

# EASEE-gas Press Announcement

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## **EUROPEAN GAS INDUSTRY AGREES ON PROCESS FOR SECONDARY CAPACITY TRADING**

The Executive Committee of EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas, has today published a new Common Business Practice (CBP): CBP 2008-001/01 on Secondary Capacity Trading.

This CBP, along with previous CBPs on Interconnection Agreements, the Nomination and Matching Process and the Harmonisation of Allocation Information Exchange, was developed by the EASEE-gas Business Rules Working Group with the objective of improving technical interoperability between all actors involved in gas delivery across Europe.

The CBP on Secondary Capacity Trading recommends a set of processes and principles for the trading of capacity rights with the aim to improve the secondary market. It outlines the capacity transfer process within the TSO System once the commercial agreement between the shippers is concluded. Recommendations include short lead times for the transaction request, the TSO response and for alternative trade structures.

New edig@s messages associated with the CBP on Secondary Capacity Trading are currently under development in the Messages and Workflow Design working group.

Implementation of the CBP should take place within a year and will be monitored by the EASEE-gas Implementation Group.

### 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 84 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 25 associate members (industry associations, regulators, government agencies, etc).

This is the thirteenth CBP developed and approved since 2003, all of which can be found on the EASEE-gas website, [www.easee-gas.org](http://www.easee-gas.org)

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