

# EASEE-gas

European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange - gas

## Common Business Practice

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### **Summary**

This Common Business Practice promotes the use of a specific encoding system for company identifiers in electronic messages, exchanged in gas transactions among gas market Players.

## About EASEE-gas

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*Six founding members in Paris created the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas or EASEE-gas 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 (CBP's) that intend to simplify and streamline business processes between the stakeholders. EASEE-gas has set up offices with Association Française du Gaz who provides 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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### 1. Introduction

This Common Business Practice (CBP) defines the code structure of a **Company's Identifier** (ID) with the aim of streamlining the codes exchanged in EDI messages between Gas Market parties.

The word "code structure" is used in this context with the meaning of "particular encoding system chosen to encode specific information".

A detailed description is provided for this code structure.

This recommendation will not limit the parties' rights to agree on different code systems and continue their agreements on a bilateral basis.

### 2. Company's Identifier

#### Scope

This CBP shall be applied to every **Company's IDs**, which represent Players (i.e. legally recognized companies or one of its functions), involved in the gas market chain.

#### Recommended codes

This CBP recommends to encode a **Company's ID** by the **ETSO EIC-X** code structure, generated according to the rules contained in "*A Common Identification System For The Energy Industry - The Energy Identification Coding Scheme EIC*" (ver.4.0).

**Figure 1 – EIC-X code structure for Company's ID**



Codes will be issued by the relevant EIC Issuing Office.

### 3. Implementation Date

This CBP should be implemented at the earliest technically and contractually possible date, but not later than **1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**.