

# Cancellation of GOs, Conversion, and Annual Inspection of EECS Production Devices

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*Unofficial translation*

All principles and deadlines presented next apply to **both national and EECS GOs**, as well as **GOs imported to Finland as EECS transfers or ex-domain cancellations**.

The *use* of ex-domain canceled GOs in Finland must be notified to Gasgrid within the same deadlines.

Gasgrid is not responsible for or aware of practices in other countries; it is the account holder's responsibility to verify them. According to Gasgrid's understanding, similar deadlines are used in other EU countries. \*EECS countries' Domain Protocols can be found on the **\*\*[AIB website](#)**.

\*European Energy Certificate System

\*\*Association of Issuing Bodies

# Cancellation of GOs

- GOs are valid for 12 months from the last day of the production month.  
→ For example, GOs issued for February 2024, must be canceled by February 28, 2025.



Issuance of GOs



12 months



Cancellation



Consumer Disclosure

- **It is essential that the verification obligation can be monitored and supervised in the allocation of cancellations.** For example, if an operator has aggregated data on renewable gas sold at refueling stations, the accuracy can be considered sufficient.
- Different cancellation purposes (e.g., gas distribution, conversion) must be distinguishable from each other.

# Cancellations in the G-REX

Currently, Gasgrid confirms all cancellations made in G-REX approximately one day after the cancellation is made.

- This is a so-called **AH's error correction time**.
- Gasgrid can (at the AH's request) reject the cancellation before confirmation, and the AH can make a new one.

Gasgrid does not monitor or supervise the targets of the cancellations.

- It is the AH's responsibility to provide correct and clear information for the cancellation to make it clear on whose behalf the GOs are canceled.
- The Finnish Energy Authority is the supervisor.



# Error Correction

- Cancellation is a final action that cannot be changed or removed except for error correction.
- To ensure equal treatment of AHs and the reliability of the GO system, the AH must provide Gasgrid
  - **with a justified and specific written proposal on *what* is corrected, *why* it is corrected, and *how* it is ensured that the already issued Cancellation Statement is not used.**
    - Gasgrid evaluates the proposal and makes an appealable decision
- The same procedure is used for correcting usage certificates of ex-domain cancellations, i.e., if there is an error in the information provided in the usage certificate, the AH must request error correction in writing.
- If the error occurred in the country of origin during the cancellation of GOs and the cancellation certificate has already been delivered to Gasgrid, Gasgrid must be informed in advance according to the practices described above.

# Deadlines for Cancellations

1. GOs allocated to the previous calendar year must be canceled by March 31
  - Cancellations allocated to 2024 must be canceled **by March 31, 2025**.
2. Consumption periods are reviewed on an annual basis, and accordingly, the allocation of cancellations is limited to a specific calendar year.
  - The consumption period is primarily chosen as the calendar year to which the cancellation is allocated. It can also be a month.
  - The consumption period cannot span two different calendar years.
3. The cancellation can be allocated up to the end of the calendar year in which the GO to be canceled expires.
4. The same deadlines apply to ex-domain cancellations, considering that their use in Finland must be notified to Gasgrid within the deadlines.



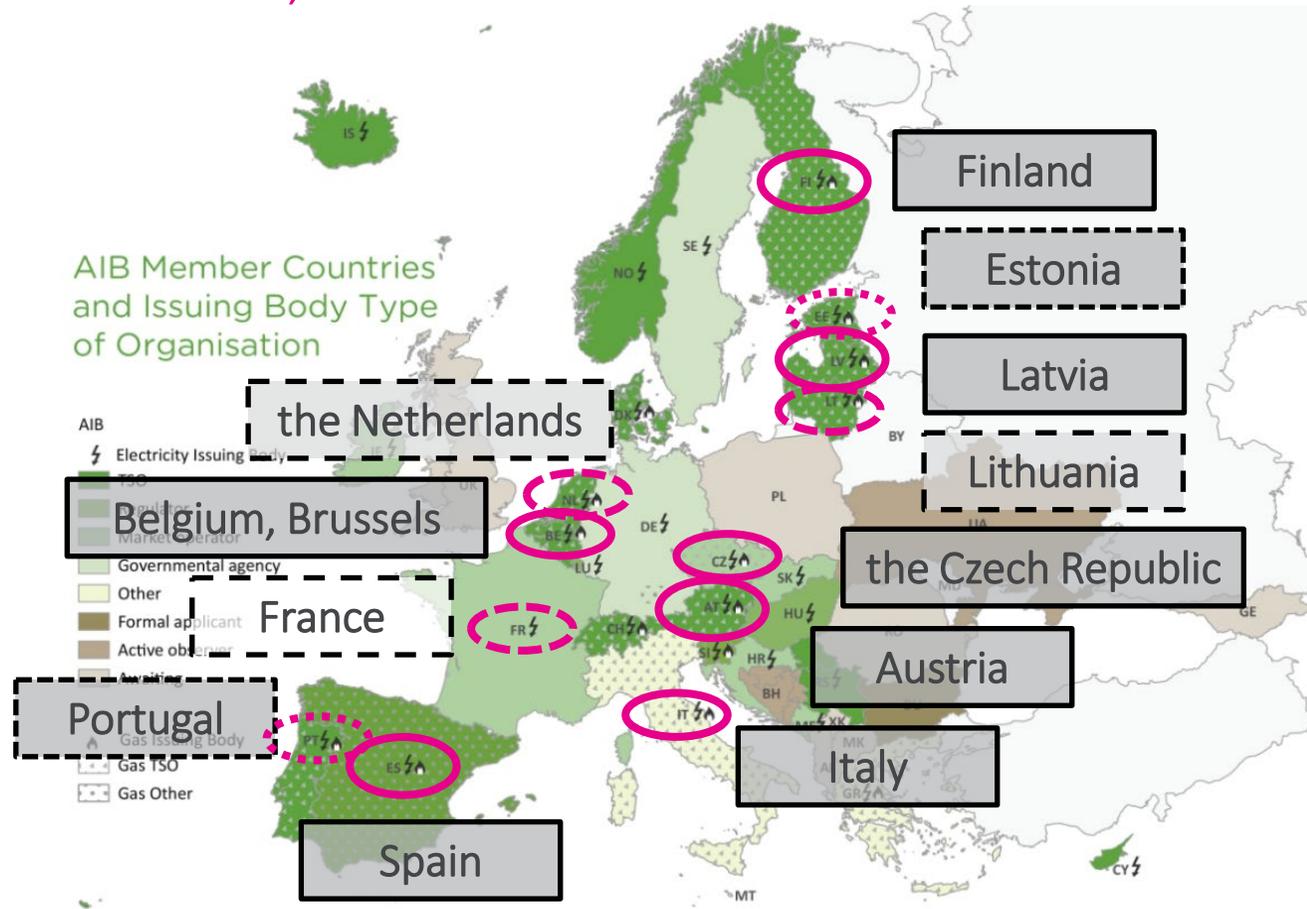
# Examples of Deadlines

Note: The cancellation can be allocated up to the end of the calendar year in which the GO to be canceled expires. The consumption period cannot span two different calendar years, e.g., 1.12.2024-31.1.2025 (dd.mm.yyyy).

Production Month	GOs Expire	Cancellation Time example	Allocation of Cancellation (Annual or Monthly)
1.-31.12.2023	31.12.2024	December 2024	1.1.-31.12.2024
1.-29.2.2024	28.2.2025	August 2024	1.1.-31.12.2024 1.1.-31.12.2025
		1.1.-28.2.2025	1.1.-31.12.2024 1.1.-31.12.2025
1.-31.8.2024	31.8.2025	December 2024	1.1.-31.12.2024 1.1.-31.12.2025
		1.1.-31.3.2025	1.1.-31.12.2024 1.1.-31.12.2025
		1.4.-31.8.2025	1.1.-31.12.2025

# EECS GOs

Status as of December 11, 2024



Transfers between EECS countries are made directly between the countries' registers. The so-called gas member countries are Finland, Latvia, Austria, Spain, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Brussels, Belgium. Estonia and Portugal are expected to join before Christmas, and Lithuania and the Netherlands are also preparing to join.

Otherwise, Ex-Domain cancellations may be possible. Ex-Domain cancellations have mainly been made from Denmark. For other countries, please contact [customerservice@gasgrid.fi](mailto:customerservice@gasgrid.fi)

<https://www.aib-net.org/facts/aib-member-countries-regions>

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# Conversion <sup>1/2</sup>

- Conversion transforms energy from one form to another.
- The Finnish Energy Authority's conversion instructions can be found [here](#).
- Need for the first conversion cancellation from Gasgrid's gas/hydrogen register or ex-domain cancellation to Finland? Contact [customerservice@gasgrid.fi](mailto:customerservice@gasgrid.fi)
- Allow sufficient time!



# Conversion 2/2

- The input energy carrier is converted into another renewable energy carrier entitled to GOs (output energy carrier), e.g., gas to heat or electricity to hydrogen.
  - GOs are canceled for the amount of input energy carrier used (within their validity period) before GOs can be issued for the output energy carrier produced in the conversion process.
  - The operator may need to belong to or authorize a representative in several Finnish GO registers (gas/hydrogen, electricity and/or heating/cooling).
  - The conversion cancellation is made for the power plant in the electricity or heat register. The plant's name and its unique GSRN number are required in the G-REX Cancellation purpose field: **GSRN, [plant name], [register], other information.**
- GOs issued based on conversion are valid for 12 months from the end of the production month in which the conversion occurred.
- The consumption period in the source register is preferably the period (month) in which the convertible energy will be produced. It can also be a calendar year following other cancellation rules and cannot span two different calendar years.
- The AH of the target register/produced energy, i.e., the one to whose power/production plant the converted GOs are issued, submits the cancellation certificate from the source register to the target register administrator.
- Ex-domain cancellation, i.e., importing biogas GOs to Finland, applies to conversion cancellation under the same principles. Cancellations must be made separately for different energy forms (electricity/heat). Conversion from biogas to electricity/heat is done in the domain of Finland.

# Annual Inspection Instructions (EECS) 1/2

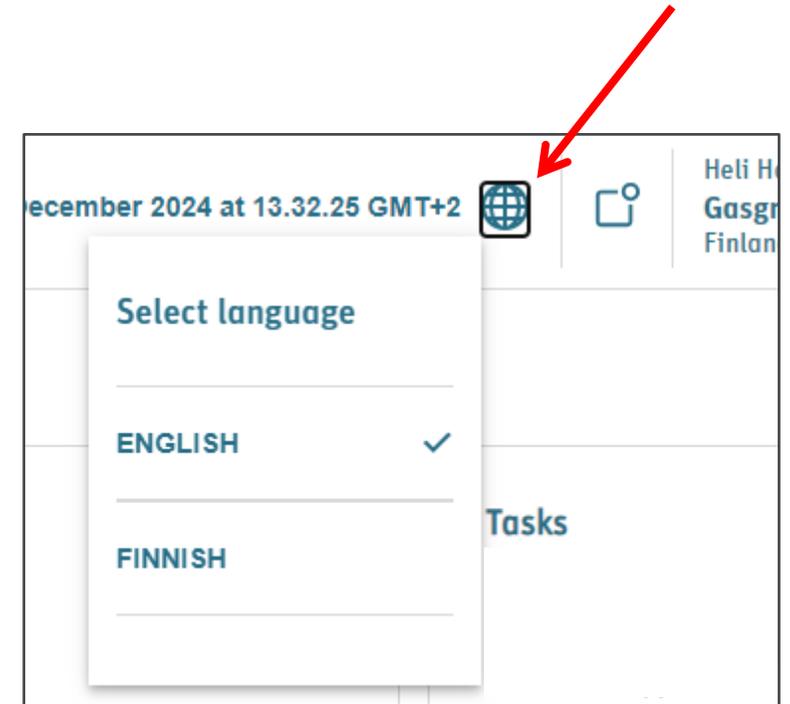
- According to the Domain Protocol and EECS rules, the production device must be inspected annually to be issued **EECS GOs**.
- Inspection documentation must be submitted to Gasgrid annually **between January 1 and April 30**, starting from the year following the year in which EECS GOs were first issued.
- The annual inspection should not be confused with the verification under [the Finnish GO Act](#) and [the Government Decree](#), which is usually valid for five (5) years.
- **The annual inspection only applies to production devices issued EECS GOs – not Finnish national GOs! (Gasgrid is authorized to issue either national or EECS GOs.)**

# Annual Inspection Instructions (EECS) 2/2

- Annual Inspection
  - **Energy Source:** Ensure that inputs are as per the verification certificate and acceptable.
  - **Accuracy of Measuring Devices:** Check that measuring devices comply with the verification certificate, legislation, and existing measurement standards.
  - **Location and Calibration of Measuring Devices:** Ensure that measuring devices are correctly placed and calibrated according to instructions to measure production quantity.
- The annual inspection instructions can be found on [Gasgrid's GOs website](#) and directly [here](#).
  - Sustainability criteria assessments and biogas tax declarations can be utilized.
  - The independent third party conducting the inspection and the procedure must be approved by Gasgrid at least three weeks before the inspection.
    - The inspector must be one approved by the Energy Authority as a verifier for tasks related to the Energy Authority's areas of responsibility or the inspector must be an auditor of a voluntary sustainability scheme approved by the European Commission.

# Other Current Topics

- The 2025 tariff was published on 22nd November 2024 and can be found on [Gasgrid's GOs website](#) and directly [here](#).
- The G-REX GOs register can also be set to Finnish.
- Many things are ongoing/upcoming, such as updates to the Finnish GO Act (Domain Protocol update as well), clean gases market development, UDB and GO standard.
  - The next information session will be held in a hybrid format in the beginning of the next year.
- Please contact us well in advance [customerservice@gasgrid.fi](mailto:customerservice@gasgrid.fi) – not at the last minute when the GOs are about to expire 😊



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