

GOs for Gas in Austria

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Agenda



1. Legal framework for gas GOs and disclosure

2. E-Control database

3. Current status

4. International trade and current issues in the debate

5. Further certificates issued by E-control

*** BREAKING NEWS ***



- By May 2023, AUSTRIA (E-Control) is the first issuing body certified by AIB and connected to the AIB hub
- Austria (E-Control) first issuing body to transfer GOs via AIB hub

E-Control



- E-Control is the issuing body for GOs Electricity AND Gas
- No other issuing body in Austria
- E-Control is responsible to <u>run the system and to supervise the disclosure</u> for Electricity AND Gas
- E-Control has 20 years experience in GOs and disclosure
- E-Control is member of AIB (Association of Issuing Bodies)
- E-Control decides about acceptance of GOs from other countries (based on legal framework in member states and the processes of AIB)

E-Control – ,status quo' electricity



- ~ 250.000 power plants in our database
- Operators of power plants have the obligation to register
- ~ 140 electricity suppliers → disclosure statement
- 100% of electricity must be labelled with GOs
- GOs are traded across Europe (EU and non-EU)
- The technical platform for the international transfers is provided by AIB

E-Control – transfers electricity GOs







Eingesetzte Nachweise Erzeugerland	Versorgermix 2021 in %
Österreich	67,90
Dänemark	0,17
Deutschland	0,33
Niederlande	6,68
Norwegen	15,18
Slowenien	0,14
Schweden	1,28
Finnland	1,74
Frankreich	2,98
Italien	1,22
Tschechien	0,03
Belgien	0,02
Kroatien	0,02
Estland	0,12
Island	0,25
Portugal	1,16
Spanien	0,21
Lettland	0,51
Slowakei	0,06
Schweiz	
Summe	100,00

§ Legal framework for issuing GOs On an European level



RED II 2018/2001 Art. 19:

- 1. For the purposes of demonstrating to final customers the share or quantity of energy from renewable sources in an energy supplier's energy mix and in the energy supplied to consumers under contracts marketed with reference to the consumption of energy from renewable sources, **Member States shall ensure that the origin of energy from renewable sources can be guaranteed** "
- 2. "[...] Member States shall ensure that the same unit of energy from renewable sources is taken into account only once."
- 5. [...]The designated competent bodies shall not have overlapping geographical responsibilities, and shall be independent of production, trade and supply activities.

§ Legal framework for issuing GOs and for gas disclosure



EAG 2021 - Renewable Act

- § 81 (1):
- E-Control appointed as the national body responsible for issuing, monitoring the transfer and cancelling the guarantees of origin.

Gaskennzeichnungsverordnung - gas labeling ordinance 2021

- § 8 (2):
- Labeling [...] must be carried out for the first time in 2023 for the gas quantities delivered in 2022. For 2021 the labeling can be carried out on a voluntary basis.

Gaswirtschaftsgesetz (GWG) – Gas act

- § 130
- stating the criteria on where and how to displace the origin of gas

GOs for:

- Biomethane
- Hydrogen
- Fossil gas (explored in AT)

- 15 RES Gas producers generating GOs
- ~ 300 biogas power plants →
 GOs for electricity

https://gasnachweis.at/gashkn/



→ E-Control Database for Gas-Gos → similar to the system for electricity



https://gasnachweis.at/

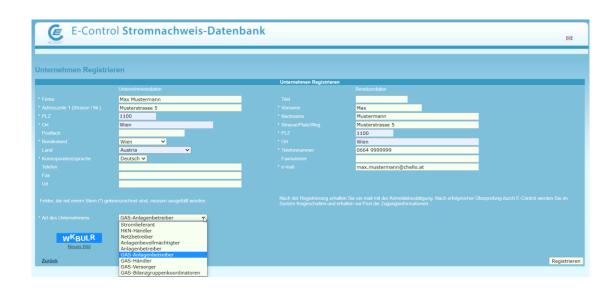


Operations in the database

> Registration process for companies and Users: <u>https://www.stromnachweis.at/stammdaten_unternehmen_registrieren.asp</u>

Companies/Users:

- **Producers of gas** → public grid!!
- Grid operator → reporting the production of gas = issuing of GOs
- Gas supplier → using GOs for disclosure statement
- Traders → trading of GOs

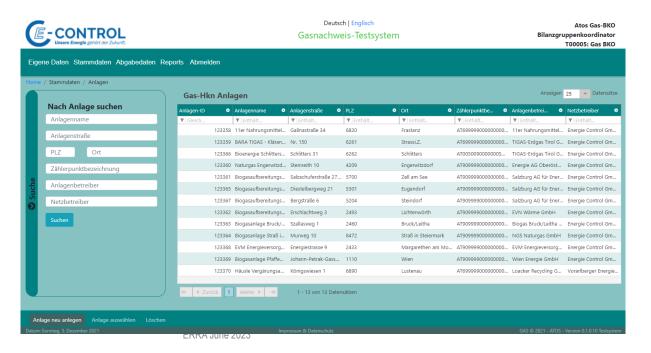


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Processes in the database

> Registration of plants

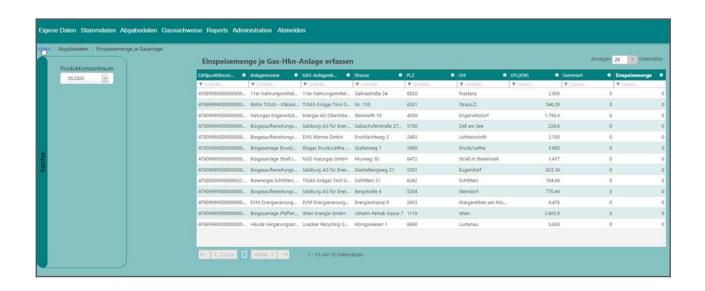


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Processes in the database

> Grid operator reports amount of gas injected



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Further processes in the database:

- Assigning specific Tech-Codes after certification by an approved auditor
- Issuing certificates for a future renewable-gas-quota-system
- Issuing green certificates for off-grid renewable-gas
- Disclosure statement of gas suppliers

Status quo and ongoing processes



- Legislation in place
- > Technical processes established
- GOs are issued for
- 1st disclosure period in progress
- Domain protocol for AIB developed
- AIB Audit in progress

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International Trade Working with AIB



- ➤ AIB Association of issuing bodies
- Working on the harmonization and standardization for energy carriers -European Energy Certificate System - "EECS"
- HUB for the international transfer of Gos
- E-Control allows transfers only via the AIB-HUB
- The aim (equivalent to electricity): all issuing bodies are member of AIB-HUB

International Trade

Conditions for the admission of GOs from other countries



- ➤ 1. Legislation according to RED II 2018/2001 Art. 19 in place
- ➤ 2. Issuing body appointed by national law
- > 3. Only electronic GOs will be acknowledged
- > 4. Connected to the AIB HUB

Current Status



Country	Legislation in place	Issuing body
Austria	Yes	E-Control
Belgium Brussels	Yes	Brugel
Belgium Federal		
Belgium - Flanders	Yes	VREG
Bulgaria	Ongoing process	Prospectively SEDA
Estonia	Yes	Elering
Finland	Yes	Gasgrid Finland
France	Ongoing process	Ongoing process
Germany	Ongoing process	
Greece	Ongoing process	Prospectively Dapeep
Italy	Ongoing process	GSE
Latvia	Ongoing process	Ongoing process
Lithuania	Ongoing process	Ongoing process
Luxembourg	Ongoing process	Ongoing process
Netherlands	Ongoing process	Vertogas
Portugal	Ongoing process	REN
Slovakia	Ongoing process	Ongoing process
Spain	Yes	Ongoing process
Sweden	Ongoing process	Prospectively EM
Switzerland	Ongoing process	Ongoing process

Further certificates issued by E-Control

EAG § 85, § 86 and & § 87



> Green gas certificate § 86

- for gas which is not injected into the grid and which is used in end consumption or in a material process. Please note though that these are not normal GOs and they can't be used for labeling.
- In case an obligatory green gas quota as described in § 87 comes into force Green gas certificates as well as "traditional" GOs require a

Green gas seal § 85

issued in case renewable gas is produced from renewable energy that is countable for the national renewable reference target of Austria in accordance with Article 3 (2) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001. If gas is produced from energy in the form of biomass fuels, it must also meet the sustainability requirements and the criteria for greenhouse gas savings in accordance with Section 6 (2) and (3).

Comming up



Quota-System for Renewable Gases →

- Quota (%) = $\frac{(GOs+green\ gas\ certificates)}{Final\ gas\ demand}$

- Who is responsible: gas supplier

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Quota	0,7%	1,05%	1,75%	2,8%	4,2%	5,95%	7,7% or at least 7,5 TWh

Summary of facts and figures



- Market for GOs for Gas is at the very beginning
- Functionality and liquidity far away from GOs for electricity
- Low interest on the demand side (final customers), increasing interest electricity/heating sector
- In AT:
 - 15 RES gas producers are registered
 - 2 companies will register for generation of fossil GOs
 - Hydrogen on the door-step
 - ~ 40 gas suppliers are in the process to declare their disclosure statement
 - By far most RES gas production sites are producing electricity
- Number of GOs and share in total gas supply is limited
- No international trade at the moment
- Max 5 countries will be connected to the AIB hub by the end of the year



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