

# EASEE-gas Press Announcement

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## European Gas Industry Takes Another Step to Improve Interoperability

The Executive Committee of EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas, approved four new Common Business Practices (CBPs) at its meeting in Milan on Tuesday 18 September:

- CBP2007-001/01 on Message Transmission Protocol specifies the use of AS2 for the transmission of Edig@s messages, as the most suitable protocol for reliable messaging of structured business data over the Public Internet;
- CBP2007-002/01 on Common Data Communications Network promotes the use of the public internet as the platform for business to business messaging between organisations involved in the delivery of gas from the producer to the end users and associated rules for data security;
- CBP2007-003/01 on Company's Identifier encoding recommends using the ETSO EIC-X code structure; and
- CBP2007-004/01 on Connection Point Identifier encoding recommends the use of the ETSO EIC-Z code structure.

Bjørn Melaa, from Shell and acting chairman of the Executive Committee, says "*These Common Business Practices further improve the interoperability of gas transmission networks and their approval is another important step for EASEE-gas, its members and the wider European gas industry. The CBPs demonstrate that the gas industry is actively co-operating to enhance the development of the liberalised European market.*"

The EASEE-gas Executive Committee, through various Working Groups, is continuing to develop Common Business Practices in close consultation with stakeholders, including the Madrid Forum.

Two other draft CBPs on the use of Edig@s protocol V4.0 and on Harmonisation of the Exchange of Allocation Information are out for consultation at the moment and we hope they will be approved before the end of the year.

### Notes

Common Business Practices (CBPs) are standards, procedures and/or protocols commonly used in the gas industry in Europe and are recommended by EASEE-gas for adoption by all relevant industry players to simplify and streamline business processes and thereby lead to an efficient and effective European gas market.

The development of CBPs is managed by an Executive Committee composed of industry representatives from each part of the gas value chain.

The European Gas Regulatory Forum of Madrid was set up to discuss issues regarding the creation of a true internal gas market. The participants are national regulatory authorities, Member States, the European Commission, transmission system operators, gas suppliers and traders, consumers, network users, and gas exchanges. The Forum convenes once or twice a year in Madrid.

EASEE-gas presently has 81 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 24 associate members (industry associations, regulators, government agencies, etc).

There are now ten approved CBPs, which can be found on the EASEE-gas website, [www.easee-gas.org](http://www.easee-gas.org)

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