

# Entry in the Commercial Register as a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)

The formation of a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) becomes effective by registration in the Commercial Register. In addition, the registration is published in the Official Journal of the European Union for information purposes.

## Competent Department

- [Registergericht](#)

## Basic information

A European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) may be formed by companies and other entities governed by public or private law in accordance with the national law of a Member State. It may also be formed by natural persons carrying on an industrial, commercial, craft, agricultural or professional activity in the Community or providing other services there.

The contract for the formation of an EEIG must contain the name, registered office, objects of the association and, where applicable, the name, registration number and place of registration of each member of the association, as well as the duration of the association, unless it is unlimited.

This contract must be entered in the register provided for that purpose by each Member State. Registration confers full legal capacity on the EEIG throughout the Community.

Any formation or dissolution of an EEIG is additionally notified for information purposes in the Official Journal of the European Union.

## Requirements

An EEIG must consist of at least 2 members from different member states, but may not employ more than 500 persons. An EEIG must consist of at least 2 members from different member states.

# Procedure

The registration of a company in the commercial register is generally carried out by a notary public.

The entry itself is made by the district court.

## Legal bases

- [§ 12 Handelsgesetzbuch \(HGB\)](#)
- [Gerichts und Notarkostengesetz \(GNotKG\)](#)
- [Verordnung über Gebühren in Handels-, Partnerschafts- und Genossenschaftsregistersachen \(HRegGebV\)](#)

## More information

The purpose of an EEIG is to facilitate or develop the economic activity of its members and to improve or increase the results of this activity.

The association does not have the purpose of making profit for itself. The activity of the EEIG must be related to the economic activity of its members and may only constitute the auxiliary activity to it.

## How long does it take to process

The registration court must decide on the registration immediately after receipt of the application. If all documents are available and no objections by the court are necessary, registrations are usually made within a few working days.

## What are the costs?

The amount of the fee for the registration is determined by the Court and Notary Fees Act in conjunction with the Ordinance on Fees in Commercial, Partnership and Cooperative Register Matters. In addition, expenses are incurred for the public announcement of the registration.