How to Configure an Elastic Load Balancer for CloudGen Firewalls in AWS

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The Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) is a managed layer 4 load balancer by AWS. The ELB can be deployed as a public-facing load balancer or internally in your VPC. Instances are added either manually or, if associated with an Auto Scaling group, automatically. The load balancer continuously checks the health of the instances and takes unhealthy instances out of rotation.

AWS Reference Architectures

This article is used in the following AWS reference architectures:

- AWS Reference Architecture - CloudGen Firewall HA Cluster with Route Shifting

Create an AWS Network Load Balancer

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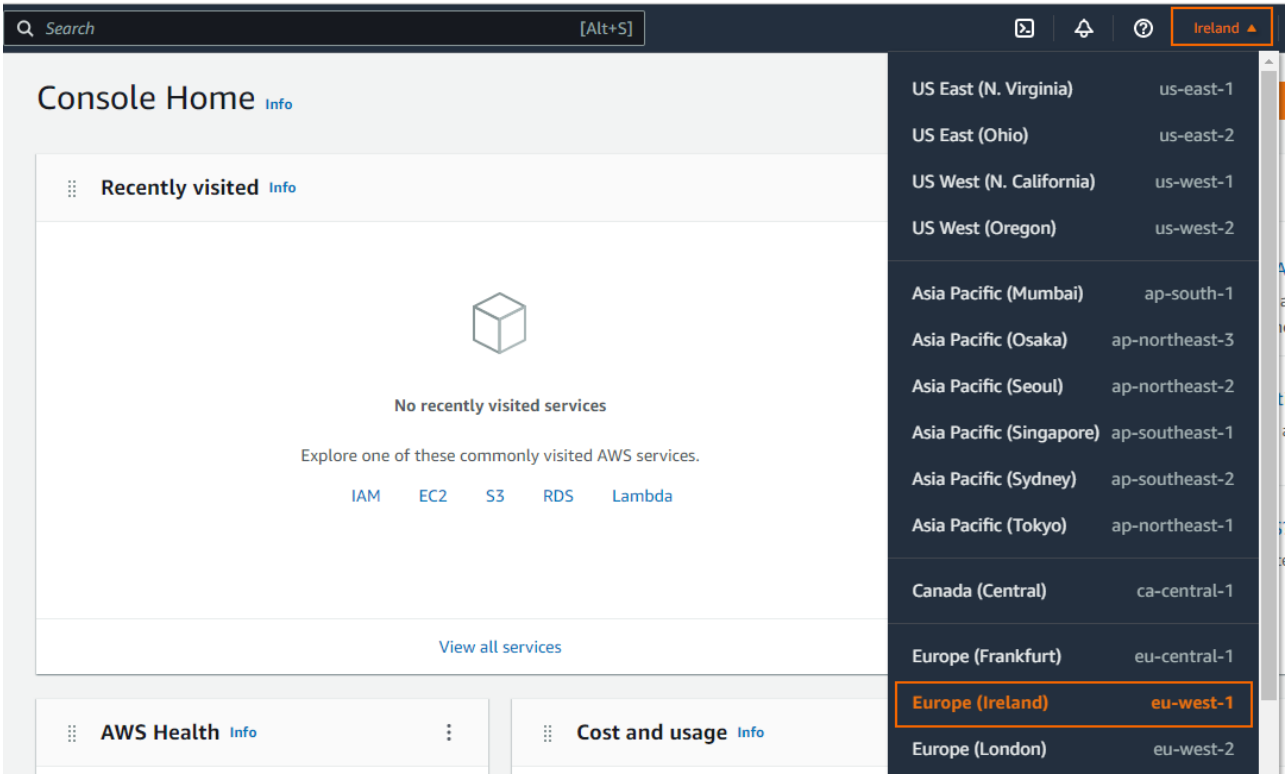
2. In the upper right, click on the datacenter location, and select the datacenter you want to deploy to from the list.



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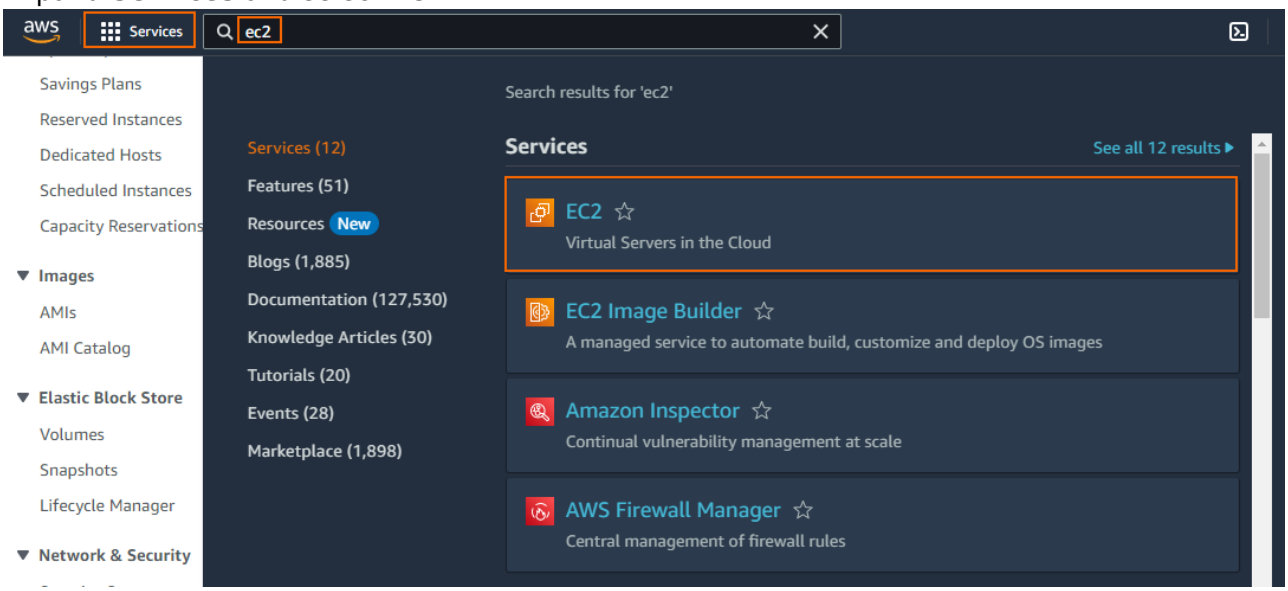
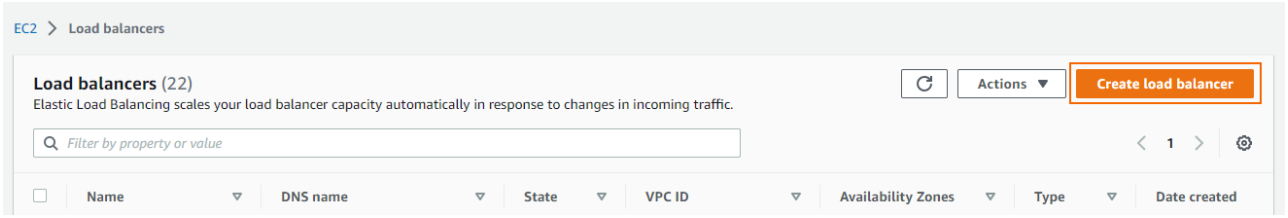
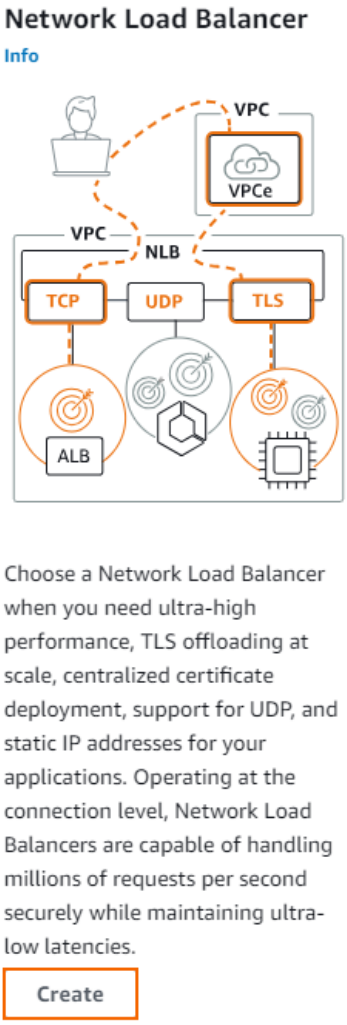


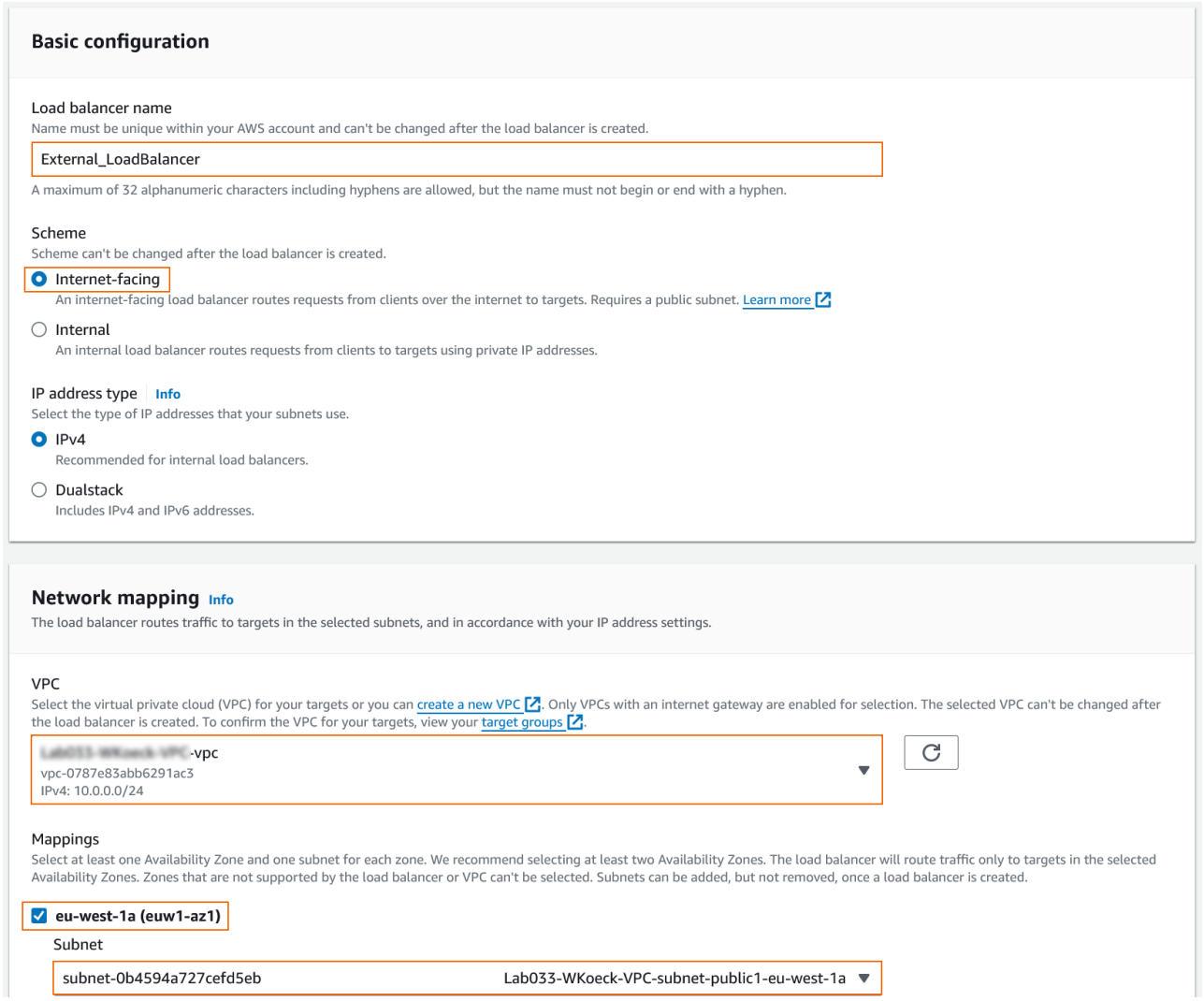
4. In the left menu, expand **Load Balancing** and select **Load Balancers**.
5. The **Load balancers** window opens. Click **Create load balancer**.



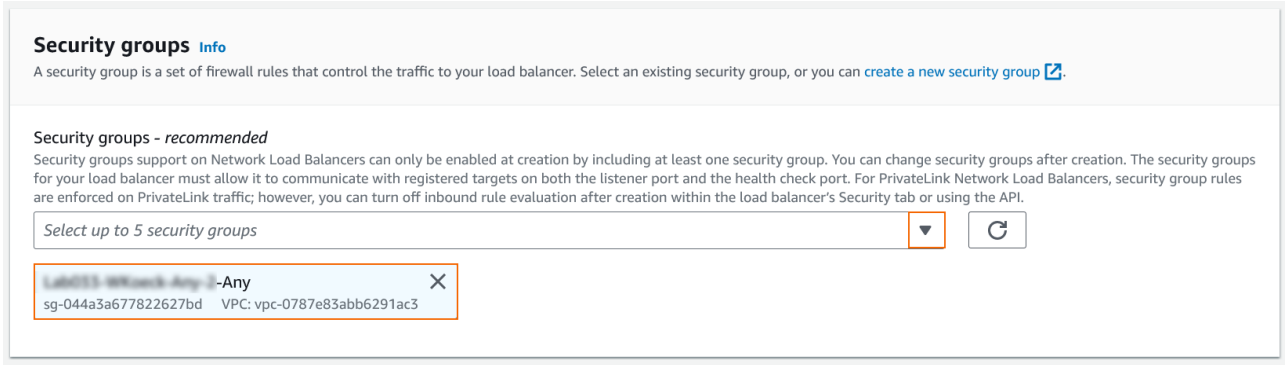
6. Under **Network Load Balancer** click **Create**.



7. The **Basic configuration** window opens. Enter a unique **Load balancer name**.
8. Select a **Scheme** for your load balancer. For the external load balancer, select **Internet-Facing**.
9. Select the **VPC** the firewalls are deployed to from the list.
10. In the **Mappings** section, select one or more availability zones and define subnets for each zone from the **Subnet** selection menu.



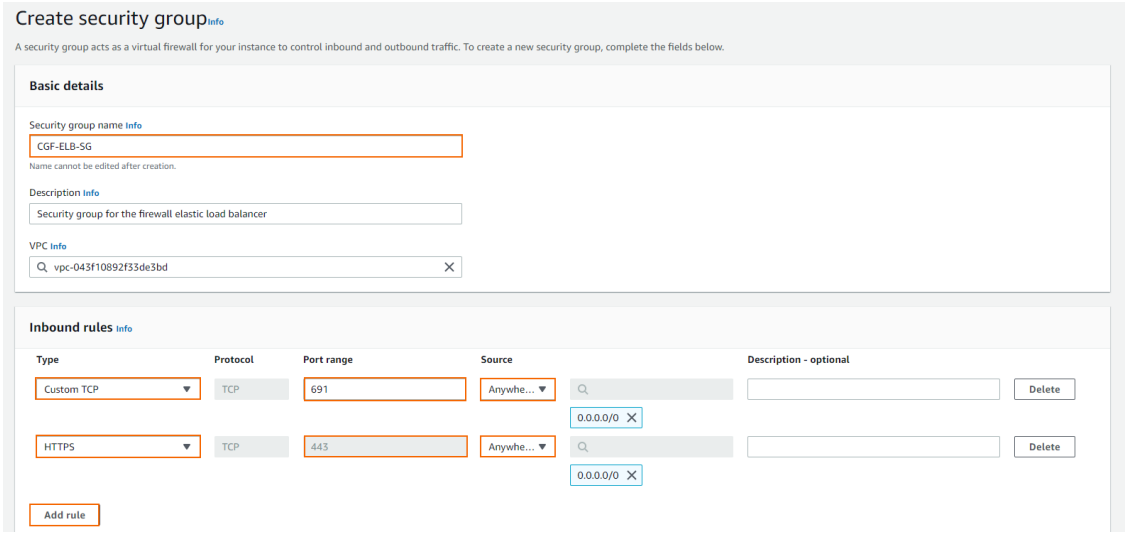
11. Select one or more **Security groups** for your load balancer.



If you wish to create a security group, click **create a new security group** and define the following settings:

1. Enter a **Security group name**.
2. Click **Add rule** for each additional security group rule required.
    - **Type / Protocol** – Select the protocol or type of traffic. E.g., **Custom TCP** for TCP, or **HTTPS** for TLS-encrypted web traffic.
    - **Port range** – Enter the port. E.g., 691 for TINA VPN
    - **Source** – Select the source of the traffic. For Internet traffic, select **Anywhere** and

enter `0.0.0.0/0.`

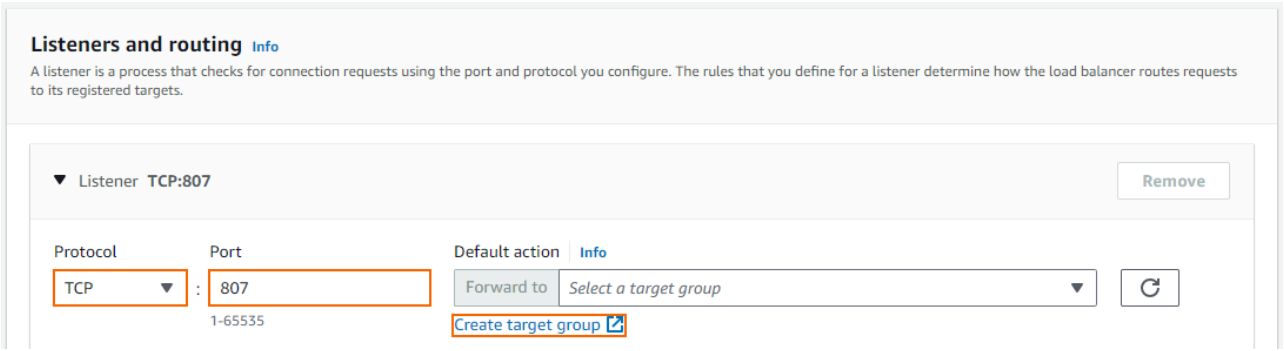


3. Click **Create security group**.

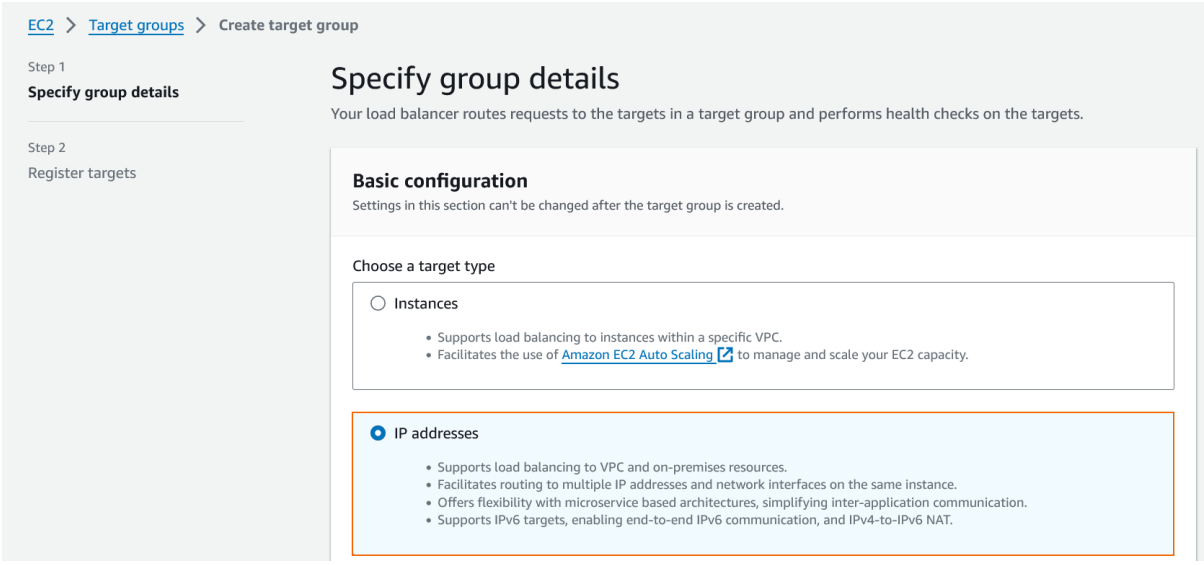
12. In the **Listener and routing** section, select **TCP**, and enter 807 in the **Port** field. Port 807 is used for Firewall Admin access.

    Ports for listening and health checks must provide the same service. When using port 807 as a listener, do NOT use another port, for example 22 (SSH), as target for health checks!

13. Click the **Create target group** link.

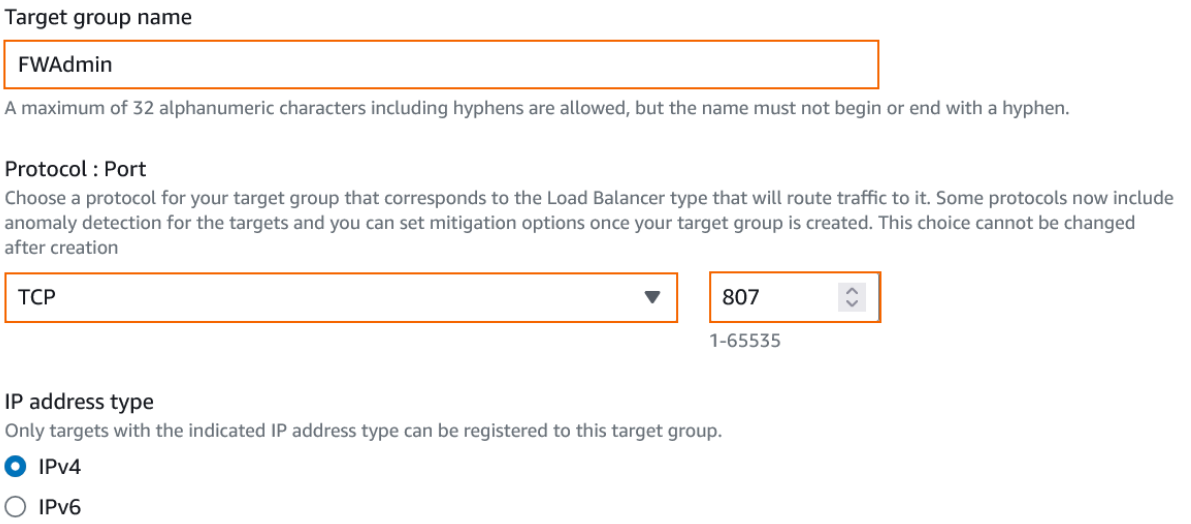


14. The **Specify group details** window opens. Specify the following settings:
    1. Select **IP addresses** as target type. (When selecting **Instances**, you must select instances as targets instead of IP addresses later.)



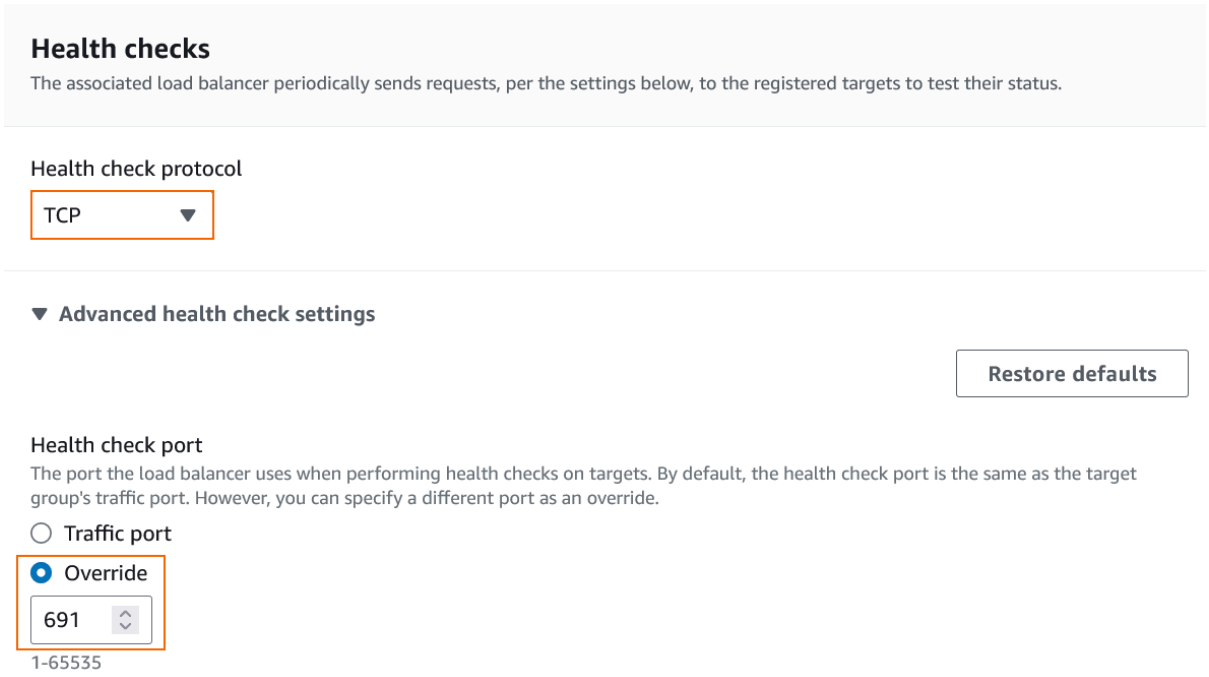
2. Enter a **Target group name**, for example: `FWAdmin`
3. From the **Protocol : Port** list, select **TCP 807**.

   This port must provide the same service as the listening port. Do NOT select port 22 (SSH) as a target when using port 807 as listener for the network load balancer.



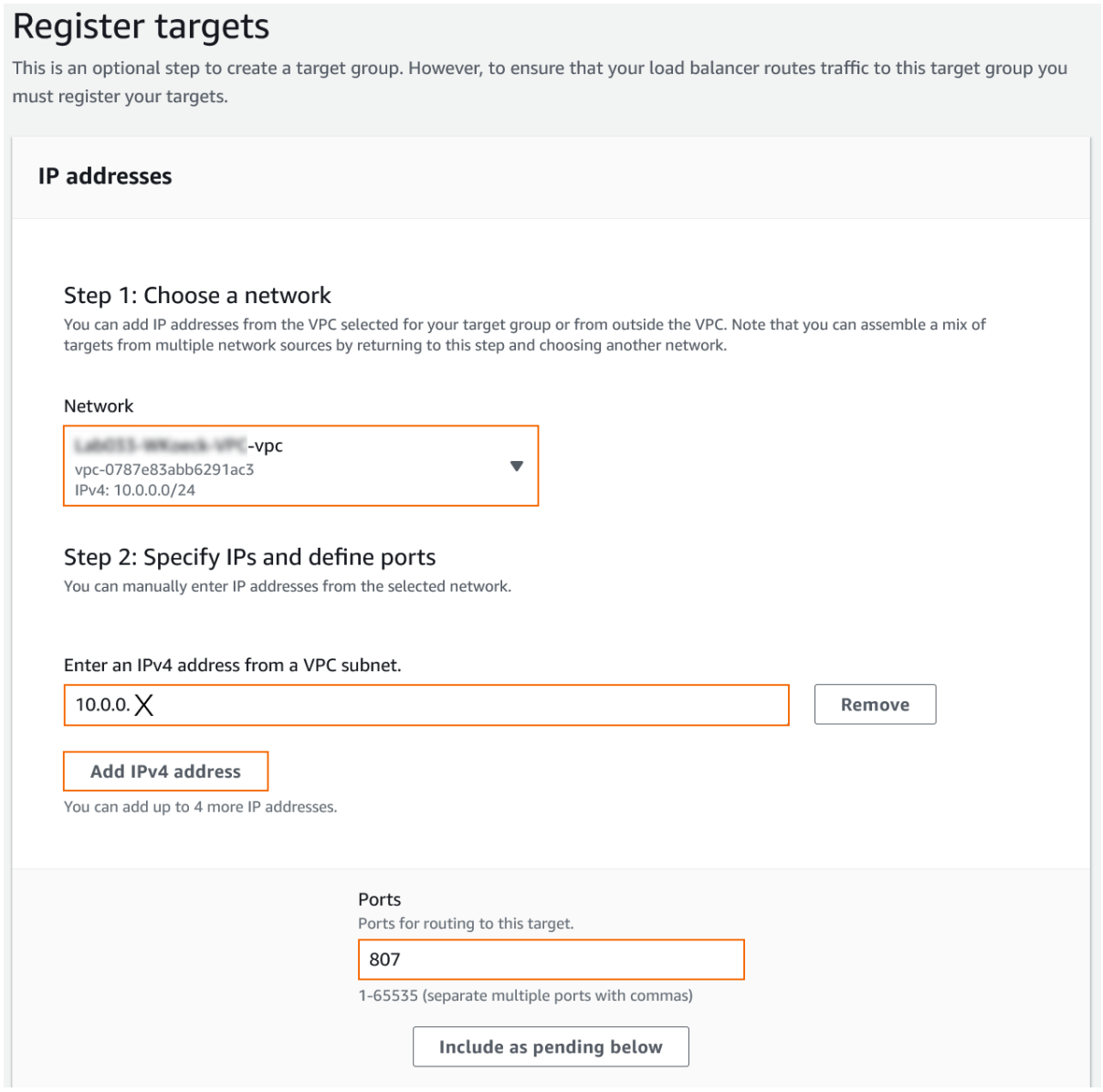
4. Select the **VPC** the firewalls are deployed to from the list.

15. In the **Health checks** section, expand **Advanced health check settings** and configure the following parameters:
    - **Health check protocol** – select **TCP**.
    - **Health check port** – select **Override** and enter 691. This is the VPN port on the firewall and will be used for probing.

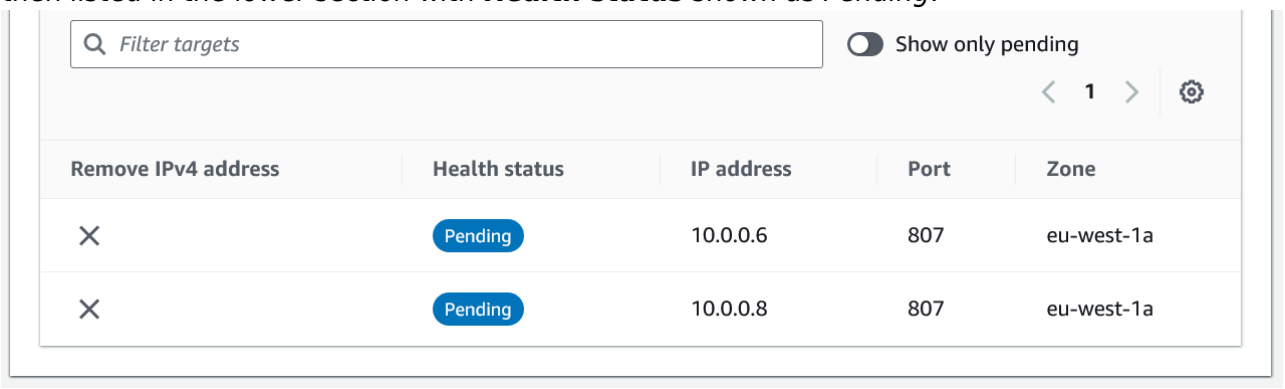


- Leave the other settings as default.

16. Click **Next**.
17. The **Register targets** window opens. Specify the following settings:
    - **Network** – Select the VPC the firewalls are deployed to from the list.
    - Define subnet IP addresses that should be used as probing targets. For example, enter `10.0.0.6` and `10.0.0.8` for a 10.0.0.0/24 network. (If you have selected **Instances**, select the instances used as targets.)
    - **Ports** – Enter the port used for probing. In this case, enter `807` for Firewall Admin.

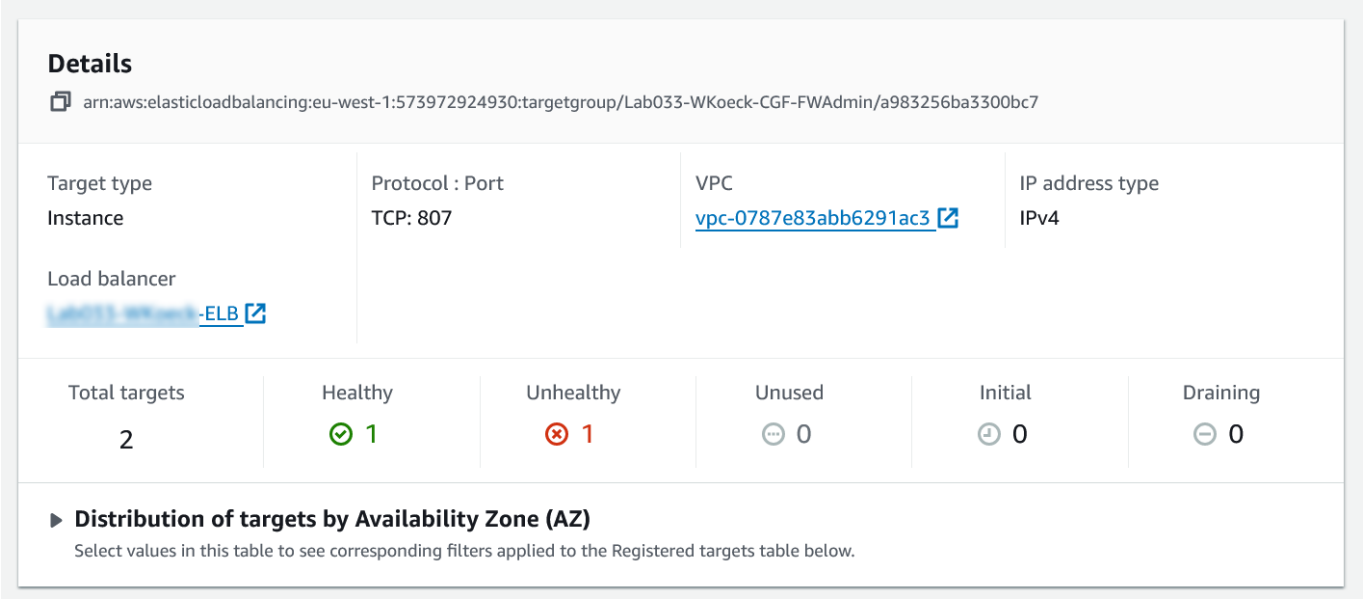


18. Click **Include as pending below** to add your targets. IP addresses (or instances) and port are then listed in the lower section with **Health status** shown as *Pending*.

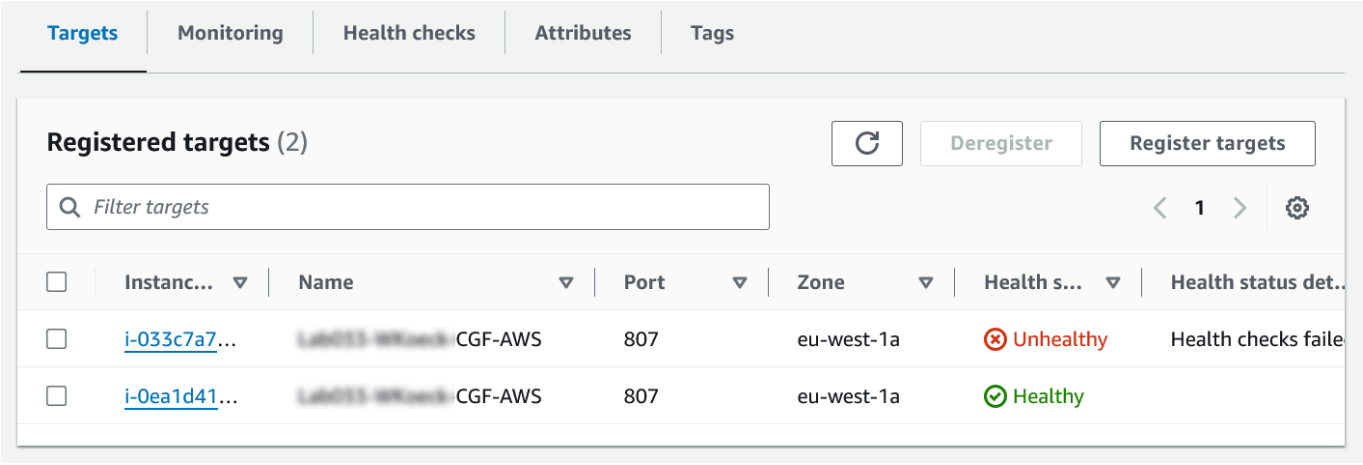


19. Review the targets and click **Create target group**.

The target group is now is now deployed with the network load balancer and ready for use.



When a health check is performed in a HA setup, the active unit is reachable via probing and shown as healthy. As soon as a failover happens and the unit goes down, the secondary unit becomes reachable and shows up as healthy in the **Targets** list.



Create an AWS Classic Load Balancer

If your setup requires a legacy load balancer configuration, for example, when you have an existing application running in an EC2-Classic network, you can create a classic load balancer. The classic load balancer can be deployed as an external or internal load balancer. By enabling cross-zone loadbalancing, the load balancer spreads out the load evenly over multiple availability zones.

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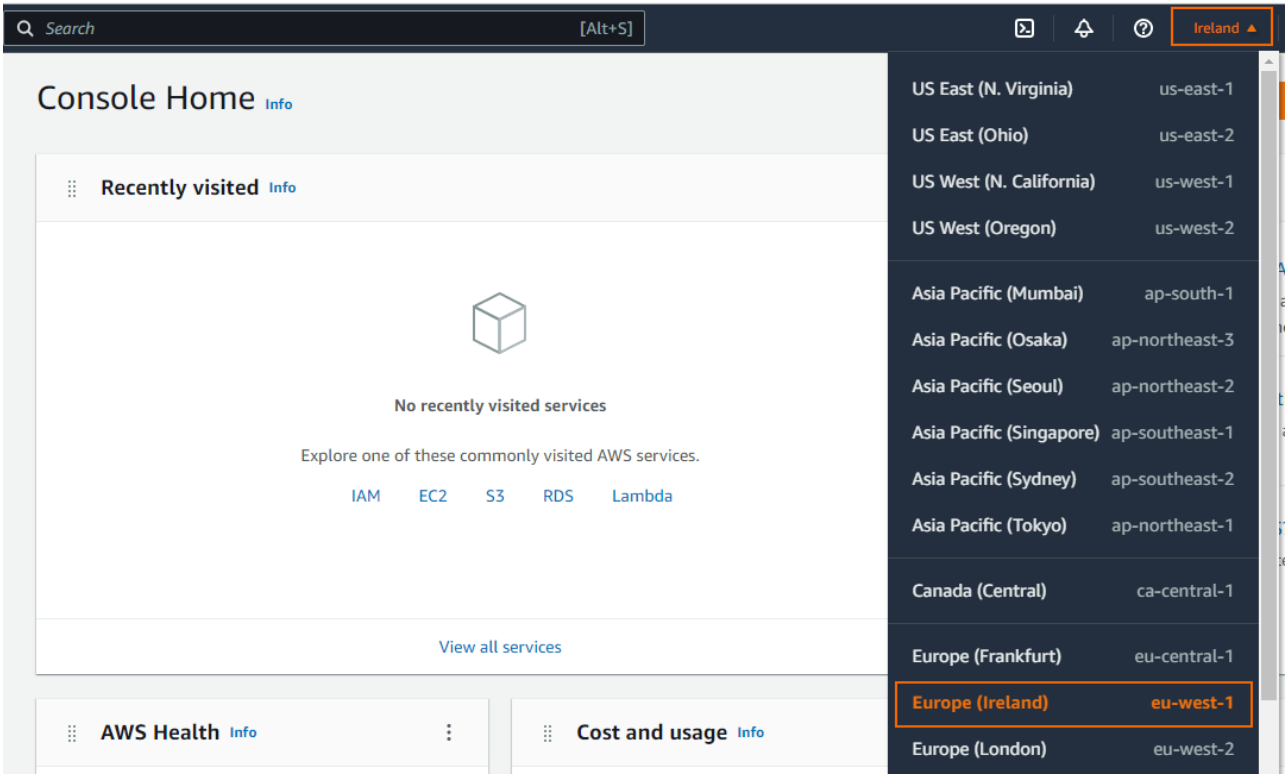

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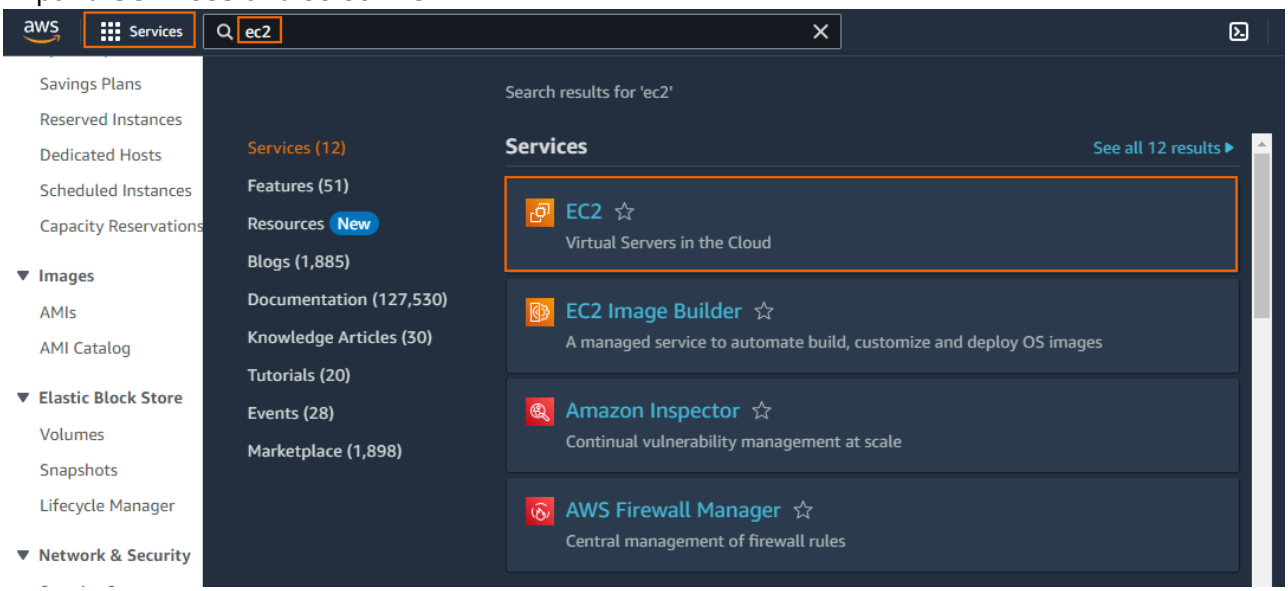

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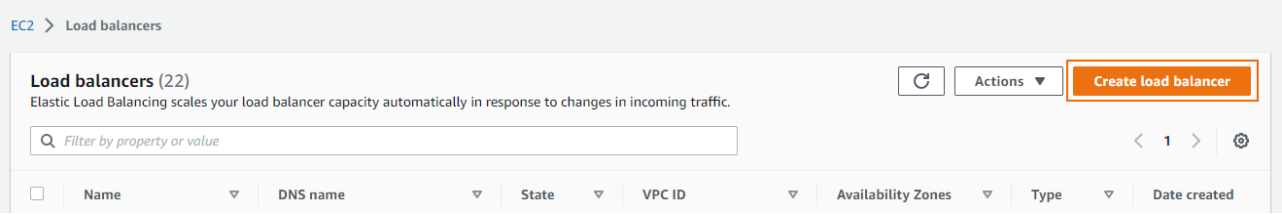
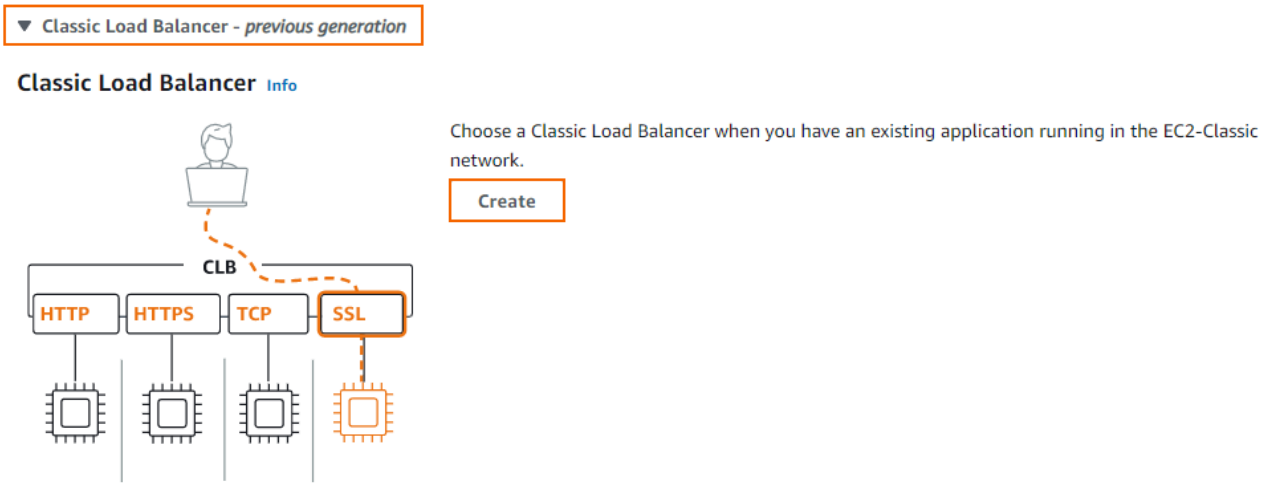
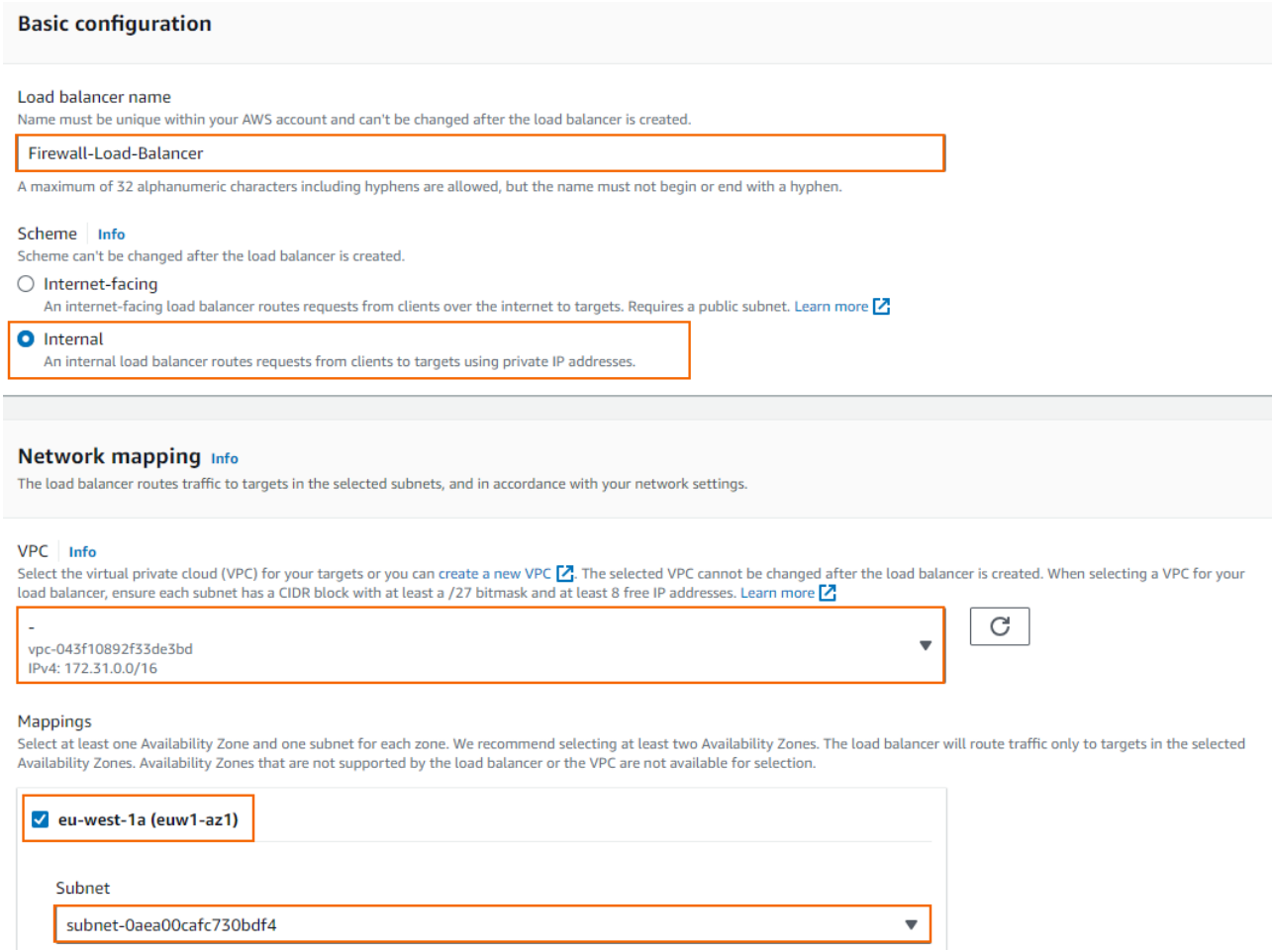


6. Expand **Classic Load Balancer** and click **Create**.



7. Enter the **Basic configuration** settings:
   - **Load balancer name** – Enter name for the load balancer.
   - Select a **Scheme** for your load balancer.

     Internal load balancers are reachable from within the VPC and do not have a public IP address.
   - **VPC** – Select the VPC the firewalls are deployed to from the list.
   - Select one or more Availability Zones and define subnet for each zone from the **Subnet** selection menu.



8. in the **Security groups** section, select one or more security groups for your load balancer, or click **Create a new security group** to create a group:
    1. Enter a **Security group name**.
    2. Click **Add rule** for each additional security group rule required.
        - **Type / Protocol** – Select the protocol or type of traffic. E.g., **Custom TCP** for TCP, or **HTTPS** for TLS-encrypted web traffic.
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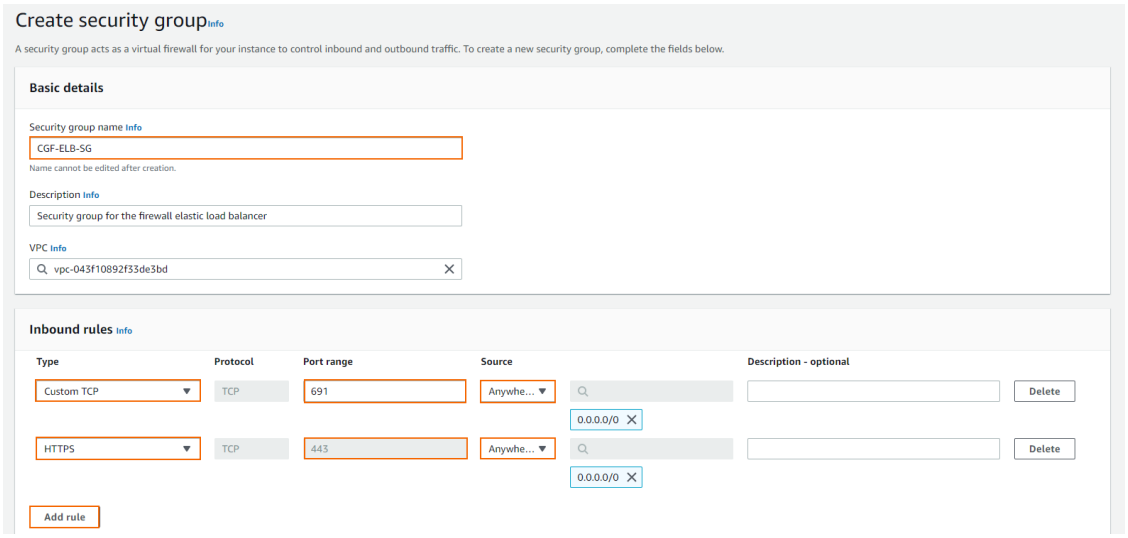
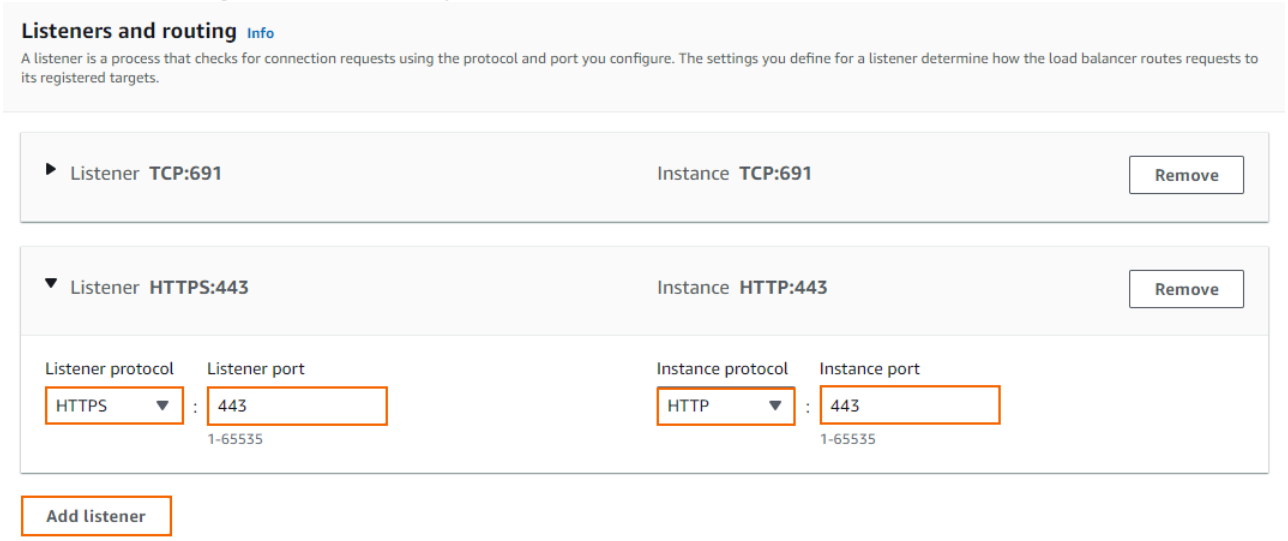


3. Click **Create security group**.

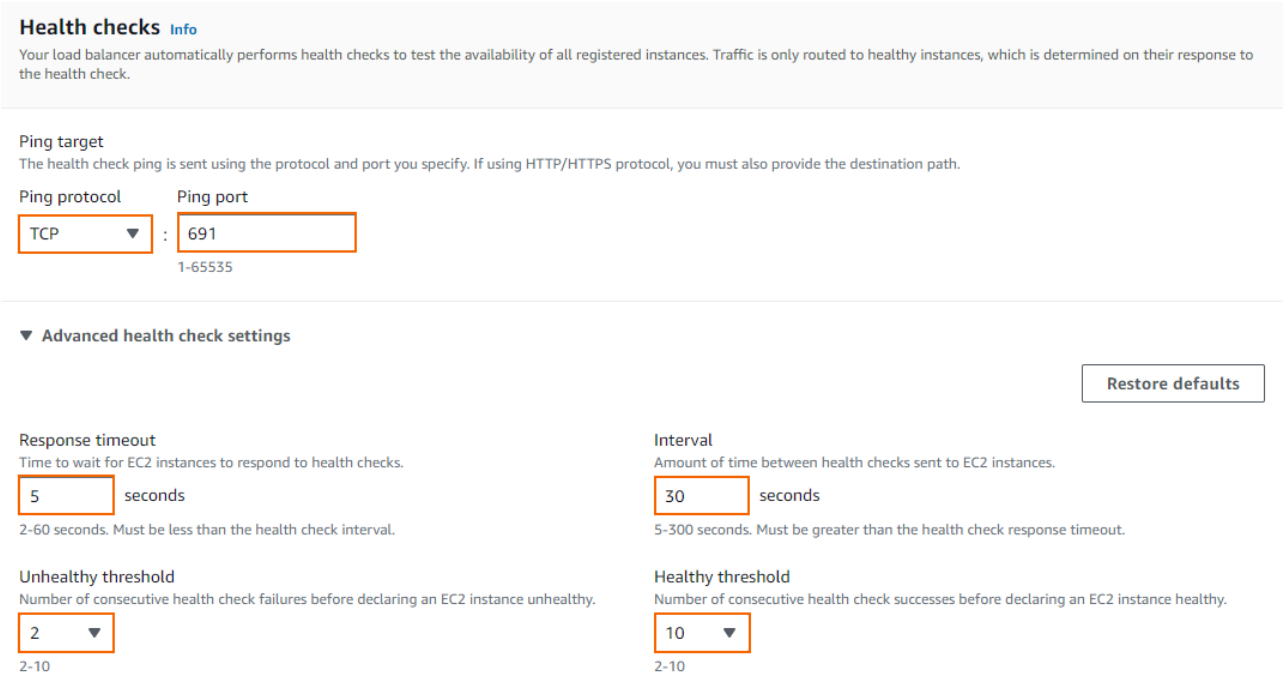
9. For each load balancer listener, click **Add listener** and enter:
   - **Listener protocol** – Select the protocol from the list. Supported protocols: **HTTP**, **HTTPS**, **TCP**, **TLS (Secure TCP)**.
   - **Listener port** – Enter the external port.
   - **Instance protocol** – Enter the protocol. In most cases, this is the same protocol as the **Load Balancer Protocol**. To offload TLS encryption to the ELB, different protocols can be selected (e.g, HTTPS to HTTP).
   - **Instance port** – Enter the port number of the service on the instance.



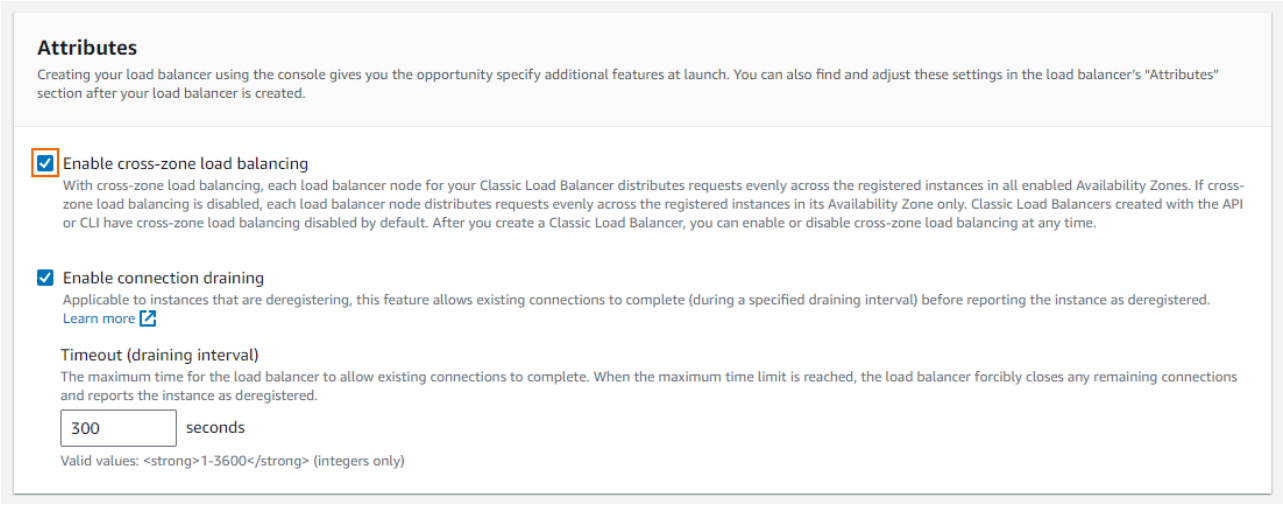
10. Define a **Security policy** for the load balancer listeners, create a **Rule**.
11. Configure the **Health checks**:
    - **Ping protocol** – Select the protocol from the list. When using HTTP/HTTPS, enter a **Ping path** for the destination
    - **Ping port** – Enter the port. E.g, 691 for TINA VPN, or 443 for HTTPS
    - **Response Timeout** – Enter the number of seconds the probe waits for an answer.
    - **Interval** – Enter the number of seconds between two probes.
    - **Unhealthy threshold** – Enter the number of failed heath checks for the instance to be considered unhealthy. Unhealthy health checks are taken out of rotation until healthy

again.

- **Healthy threshold** – Enter the the number of successful heath checks for the instance to be considered healthy.



12. (optional) If the firewall EC2 instances are already deployed, select the EC2 instances. To add EC2 instances, click **Add instances**.
13. Select **Enable Cross-Zone Load Balancing**.



14. (optional) Add **Key** / **Value** tags to the resource. Click **Create Add new tag** to add additional tags.
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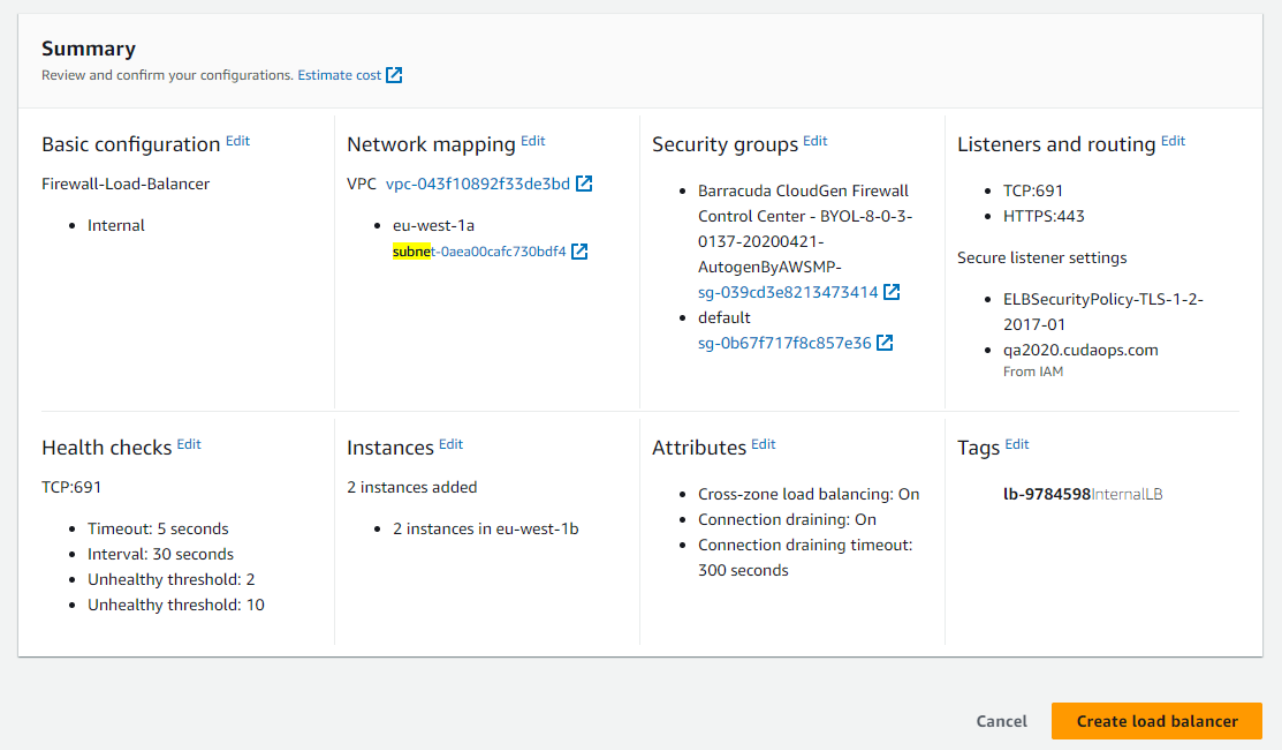

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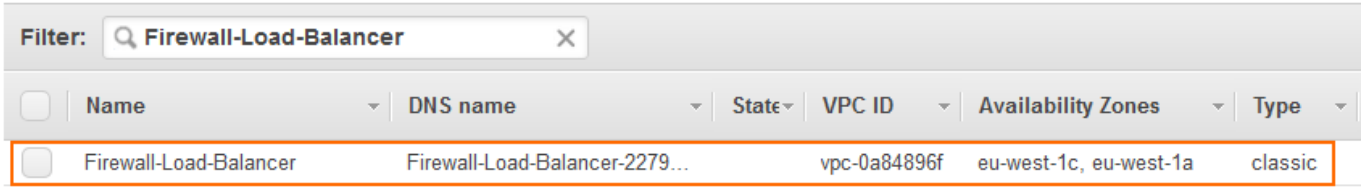

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