

Integration of Gas/H2 DSOs - Q&A for new members

This document contains a general Q&A, collected from various direct e-mails and from the webinar “An introduction to DSO Entity” of 28 May 2026.

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Questions on registration

1. Is there anything to keep in mind when registering a DSO via a proxy?

When completing the registration form, please ensure that all information provided relates to the DSO itself, as a future member. The details of the proxy that is entering the registration into the portal, should only be included in the final section entitled “Submitted by”.

All communications related to the membership registration will be sent to the legal representative and the contact person of the DSO, if one has been designated, as well as to the individual who submitted the registration form.

2. Why must dual grid DSOs register separate ‘legal representatives’ for each vector gas/electricity for the registration in the Odoo member portal, even when in fact they are the same company?

The email address (account) of the legal representative is a unique identifier within the system to correctly identify the legal representative and the member it is representing. This unique identifier allows accurate decision making in the General Assembly (GA): decisions in the GA are only approved when a majority for both connections (more than 50%) and members (at least 55%) votes in favor of a proposal.

An alternative for the registration could be to create a new email address for your legal representative for this purpose only, meaning you would have the same legal representative for both vectors. Below is an example:

- Existing member (electricity DSO, dual grid):
 - o Legal representative: John Smith
 - o Email address (unique identifier): john.smith@company.eu
- New member (gas DSO, dual grid):
 - o Legal representative: John Smith
 - o Email address (unique identifier): john.smith1@company.eu, or john.smithgas@company.eu

Once registration is done and admitted, further efficiency is possible, since members can give a proxy to another member for voting in the GA.

Questions on the budget and the membership fee

3. Is the membership fee VAT-exempted?

Yes. The membership fee is exempt from VAT under the reverse charge mechanism, in accordance with Article 21, §2 of the Belgian VAT CODE and Article 44 of Directive 2006/112/EC.

Questions on membership

4. What are the rules for leaving DSO Entity?

If a member would like to resign, the Statutes require the member to submit a written notice of their intention to resign at least six months before the end of the calendar year, i.e. no later than 30 June, for their resignation to take effect on 31 December of that same year.

If the written notice is submitted after 30 June, the resignation will only take effect on 31 December of the following year.

For example, if written notice is provided in September 2026, the resignation will become effective on 31 December 2027, and the membership fee for 2027 will still be due.