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The capacity offer at interconnection points (PIR)

The UBI (Use-it-and-Buy-It) capacity offer allows shippers to request additional capacity, which can be granted for the day-ahead or during the gas day.

The following sheet describes subscription modalities at Dunkerque, Taisnières B, Virtualys, Obergailbach and Oltingue Interconnection Points (PIR).

As of October 1st 2020, PIR are all commercialised on Prisma auctions following the CAM (*) European network code, even if Dunkerque and Oltingue are not "CAM points". However there is a specificity for Oltingue entry.

(*) CAM = Capacity Allocation Mechanism. "CAM points" are the interconnection points between 2 countries from the European Union, for which the European Network Code must apply.

– The products commercialized on PIR

NaTran sells on PIR:

- **Firm capacity:** use of the capacity is guaranteed (under normal system operating conditions and outside maintenance work periods)
- **Interruptible capacity:** capacity is available, subject primarily to consumption or system configuration. Interruptible capacities are marketed :
 - if there is a premium during the auction of firm capacities,
 - or if all firm capacities were allocated,
 - or if firm capacities have not been offered to the market

On some points, capacities are also marketed in the opposite direction of the dominant physical flow direction ("backhaul" capacity).

The capacities are sold on five time steps:

- yearly
- quarterly
- monthly
- daily
- within day

In order to ease new entrants' entry on the market, only 90% of the capacities are sold on yearly basis for the first five years (then 80% as from sixth until fifteenth years).



The 10% remaining capacities are set aside for short term (quarterly then monthly, daily and within day).

Special case for Dunkirk PIR – releasable capacities¹.


Releasable capacities are no longer generated on Dunkirk PIR. Nevertheless, there are some remaining releasable capacities in portfolios, that have been generated in the past. Thus for yearly auctions on Dunkirk PIR, the releasable remaining capacities are added to the amount of « CAM » commercialized capacities.

– Summary of products on offer

PIR marketed capacity according to different time steps

	Dunkerque	Oltingue		Virtualys		Taisnières B		Obergailbach	
	IR0006	IR0011		IR0060		IR0015		IR0010	
	Entry	Exit	Entry	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
Yearly	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then B	F then I		F then I	B
Quarterly	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then B	F then I		F then I	B
Monthly	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then I	F then B	F then I		F then I	B
Daily	F	F	F	F	F then B	F then I	B	F	F then B
Within Day	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F
	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)	UBI (I)

marketed capacity on 

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F : firm capacity

I : interruptible capacity (marketed only once all firm capacities are sold out)

B : backhaul capacity

* **New** daily firm capacity offer from October 2022

– UBI : Use It and Buy It How to view available capacities?

Available capacities are sold on the European platform Prisma and are published on:

- NaTran website, CAPA.COM in "[Your capacities and services](#)"
- on Prisma, before the auction

For more information about maintenance service and its operational impact, please refer to the information note entitled "To know more about works" in [the Transmission toolbox](#).

¹ If a shipper has more than 20% of annual firm capacities marketable at Dunkirk, a fraction of the share that he has beyond these 20% is convertible in releasable capacity: this fraction is set at 20%.



– Marketing mechanisms

– Marketing planning

PIR Agenda

Product		Firm		Interruptible / Backhaul	
Product	Validity period	Publication	Starting date	Publication	Starting date
YEARLY	1/10/Y - 1/10/Y+1	1 month before the auction start	1 st Monday of July Y	1 week before the auction start	3 rd Monday of July Y
	1/10/Y+14 - 1/10/Y+15				
QUARTERLY	Q1: 1/10/Y - 1/01/Y+1	2 weeks before the auction start	1 st Monday of August Y	1 week before the auction start	1 st Monday of September Y
	Q2: 1/01/Y+1 - 1/04/Y+1		1 st Monday of November Y		1 st Monday of December Y
	Q3: 1/04/Y+1 - 1/07/Y+1		1 st Monday of February Y+1		1 st Monday of March Y+1
	Q4: 1/07/Y+1 - 1/10/Y+1		1 st Monday of May Y+1		1 st Monday of June Y+1
MONTHLY	Month M	1 week before the auction start	3 rd Monday of month M-1	1 week before the auction start	4 th Tuesday month M-1
DAILY	Day D	4:30pm D-1		5:30pm D-1 (Backhaul)	
WITHIN DAY	H+4 for the day until the end of the gas day	As from 7 pm until 2:30am then each hour		UBI*	

Capacities marketed on

PRISMA

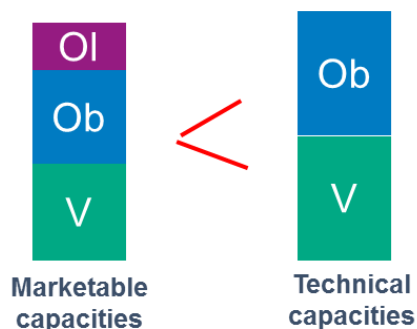
* only on forward direction and marketed on

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However there is an exception for Oltingue firm Entry capacity, which is commercialized according to interruptible calendar (except for within day: firm slot).

– Oltingue entry specificities:

Oltingue entry point follows specific rules because it was created without core network development. Thus, this point is commercialized with no increase of firm commercialized capacities on Virtualys + Obergailbach + Oltingue entries, and the priority is given to pre-existing points.



This results in the following specificities for Oltingue entry point:

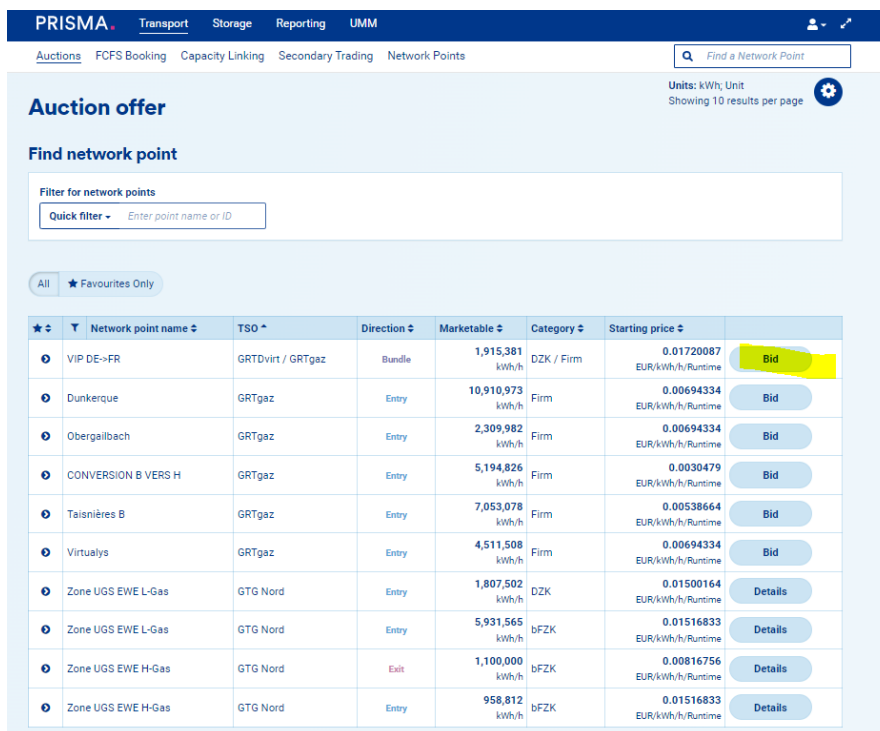
- The sum of commercialized capacities on Virtualys, Obergailbach and Oltingue should not exceed the sum of Virtualys and Obergailbach technical capacities ;
- Oltingue entry is commercialized after Virtualys and Obergailbach for the same period (except for within-day). In that respect, firm capacities are commercialized according to interruptible CAM calendar, and interruptible capacities on the next slot.

For yearly products, only the coming year is commercialized in the auctions. 10% of capacities are set aside for short term, on each point and on the sum of the 3 points Virtualys + Obergailbach + Oltingue.

Interruptible capacities are commercialized only when all firm capacities (on each point or on Virtualys + Obergailbach + Oltingue) are sold out, or if there was a premium in the former auction.

— How to book capacity on PRISMA?

In order to book a capacity on PRISMA platform, after checking the day and the sale hour of the product that interest you, you just have to connect on PRISMA platform, go in « Auctions » section, then in « current », and to select your auction thanks to filters. All that remains is to click on « Bid » to place your offer.



The screenshot shows the PRISMA platform interface for an auction. The top navigation bar includes 'PRISMA', 'Transport', 'Storage', 'Reporting', and 'UMM'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Auctions', 'FCFS Booking', 'Capacity Linking', 'Secondary Trading', and 'Network Points'. A search bar labeled 'Find a Network Point' is present. The main section is titled 'Auction offer' and includes a 'Find network point' filter section with a 'Quick filter' dropdown and an input field for 'Enter point name or ID'. Below the filter, there are tabs for 'All' and '★ Favourites Only'. The main content is a table with columns: Network point name, TSO, Direction, Marketable, Category, Starting price, and a button to 'Bid' or 'Details'.

★	Network point name	TSO	Direction	Marketable	Category	Starting price	
🔍	VIP DE→FR	GRTDvirt / GRTgaz	Bundle	1,915,381 kWh/h	DZK / Firm	0.01720087 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	Dunkerque	GRTgaz	Entry	10,910,973 kWh/h	Firm	0.00694334 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	Obergailbach	GRTgaz	Entry	2,309,982 kWh/h	Firm	0.00694334 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	CONVERSION B VERS H	GRTgaz	Entry	5,194,826 kWh/h	Firm	0.0030479 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	Talsnières B	GRTgaz	Entry	7,053,078 kWh/h	Firm	0.00538664 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	Virtualys	GRTgaz	Entry	4,511,508 kWh/h	Firm	0.00694334 EUR/kWh/Unit	Bid
🔍	Zone UGS EWE L-Gas	GTG Nord	Entry	1,807,502 kWh/h	DZK	0.01500164 EUR/kWh/Unit	Details
🔍	Zone UGS EWE L-Gas	GTG Nord	Entry	5,931,565 kWh/h	bFZK	0.01516833 EUR/kWh/Unit	Details
🔍	Zone UGS EWE H-Gas	GTG Nord	Exit	1,100,000 kWh/h	bFZK	0.00816756 EUR/kWh/Unit	Details
🔍	Zone UGS EWE H-Gas	GTG Nord	Entry	958,812 kWh/h	bFZK	0.01516833 EUR/kWh/Unit	Details

Do not forget to confirm to have your request properly taken into account.

— Auction mechanism

Capacities are marketed according to two auction mechanisms on PRISMA platform:

Ascending auctions

This mechanism is used for **yearly, quarterly** and **monthly products**.

At each auction phase, shippers place their volume bids face to a price knowing that the auction starts at the reserve price.

At the end of the phase:

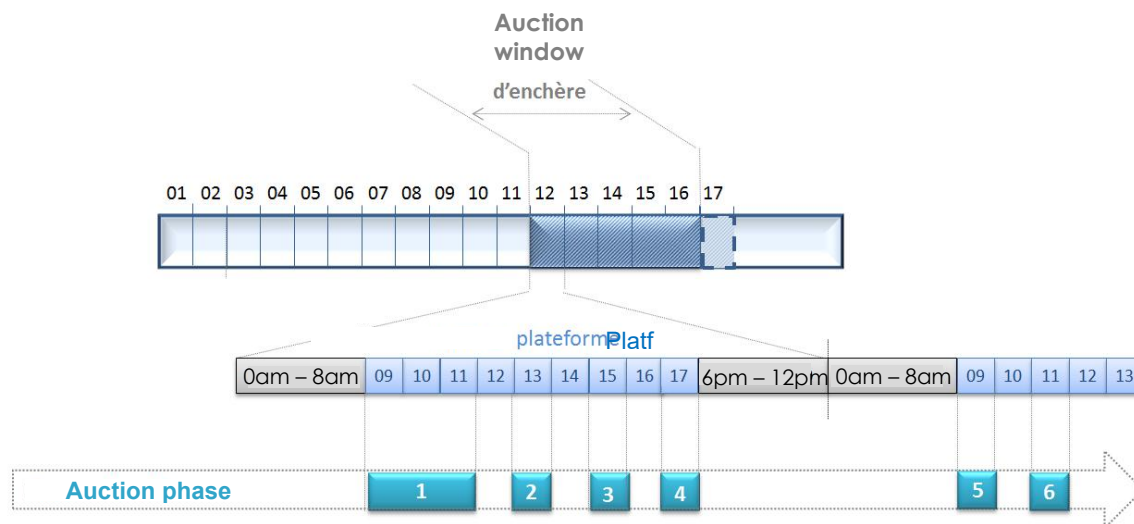
- If the request is lower than marketed capacity, the auction is closed and the shippers are allocated to reserve price (upregulated price)
- If the request is higher than marketed capacity, a new phase is opened by increasing the price of a big level of price

As the request stays higher than the marketed capacity, the phases continue by increasing the price by big levels.

When the request becomes lower than marketed capacity, a new phase is opened returning to the last price where the request was higher than marketed capacity and increasing it of a little level of price.

As the request stays higher than marketed capacity, the phases continue by increasing the price by little levels of price. When the request becomes again lower than marketed capacity, the shippers who made an offer are allocated to the volume asked at this last phase and of the correspondent price.

The scheme below represents phases' schedules: the first lasts 3 hours and the following 1 hour with a gap of one hour between each phase. If at the end of the auction phase which takes place from 5 pm to 6 pm, the auction is not closed, the auction restart the next day at 9 am.



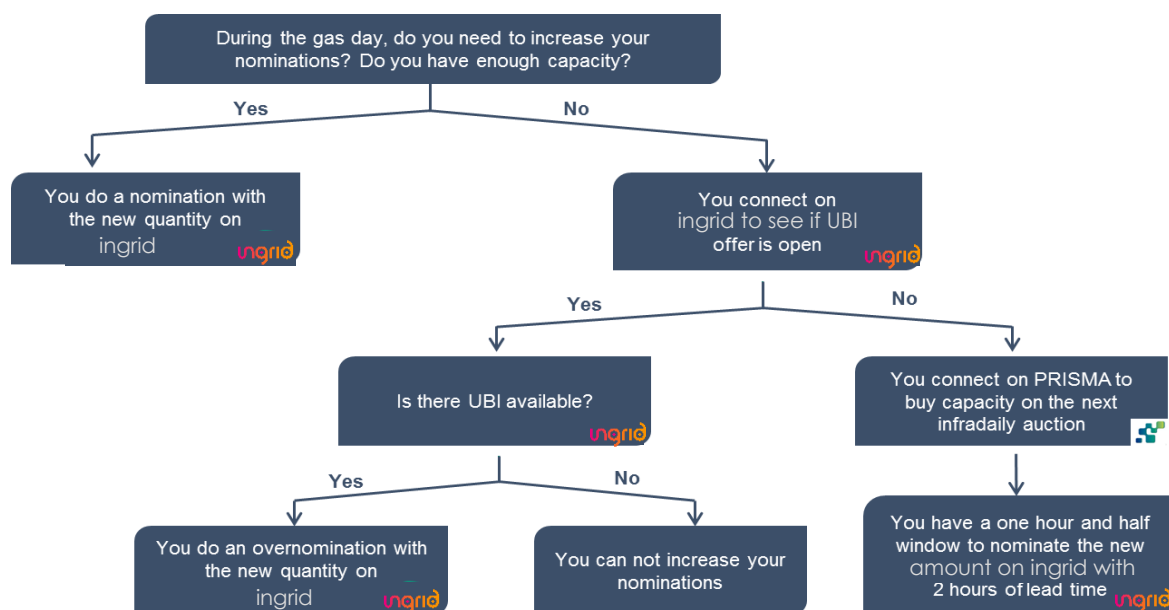
Uniform price auctions

This mechanism is used for daily and within day products.

The auction takes place in one phase of 30 minutes. Shippers place their volume and price offers. They are classified in the decreasing order of the offered prices. If all the capacities are sold the allocated price corresponds to the price of the last served offer, if not the price applied is the reserve price.

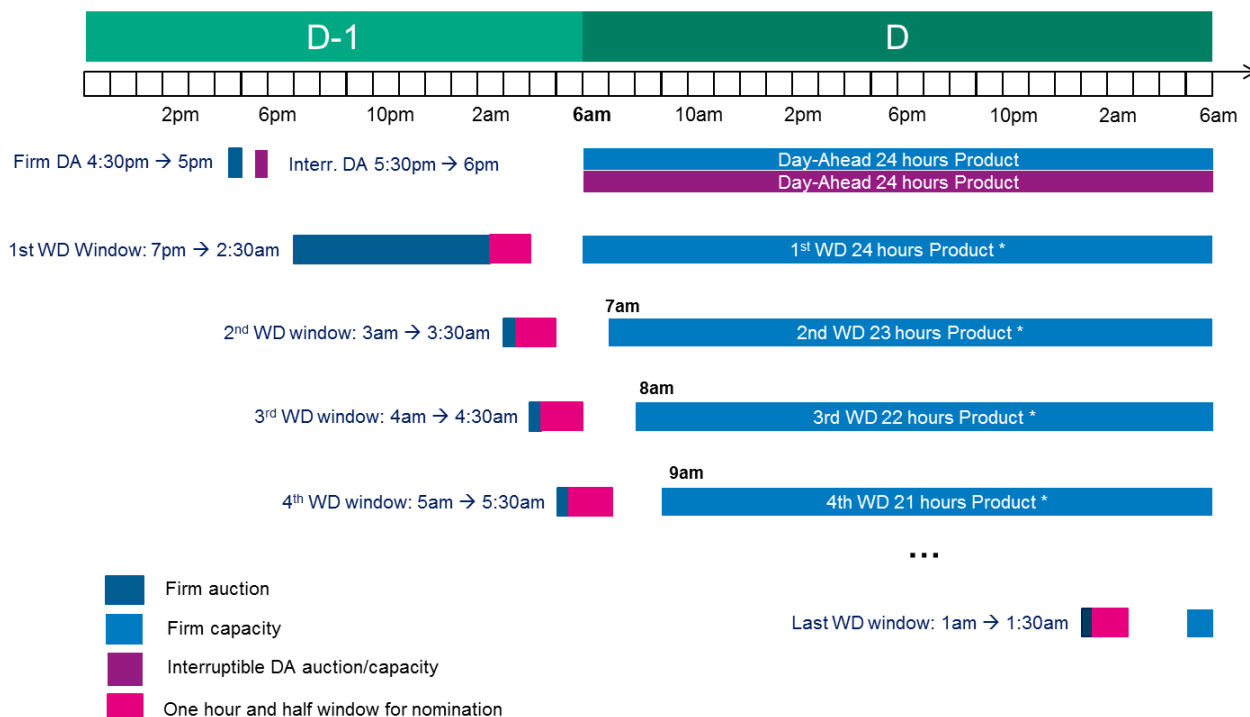
– Zoom on Within Day offer

If during a gas day, you need to improve your nominations, you can proceed as describe below:



If during a gas day you don't have enough capacities you can buy within day capacities on Prisma. Once bought and with a 2 hour notice you will nominate the new value on the ingrid Portal. The schedule notice will be published 4 hours after the beginning of the auction.

Within Day auctions takes places according to the following planning:



Once all the firm capacities are sold, UBI offer is opened with a 2 hours notice. You can ask for interruptible capacities by overnominations if UBI is available. Your nomination will be taken into account in the schedule notice 2 hours later.

The UBI is implemented at Obergailbach, Virtualys, Taisnières B, Dunkirk and Oltingue PIR

For more information about UBI offer, please refer to the sheet about UBI offer in [the Transmission toolbox](#).

– Interruption order of interruptible capacities

In case of capacities restrictions at PIR Obergailbach, Taisnières B, Virtualys, Dunkirk and Oltingue, interruptible capacities are cut according to the order of subscription below:

