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Goals of NWE project

Same areas as volume coupling, initially. Improvements:

- · Price coupling, one step process
- · No inconsistencies, shorter processing time
- · Full integration of UK markets
- Extendability: ready for further integration of other areas in Europe (therefore, OMIE was closely involved)

Main measures:

- PCR (Price Coupling of Regions) infrastructure
- · NWE project first to use this new infrastructure, designed to cover all Europe
- The 2 UK exchanges also to be fully included (APX UK and N2EX):
 Price coupling across UK interconnectors BritNed and IFA
 - A "virtual hub" in UK
- UK Virtual hub allowing competing exchanges in same area (only for UK):
 - Two bidding "areas", both covering all of UK, one for each exchange (APX UK and N2EX)
 - An infinite transmission capacity between these "areas".
 - Clearing and settlement arrangement between the exchanges
 - Outcome: same prices on both areas and both competing UK exchanges, with a certain volume mix.

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