

# EASEE-gas

European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange - gas

## Common Business Practice

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### Summary

This Common Business Practice describes the Edig@s versioning process and the use of the EDIG@S protocol for the exchange of sales, infrastructure and service business information between parties in the European gas market.

## **About EASEE-gas**

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*The European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas or EASEE-gas was created by six founding members in Paris on March 14th, 2002. EASEE-gas's aim is to support the creation of an efficient and effective European gas market through the development and promotion of common business practices (CBPs) that intend to simplify and streamline business processes between the stakeholders. EASEE-gas has set up offices with Association Française du Gaz who provide administrative support.*

*The formation of EASEE-gas was prompted by the success of the Gas Industry Standards Board in the United States and has been modelled on it. The GISB has now evolved into the North American Energy Standards Board. The creation of EASEE-gas is a project that is fully supported by the European Commission and by the European Regulators through the so-called Madrid Forum. It was achieved through the work of a dedicated Task Force supported by EFET, Eurogas, Eurelectric, GEODE, GTE, OGP and the Edig@s group.*

*The association is fundamentally based on company membership and voluntary contribution towards the development of common business practices.*

*Full membership in EASEE-gas is open to all companies, European or other, that are involved in the European gas business, from producers to end users, and to companies that are their service providers. Companies can subscribe to full membership in one or more of the eight gas industry segments.*

*Associate membership in EASEE-gas is open to government agencies, e.g., regulators, to organisations such as gas business trade associations and to individuals that may contribute to the benefit of EASEE-gas. Associate members do not pay annual fees, nor do they have voting rights.*

*The development of common business practices within EASEE-gas is organised through working groups under the supervision of an executive committee that is representative of the various gas industry segments. Participation in the working groups is limited to members only.*

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**"EDIG@S Protocol"**

The following Common Business Practice has been approved by EASEE-gas for use in gas business transactions.

**1. EDIG@S PROTOCOL**

EASEE-Gas recommends for current practice the use of the official version of the Edig@s protocol for the exchange of sales, infrastructure and service information between parties in the European gas market, as described in the Edig@s Message Implementation Guidelines (MIG).

The official version of the 'Message Implementation Guidelines' (MIG) can be found on the following URL:

**<http://www.edigas.org>**