Join the AIB – Let’s keep it simple
Guarantees of Origin: the principle...
Joining process; https://www.aib-net.org/aib/how-

How to join

If you are an issuing body for GOs or voluntary certificates and would like to see how AIB works for yourself for a trial year at no cost, then you may apply in writing for “Observer” status. As an observer, you will naturally not be entitled to take part in decision-making, but your views will always be welcome.

If you are an issuing body for GOs or voluntary certificates and wish to join, then you must make formal application to the Association. Applicants have no voting rights, and can remain an applicant for one year (paying no membership fee) after which they must pay the membership fee. Once you have been granted membership of the AIB, you will be able to vote, and must pay the membership fee. Applicants and members have access to the public part of the website plus the relevant parts of the members section.

Download the brochure “How to Join AIB” for a high level explanation of the work of AIB, and of the EECS Rules. This document describes the process of gaining membership in more detail and explains how the membership fee is calculated.

If you wish to apply for membership, then you should do so by writing to the AIB Secretariat, and including a completed application form and questionnaire, which can be downloaded below too.

Download:
- Membership application form
- Introduction to AIB, GO’s and reflection paper (presentation)
- Introduction joining process (presentation)
- How to join AIB (brochure)
Joining process; overview

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Joining Brochure

Procedural matters

Technical matters

IT matters

Find your SPOC
Joining process

The procedure for setting up an AIB infrastructure in a country is as follows:
1. Appoint an Issuing Body (but let’s pretend that you are ALREADY an Issuing Body)
2. IF required, appoint agents to support the activities of the Issuing Body
3. Select, implement and configure registry software (develop its own software or use commercially available software)
4. Fill in the Application form and the Questionnaire (downloadable on the Website) and send it to the Secretary General
5. Draft a Domain Protocol, setting out how the market will operate in your country
6. Test the interconnection of your registry with the AIB Hub
7. Gain the “approval” of the AIB General Meeting (GM)
8. START registering plants, then issuing and transferring certificates
Orientated time schedule to join AIB

- **Get in contact with AIB**
- **If required appoint agents to support the activities of the issuing body**
- **Select, implement and configure registry software**
- **Apply for membership, completing the formal letter of application and questionnaire**
- **Draft the domain protocol**
- **Review domain protocol**
- **Test the interconnection of your registry with the AIB hub**
- **Gain the approval of the general meeting**
- **Get the approval of the general meeting/2**
- **Possibility to have support by AIB**
Membership Fees

AIB is an Association financing itself via membership fees. The membership fees intend to share the costs of providing services equitably between members (explained in details in the Joining Brochure).
Benefits of joining AIB (1/2)

EECS standard developed according to EU Directives and member state needs

- Both EECS and the AIB Hub are continuously improved
- Dealing with 1 Hub connection instead of a lot:
  - Cuts down prices
  - Reduces workload
  - More safe/reliable 36 eyes are much better than 2
- Part of a “accredited authority”
- Peer-to-peer exchange of RELIABLE information
- Continuous best practices training
- Strong networking
- Tailor made advice and expertise
Benefits of joining AIB (2/2)

Becoming and being a member of the AIB

Being part of the process  Tailor made advice and expertise
Thank you for your attention -
you are welcome to become a member of the AIB