



Equiduct: RCB Transparency Disclosure 2021

Introduction

The requirements set out in Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2017/567 and Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 oblige market data providers to provide transparency information relating to the cost of producing and disseminating market data. Under this regulation Equiduct needs to comply with disclosure requirements aimed at enabling market data users to understand how market data is priced and assess whether the market data is being provided on a reasonable commercial basis.

This paper includes all the required information for the Equiduct market segment of Börse Berlin AG ("Equiduct"), including the necessary links to other documents published on the www.equiduct.com website.

Disclosures

Current Price List

The current price list for Börse Berlin Equiduct market data can be found in the EPLA Schedules document on the Equiduct website at: <https://www.equiduct.com/news-resources/documentation>

Contractual terms and conditions can also be found on the same page.

Advance Disclosure of Price List Changes

Amendments to the market data Price List set out in EPLA Schedule B are provided with ninety (90) days' written notice, coming into effect at the start of a month. Both the current and future price lists are clearly marked and provided at <https://www.equiduct.com/news-resources/documentation> until future prices come into effect.

Market Data Content

Equiduct provides three separate market data feeds which together provide full pre- and post-trade transparency for trading on the Equiduct market. Please see https://www.equiduct.com/sites/default/files/documents/Equiduct_MarketData_Brochure_EN.pdf for details of these three feeds.

Key information about the content of these feeds is displayed in the table below:

Reporting Period: 01/01/2021 – 30/11/2021

	HybridBook	Market by Limit	VBBO
Average number of instruments covered	1,757 ¹	1,757 ¹	1,757 ¹
Total turnover of instruments covered	€70.0Bn ¹	5.9Tn ²	0 ³
Pre-trade/post-trade ratio	99.6 / 0.4 ⁴	99.4 / 0.6 ⁵	100 / 0 ^{4/5}

Additional Data Provided in Addition to Market Data

- Equiduct Instrument List (instrument reference data)
- Equiduct Tick Tables (instrument reference data)
- Equiduct instrument pre-trade data
- Equiduct instrument 15-minute delayed trade data
- Equiduct instrument previous day trade data
- Equiduct instrument Best Execution Statistics

Price List Update

The last update to the market data fee schedule became effective 01/01/2022.

Market Data Revenues

For the last completed financial year (FY2020), revenue from market data was €1.901M. This constitutes 35.9% of total revenues for the period.

¹ Average number of instruments admitted to trading on Equiduct in the period

² Equiduct turnover for all instruments admitted to trading on Equiduct in the period

³ Pan-European turnover for all instruments admitted to trading on Equiduct in the period

⁴ VBBO provides pre-trade transparency data only

⁵ Percentage of pre-trade messages / percentage of post-trade messages. Statistics calculated based on recent captures of Equiduct market data feeds

Market Data Cost Accounting Methodology

The Equiduct market is operated as a single platform, supporting both trading and market data dissemination, neither of which is possible without the other. Technical and operational staff, and technology infrastructure to operate the market, are typically shared between trading and market data. As a result, the majority of costs are incurred jointly across the entire platform required to operate the Equiduct market.

In order to calculate the costs of market data provision for the purposes of setting reasonable fees, the following considerations are applied:

- 1) Trading services are the key focus of the business and require the majority of the technical infrastructure and of staff time. As a result, these “core” costs, including datacentre, networks, servers, software licenses and all technical and operational staff costs, are allocated 75% to the trading business and 25% to market data.
- 2) Uniquely, the Equiduct market model requires acquisition of real-time market data from several other European trading venues. This data is used to set trade prices in Equiduct’s best execution trading services, and to calculate and produce the VBBO and Market by Limit market data feeds. As such, market data acquisition costs are allocated 50/50 between trading and market data.
- 3) Sales and business development activities focus on trading services. Equiduct does not actively seek to sell market data other than to market participants, i.e., users of trading services. As a result, sales costs (including staff costs) are allocated 80% to trading and 20% to market data.
- 4) Where external consultants or services are retained, these costs are allocated on a case-by-case basis after careful evaluation of applicability.

Having calculated the applicable costs, Equiduct sets market data prices in order to recover the costs of production combined with a reasonable margin, and with reference to market data fees charged by other trading venues for similar services.