

# Introduction

- **In Appendix 1, you'll find slides giving examples of how the Closing Prices for financial contracts can change during the contracts' trading period.**
- **In appendix 2, you'll find a list of the terms and acronyms used in this presentation.**
- **Concerning the documents referred to in this presentation:**
  - ✓ **At *houmollerconsulting.dk*, you can download the documents from the sub-page *Facts and findings*.**
- **This PowerPoint presentation is animated**
  - ✓ **It's recommended to run the animation when viewing the presentation.**
- **On most computers, you can start the animation by pressing F5.**
  - ✓ **Now the presentation moves one step forward, when you press Page Down. It moves one step backward, when you press Page Up.**

# Hedging prices and spot prices – 1

- **This PowerPoint presentation compares the spot prices and the financial contracts' hedging prices**
  - ✓ **The comparison is made for the German-Austrian Phelix spot price.**
  - ✓ **And for the spot prices for the bidding zones Southern Sweden (SE4), Western Denmark (DK1) and Eastern Denmark (DK2).**
  - ✓ **Further, the comparison is made for the Nordic System Price (a virtual spot price).**
- **In this presentation, for Southern Sweden, Western Denmark and Eastern Denmark, the "hedging price" is the hedging price of the System Price forward plus the hedging price of the EPAD forward:**
  - ✓ **(hedging price) = (hedging price of System Price forward) + (hedging price of EPAD forward).**

# **Conclusion from the analysis: price hedging is expensive for consumers**

- **As can be seen: compared with the spot prices, the hedging prices have a strong tendency to overshoot**
  - ✓ **Hence, in the choice between spot and hedging, on the average you get the highest prices by choosing hedging.**
  - ✓ **Consequently, on the average, price hedging is expensive for consumers (and advantageous for producers).**
- **The concept “price hedging” is explained in appendix 2.**

# Hedging Prices and spot prices – 2

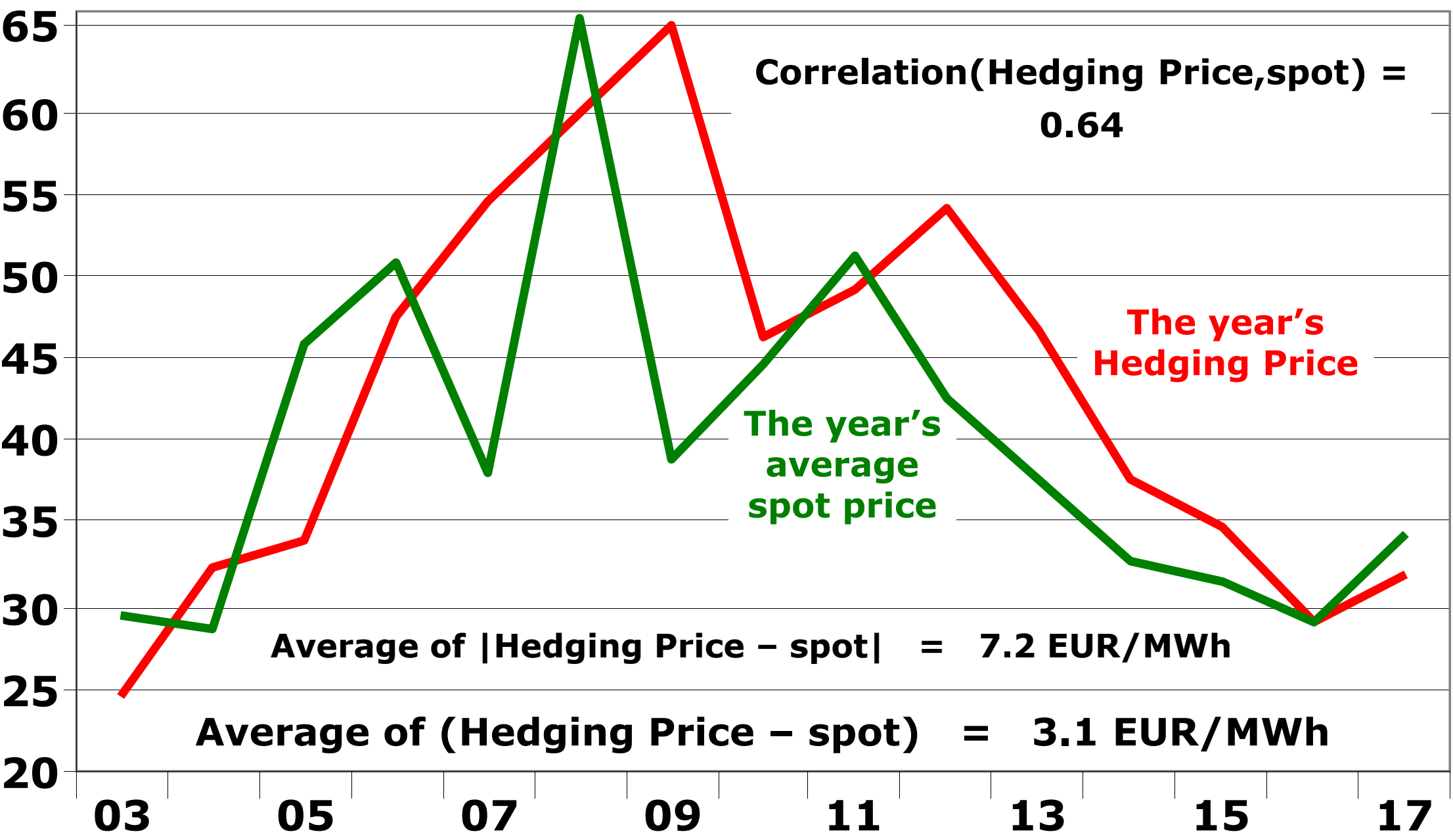
- **For each of the five slides “Hedging Prices and spot prices”:**
- **For each year, the year’s Hedging Price is the average of the daily Closing Prices during the last quarter, where the contract was traded.**
- **Example for the Nordic System Price forward for 2012 (ENOYR-12):**
  - ✓ **The Hedging Price is the average of the daily Closing Prices during the period October–December 2011**
    - **This gives a Hedging Price of 42.24 EUR/MWh, as can be seen from the slide on the System Price in appendix 1.**

# Hedging Prices and spot prices – 3

- **For each of the following 5 slides:**
  - ✓ **For each year, the year's average spot price is compared with the year's Hedging Price.**
  - ✓ **For each spot price, this gives a number of points indicating how well the Hedging Price forecasted the spot price.**
- **The mean of the numerical difference**  
**|Hedging Price – spot|**  
**illustrates the average distance between the slides' two curves.**
- **The mean of the difference**  
**(Hedging Price – spot)**  
**is the consumers' average Risk Premium.**

# Germany: Hedging Prices and spot prices

## EUR/MWh The 15 years 2003-2017

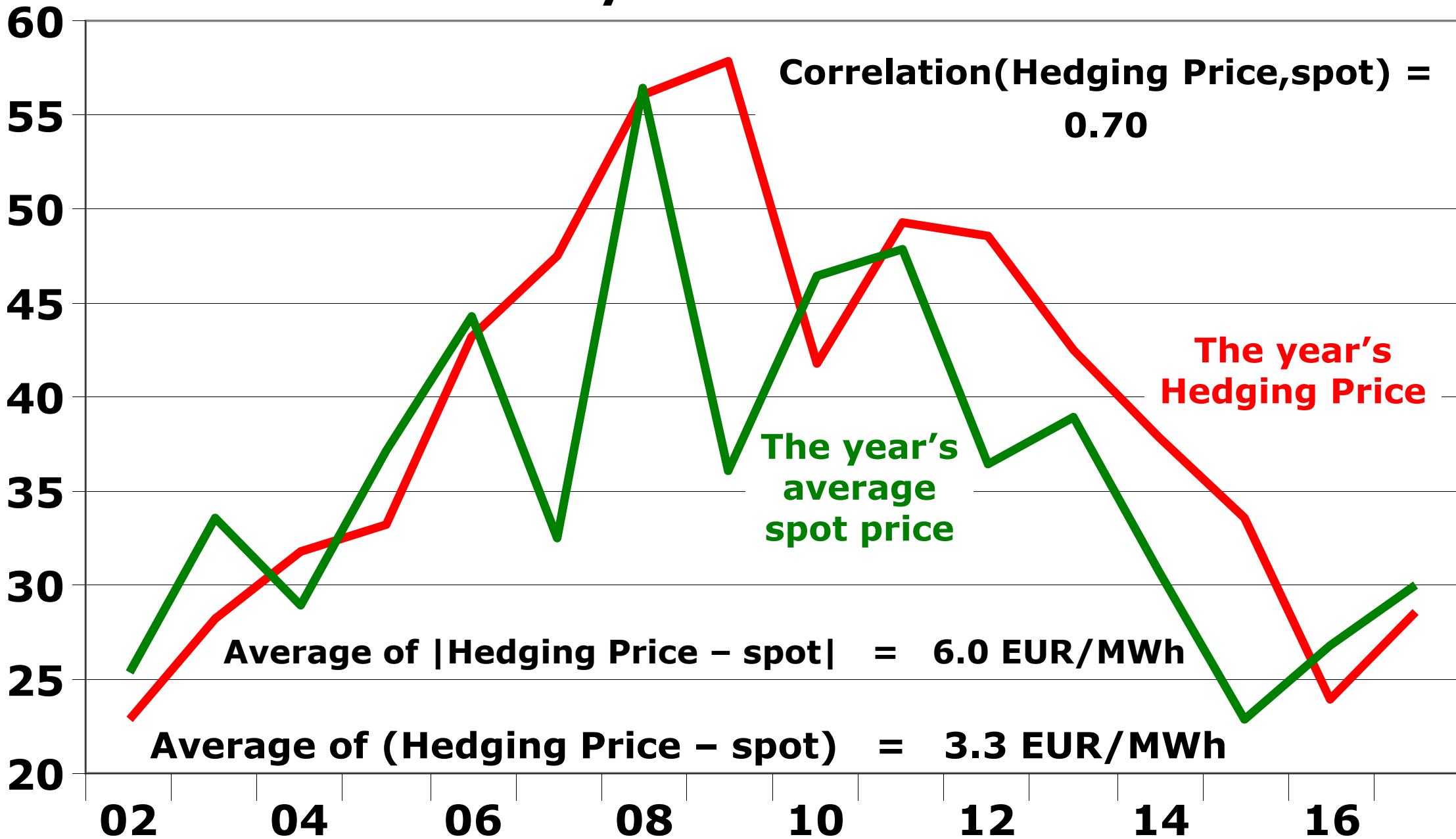


Sources: EEX and EPEX Spot

# Western Denmark: Hedging Prices and spot prices

EUR/MWh

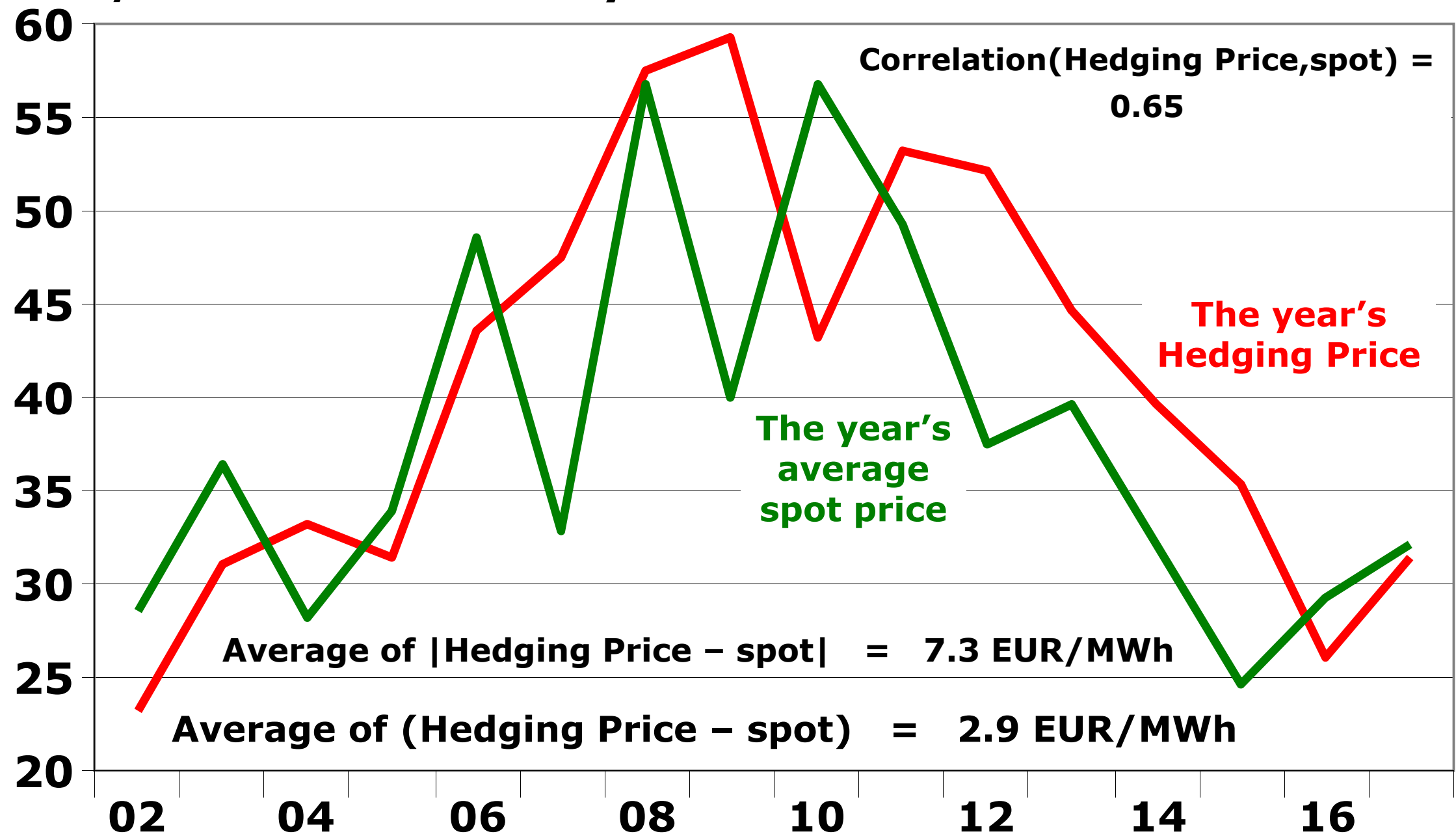
The 16 years 2002-2017



# Eastern Denmark: Hedging Prices and spot prices

EUR/MWh

The 16 years 2002-2017

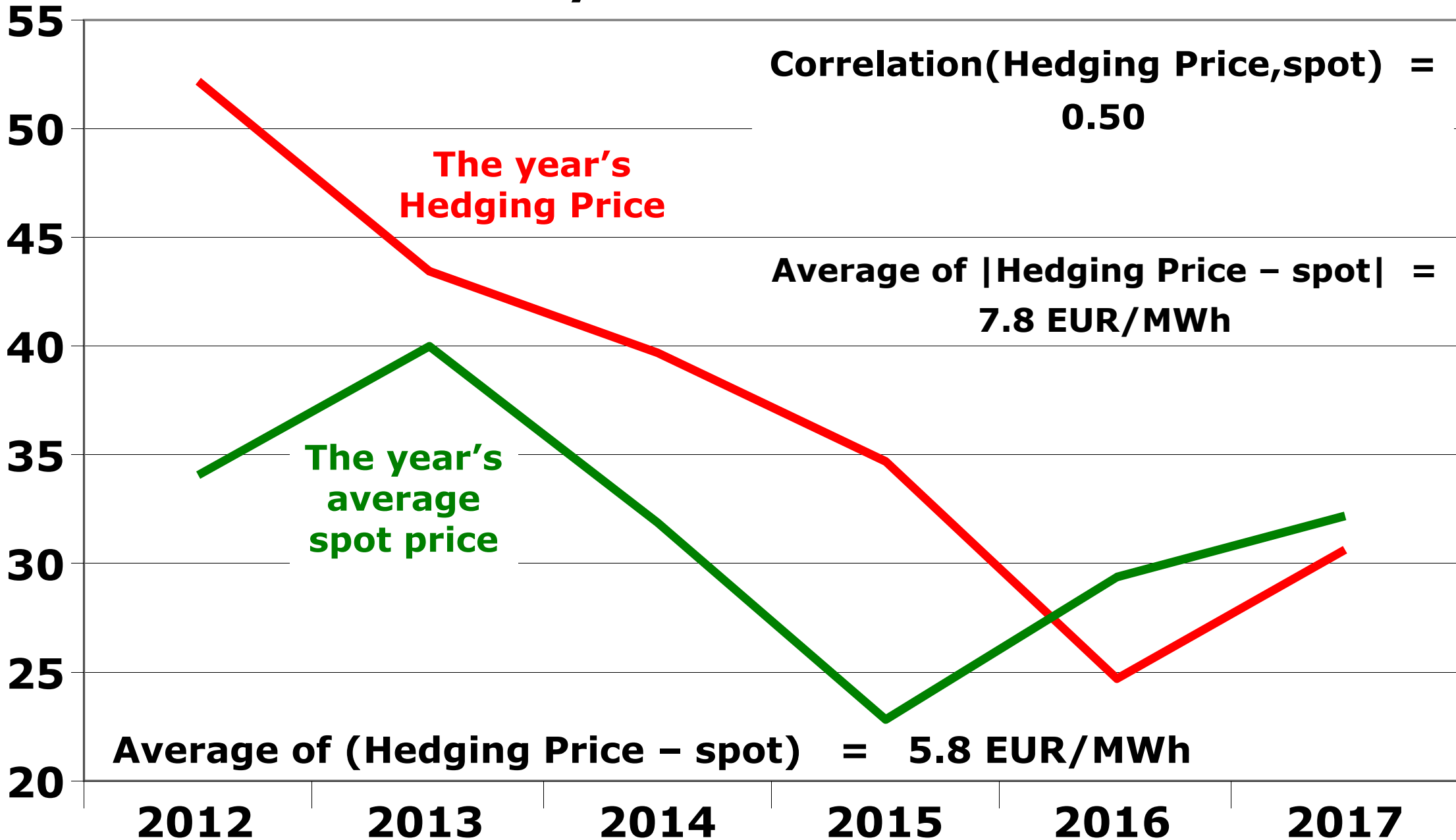




# Southern Sweden: Hedging Prices and spot prices

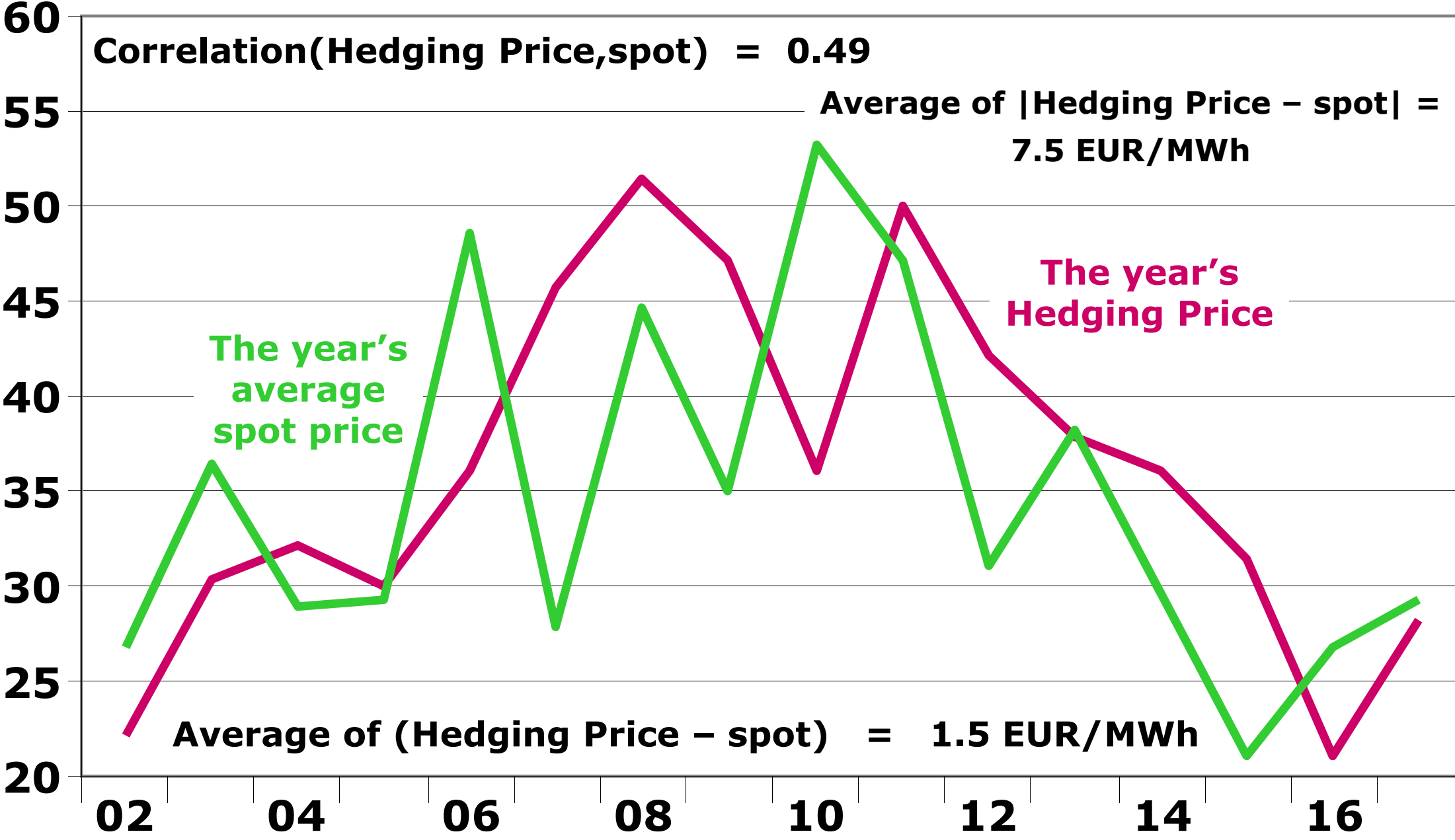
EUR/MWh

The 6 years 2012-2017



# Nordic System Price: Hedging Prices and spot prices

## EUR/MWh The 16 years 2002-2017



Sources: Syspower and Nord Pool

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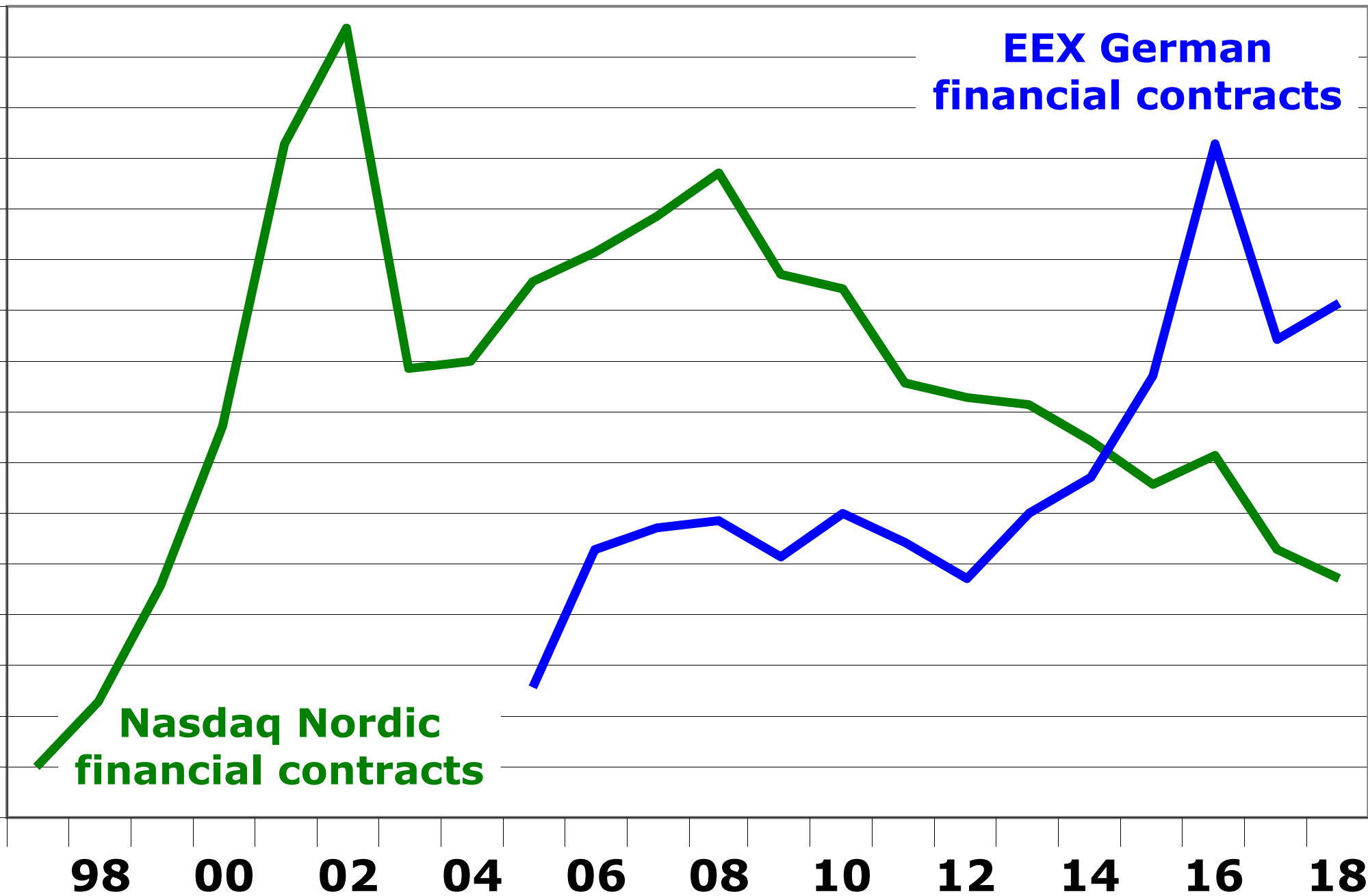
# Liquidity

- **At the two following slides, for EEX and Nasdaq OMX, the blue and the green curves illustrate the cleared volume:**
  - ✓ (contracts traded off-exchange and subsequently cleared) + (contracts traded at the exchange).
- **Concerning the volume for “German financial contracts”:**
  - ✓ For 2006-2016, this is Phelix futures.
  - ✓ For 2017, this is (Phelix DE/AT futures) + (Phelix DE futures).
  - ✓ For 2018, this is (Phelix DE/AT futures) + (Phelix DE futures) + (Phelix AT futures).
- **The LEBA curve includes all physical forward contracts for power arranged by the LEBA OTC brokers**
  - ✓ The LEBA curve illustrates the total OTC bilaterally settled volume.
  - ✓ The LEBA curve does not include financially settled contracts.

# Cleared volume

TWh

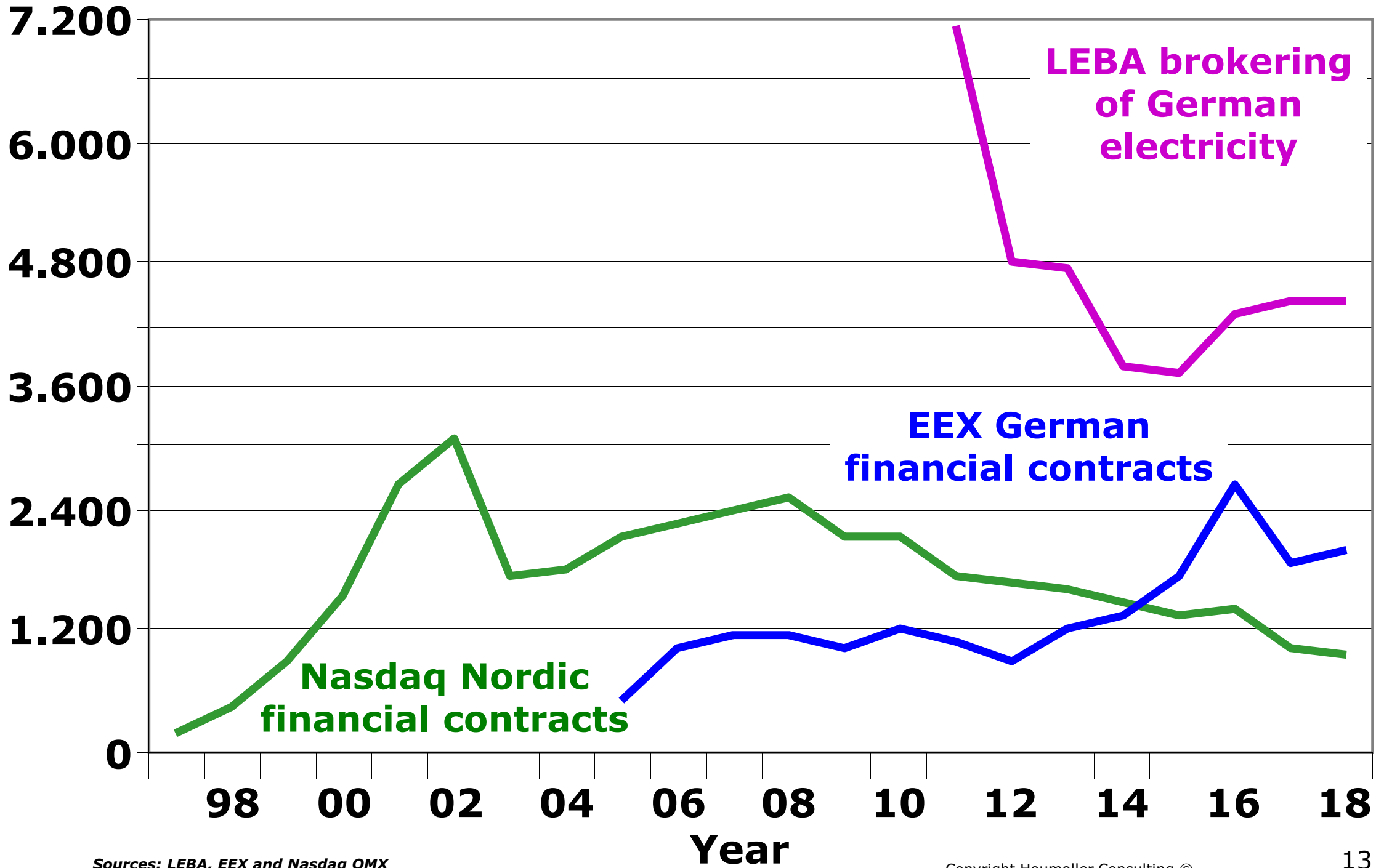
3.200  
2.800  
2.400  
2.000  
1.600  
1.200  
800  
400  
0



**EEX German  
financial contracts**

**Nasdaq Nordic  
financial contracts**

# TWh Cleared volume and LEBA OTC trading



# Risk Premium R

- For the consumers, the Risk Premium  $R_C$  is the difference between the financial contracts' hedging prices and the spot prices.
- For the producers, the Risk Premium  $R_p$  has the opposite sign.
- For a balanced hedging system, the two Risk Premiums are equal:
  - ✓  $R_C = R_p = 0$ .
- In this presentation,  $R_C$  is calculated by using the Hedging Price defined previously:
  - ✓  $R_C = (\text{Hedging Price}) - (\text{spot price})$ .
    - *You get  $R_p$  by just reversing the sign:*  
 $R_p = (\text{spot price}) - (\text{Hedging Price})$ .
- For the Nordic financial contracts, the Risk Premium can be calculated as the sum of the Risk Premium  $R_{SYS}$  from the System Price contracts and the Risk Premium  $R_{EPAD}$  from the EPAD contracts:
  - ✓  $R_C = R_{C,SYS} + R_{C,EPAD}$

# Consumers' Risk Premiums in EUR/MWh

	$R_{C,EPAD}$	$R_{C,SYS}$	Risk Premium $R_C =$ (Hedging Price) – (spot price) $= R_{C,EPAD} + R_{C,SYS}$
<b>DK1</b> Averages for the years 2002-2017	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>DK2</b> Averages for the years 2002-2017	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>SE4</b> Averages for the years 2012-2017	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>Germany</b> Average for the years 2003-2017	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>3.1</b>

# Consumers' Risk Premiums in Danish øre/kWh

	<p>Risk Premium <math>R_C =</math>          (Hedging Price)          - (spot price)  <math>= R_{C,EPAD} + R_{C,SYS}</math></p>
<p><b>DK1</b>          Average for the years          2002-2017</p>	<p><b>2.4</b></p>
<p><b>DK2</b>          Average for the years          2002-2017</p>	<p><b>2.2</b></p>
<p><b>SE4</b>          Average for the years          2012-2017</p>	<p><b>4.3</b></p>
<p><b>Germany</b>          Average for the years          2003-2017</p>	<p><b>2.3</b></p>



# Correlation between Hedging Prices and spot prices

- **Note that higher liquidity for a financial contract does not necessarily imply stronger correlation between the contract's Hedging Prices and the underlying spot prices.**
- **Among the Nordic financial contracts, the Nordic System Price forwards have been the most liquid during the period investigated**
  - ✓ **At the same time, the System Price forwards' Hedging Prices have low correlation to the System Prices.**

# **Appendix 1**

## **Closing Prices**

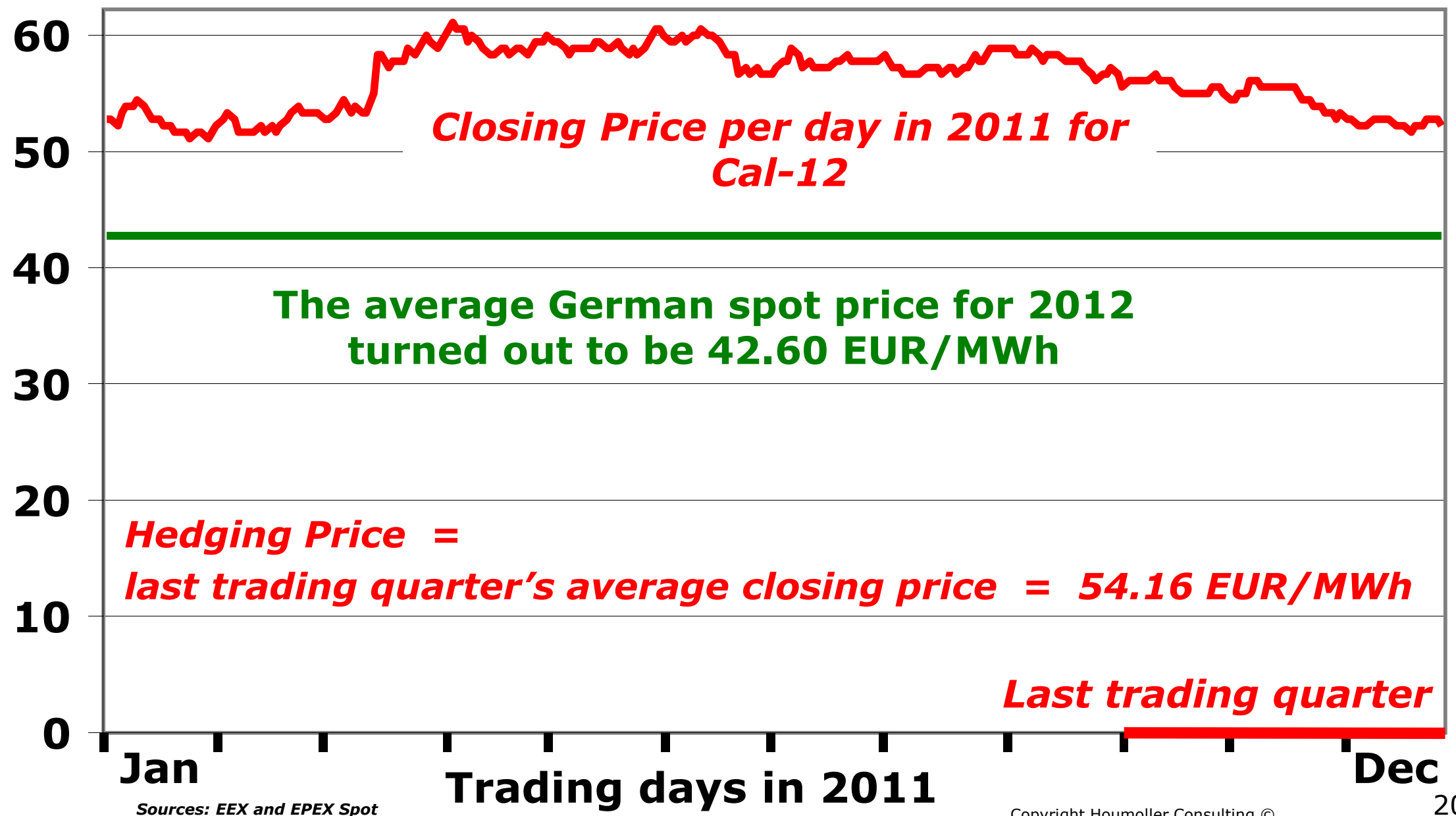
**Variation during the last year of the  
financial contract's trading period**

# Closing Prices

- **Please refer to appendix 2: at the end of each trading day, both Nasdaq OMX and EEX set a Closing Price for each of their financial contacts.**
- **As examples of how the Closing Prices vary:**
- **The following five slides show the daily Closing Prices for five financial contracts.**
- **For each contract, the daily Closing Price is shown during the last year, where the contract was traded.**
- **The five contracts hedged against the 2012 spot price for respectively**
  - ✓ **Germany.**
  - ✓ **Western Denmark (DK1).**
  - ✓ **Eastern Denmark (DK2).**
  - ✓ **Southern Sweden (SE4).**
  - ✓ **The Nordic System Price.**

# Germany – the year 2012

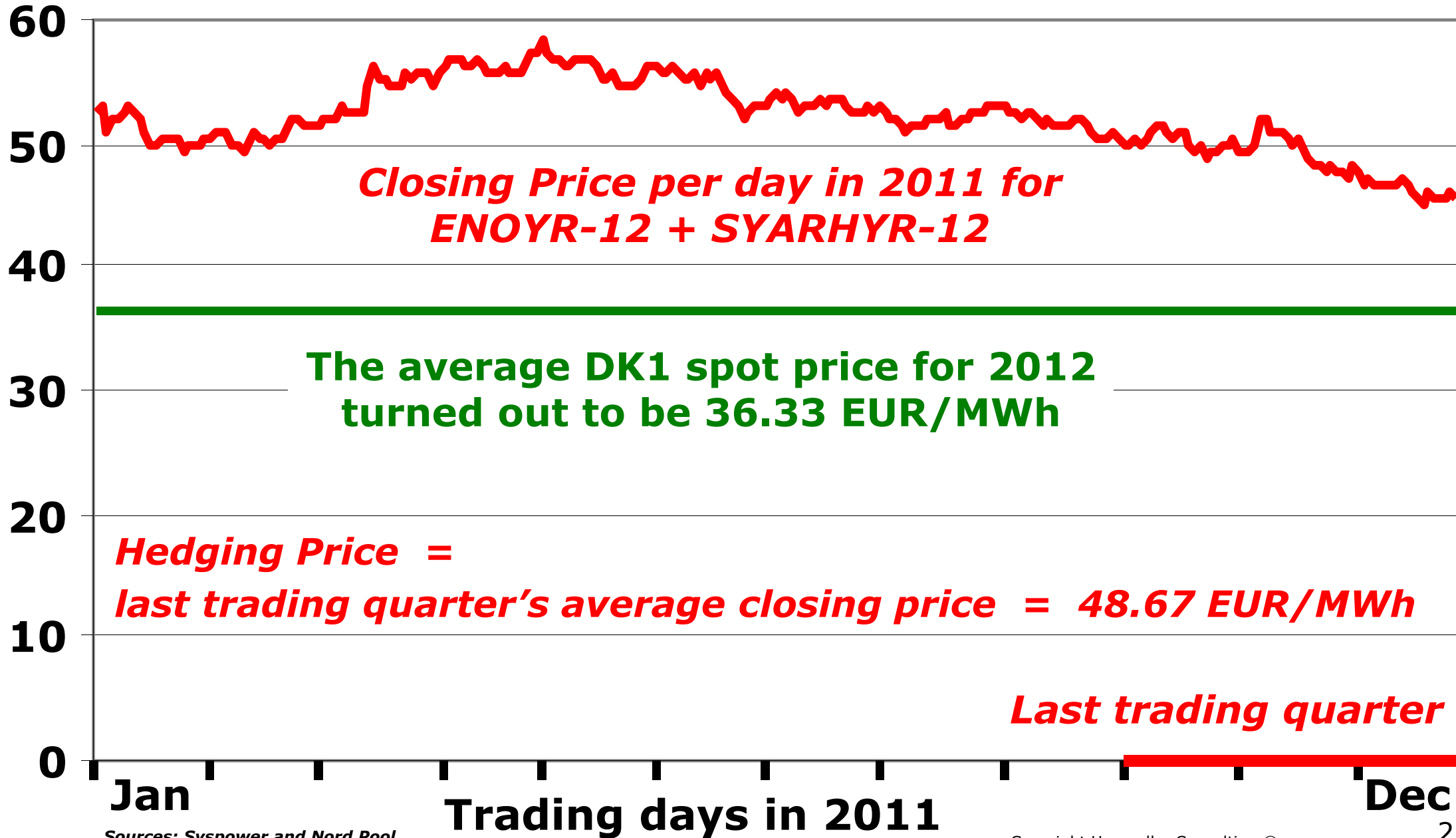
EUR/MWh Closing prices and the year's average spot price



Sources: EEX and EPEX Spot

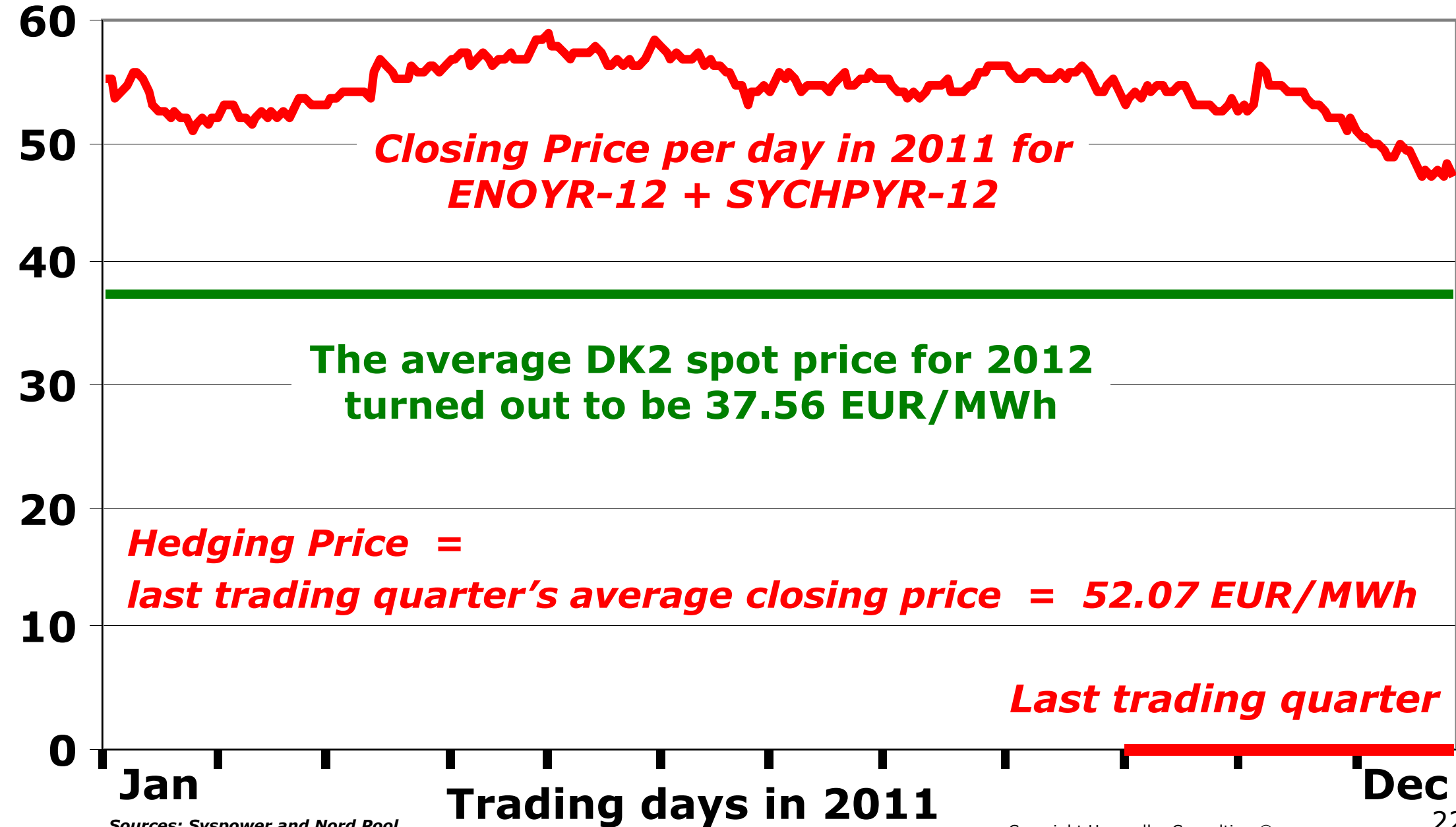
# Western Denmark (DK1) – the year 2012

EUR/MWh Closing prices and the year's average spot price



# Eastern Denmark (DK2) – the year 2012

EUR/MWh Closing prices and the year's average spot price



# Southern Sweden (SE4) – the year 2012

## Closing prices and the year's average spot price

EUR/MWh



# Nordic System Price – the year 2012

EUR/MWh Closing prices and the year's average spot price





# **Appendix 2**

## **Terminology and acronyms**

# Terminology and acronyms – 1

## As used in this presentation

- **Bidding zone** A geographical area, within which the players can trade electrical energy day-ahead without considering grid bottlenecks.
- **Cal-12** the ticker symbol of the EEX financial contract, which hedged against the German spot price during the year 2012.
- **CfD** Contract for Difference. A financial contract, which hedges against the risk there is a difference between the System Price and the spot price of a given Nordic bidding zone. Today, the name has been changed to EPAD contract.

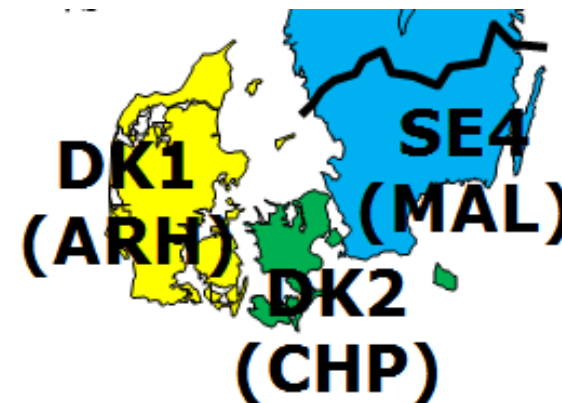
**Example: the underlying reference for the EPAD/CfD for DK1 is this difference**

**(DK1 spot price) - (System Price).**

- **Closing Price** At Nasdaq OMX and at EEX, for each financial contract, a Closing Price is set at the end of every trading day. In effect, at the end of the trading day, the Closing Price is the financial market's forecast of the future spot price. At Nasdaq OMX, this hedging price is called the *Daily Fix*. At EEX, it's called the *Settlement Price*. In this presentation, *Closing Price* is used as the common term.

# Terminology and acronyms – 2

## As used in this presentation



- **Correlation** Given two data sets, the correlation measures the degree to which the two data sets move in lockstep. Please refer to the next-to-last slide.
- **DK1 and DK2** The bidding zones of Western and Eastern Denmark as indicated at the picture.
- **Eastern Denmark** See **DK2**.
- **EEX** European Energy Exchange. Please refer to the web site [eex.com](http://eex.com).
- **ENOYR-12** See *ticker symbol*.
- **EPAD** Electricity Price Area Differential. See *CfD*.
- **Financial contract** In this presentation, it's a common term for *forward contract* and *future contract*.

# Terminology and acronyms – 3

## As used in this presentation

- ***Forward contract*** The Nordic contracts investigated in this document are the forward contracts. You'll find a description of the contracts at the web site [nasdaqomx.com/commodities](http://nasdaqomx.com/commodities). Further, please refer to the chapters 11-13 of the PDF document "The Liberalized Electricity Market".
- ***Future contract*** The German-Austrian contracts investigated in this document are the future contracts, where the underlying reference is the German spot price. You'll find a description of the contracts at the web site [eex.com](http://eex.com).
- ***German financial contract*** In this document, this is a future, where the underlying reference is the Phelix DE spot price, the Phelix DE/AT spot price or the Phelix AT spot price.
- ***German spot price*** See *Phelix DE/AT spot price*. Further, see the PowerPoint presentation "German spot prices 2002–2018".
- ***Hedging Price*** (with capital H and P) In this document, for a given financial contract, this is the average of the Closing Prices during the last quarter where the contract was traded. See also slide no. 2.

# Terminology and acronyms – 4

## As used in this presentation

- ***Hedging price*** (without both capital H and P) A financial contract's price. It's not a price paid from one player to another. The role of a financial contract's price is explained in the chapters 11-13 of the PDF document "The Liberalized Electricity Market".
- ***hedging price*** See *Hedging price*.
- ***LEBA*** London Energy Brokers' Association. See the web site [lebaltd.com](http://lebaltd.com)
- ***Nasdaq OMX*** An exchange, where the players can trade Nordic financial contracts (and other contracts). Please refer to the web site [nasdaqomx.com/commodities](http://nasdaqomx.com/commodities).
- ***Nordic and Nordic area*** In this document, this refers to the four countries Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.
- ***Nordic financial contract*** In this document, this is a financial contract, where the underlying reference is a Nordic spot price or the Nordic System Price.
- ***Nordic System Price*** See *System Price*.
- ***OTC*** Over-The-Counter. Trading taking place without the supervision of an exchange. This is also called bilateral trading.

# Terminology and acronyms – 5

## As used in this presentation

- ***Phelix AT spot price*** See ***Phelix DE/AT spot price***.
- ***Phelix DE spot price*** See ***Phelix DE/AT spot price***.
- ***Phelix DE/AT spot price*** The common spot price for Germany and Austria. From October 2018, there was no longer a common spot price for Germany and Austria. Hence, from October 2018, there was a Phelix DE spot price for Germany and a Phelix AT spot price for Austria.
- ***Price hedging*** As a consumer or producer of electricity in a large part of Europe: if you choose to trade at the spot price, you'll first learn your price for the next day's consumption/production of electricity after 12 o'clock Central European Time.

However, by using a financial contract, you can fix your electricity price at an earlier point in time. This early fixing of the price is called "price hedging".

- ***Risk Premium*** See the first slide on Risk Premium.
- ***SE4*** The bidding zone of Southern Sweden as indicated on the map previously shown in this appendix.
- ***Southern Sweden*** See ***SE4***.

# Terminology and acronyms – 6

## As used in this presentation

- ***Spot price*** Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation “Maximizing the economic value of market coupling and spot trading” (or the PDF document with the same name).
- ***SYARHYR-12*** See *ticker symbol*.
- ***SYCHPYR-12*** ticker symbol of the CfD, which hedged against the difference between the DK2 spot price and the System Price during 2012. CPH indicates CoPenHagen.
- ***SYMALYR-12*** ticker symbol of the CfD, which hedged against the difference between the SE4 spot price and the System Price during 2012. MAL indicates MALmø (the biggest town in SE4).
- ***System Price*** A virtual spot price. It’s the theoretical, common spot price we would have in the Nordic area, if there were no grid bottlenecks in the area covered by the four countries.

For an overview over the historical values of the System Price, please see the PowerPoint presentation “System Price 1992-2018” (or the PDF document with the same name).

# Terminology and acronyms – 7

## As used in this presentation

➤ ***Ticker symbol*** The name of a financial contract.

**Example 1:** the ticker symbol of the contract, which hedged against the System Price during the year 2012 was ENOYR-12

- ENO indicates Electricity Nordic
- YR-12 indicates the year 2012.

**Example 2:** the ticker symbol of the CfD, which hedged against the difference between the DK1 spot price and the System Price during 2012 was SYARHYR-12

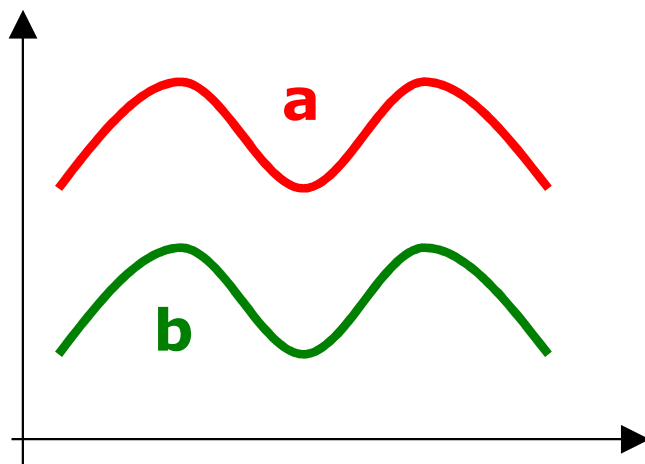
- SY indicates System Price
- ARH indicates AARHus (the biggest town in Western Denmark).
- YR-12 indicates the year 2012.

➤ ***Western Denmark*** See ***DK1***.



# The correlation function

- **The correlation function measures the correlation between two variables.**
- **If the two variables move in lockstep, the value of the correlation function is 1.**
  - ✓ **A value of 0 means there is no correlation at all.**



**In this example  
 $\text{Correlation}(a,b) = 1$   
as a and b move  
in lockstep**

# **Thank you for your attention!**

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