

**NAME**

`d2i_ECPKParameters`, `i2d_ECPKParameters`, `d2i_ECPKParameters_bio`,  
`i2d_ECPKParameters_bio`, `d2i_ECPKParameters_fp`, `i2d_ECPKParameters_fp`,  
`ECPKParameters_print`, `ECPKParameters_print_fp` - Functions for decoding and encoding ASN1  
representations of elliptic curve entities

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <openssl/ec.h>
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EC_GROUP *d2i_ECPKParameters(EC_GROUP **px, const unsigned char **in, long len);
int i2d_ECPKParameters(const EC_GROUP *x, unsigned char **out);
#define d2i_ECPKParameters_bio(bp,x) ASN1_d2i_bio_of(EC_GROUP,NULL,d2i_ECPKParameters,bp,x)
#define i2d_ECPKParameters_bio(bp,x) ASN1_i2d_bio_of_const(EC_GROUP,i2d_ECPKParameters,bp,x)
#define d2i_ECPKParameters_fp(fp,x) (EC_GROUP *)ASN1_d2i_fp(NULL, \
(char *(*)(void))d2i_ECPKParameters,(fp),(unsigned char **)x)
#define i2d_ECPKParameters_fp(fp,x) ASN1_i2d_fp(i2d_ECPKParameters,(fp), \
(unsigned char *)x)
int ECPKParameters_print(BIO *bp, const EC_GROUP *x, int off);
int ECPKParameters_print_fp(FILE *fp, const EC_GROUP *x, int off);
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**DESCRIPTION**

The `ECPKParameters` encode and decode routines encode and parse the public parameters for an `EC_GROUP` structure, which represents a curve.

`d2i_ECPKParameters()` attempts to decode `len` bytes at `*in`. If successful a pointer to the `EC_GROUP` structure is returned. If an error occurred then `NULL` is returned. If `px` is not `NULL` then the returned structure is written to `*px`. If `*px` is not `NULL` then it is assumed that `*px` contains a valid `EC_GROUP` structure and an attempt is made to reuse it. If the call is successful `*in` is incremented to the byte following the parsed data.

`i2d_ECPKParameters()` encodes the structure pointed to by `x` into DER format. If `out` is not `NULL` it writes the DER encoded data to the buffer at `*out`, and increments it to point after the data just written. If the return value is negative an error occurred, otherwise it returns the length of the encoded data.

If `*out` is `NULL` memory will be allocated for a buffer and the encoded data written to it. In this case `*out` is not incremented and it points to the start of the data just written.

`d2i_ECPKParameters_bio()` is similar to `d2i_ECPKParameters()` except it attempts to parse data from BIO `bp`.

`d2i_ECPKParameters_fp()` is similar to `d2i_ECPKParameters()` except it attempts to parse data from FILE pointer `fp`.

`i2d_ECPKParameters_bio()` is similar to `i2d_ECPKParameters()` except it writes the encoding of the structure `x` to BIO `bp` and it returns 1 for success and 0 for failure.

`i2d_ECPKParameters_fp()` is similar to `i2d_ECPKParameters()` except it writes the encoding of the structure `x` to BIO `fp` and it returns 1 for success and 0 for failure.

These functions are very similar to the X509 functions described in [d2i\\_X509\(3\)](#), where further notes and examples are available.

The `ECPKParameters_print` and `ECPKParameters_print_fp` functions print a human-readable output of the public parameters of the `EC_GROUP` to `bp` or `fp`. The output lines are indented by `off` spaces.

**RETURN VALUES**

`d2i_ECPKParameters()`, `d2i_ECPKParameters_bio()` and `d2i_ECPKParameters_fp()` return a valid `EC_GROUP` structure or `NULL` if an error occurs.

`i2d_ECPKParameters()` returns the number of bytes successfully encoded or a negative value if an

error occurs.

*i2d\_ECPKParameters\_bio()*, *i2d\_ECPKParameters\_fp()*, *ECPKParameters\_print* and *ECPKParameters\_print\_fp* return 1 for success and 0 if an error occurs.

**SEE ALSO**

*crypto(3)*, *ec(3)*, *EC\_GROUP\_new(3)*, *EC\_GROUP\_copy(3)*, *EC\_POINT\_new(3)*, *EC\_POINT\_add(3)*, *EC\_KEY\_new(3)*, *EC\_GFp\_simple\_method(3)*, *d2i\_X509(3)*