

## FAQ Energy Identification Codes (EICs)

#	Question	Answer
1	Why do we need an EIC?	<p>EICs are used for the purpose of registration as BGR and for allocation of capacities by system users. They serve as as a unique identifier, especially when exchanging data.</p> <p><b>BGRs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To register as BGR you will need an international EIC X code. In case the headquarter of your company is in Austria. The EIC X-Code is assigned during registration by AGGM. If you are a non-Austrian company, you have to contact your responsible LIO, according to the guidelines of ENTSO-E. If there is no LIO in your country, you have to contact the LIO of a neighbouring country. You can find a list with the current LIOs at <a href="#">ENTSO-E</a>.</li> <li>To set up your balance group structure (i.e. BGs and Sub-BGs) on the platform you will also need a Y code. The first Y-Code is assigned during the registration. Further Y-Codes have to be requested on the AGGM Platform.</li> </ul> <p><b>System users</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will need an X code to join a BG and allocate your capacities. The BGR can only permit a system user to allocate its capacity to a BG and/or Sub-BG via the platform by listing the user's X code under "New BG member" in the login area.</li> </ul>
2	Where can I find the specifications and/or requirements of ENTSO-E?	The specifications stipulated in the EIC Reference Manual. The manual in its latest amended version and further explanatory documents are published at <a href="#">ENTOS-E</a> .
3	How do we find out whether our company already has an international EIC code?	An EIC posted on the ENTSO-E website is automatically an international code. International EIC Codes are published by <a href="#">ENTSO-E</a> . If your company is listened there, you must use this code.



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4	What geographical area do such codes apply to, and how long does the issuing procedure take?	<p>If the code is published by ENTSO-E, it is internationally valid. National EIC Y-Codes are only used in Austria.</p> <p>In case you apply for an international EIC via the platform as an Austrian company, please note that the allocation can only be made after coordination with ENTSO-E, which can take 1-2 weeks. National codes are assigned within 2 days.</p>
5	What is a Y code?	<p>A Y code is a code used in the Market Area East to identify BGs and Sub-BGs. This code (one for each BG/Sub-BG) is assigned during the registration process. This is a national code to be used as clear identification with regard to balancing (only for BGs) and in general for exchanging data (for BGs/Sub-BGs).</p> <p>According to the specifications of ENTSO-E Y codes are also used for identifying geographical areas.</p>
6	Can we choose our X code or Y code?	No, the platform will generate them automatically from your company's name.
7	What should we indicate as ALIAS for our X code?	If you already have an X code, please enter the ALIAS that was accepted by the responsible issuing office (16 characters, none of them lower case). The ALIAS (referred to as Display Name) is published at <a href="#">ENTSO-E</a> .