



Stories of the recent weeks

The White House is in talks to appoint a special envoy to lead negotiations on halting the construction of Nord Stream 2.



Romanian TSO started to offer cross-border capacity with Ukraine on the RBP platform from the 1st of April.



Hungarian regulator (MEKH) proposes Croatian entry border tariff cut from ~€2.4/kWh/h/y to ~€0.73/kWh/h/y



Suez Canal blocked due to accidental grounding of Ever Given causing traffic and delays in shipping for 6 days between 23-29 March.



Rising prices in Europe are in favour of increasing LNG volumes. Second LNG cargo of MFGK arrived to KRK in March and first cargo of MET in April.



Suez Canal blockage

Ever Given container ship (400m long) was caught in a sandstorm and blocked the Suez Canal

- Around one million barrels of oil and roughly 10% of LNG pass through the canal each day
 - More than 8 TWh in 6 days
 - ~ 10 % of total Hungarian gas consumption
 - ~ 30 % of CEEGEX traded volumes in 2020
- About 450 vessels were in line to cross the canal
- Around 14 LNG vessels to cross southbound to Asia and the Middle East and around 6 to cross northbound heading to Belgium UK and Italy
- Some Qatari LNG cargoes shifted to head around the south of Africa
- High increase in charter rates during and after the blockage
- Due to delays, vessels missed the delivery slots resulting in additional delays and expenditure

Risks:

- Possibility to happen again
- Piracy risk if diverted around Africa
- Longer delays can affect prices
- Additional delays due to missing slots at terminals

Key takeaways

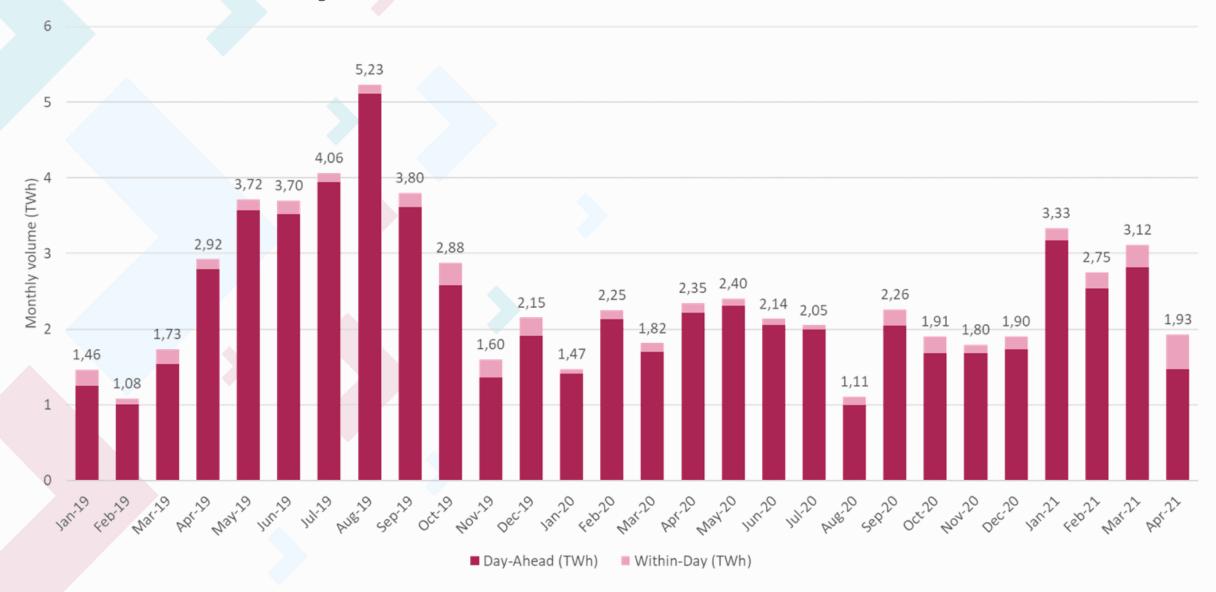
- Possible infrastructure developments at Suez and Panama canal (potential expansion)
- Vessel size considerations
- Increase in the number of LNG vessels



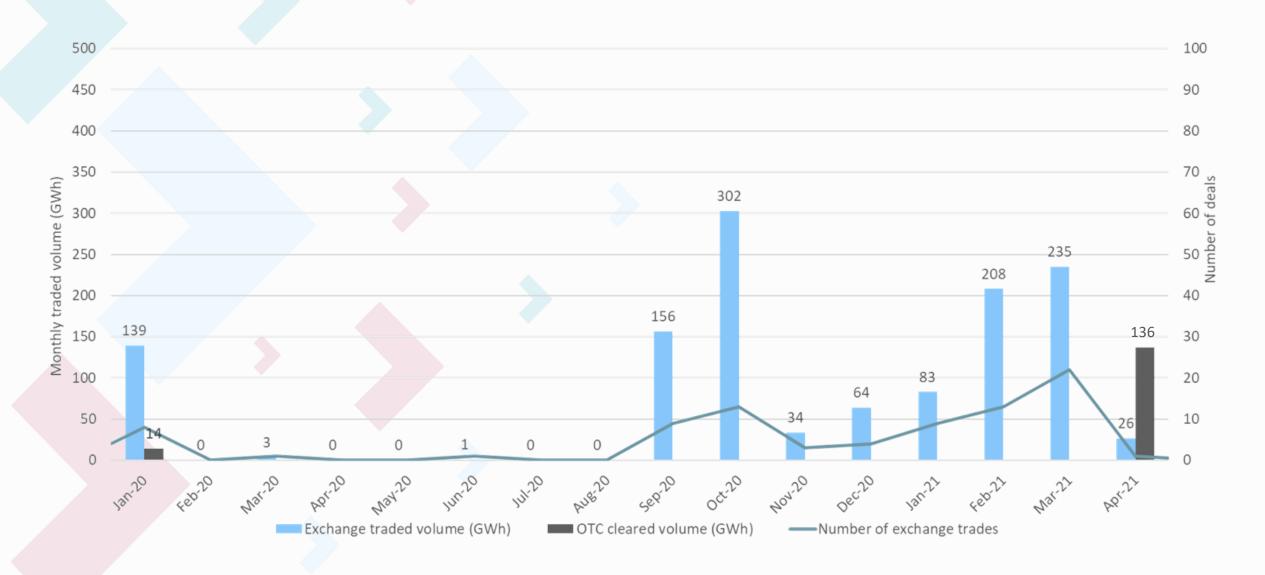


Qatari cargo travelling around South Africa to the UK would take around 27 days, compared with around 17 days for a route using the Suez Canal.

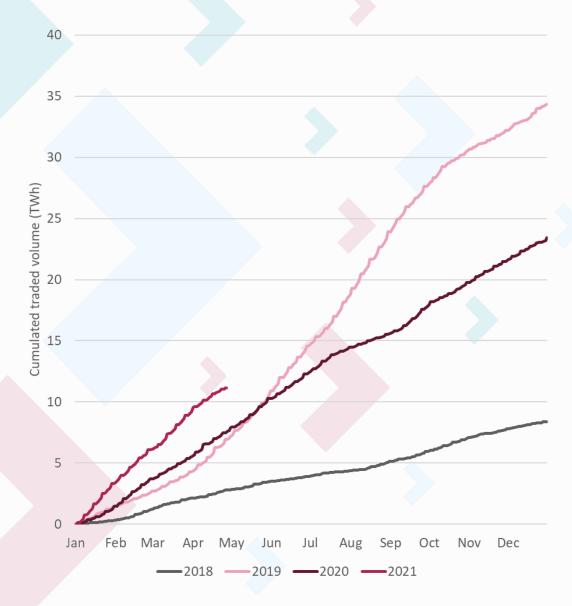
CEEGEX monthly traded volumes

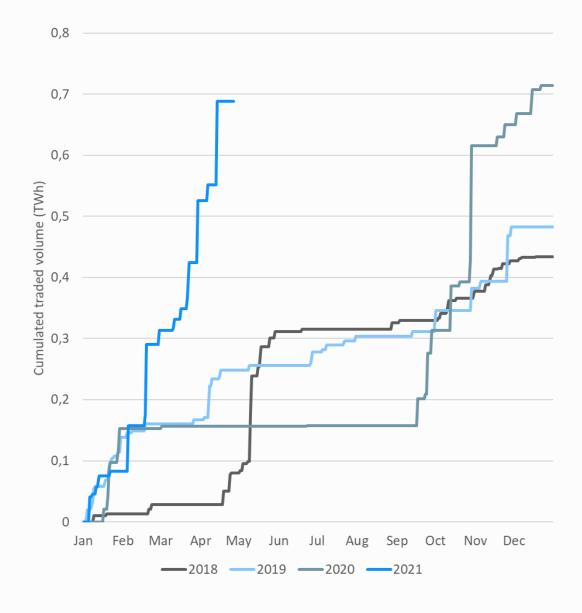


HUDEX Natural Gas Segment

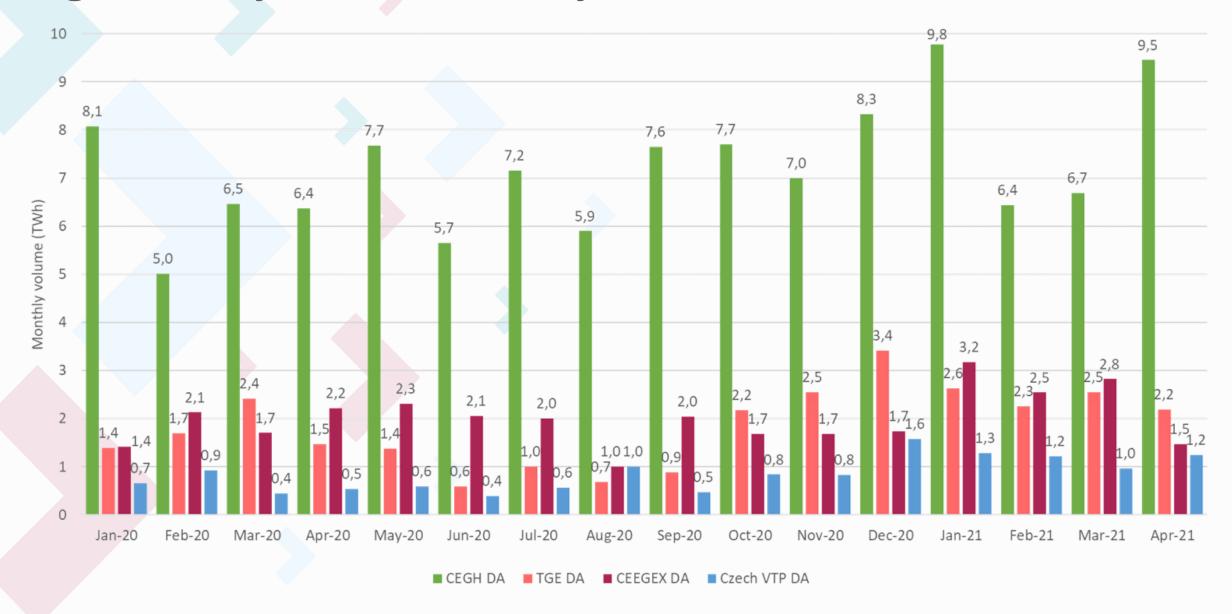


CEEGEX and HUDEX Natural Gas cumulative annual volumes

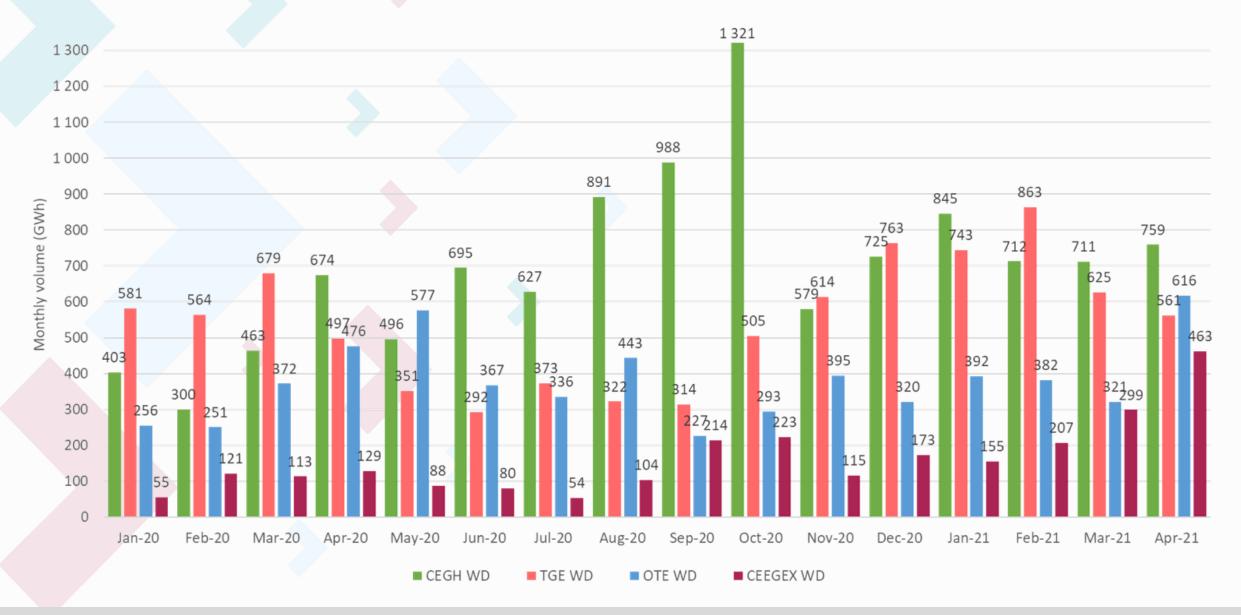




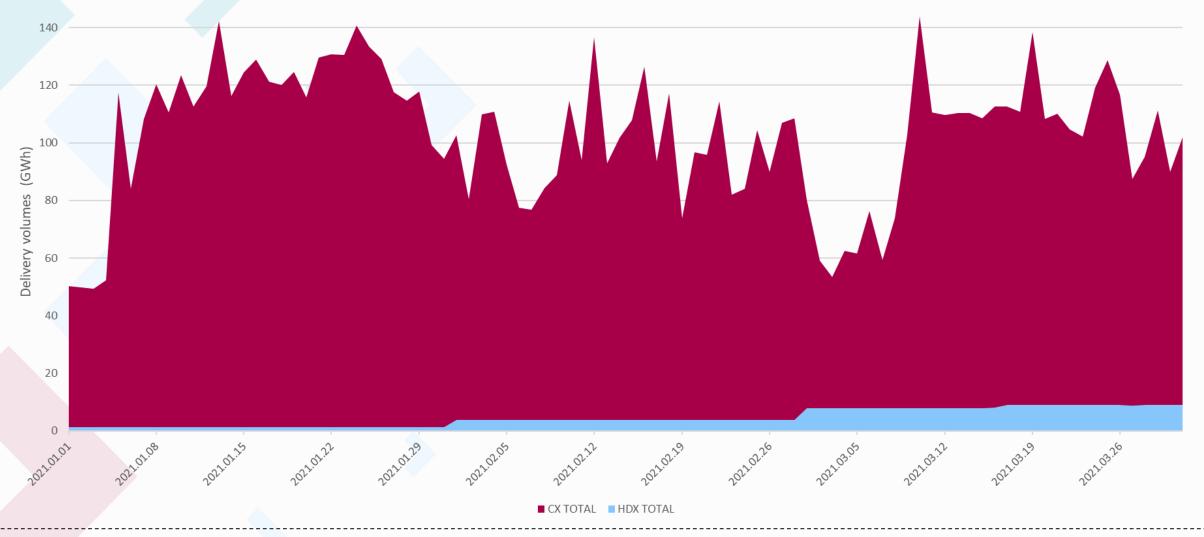
Regional Day-Ahead monthly volumes



Regional Within-Day monthly volumes

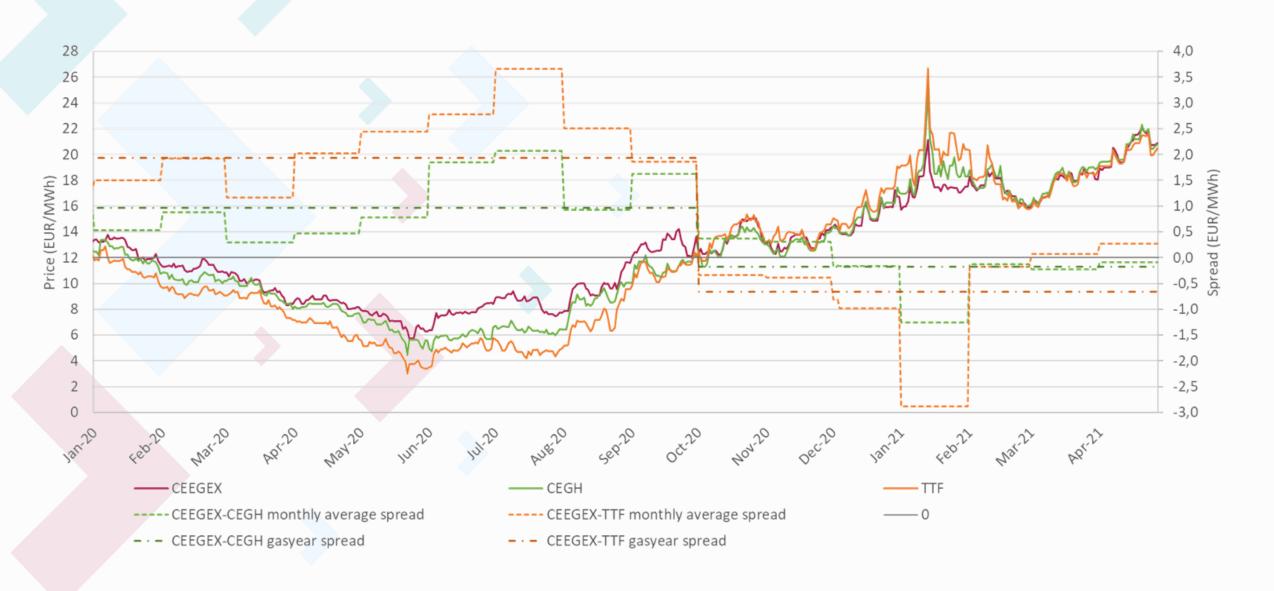


CEEGEX DA vs. HUDEX Natural Gas delivery volumes

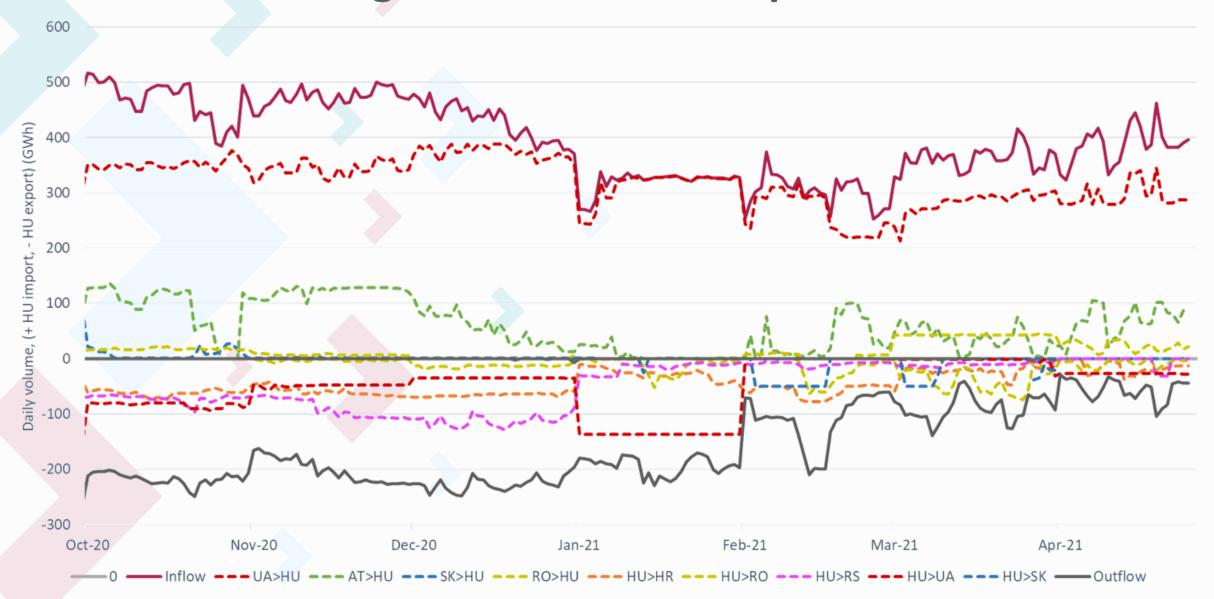


In the first quarter of 2021, both CEEGEX spot market and HUDEX Natural Gas segment showed increasing and stable liquidity. Based on the current deals, HUDEX doesn't affect CEEGEX volume, however we see the increasing trend on both market.

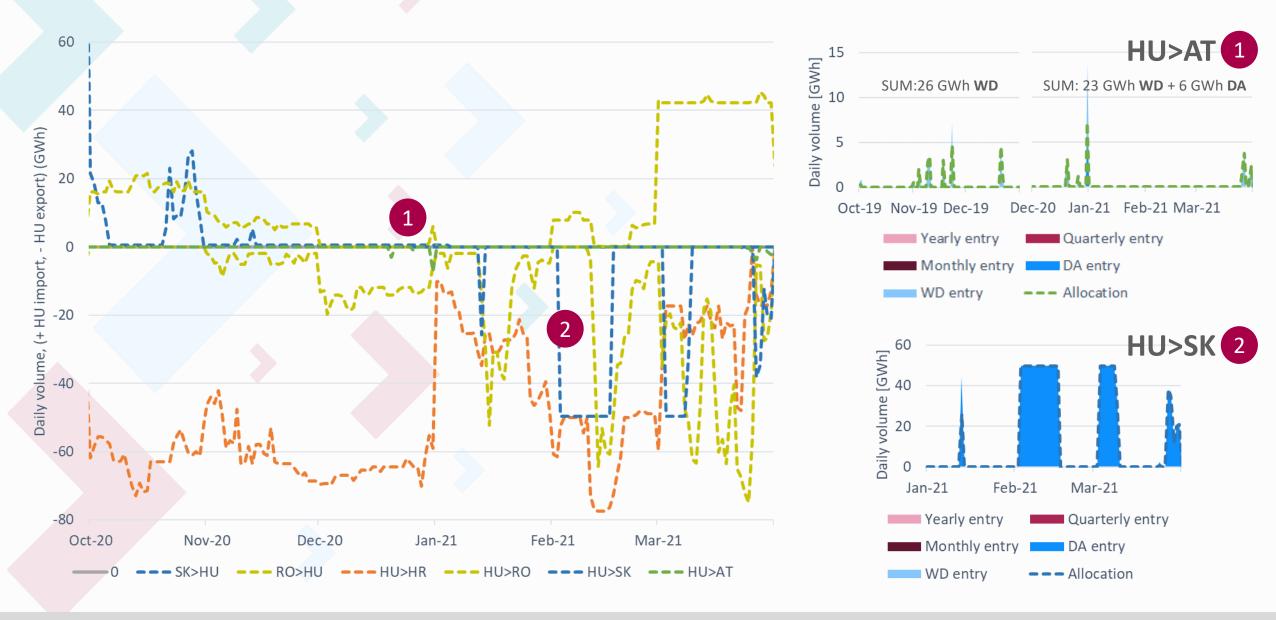
Hungarian and benchmark spot gas prices



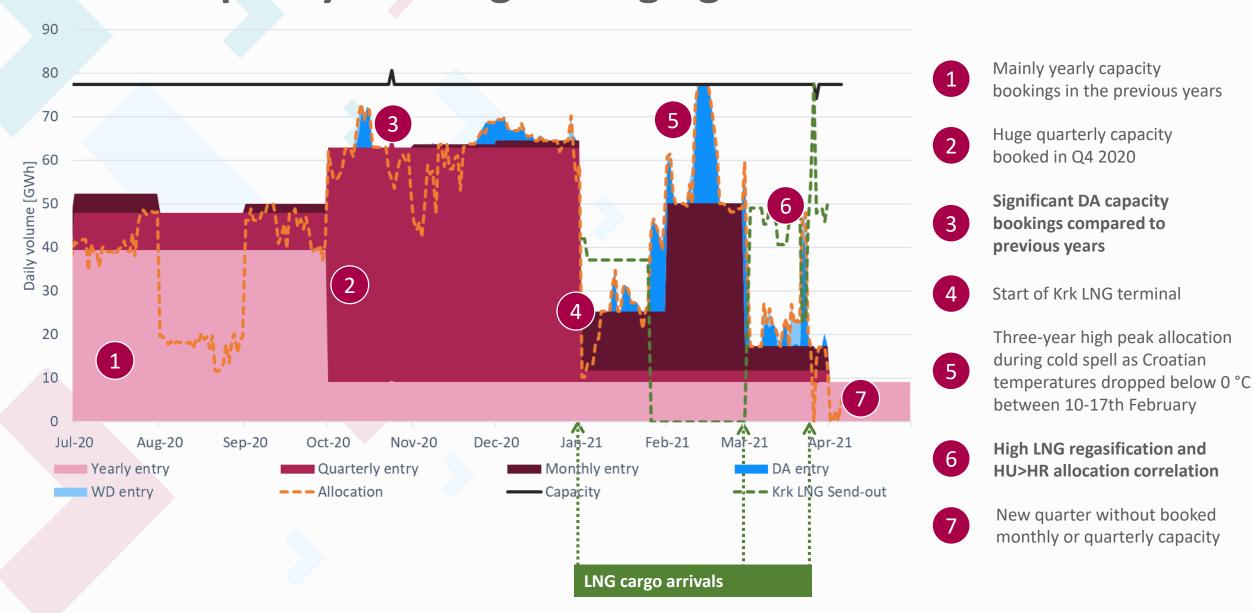
Gas flows on Hungarian cross-border points



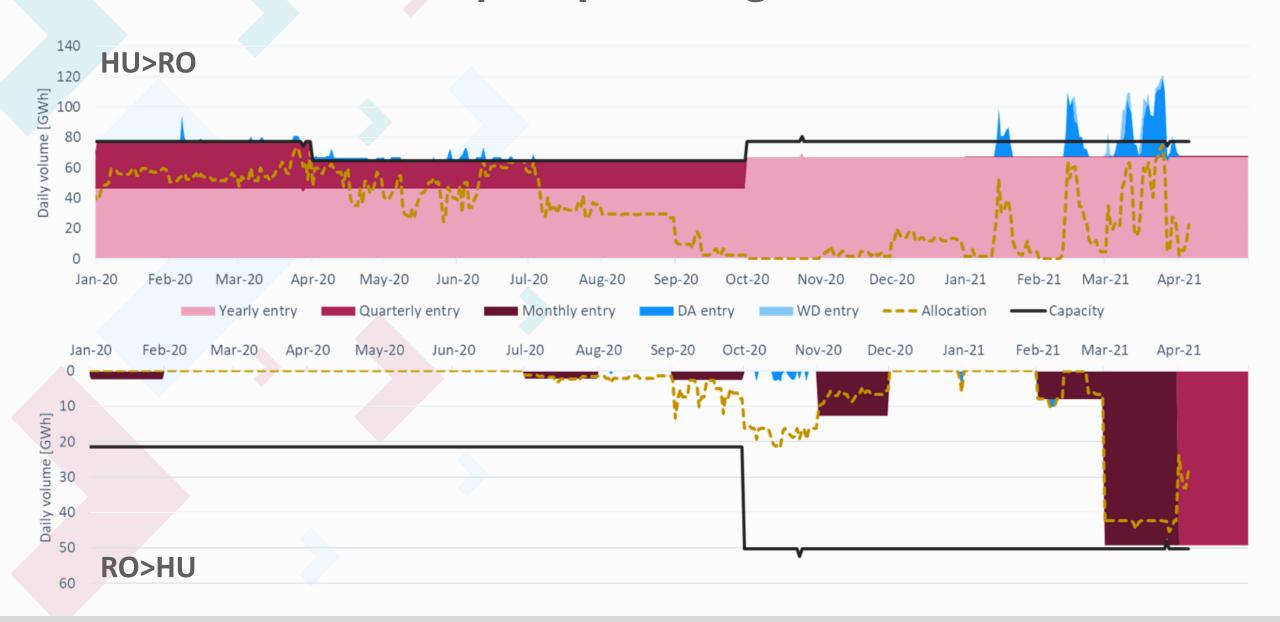
Cross-border capacity allocations - lower magnitudes



HU>HR capacity bookings changing trends with LNG



HURO bidirectional capacity bookings and allocations



BRM prices and RO-HU gasflow

