

# Press Announcement

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## European Gas Industry agrees on common ways to operate contracts

The Executive Committee of EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange (gas), has today released a new Common Business Practice (CBP):

CBP 2009-001/01 - Harmonisation of the operating of contracts.

The main purpose of this CBP is to provide common ways to operate the applicable contracts thus simplifying the day-to-day business, reducing mismatches and/or other operational issues and to provide a basis for a stable IT implementation.

The EASEE-gas Business Process Working Group provides the following two documents as supplement to the CBP:

CBP-2009-001/01\_Operating Agreements Template: a document to be used as a template for creating an operating agreement.

CBP- 2009-001/01 Operating Agreements Guideline: a document providing a guideline with rules and descriptions how to use the template.

These documents and all other approved CBPs can found on the new EASEE-gas website: [www.easee-gas.org](http://www.easee-gas.org)

### 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 27 associate members (industry associations, regulators, government agencies, etc).

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