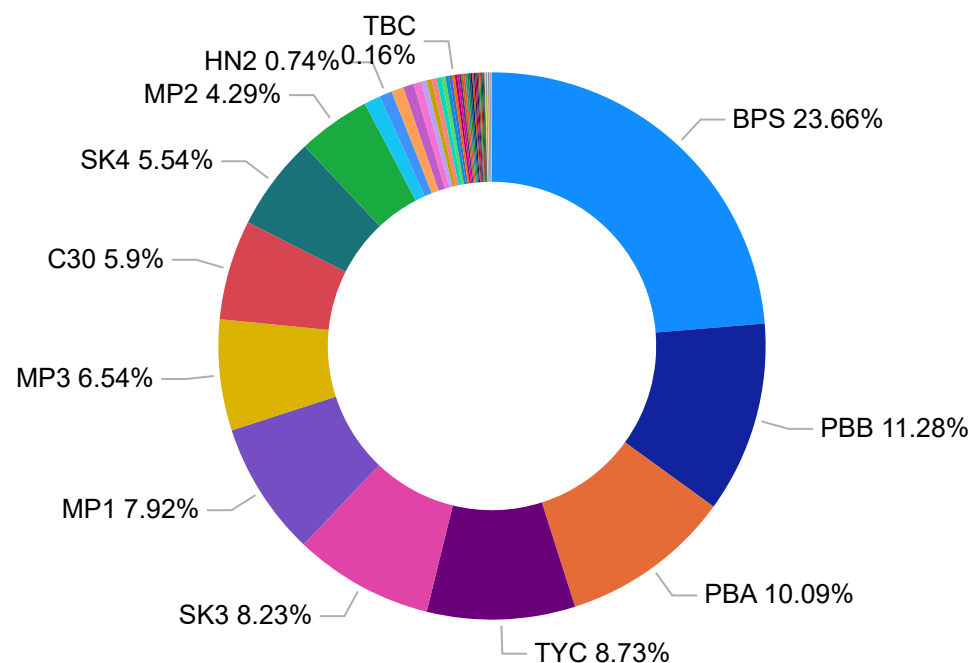
Imperfection Costs - Forecast vs Actual



Determinant Name Value €

CABBPO	15,722.65
CAOOPO	154,831.81
CCURL	-1,259,179.22
CDISCOUNT	12,937,087.91
CFC	4,077,882.98
CPREMIUM	12,844,629.98
CTEST	-145,646.15
CUNIMB	-1,125,862.79
Total	27,499,467.17

Market Share per Unit (CFC, CPREMIUN, CDISCOUNT)



Constraints Payments

This charts illustrates the distribution of selected Constraint Payments, to specific power plants. BPS (EP Ballylumford) was the largest receiver of these payments followed by PBB (Poolbeg B).

Balancing Market April 2025

30 Minutes Imbalance Price

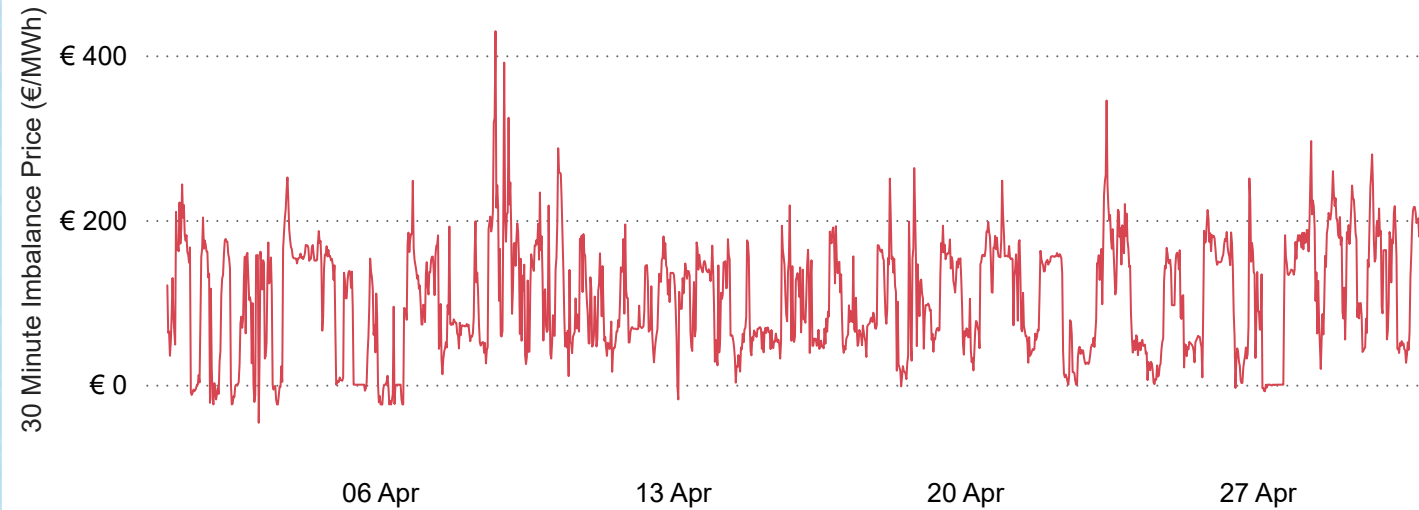
€ 103.39
Average Price
-€ 46.28
Lowest Price
€ 429.34
Highest Price

Imbalance Price & Volumes

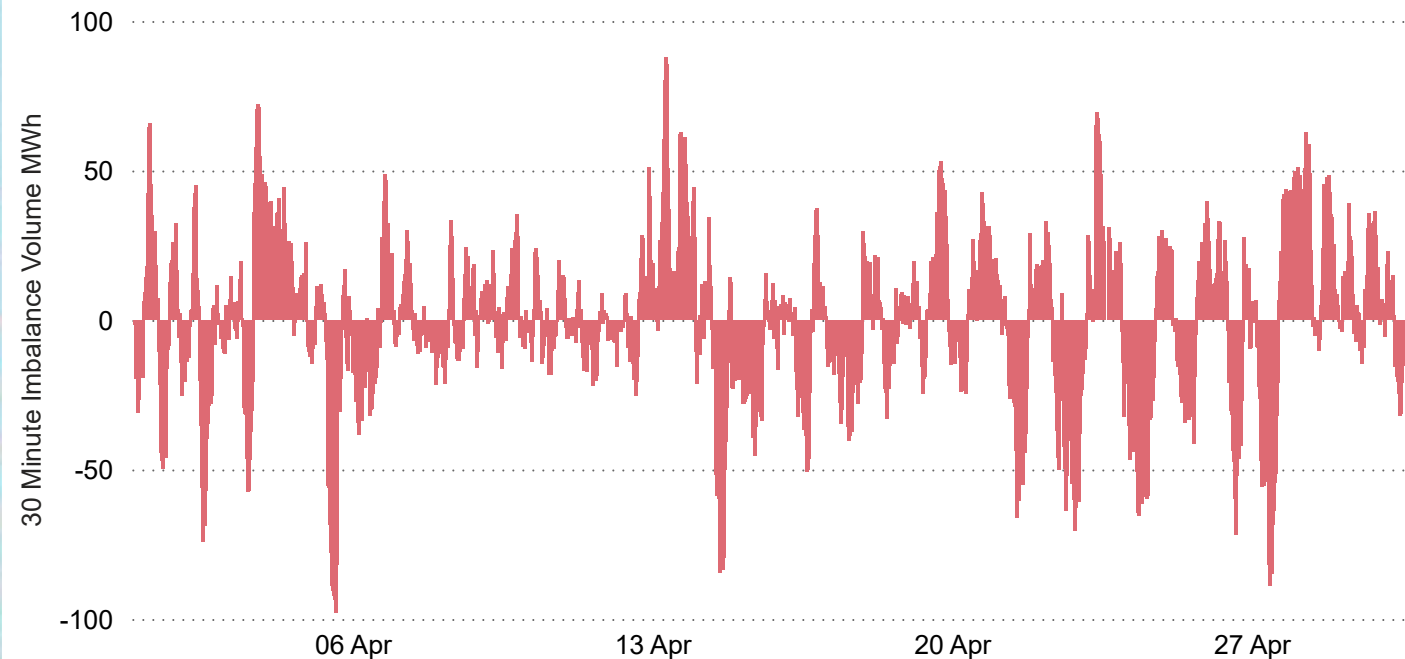
The average Imbalance (BM) Price this month was less than Day Ahead Price. But the Balancing Market prices has exhibited a much higher range of prices indicating a higher level of volatility compared to Day Ahead Market Prices. This is an expected characteristic of the Balancing Market.

There were no Reliability Options events this month as the Balancing Market prices have not breached the PSTR level.

30 Minute Imbalance Prices



30 Minute Imbalance Volume



Demand and Generation Mix



SEM Demand

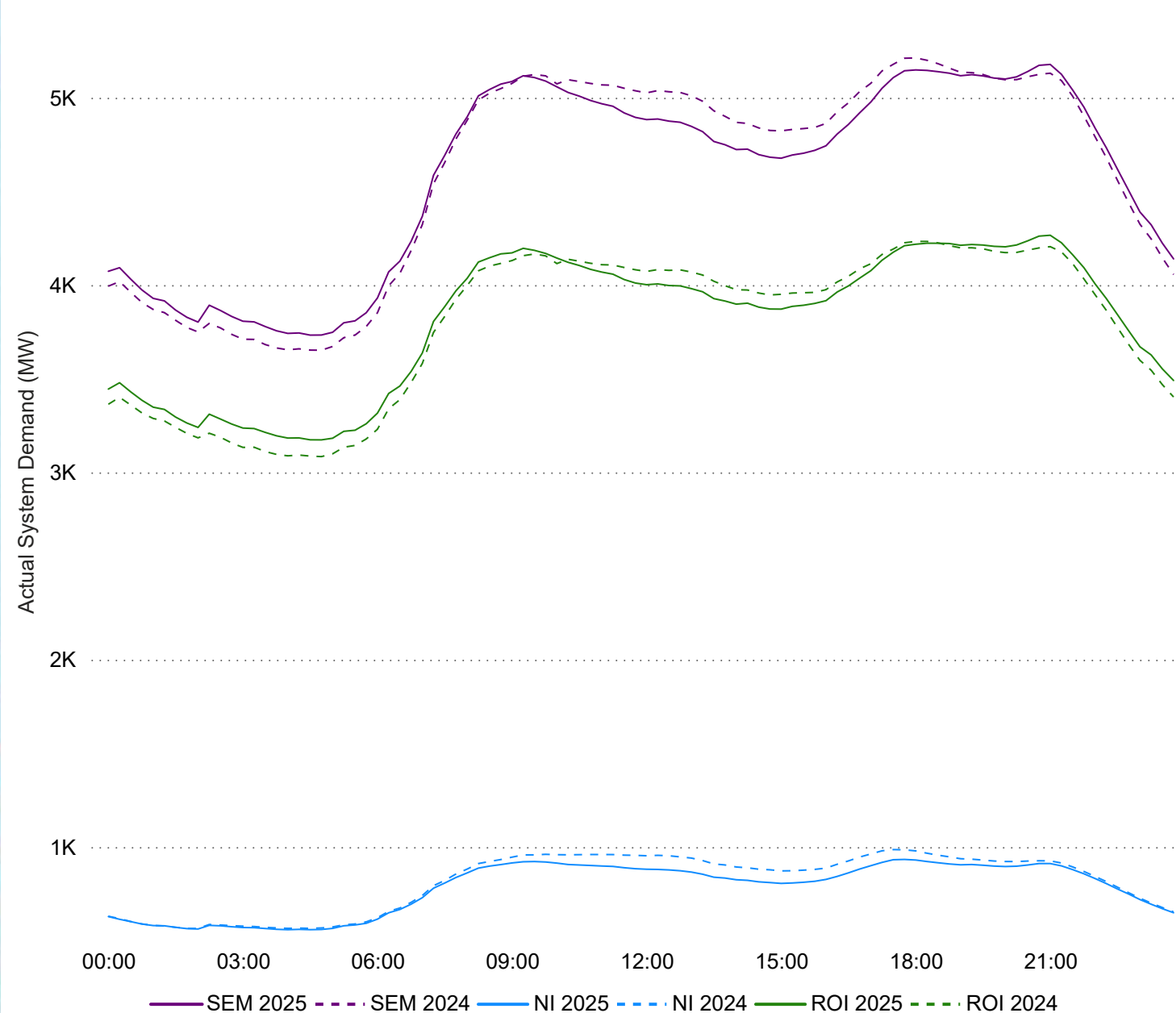
The graph indicates a 0.22% decrease in all-island demand compared to the same period last year.

NI demand experienced a 3.85% decrease compared to the same period last year.

ROI demand increased by 0.55% relative to the same period last year.

Due to solar energy adoption, minimum day-time demand is falling as more and more customers self-consume rooftop solar generation and reduce demand from the grid.

Monthly Average Hourly Demand Curves

Demand
April 2025

SEM Demand

4,593.55	4,603.78
SEM Average 2025	SEM Average 2024
3,732.57	3,651.97
SEM Min 2025	SEM Min 2024
5,177.60	5,212.20
SEM Max 2025	SEM Max 2024

NI Demand

780.44	811.72
NI Average 2025	NI Average 2024
558.67	565.27
NI Min 2025	NI Min 2024
933.70	986.27
NI Max 2025	NI Max 2024

ROI Demand

3,813.12	3,792.09
ROI Average 2025	ROI Average 2024
3,173.33	3,084.00
ROI Min 2025	ROI Min 2024
4,265.73	4,232.80
ROI Max 2025	ROI Max 2024

Duration Curves April 2025

Price Duration

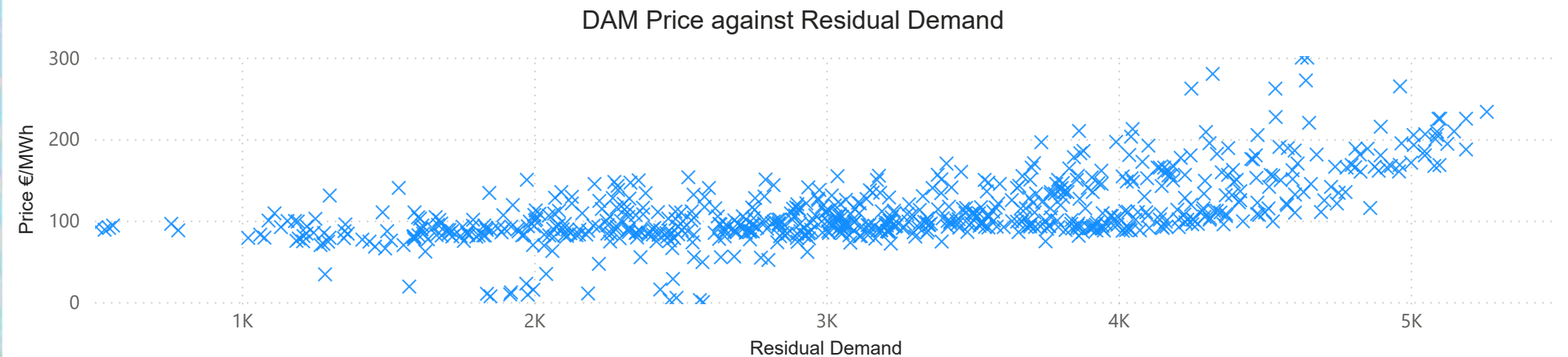
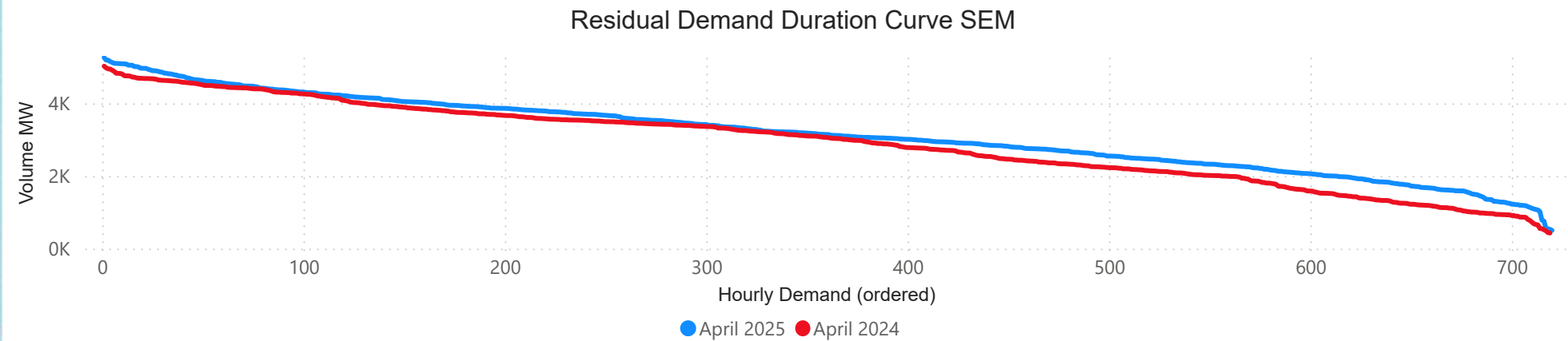
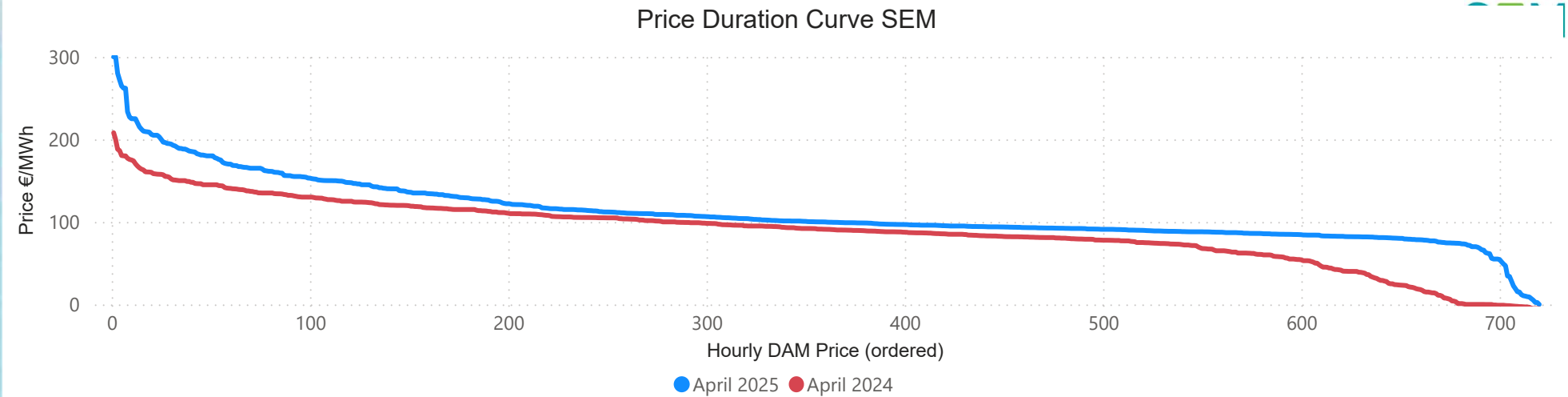
The price duration curve shows the hourly DAM prices across the month ordered from the largest to the smallest.

Residual Duration

The residual demand curve shows the ordered hourly demand level across the month which can't be met by renewable generation.

Price against Residual Demand

Shows the residual demand for each period relative to the DAM price for that period.



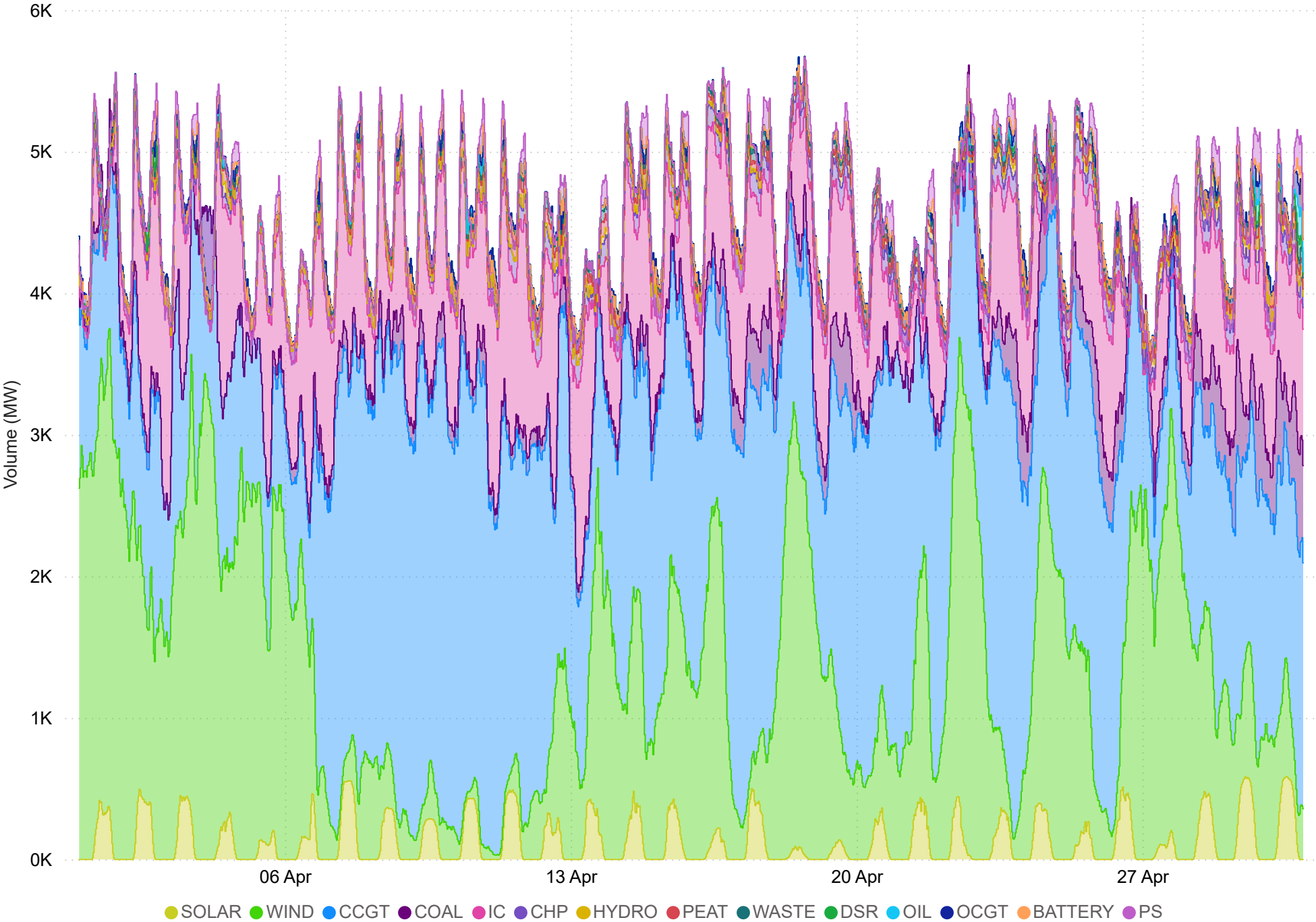


Fuel Mix April 2025

Fuel Type	Avg Monthly	Per. Monthly
CCGT	1936	42.6%
WIND	1282	28.2%
INTERCONNECTORS	691	15.2%
COAL	205	4.5%
SOLAR	129	2.9%
CHP	123	2.7%
PEAT	56	1.2%
WASTE	52	1.2%
HYDRO	45	1.0%
DSR	30	0.7%
OCGT	7	0.2%
OIL	4	0.1%
BATTERY	-7	-0.2%
PUMPED STORAGE	-13	-0.3%

Fuel Type	Max Monthly	Min Monthly
CCGT	3481	772
WIND	3432	31
INTERCONNECTORS	1492	-886
COAL	758	0
SOLAR	585	0
OCGT	264	0
OIL	219	0
PUMPED STORAGE	218	-230
BATTERY	198	-161
CHP	164	72
DSR	151	0
HYDRO	124	0
PEAT	110	0
WASTE	82	17

SEM 30 Minute Fuel Mix

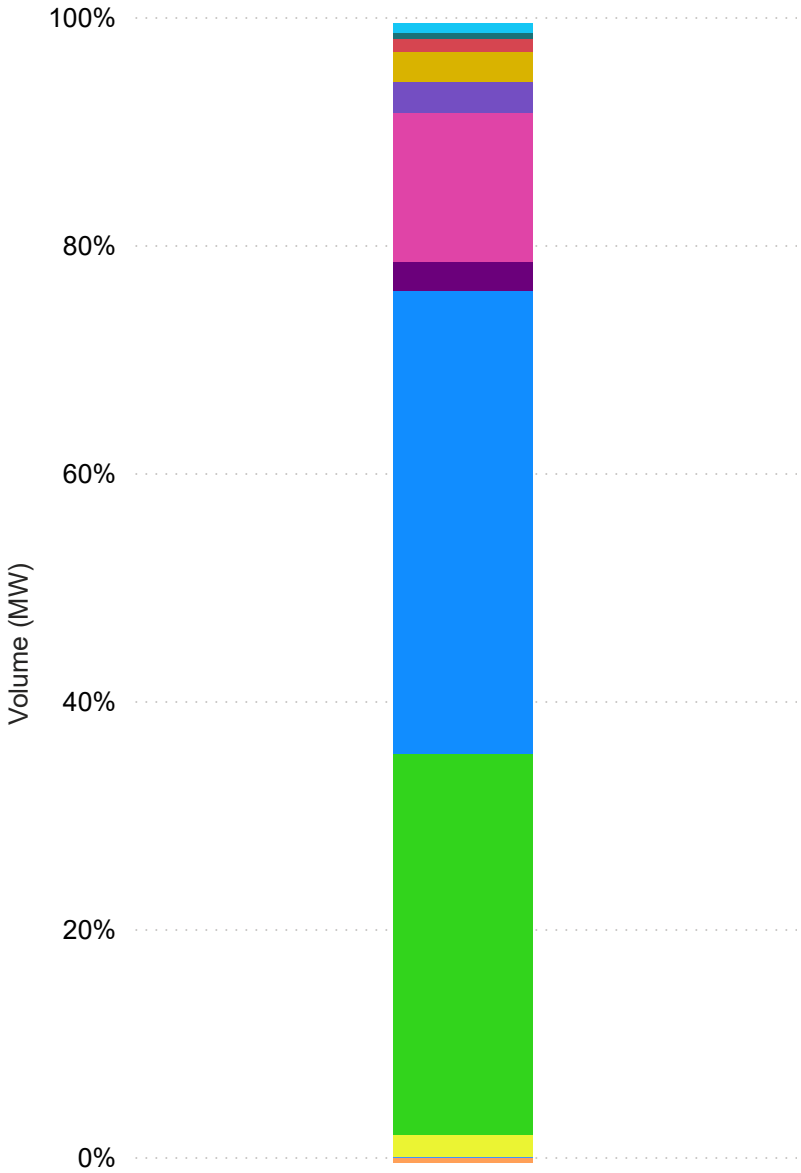


Fuel Mix Comparison

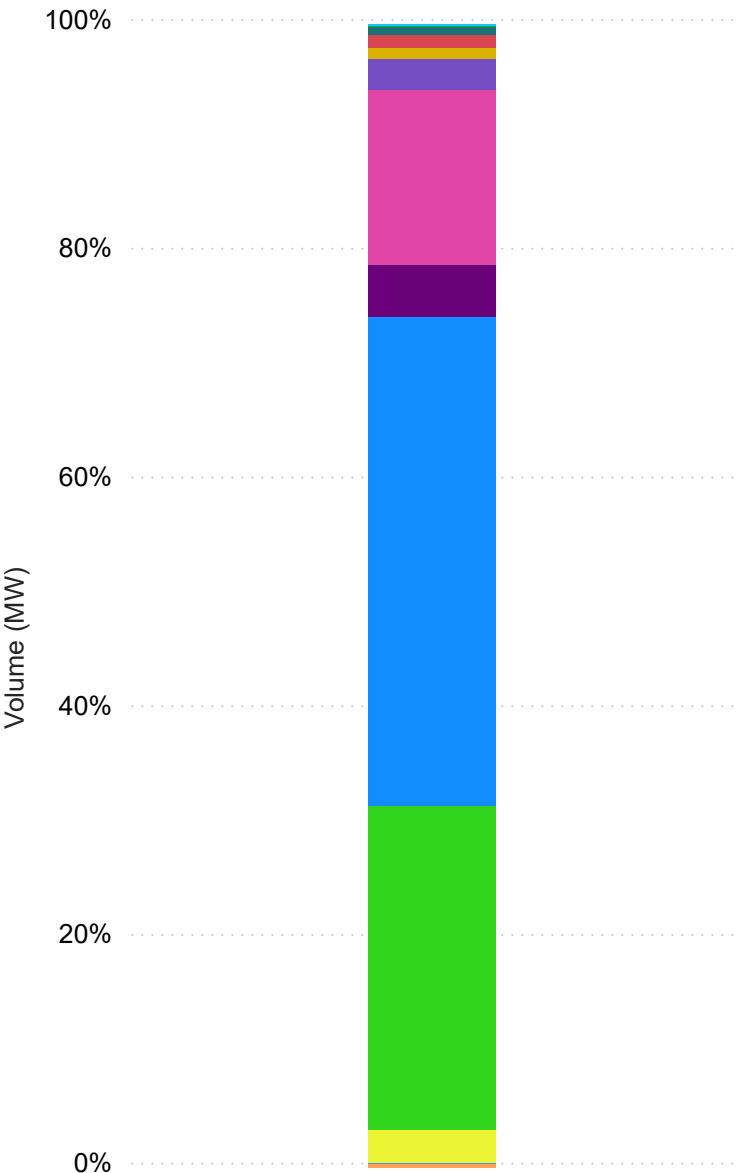
April 2024 & 2025

- SOLAR
- WIND
- CCGT
- COAL
- INTERCONNECTORS
- CHP
- HYDRO
- WASTE
- DSR
- OIL
- OCGT
- BATTERY
- PUMPED STORAGE

SEM Fuel Mix April 2024



SEM Fuel Mix April 2025



North-South Tie Line April 2025

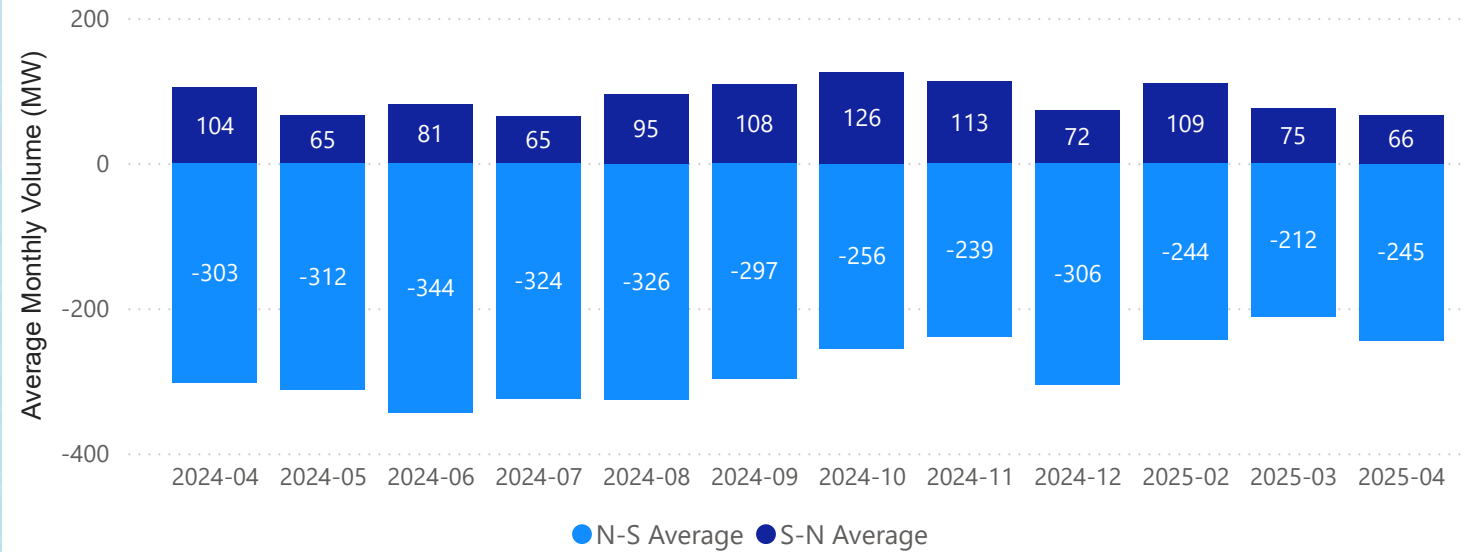
Average Flow NI to ROI (MW)
-244.53

Average Flow ROI to NI (MW)
66.34

Average Net Flow NI to ROI (MW)
-218.79

-ve flow NI to ROI
+ve flow ROI to NI

Average Flows N-S Tie Line Long Term Trend

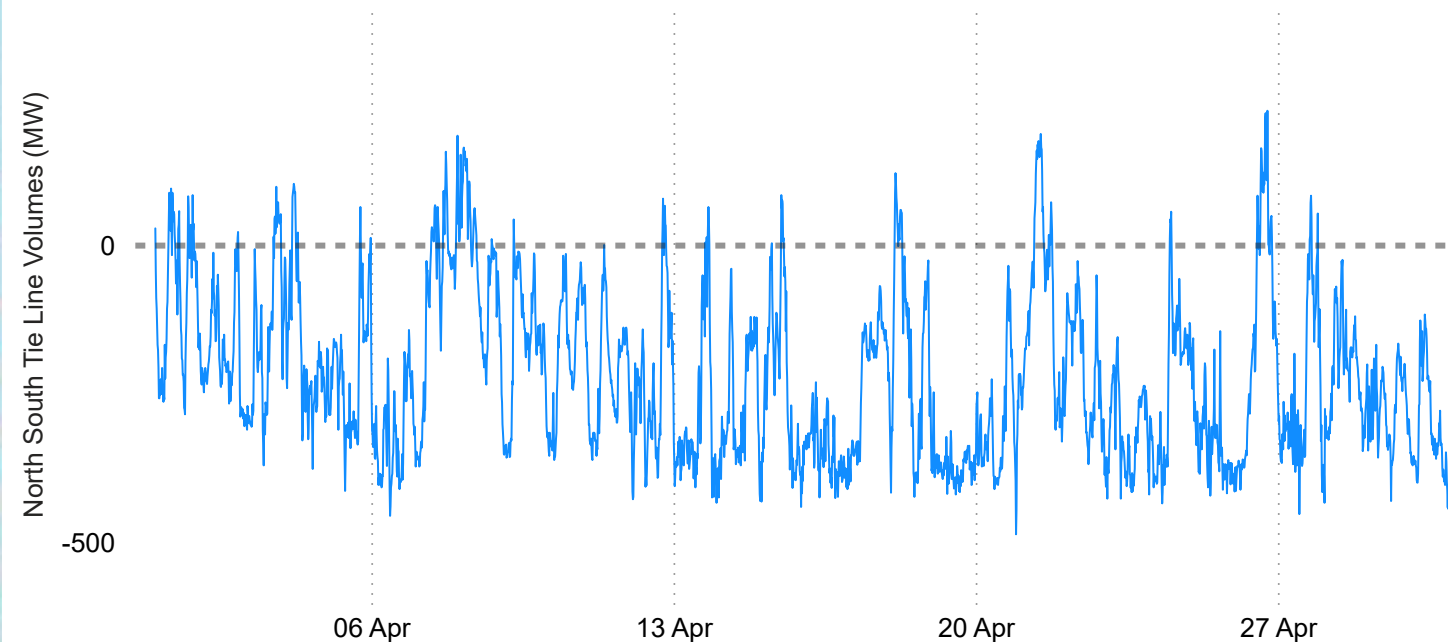


North South Tie Line

Flows across the N-S Tie Line were predominantly in the North to South direction this month. This has been the long term trend. There are persistence reasons for this trend as below:

- When the wind penetration is high in NI, a surplus of power can be formed as the TSO must run a minimal number of thermal units in NI to deal with operational constraints in the system. Exporting power southwards is a mechanism to avoid wind curtailment.
- The demand in ROI has been growing at a faster pace than in NI.

North South Tie Line Volumes 15 minute periods



Wind Generation April 2025

Average Daily Actual Wind (MW)

1,278

Average Daily Forecast Wind (MW)

1,341

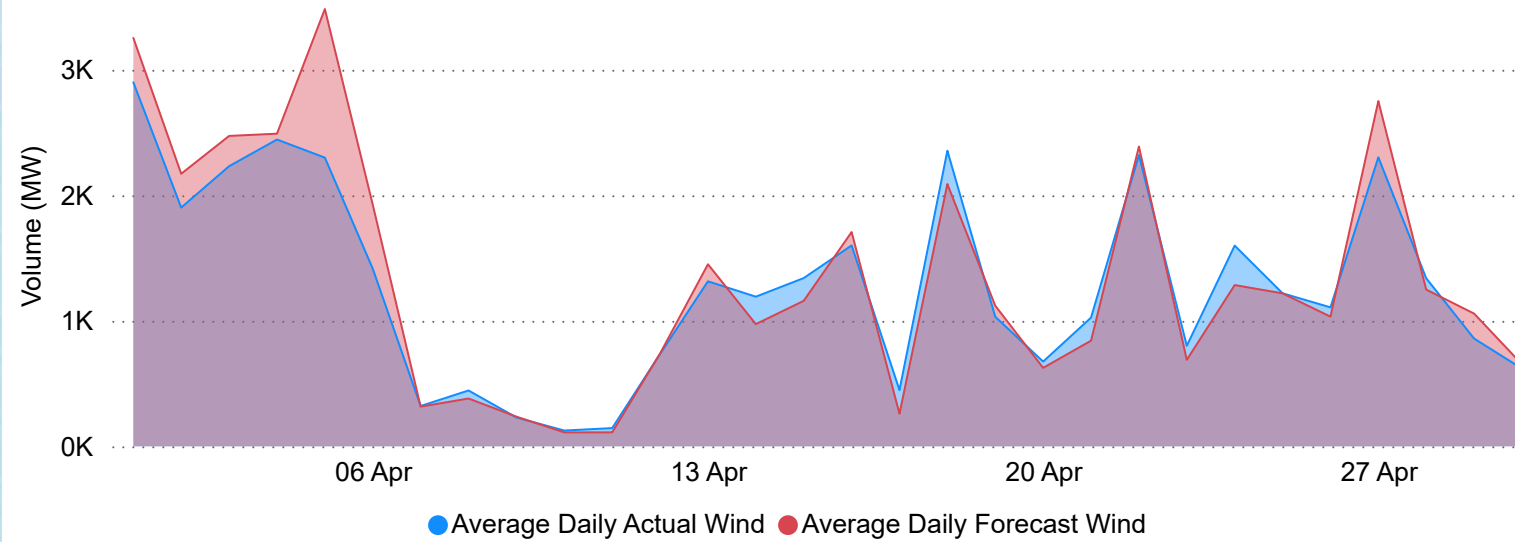
Min SNSP%

12.59

Max SNSP%

74.94

Actual Daily Average Wind Relative to Forecast Daily Average Wind

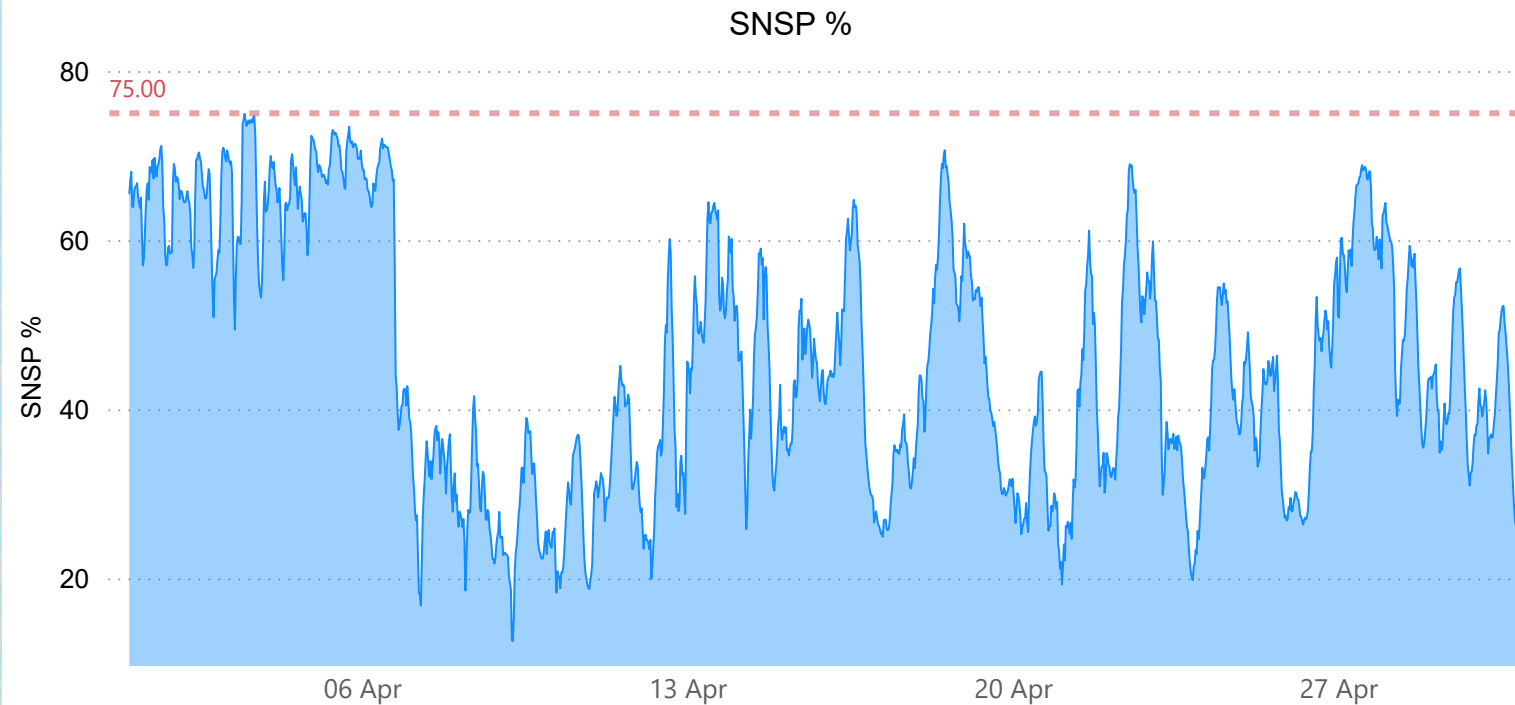


Wind Generation

Average wind generation decreased by 21% from last month and by 15% compared to the same period last year.

SNSP

SNSP is closely linked to wind generation and as such follows the same trend across the month.



CO₂ April 2025

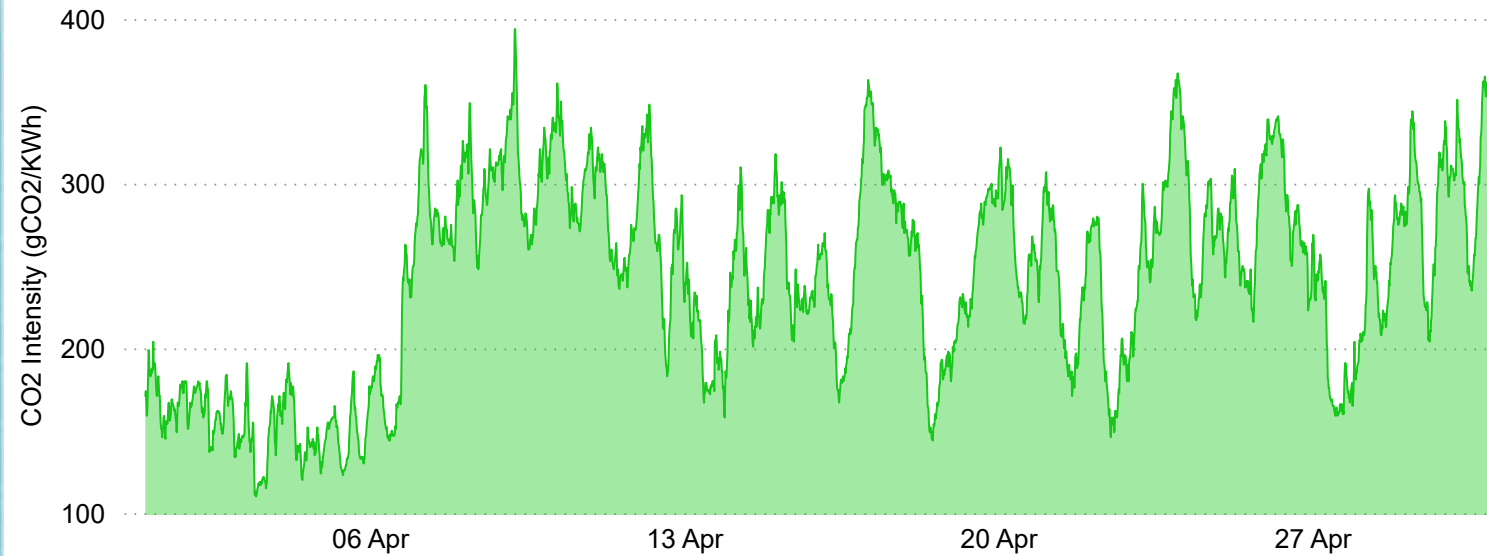
CO₂ Intensity (gCO₂/kWh)

242.00
Average
110
Lowest
394
Highest

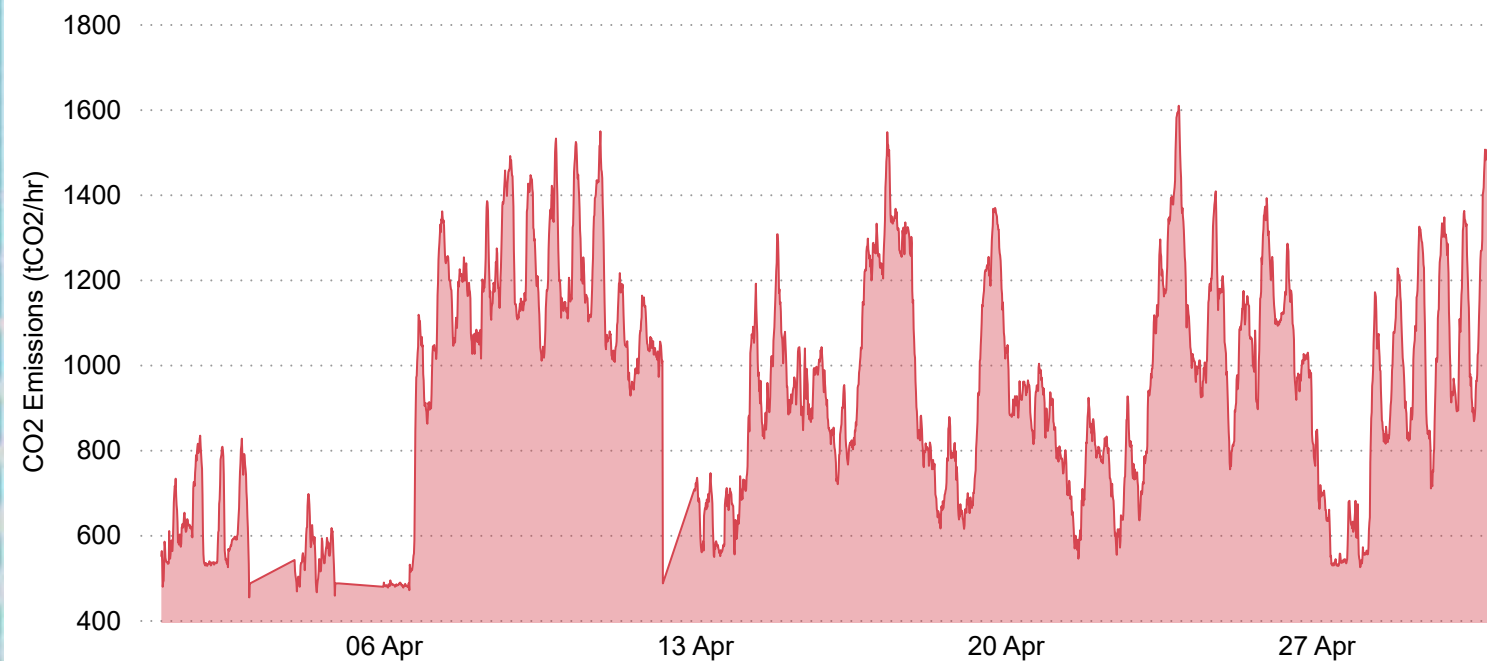
CO₂ Emissions (tCO₂/hr)

943
Average
453
Lowest
1608
Highest

CO₂ Intensity



CO₂ Emissions



CO₂ Intensity

CO₂ Intensity i.e. how many grams of carbon are emitted for every unit of electricity used, should be negatively correlated with the volume of wind output on the system.

CO₂ Emissions

CO₂ emissions i.e. the estimated total CO₂ emissions from all large power stations, follows the same trends as CO₂ intensity levels over the course of the month.

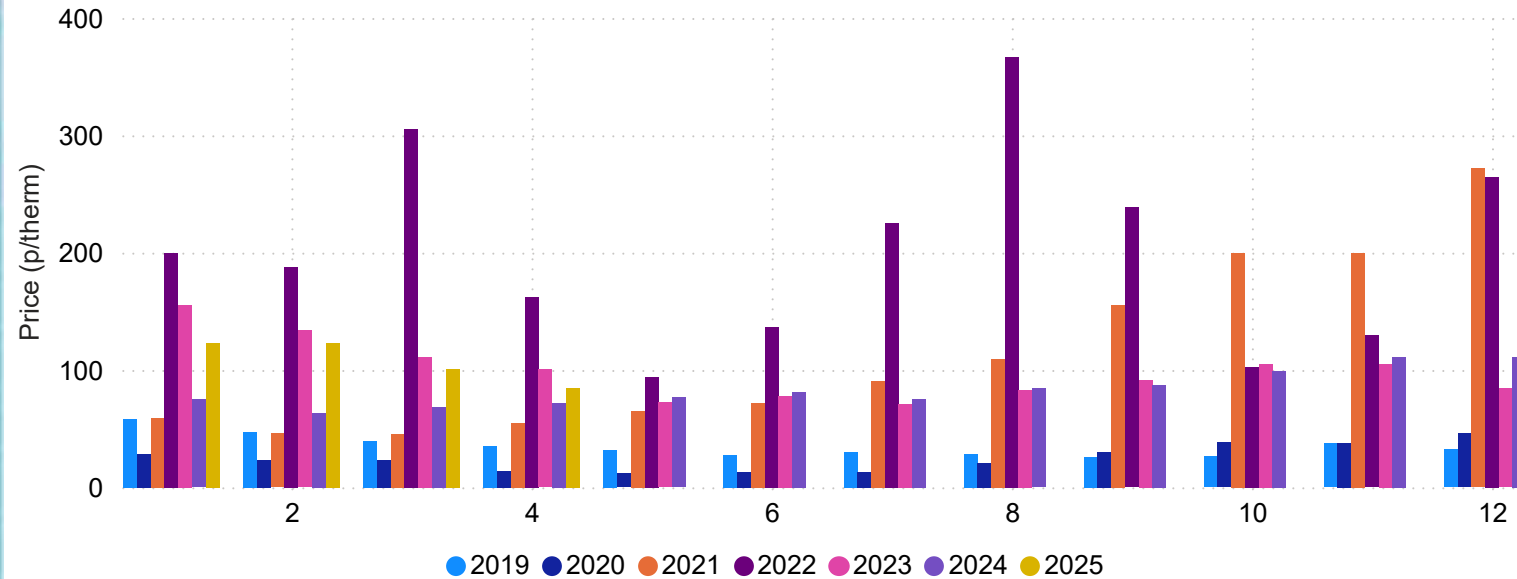
Fuel Costs and Spreads



Gas Price April 2025

84.72
Monthly Average (p/therm)
76.35
Monthly Low (p/therm)
102.20
Monthly High (p/therm)

Monthly Day Ahead NBP Gas Price by Year (p/therm)



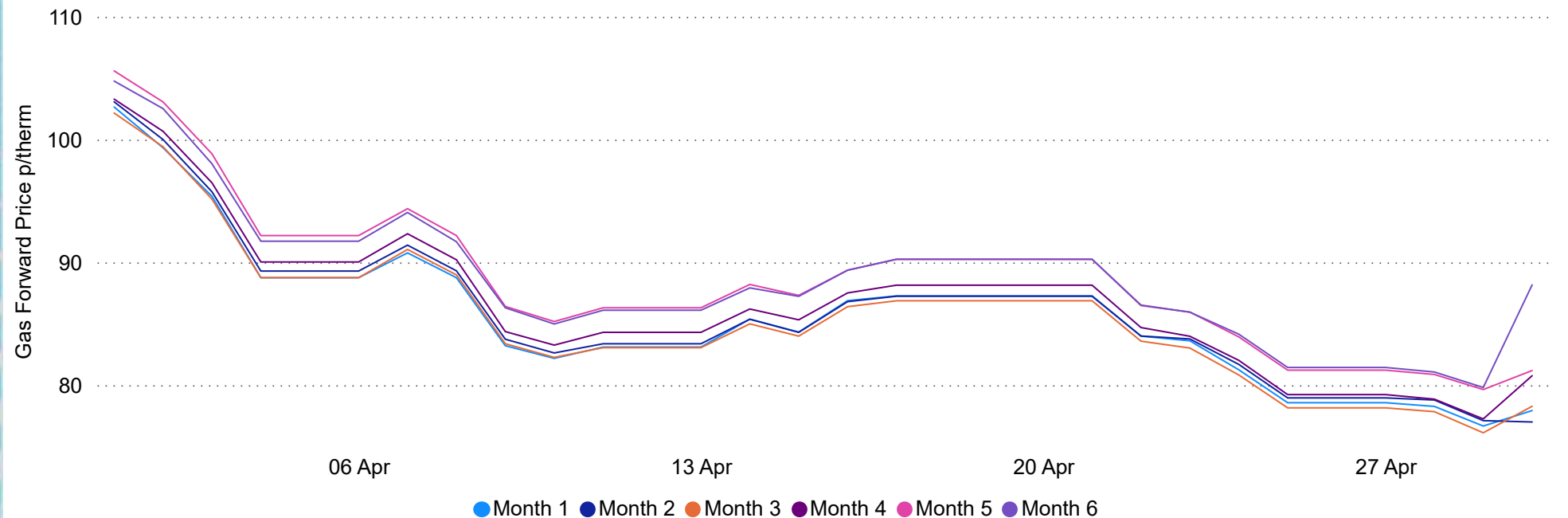
Gas Prices

There was a 16% decrease on average in Gas Prices compared to last month. Gas prices fell constantly throughout April to their lowest level since July 2024.

Gas Forward Prices

Increased temperatures and lower EU gas storage targets continue to put downward pressure on the futures market.

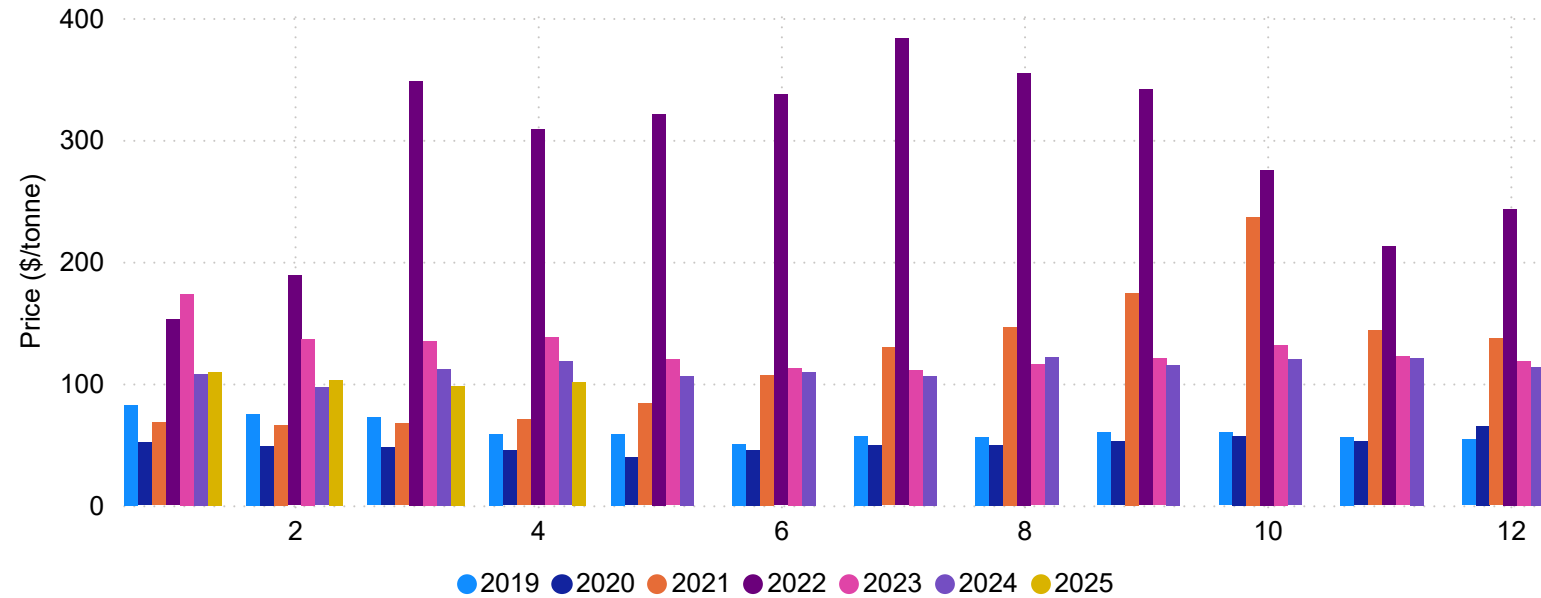
Gas Forward Prices



Coal Price April 2025

Coal Prices Per Tonne
\$101.46
Monthly Average
\$92.20
Monthly Low
\$105.75
Monthly High

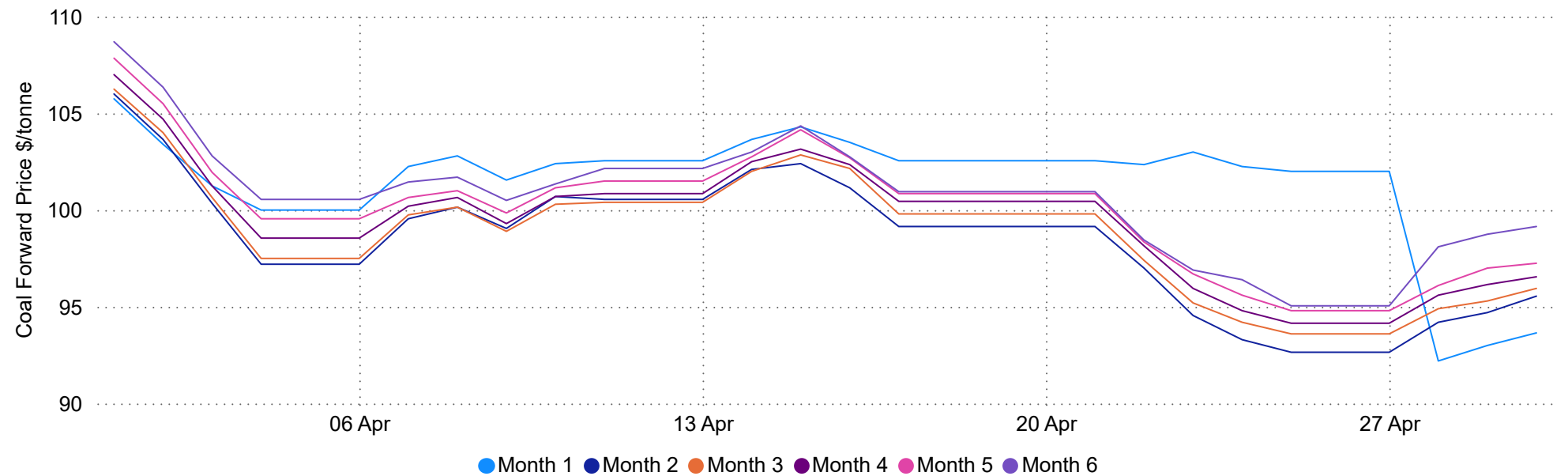
Monthly ICE Rotterdam Coal Price by Year (\$/tonne)



Coal Prices

Coal prices averaged \$101.46/tonne, increasing 4% from the previous month, however, this is a notable 14% decrease on the previous year.

Coal Forward Prices



Carbon Price April 2025

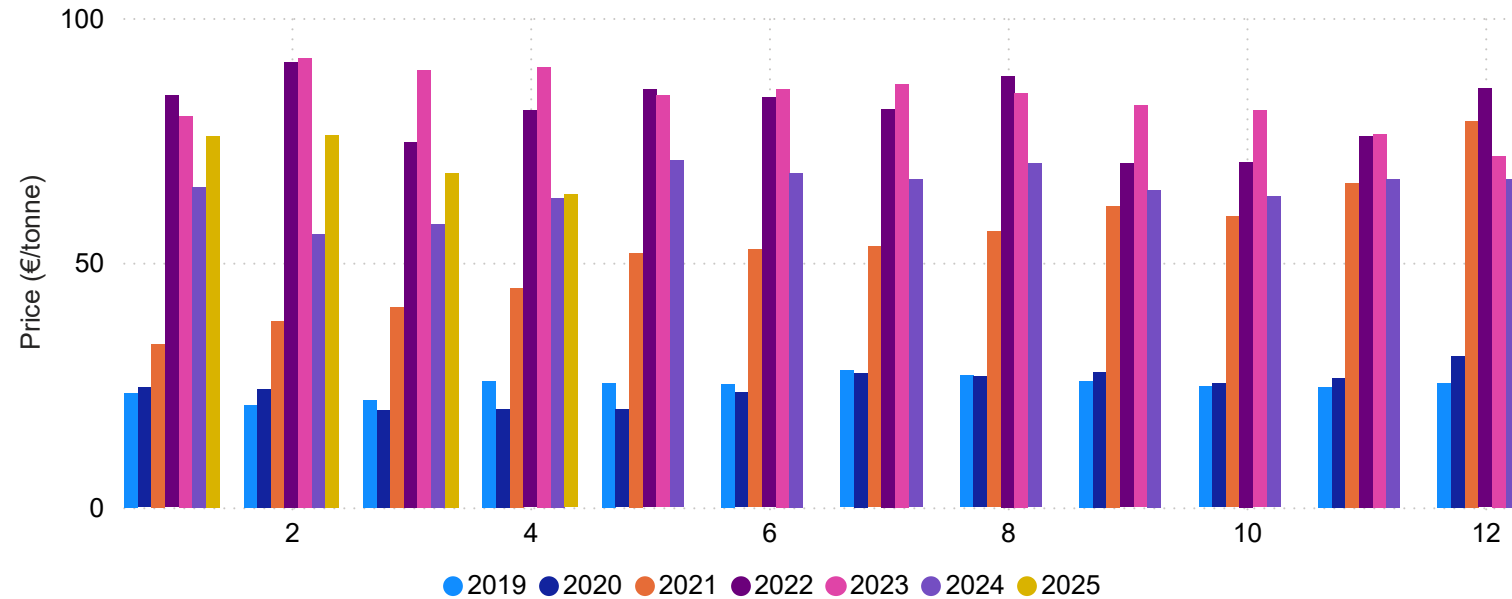
EU Carbon Prices (€/tonne)

€ 63.96
Monthly Average
€ 60.00
Monthly Low
€ 68.59
Monthly High

UK Carbon Prices (€/tonne)

€ 53.72
Monthly Average
€ 48.00
Monthly Low
€ 56.10
Monthly High

Monthly EU Carbon Permits Price by Year (€/tonne)

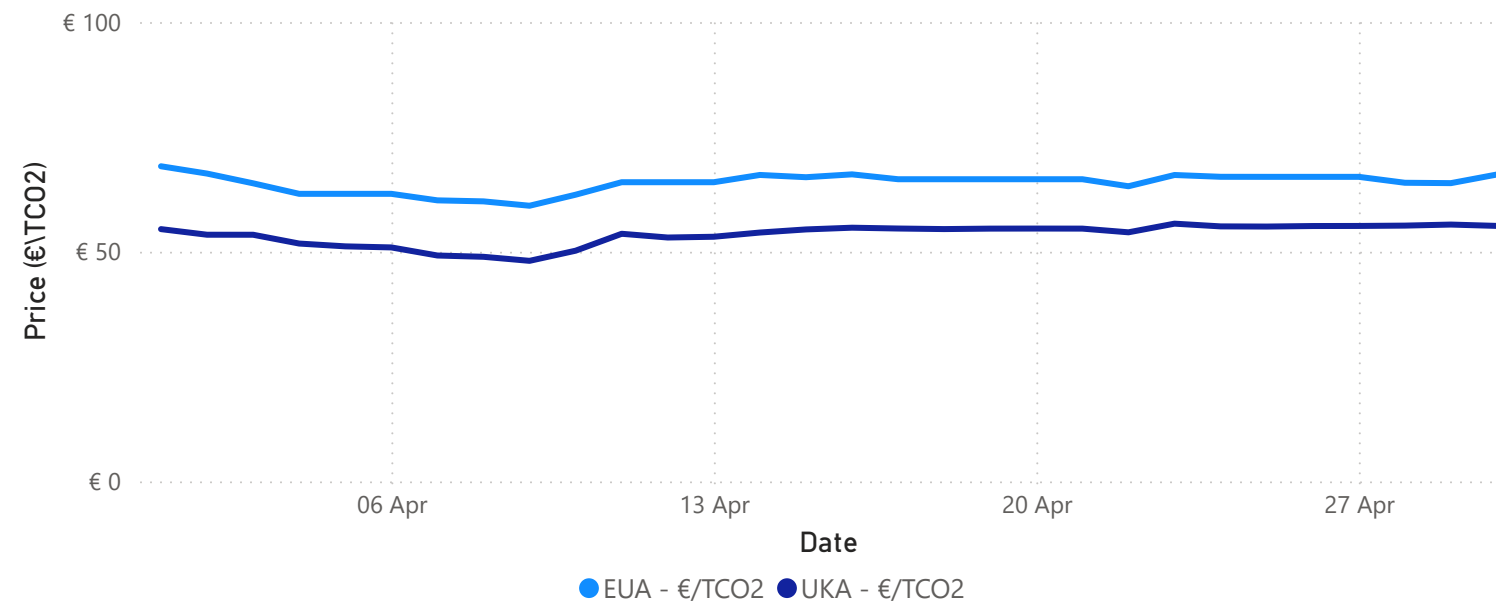


Carbon Prices

Carbon prices averaged €63.96/tonne, with a 6% drop from the last month average.

Carbon prices are heavily reliant on wind output levels. However, with above normal temperatures this reduces power-for-heating requirements across Europe and limits stronger gains across the scheme.

UK & EU Carbon Prices



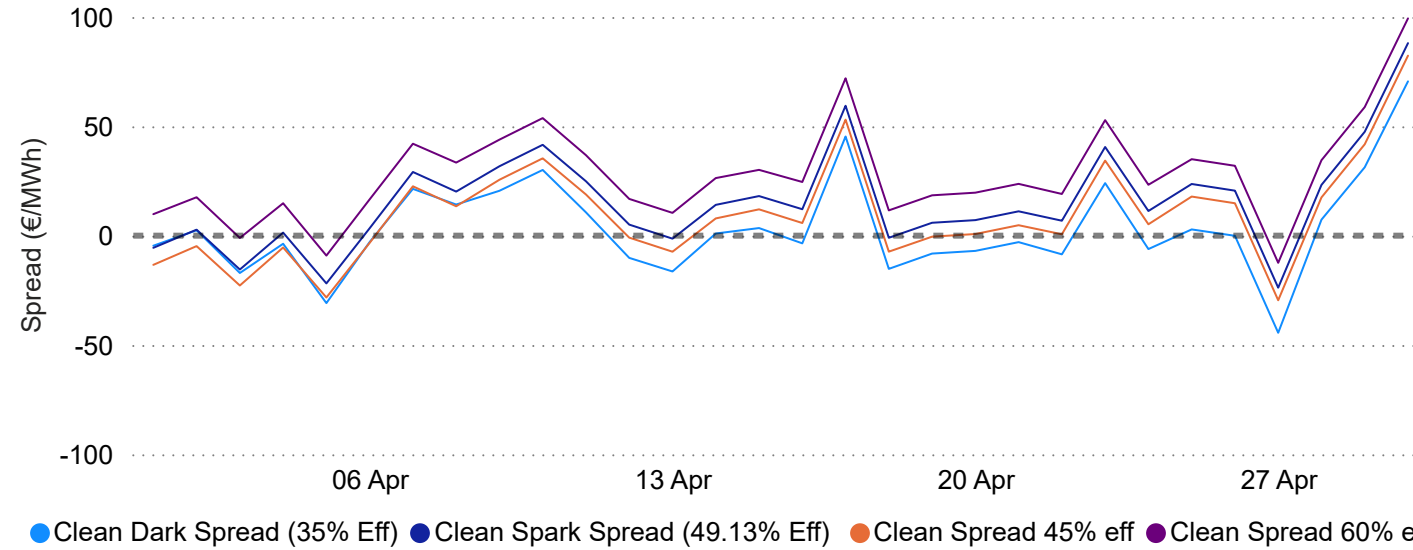
Spark Spreads

April 2025

Clean Dark Spread measure the profitability of coal fired power generation based on the variable cost of inputs (coal and carbon credits) and the value of the output (electricity).

Clean Spark Spread is the difference between the price received by a generator for electricity produced and the cost of the natural gas + Carbon needed to produce that electricity.

Clean Dark Spread v Clean Spark Spread



Clean Dark Spread vs Clean Spark Spread

Spreads were generally consistent across the month.

Clean Dark Spread v Clean Spark Spread (October 2018 Onwards)

