

Strong demand for LEIs

Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) play an increasingly important role in the transparency debate, data standardisation and in the disclosure frameworks for financial market participants across industry sectors.

Growing demand for new LEIs is also underpinned by the most recent CSSF fund reporting requirements and European level regulations including EMIR, MIFID II/MIFIR, Solvency II and CSD Regulation (CSDR) in view of increasing the safety of financial markets. As part of the implementation of CSDR, customers of CSDs, including issuers, will have to supply their CSD with LEIs.

Issue your LEI via LuxCSD

In its role as an LEI issuing organisation, LuxCSD has been endorsed since 2014 by the ROC (Regulatory Oversight Committee) as a pre LOU to issue LEIs in compliance with ISO 17442 standards. LuxCSD is fully engaged with the ongoing evolution of the LEI system to implement ROC principles that serve the needs of all stakeholders.

For registrants who need to obtain an LEI, LuxCSD's process is straight forward. Online self-registration is supported by a multi lingual customer service team and user guides.

Renew your LEI annually

The annual maintenance of LEI's ensures that the entity reference data is kept up-to-date. At renewal date, the LEIs are re-validated by LuxCSD and any change of data is reflected in the published LEI data.

An LEI that has been issued less than one year ago or duly renewed after one year holds the status of ISSUED. If the LEI is not renewed after one year, it expires and the status becomes LAPSED. Using an LEI with a LAPSED status is at the user's own risk: the LOU cannot ensure that the associated reference data is still up-to-date and that no erroneous information regarding the legal entity is provided.

Both the Regulatory Oversight Committee (ROC) and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) strongly encourage all owners of LEIs to renew their LEI annually to help keeping good quality and up-to-date data and avoid the circulation of erroneous information.

The Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) has launched a new 'challenge' facility extending the ability to trigger updates of LEI data from all interested parties.

Embracing the changes CSDR brings

The Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR) is set to improve the operational efficiency and safety of CSDs. LuxCSD embraces the changes CSDR brings and is committed to continue serving its customers in an even safer and more efficient operational environment. Our customers will be impacted in particular by a new settlement discipline regime which will introduce mandatory buy-ins and cash penalties for settlement failures. To find out more about CSDR impacts on CSD customers and the wider market, please also view the [Clearstream Briefing Paper](#).

New ETF Issuance solution



Issuers of Luxembourg-domiciled ETFs can use LuxCSD as a gateway to a wide range of markets for the distribution of their securities. They not only benefit from LuxCSD's direct access to TARGET2-Securities (T2S) ([link](#)) but can also access 54 domestic markets around the world via LuxCSD's link to Clearstream's ICSD.

Following the law on dematerialised securities in Luxembourg, LuxCSD now offers a perfect environment to issue Luxembourg-domiciled ETFs. This enables LU-domiciled ETFs to benefit from enhanced transparency enabling fund issuers to request the identity of shareholders.

LuxCSD's ETF Issuance solution is supported by a proven post-trade infrastructure for distributing both to T2S markets directly and to worldwide markets via Clearstream's ICSD under a legal framework which mandates the transparent disclosure of ETF shareholders.

Key figures

Assets under custody exceed EUR 15 billion in market value (as per December 2016).

Equities: EUR 4.5 bn
Bonds: EUR 7.2 bn
Funds: EUR 3.3 bn

More information

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