

GRID ACCESS TARIFFS FOR ENERGY INTENSIVE CONSUMERS

ERSE has approved the network access tariffs for facilities that qualify as intensive electricity customers ("ECE"). These include a 75% or 85% reduction in the General Economic Interest Costs ("CIEG") of the network access tariffs, as well as a full exemption in the case of self-consumption.

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Portugal's Energy Services Regulator, ERSE, has introduced new [network access tariffs](#) for facilities that qualify as Intensive Electricity Customers (ECE). This follows approval from the [European Commission](#) on April 24, 2025, allowing special cost reductions for these energy-intensive sites.

Under the new rules, ECE facilities can benefit from significant discounts on General Economic Interest Costs (CIEG):

- Facilities in sectors with a high risk of economic impact, as listed in Annex I of the [European Commission's](#) 2022 guidelines on climate, environment, and energy, will receive an 85% reduction on CIEG.
- Facilities in other at-risk sectors qualify for a 75% CIEG discount. This can increase to 85% if the facility meets all of the following:
 - (i) At least 50% of its electricity comes from renewable sources.
 - (ii) At least 10% of its consumption is secured through forward contracts or bilateral agreements.
 - (iii) At least 5% of its energy comes from renewable self-consumption.

Additionally, all energy used through self-consumption, even if supplied via the public grid, is fully exempt from CIEG.

For more details on the ECE program, visit [The New Portuguese Rules for Energy Intensive Consumers](#) on our website.

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