

Channels to notify the Commission on Article 3 of the Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2576

A. *By encrypted email or normal email with encrypted attachment to a functional mailbox*

The functional mailbox ENER-PLATFORM-TRANSPARENCY@ec.europa.eu (here after, FMB) is already operational and ready for undertakings to notify on the required information in Article 3 of the Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2576.

Here below two ways to send an **encrypted information via email** to the Commission:

- *S/MIME encryption*

Through S/MIME (SECEM-2), gas undertakings and Member States authorities can send an encrypted email to the FMB without the need to encrypt the attachment. Some Member States authorities are already using this tool.

Further information can be found in the SECEM-2 interoperability guide (see second attachment to the email). Undertakings can receive the guide once they contact us for the first time.

- *Standard email with password-encrypted attachment via 7zip*

There is also the possibility to send a standard email, but then the sender should encrypt the attachment via 7zip, which is free and available for both externals and for the Commission.

This encryption will require a password for the receiver (the Commission) created by the sender to be able to read the attachment. This one-time password should be communicated to the European Commission in a separate channel, to enhance security. For security reasons, undertakings must send an email to the FMB informing on the need to use 7zip attachment, and the Commission will then provide further information.

B. *By uploading a document in S-CIRCABC*

Another possibility is the use of [S-CIRCABC](#). It is a sharing space that is protected (encrypted) and available for externals.

The operability is the same as for CIRCABC, except that users have to connect using 2FA (two factor authentication: e.g. EU Login password + EU Login app on mobile/SMS code).

Undertakings would need to inform on the need to use this platform via FMB, and then the Commission would provide further information on how to upload a document on this protected space.

C. *By letter/USB delivered in person*

Envelopes with a letter or an USB inside can be delivered in person at DG ENER premises (Rue de Mot 24, 1049 Brussels). It is recommended to deliver these letters to us using double wrapping. It should clearly indicate that we are the addressees (EU ENERGY PLATFORM TASKFORCE 1 or similar).

Undertakings would need to inform beforehand via email to the FMB on the exact date of delivery and identity of the colleague who would deliver this letter.

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Encrypted email to functional mailbox

- S/MIME functionality required
- Guide for externals available



Normal email to functional mailbox with encrypted attachment

- Encrypt attachment with 7zip and password
- Password informed on different channel

Uploading a document in S-CIRCABC

- Sharing space: encrypted and available for externals
- Each sharing space only accessible for the user of the company and EC



Letter/USB delivered in person

- Deliver in ENER premises
- Stored in safe location

Functional mailbox:

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