

AIB Press Release

New members: CNMC (Spain) and UBA (Germany)

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On 4th of March 2016 the AIB (Association of Issuing Bodies) held its first General Meeting in 2016 in Namur (Belgium). The General Meeting approved UBA (Umweltbundesamt – German Environment Agency) and the CNMC (La Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia - Spanish energy regulator) as member in the AIB.

CNMC (La Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia), Spain

Since 2007, the Spanish National Regulatory Authority (National Commission on Markets and Competition - CNMC-), is the official Issuing Body for guarantee of origin of electricity from renewable energy sources and high-efficiency cogeneration in Spain.

CNMC is also responsible for National Electricity Source Disclosure system, audits and inspection of renewable and cogeneration electric production devices as well as responsible for renewable support schemes settlement and payment system.

Although Spanish system of guarantees of origin was one of the first systems developed in EU, according to requests from different stakeholders, and in order to eliminate any administrative barriers that may limit guarantees trade between countries, CNMC decided to improve the management system of guarantees of origin adding new functionality as the management of exports and imports of guarantees of origin, being a member of the "Association of Issuing Bodies - AIB ". In April 2015, CNMC applied for membership of this association.

UBA (Umweltbundesamt/German Environment Agency), Germany

Since January 2013 UBA is Germany's competent body for Guarantees of Origin and operates the German GO register called Herkunftsnachweisregister (HKNR). In June 2013 UBA liaised to the AIB as a Non-member Hub user thereby being allowed to use the Hub for international transfers of Guarantees of Origin. However, as a Non-member UBA was not entitled to exercise member rights like voting in General Meetings of the AIB. With UBA's approval as a member which will come into effect on 1st April, UBA will from that moment on be a regular member.

UBA covers Guarantees of Origin for renewable electricity according to article 15 of the Renewable Energy Sources-Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Union. UBA regulates one of the largest markets in the EU for RES Guarantees of Origin with around 80 million Guarantees of Origin cancelled in 2015.

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The Association of Issuing Bodies is the leading enabler of international energy certificate schemes. The AIB promotes the use of a standardised system, based on harmonised environment, structures and procedures in order to ensure the reliable operation of international energy certificate systems.

The AIB provides a well-tested standard for certificate trade - the **European Energy Certificate System (EECS)** - which is the basis for certificate schemes in 20 European countries and enables international trade. The knowledge of AIB is shared by available documents on Internet and by contacting the organisation.

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