

EIC codes

1. I already possess an international EIC code allocated by its national LIO. If I want to participate in another market area should I apply for a new EIC code?

Can I have different EIC codes for different roles (Balance Responsible Party, Capacity Trader, etc.)?

No, a unique and single International EIC code is enough to participate within the Energy Internal European Market. This EIC code is to be used to identify a market participant independently of its role.

2. As a new market participant, where should I apply for an EIC code?

It is strongly recommended that a new market participant applies for an EIC code in the nearest LIO available. An EIC Participant should apply for an EIC code in the LIO of the country where this EIC participant is registered. If the EIC participant wants an EIC code for one of its assets (e.g. generation unit, power plant etc.) then he should request from the LIO of the country where this asset is located.

If the scope of company's operations is limited to one area only, they should apply for a local code. In any other case, they should apply for an International EIC code.

3. As a market participant, I operate in both the electricity and gas markets. How many EIC codes should I have?

There shall be only one EIC code per market participant regardless of whether it participates in one or both energy markets.

4. As a market participant, my company has operations in many countries. How should those operations be addressed via the EIC coding scheme?

If an entity requires different EIC codes to identify several activities within distinct countries, it can ask for a "V" type code. Object type "V" identifies a specific organizational unit or IT system within a company. Thus, a company identified with a unique "X" type code, may have multiple "V" type codes.

5. If I alter the name of the company, should my EIC code also change?

No, the EIC code should not change, though the Display Name and the EIC name of the company will change.

6. Can I request a specific EIC code, which represents the name of my company?

Since 2010, it is strongly recommended that EIC codes should be non-significant alphanumeric codes. This maintains the uniqueness of the code and stability of the coding system.

7. What is the relationship between my company, my corresponding EIC (X-code) and my VAT?

It is strongly recommended that there is a one to one relationship between a market participants' company, its corresponding EIC and its VAT

8. Where can I find information regarding EIC codes?

Every LIO has a service for providing information on EIC codes which are generated by this LIO. Information can be found on GRTgaz website (<http://www.grtgaz.com/?930>).

For international EIC codes refer to <http://www.eiccodes.eu/> for the list of EIC codes for Parties (X codes), Areas (Y codes), etc.

9. Where can I find more information concerning the governance of EIC codes?

The EIC standard is maintained by ENTSO-E and can be downloaded by choosing "EIC Reference Manual" on the page of the following URL: <http://www.eiccodes.eu/>

10. What is the process for deactivating my EIC code?

The market participant sends the request to the LIO that has issued the code. For international EIC codes, the LIO then relays this information to the CIO. The specific EIC code enters the deactivation list (local or international) for a two-month period. The international deactivation list is regularly forwarded to all LIOs. If the code is not reported as used after the two-month period it is then deactivated.

11. How to know which LIO has issued my EIC code?

The two first characters of the EIC code identify the LIO that has issued the EIC code and who is in charge of maintaining it, i.e. "63" is the GRTgaz Local Issuing Office. The list of all the LIO is to be found on [ENTSO-E website](#) with the web site address and the e-mail address of the service to contact in case of any questions.

12. Who is in charge of updating the information on my EIC code?

The LIO having issued the EIC code is in charge of maintaining it. However, it is the responsibility of the market participant to ensure accuracy of the data (Name, Display Name, VAT code, contact person, etc.).

13. I want to trade with another market participant, how to find its EIC code?

As stated, EIC code is only a code. To trade with a counterpart, you have to enter within a contractual relation; and it is there that the parties shall provide the EIC codes to be used. You

can assess the correctness of the delivered EIC code by checking the local registry of the corresponding LIO.

14. A market participant provides me with its EIC code, but it is not listed on the LIO web site?

Only published EIC codes in the LIO web sites referenced by ENTSO-E are valid EIC codes.

15. Is a border area defined by an EIC code an oriented border area?

No, a border is not oriented, it defines only an area. In the XML document, the attributes "InArea" and "OutArea" provide the orientation of the flow. The EIC code, 10YDOM-1001A0036, identifies only the Border Area Italy Slovenia and does not provide any information on the flow either from Italy to Slovenia or from Slovenia to Italy.