

Basic info

New identification requirements for increased security in national and international financial transactions

A lack of transparency, for example in derivatives trading, was one of the causes of the global financial crisis. On the basis of a G20 initiative, a new identification number for participants in financial transactions has, therefore been introduced to foster greater transparency in financial transactions.

In future, thousands of companies in Germany alone will have to apply for this new identification number, the "LEI – Legal Entity Identifier", which is valid worldwide.

Thanks to the 20-digit alphanumeric combination that makes up this new number, it will in future be easy to identify who is involved in transactions.

The transition to full GLEIF management will occur over the coming year. One key principle guiding the transition will be a requirement that all LEIs issued to date will move unchanged into the system managed by the GLEIF. The establishment of the GLEIF and the beginning of the transition means that all codes issued by endorsed pre-LOUs should no longer be considered interim and henceforth will be called "Legal Entity Identifiers" or "LEIs." They are no longer pre-LEIs.

As operator of the Corporate Entity Identifier Register – CEIReg (www.ceireg.de) – the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger Verlag) is accredited as an international issuing body for LEIs and is thus a pre-LOU (pre-Local Operating Unit), part of the global LEI issuance system, with the prefix "3912".

This LEI is fully recognised by the national and international regulatory authorities.

LEIs acquired through us may be used, for example, to fulfil the registration requirements under Art. 9 of EMIR with a trade repository registered with ESMA or recognised by them, for the purposes of fulfilling the swap reporting rules pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, or for registration in accordance with the applicable relevant national regulations.

The LEI is already mandatory in the US. With the EMIR regulation, the EU has undertaken a first step towards greater transparency in financial trading by regulating the European market and its infrastructure. The first to be addressed by this



legislation are those firms in the financial sector that are directly involved in derivatives trading; they have had to comply with Art. 9 of EMIR and register with a trade repository since 12 February 2014.

This new requirement applies to major banks as well as export-oriented medium-sized and small firms that want to hedge against currency risks. Many firms are affected in Germany, including municipalities and savings banks.

Further legislative activity is to be expected. In future, the LEI requirement will be extended to include all other companies in the real economy, regardless of their particular economic activities.

Public utility companies, engineering works, print offices, entertainment agencies, import/export companies and estate agents have all already registered their LEIs with us, to name just a few.

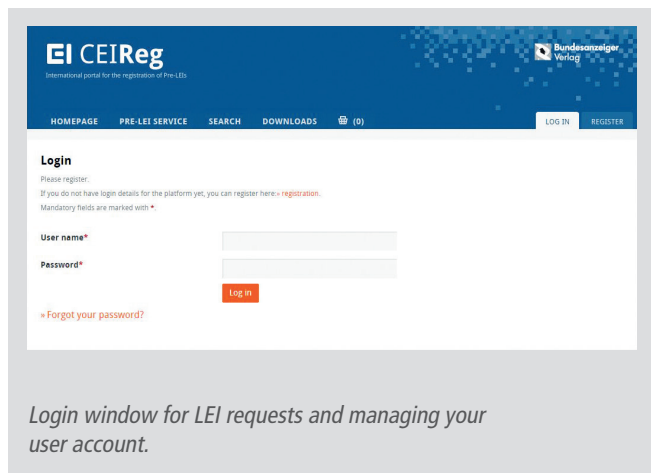
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The advantages of the LEI at a glance

- A common, standardised identification system for every financial market participant and identification of transactions with a common counterparty make financial markets more transparent
- Better risk management in individual businesses
- Better understanding of company-specific and system-wide risk
- Facilitation of orderly liquidation
- An increase in the quality of financial data
- Curbing of market abuse and financial fraud
- The LEI is thus also used to combat money laundering and terrorist financing

Request your LEI for your company now in order to comply with existing registration requirements!

You can easily request your LEI through our website at www.ceireg.de.

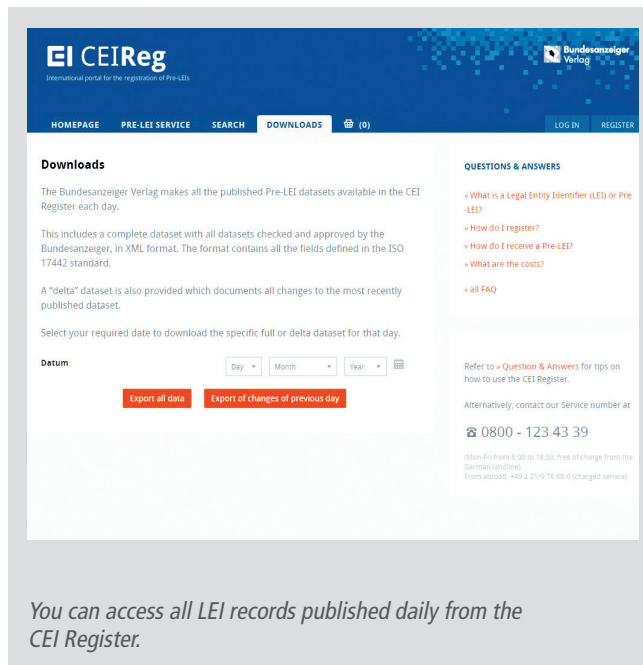


The screenshot shows the 'Login' section of the CEIReg website. It includes a 'Please register' note with a link to 'registration'. Below this are input fields for 'User name*' and 'Password*', a 'Log in' button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. The header shows navigation links: HOMEPAGE, PRE-LEI SERVICE, SEARCH, DOWNLOADS, and a user icon with '(0)'. There are also 'LOG IN' and 'REGISTER' buttons in the top right.

Login window for LEI requests and managing your user account.

In order to do so, you first need to register as a company or authorised representative of your company and authenticate your information.

After this has been reviewed by our staff you will be able to request the LEI.



The screenshot shows the 'Downloads' section of the CEIReg website. It explains that the Bundesanzeiger Verlag publishes Pre-LEI datasets daily. It mentions that the datasets are in XML format and follow the ISO 17442 standard. A 'delta' dataset is also available. Below this is a date selection tool with dropdowns for 'Day', 'Month', and 'Year', and a calendar icon. Two buttons are present: 'Export all data' and 'Export of changes of previous day'. On the right, there is a 'QUESTIONS & ANSWERS' section with links like 'What is a Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) or Pre-LEI?', 'How do I register?', 'How do I receive a Pre-LEI?', and 'What are the costs?'. At the bottom, there is a contact number '0800 - 123 43 39' and a note about service hours and charges.

You can access all LEI records published daily from the CEI Register.

Registration and verification of your authentication documentation are free.

Applying for a LEI costs €140 for the first year and € 90 for re-verification after one year and for each subsequent year.

These prices include the fee which is passed onto the Global LEI System and is used to build up the Central Operating Unit (COU) with its central database and to globally roll out and monitor the LEI-System.

You can rely on our decades of experience in responsible and reputable handling of sensitive corporate data. Our extensive expertise in securely operating electronic platforms and managing data works to your advantage.

We would be happy to answer any of your questions online at www.ceireg.de/FAQ or in person. Our customer service staff are available by phone at (+49) 0800 - 123 43 39.