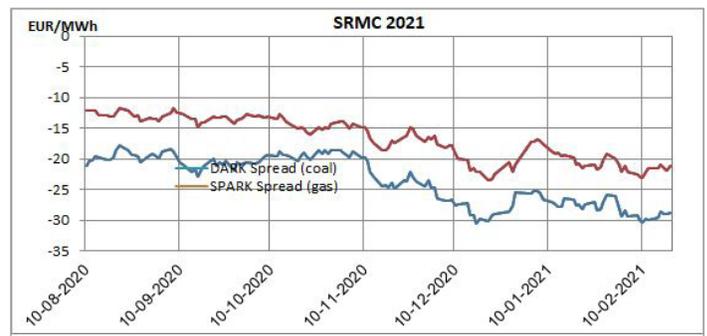
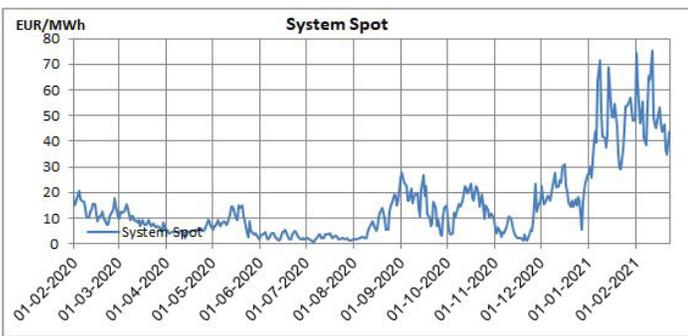


Expectation

- Oil** Prices continued upwards on the international oil market yesterday. Early in the day, the market actually fell due to higher US inventory levels, but the sentiment changed later in the day. We still see some production issues in the US due to the cold spell in Texas, which has limited the total US output significantly. As a result, the Brent front month contract climbed by another 1,67 USD/bbl, settling at 67,04 USD/bbl, once again a year-high. Further gains seem likely today.
- Gas** The bearish sentiment returned on the European gas markets yesterday. Temperatures have sky-rocketed from far below to well above average in Western and Central Europe over the last week, and this drastically influences gas demand. Some supply issues and low storage levels compared to seasonal normal limited the downside.
- Coal** On the coal market, we saw a more or less neutral development yesterday. The warm weather and resulting low demand offers significantly bearish support, but this is currently offset by rising demand in other parts of the world as well as supply issues in both Russia and South Africa. These factors will keep weighing on the market in the coming time, so another bullish session is likely today.
- Carbon** Once again, we saw some turnarounds during the day on the highly volatile European carbon market. The benchmark contract rose once again, settling at 39,15 EUR/t. The contract is now closing in on its all-time high of 40,25 EUR/MWh, a level it could very well challenge within the coming time despite the warm weather across Europe.
- Hydro** The weather forecasts currently agree, that we will see a change to cooler and drier conditions in the Nordic area next week. Temperatures are set to drop below average in around a week from now, which will likely cause increased power demand once again. The outlook is a bullish signal for the Nordic power market Thursday.
- Germany** The spring-like weather which has suddenly struck Germany has limited the country's power demand, something which offers bearish support to the market. Temperatures are however set to decline a bit again next week, and as carbon continues upwards, German power prices followed suit yesterday. We expect a bullish session today, both because the carbon market rose late yesterday, and because it appears to continue up today.
- Equities** Wednesday, the European stock markets managed to rebound, possibly because of news that 75 % of the adult population is expected vaccinated by the end of the summer, which is faster than previously anticipated. Later in the day, the bullish sentiment continued in the US, where the S&P 500 Index climbed 1,14 %. The gains continue early Thursday.
- Conclusion** Yesterday, fluctuations were rather small on the Nordic power market. The weather forecasts are rather mixed right now, with high temperatures and a lot of precipitation during the next week, followed by cooler and drier conditions from then on. Rising German power market offered some bullish support, but not enough to help the market climb noticeably. The Q2-21 and YR-22 contracts closed at 23,50 EUR/MWh and 25,75 EUR/MWh respectively, and we could see

Spot	DK1	DK2	SE3	SE4	HEL	OSL	SYS	Forwards	DK1	DK2	STO	MAL	HEL	OSL	SYS	SRMC	Coal	Gas	Oil
23-feb	44,46	44,91	41,34	44,62	41,47	38,78	39,21	March	41,30	42,93	33,05	39,55	40,03	33,55	30,55	March	56,23	47,08	62,30
24-feb	31,35	34,20	32,08	34,16	37,44	32,12	31,35	Q2-21	42,25	43,38	32,00	33,50	41,00	25,25	23,50	Q2-21	56,31	45,75	0,00
25-feb	33,16	33,16	31,78	32,76	33,35	32,09	30,67	2022	38,70	41,75	29,35	33,93	36,73	28,10	25,75	2022	57,54	48,76	0,00



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