

EMAS



EMAS Performance, Credibility, Transparency

The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)

What is EMAS?



Voluntary environmental management tool operative since 1995

Aim

Continual improvements in the environmental performance of companies and other organisations

Means

Tools allowing organisations to measure, evaluate, report and improve environmental performance

Outcomes

Better management of environmental issues and credible information on these issues



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EMAS follows a Systematic “Plan-Do-Check-Act” Approach



What are the Core Elements of EMAS?



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Premium benchmark for environmental management

Performance

Carrying out annual updates of environmental policy targets and actions to implement and evaluate these targets

Credibility

Third party verification by independent auditors guarantees the value of both actions taken and disclosed information

Transparency

Environmental statements provide public information about the environmental performance of the organisation

Who can participate?



I

Organisations operating in **all economic sectors**

II

Organisations located **inside or outside EU, EEA and Accession countries** (EMAS Global)*

* It is in the realm of EU Member States to allow registration of organisations located outside EU, EEA and Accession Countries. Before introducing EMAS Global a number of practical and legal issues need to be clarified.

What are the Steps to EMAS Registration?



- (1) Environmental review
- (2) Environmental policy
- (3) Environmental programme
- (4) Environmental management system
- (5) Environmental audit
- (6) Environmental statement
- (7) Registration by Competent Body and use of EMAS logo

What are Benefits of EMAS Registration?



- (a) **Cost reductions:** better management of resources (e.g. energy and resources efficiency)
- (b) **Risk minimisation:** possibilities to reduce associated risk levels by assessing operational procedures
- (c) **Regulatory compliance:** greater awareness and knowledge of regulatory requirements
- (d) **Regulatory relief:** regulators may choose to relax regulatory requirements
- (e) **Improved relations with internal stakeholders:** employee involvement and training under EMAS can lead to improved employee morale
- (f) **Improved relations with external stakeholders:** EMAS registration of a site in close proximity to residents can enhance credibility and transparency
- (g) **Competitive advantage:** EMAS registration can lead to improved market access and increased market share

What are Costs of EMAS Registration?



Costs vary with the size and the sector of the organisation*

- (a) **Fixed costs:** assumed to be unrelated to staff numbers (e.g. registration fees, IT costs)
- (b) **External costs:** incurred by employing external consultancy to support EMAS implementation (e.g. employee training)
- (c) **Internal costs:** incurred by organisation staff to implement, administer and report on EMAS (e.g. internal audit)

* For detailed information about the costs of EMAS implementation and financial incentives, please contact your national [Competent Body](#)

EMAS Development



EMAS I

29 June 1993 EMAS adopted by the European Council
1995 EMAS opens for participation by industrial companies

EMAS II

19 March 2001 New Regulation adopted by the Council and the EP
27 April 2001 Entry into force of new *Regulation (EC)* N°
761/2001

EMAS III

25 Nov 2009 New Regulation adopted by the Council and the EP
11 Jan 2010 Entry into force of new *Regulation (EC)* N°
1221/2009



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New Provisions of EMAS III



I Improvement of applicability of scheme

II Strengthening visibility and outreach of scheme



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New Provisions of EMAS III (cont'd)



(I) Improvement of the applicability of the scheme

- (a) **Transitional registration procedures:** facilitate introduction of EMAS III
- (b) **Revised audit cycles:** further improve applicability for small organisations
- (c) **Single corporate registration:** ease administrative and financial burden on organisations with several sites
- (d) **Cluster approach:** provide specific assistance to clusters of organisations in the development & implementation phases of EMAS registration
- (e) **Environmental core indicators:** adequately document environmental performance and create multi-annual comparability
- (f) **Sectoral reference documents:** facilitate practical implementation 'on the ground' of EMAS requirements

New Provisions of EMAS III (cont'd)



(II) Strengthening EMAS visibility and outreach

- (a) **Single EMAS logo:** communicate EMAS in one coherent and distinctive way
- (b) **EMAS Global:** encourage global uptake of the scheme by making EMAS certification possible for organisations outside the EU Community
- (c) **Information and promotion activities of EU Member States and European Commission:** support uptake of EMAS III
- (c) **Recognition of other EMS:** facilitate uptake from existing EMS to EMAS

In the Spotlight: Six Environmental Core Indicators



Environmental key area	Input/Impact
Energy efficiency	Total direct energy use: <i>total annual energy consumption, expressed in MWh or GJ</i> Total renewable energy use: <i>percentage of total annual consumption of energy (electricity and heat) produced by the organisation from renewable energy sources</i>
Material efficiency	Annual mass-flow of different materials used (excluding energy carriers and water): <i>in tonnes</i>
Water	Total annual water consumption: <i>in m³</i>
Waste	Total annual generation of waste: <i>in tonnes</i> Total annual generation of hazardous waste: <i>in kilograms or tonnes</i>
Biodiversity	Use of land: <i>in m² of built-up area</i>
Emissions	Total annual emission of greenhouse gases (incl. at least emissions of CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs and SF ₆): <i>in tonnes of CO₂ equivalent</i> Total annual air emission (incl. at least emissions of SO ₂ , NO _x and PM): <i>in kilograms or tonnes</i>



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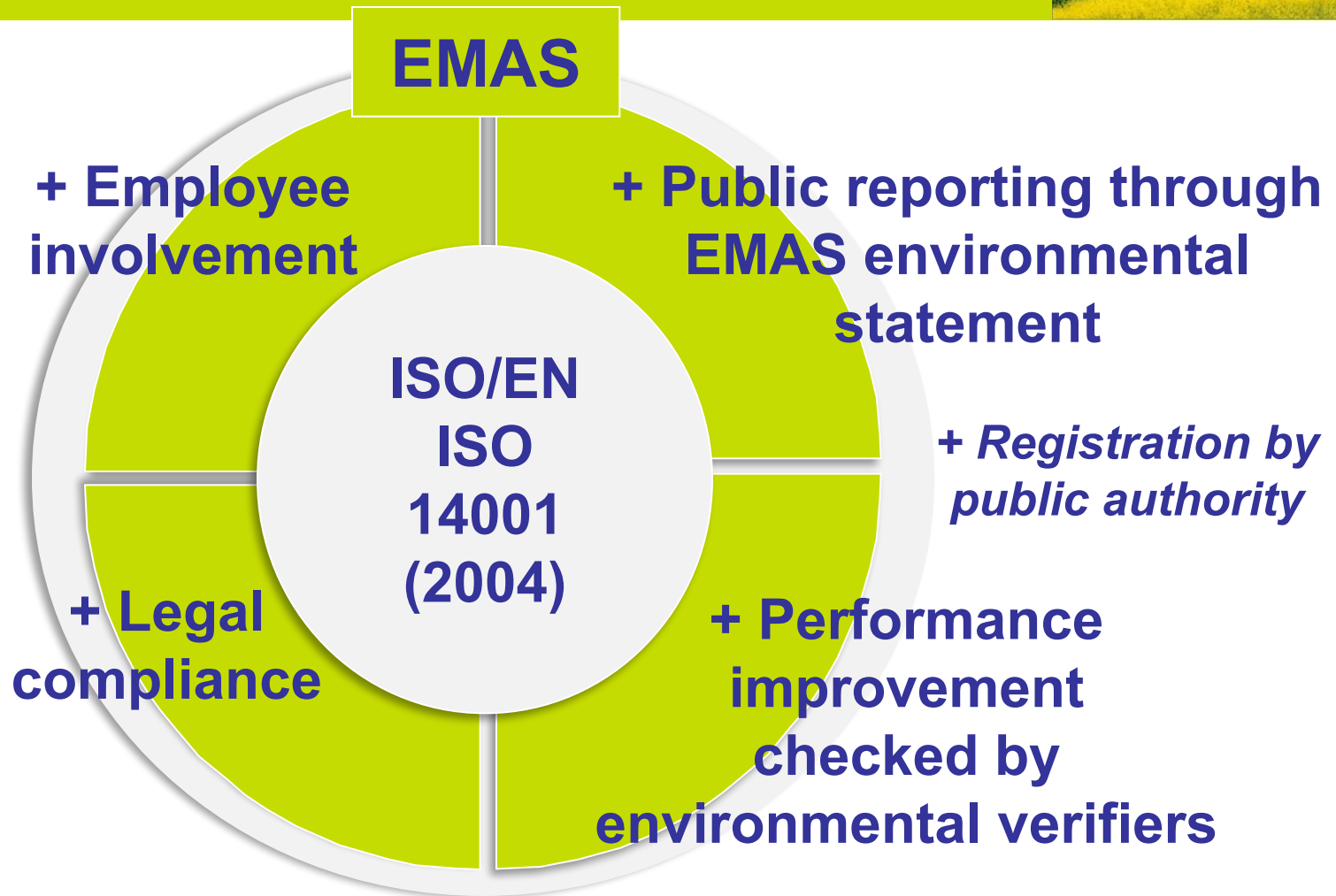
In the Spotlight: EMAS Logo



One single logo



EMAS goes further than ISO 14001



Successful EMAS Implementation: Involvement

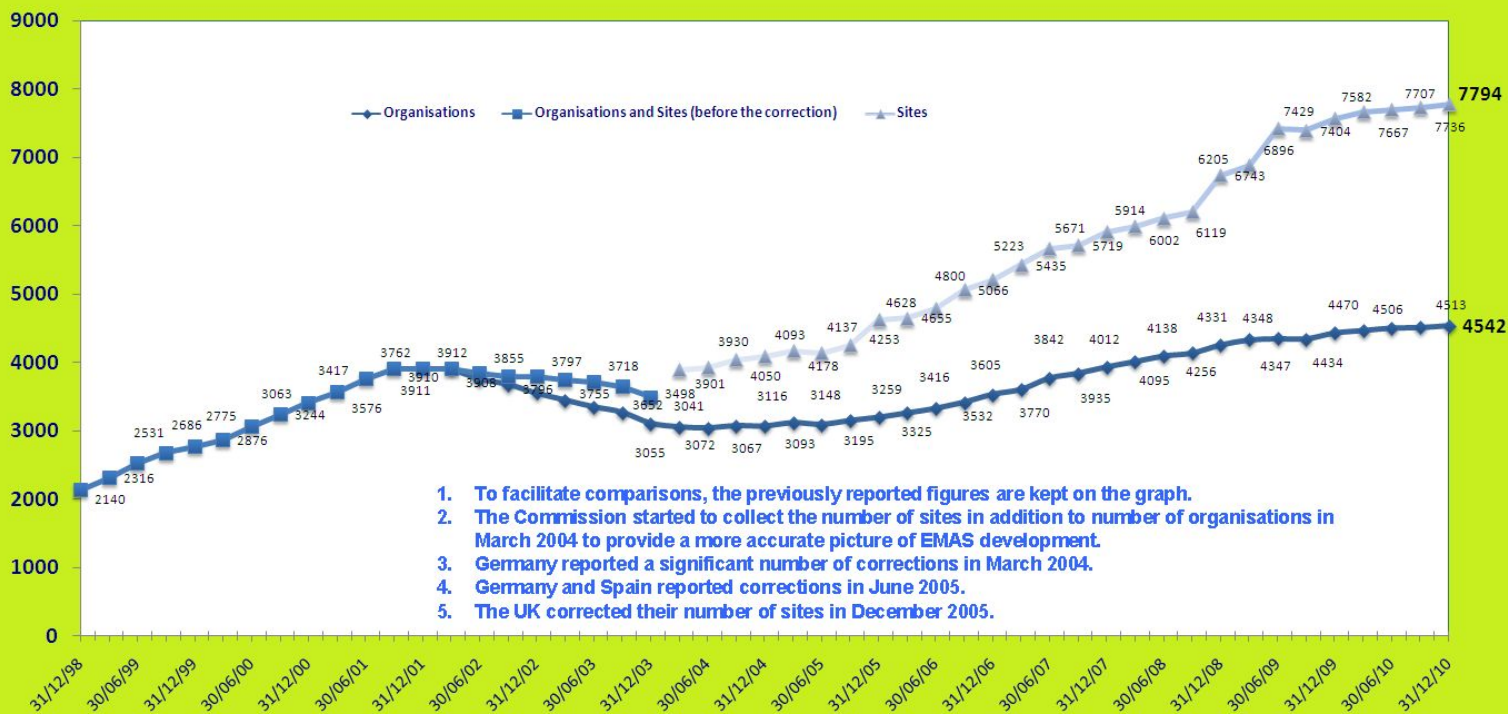


Stages	Involved Parts
Commitment	<i>Top Management</i>
Environmental review of activities	<i>Environmental manager, all departments</i>
What are our aims?	<i>Management</i>
How can we reach them?	<i>Management</i>
Is everything in line with EMAS?	<i>All employees, environmental managers, auditor(s)</i>
Statement of environmental performance	<i>Management, environmental managers</i>
External verification	<i>EMAS environmental verifier(s)</i>

EMAS Statistics



EMAS STATISTICS EVOLUTION OF ORGANISATIONS AND SITES Quarterly Data 31/12/2010



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Eco-Management and Audit Scheme

What is EMAS?

The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is a management tool for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report and improve their environmental performance. The scheme has been available for participation by companies since 1995 and was originally restricted to companies in industrial sectors.

Since 2001 EMAS has been open to all economic sectors including public and private services.

In 2009 the EMAS Regulation has been revised and modified for the second time. Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) was published on 22 December 2009 and entered into force on 11 January 2010.

What's new?

What's new? 18th of March 2010

Members of the German EMAS Advisory Board convened for their 50th anniversary session [more](#)

Study on costs and benefits to organisations of EMAS registration is now available [more](#)

The "EMAS Kitchen": 2nd edition of EMAS Awards in Catalonia [more](#)

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Focus Points

EMAS Regulation

Register

SME portal

GPP

SME toolkit

Statistics

EMAS near you

EMAS in figures

Country	Organisations	Products
Belgium	22	418
France	49	438
Germany	1	2
Italy	1	1
Spain	1	1
United Kingdom	1	1
Sweden	1	1
Denmark	1	1
Finland	1	1
Poland	1	1
Czech Republic	1	1
Slovakia	1	1
Slovenia	1	1
Portugal	1	1
Greece	1	1
Spain	1,175	1,402
Sweden	75	74
United Kingdom	45	332
Total	4,191	7,338

Leading sector winners

- EMAS accreditation: 491
- Environmental: 242
- Chemicals: 171
- Construction: 171
- Energy: 171
- Health: 171
- Other: 171

EMAS near you

EMAS in figures

EMAS website

EMAS and Fair Trade: the Integrated Management System for Sustainability

Pacheco is the first fair-trade organisation in the world to complete the plan for the new World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) certification process. The plan, which was launched in November 2009 and Pacheco became the first international fair-trade organisation to be able to get the "Certified Fair Trade" label on all of their certified products.

The quality was certified by ISO 26000 and EMAS, both in the UK and in South America, and Pacheco has been certified against the requirements of the Sustainable Fair Trade Management System (SFTMS) and registered according to EMAS. The multi-award winning fair-trade organisation has multiple certifications and registration in the same process: EMAS (under registration number 08-000162), Fair Trade and ISO 9001.

The SFTMS certification is for the organisation as an entity, rather than being product by product approach. It involves a strong environmental management component, as well as a focus on the overall management of the certified organisation, including administration, labour issues, production systems and quality control. It will certify that an organisation has a proven set of practices, procedures and processes which demonstrate sound economic and environmental responsibility. Hans Werner Engel in Brussels, father of the EMAS concept, has developed the blueprint for this concept for the WFTO.

This will be the first fair-trade certification which looks at an integrated supply chain, rather than just certifying the commodity or coffee. The process goes a great way to the workers, who were able to get feedback about pay, health and safety, skills development and the general conditions of their work. An annual action plan will allow producers to direct how fair-trade will benefit their estate.

Pacheco has joined a Fair Trade Register for 2009, which gives details of fair-trade and environmental work. It is available for download on their website.

"Our producers groups are really excited to be part of the first fair-trade organisation in the world to be certified," says Gary Thompson from Pacheco.

For further information, visit the following website: www.pacheco.co.uk

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The European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme

Improving your environmental and business performance

European EMAS Awards winners 2009

Introduction

Commission announces winners of European EMAS Awards 2009

Seven organisations have won the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) Awards for excellence in environmental management. The winners were announced at the awards ceremony on the evening of the 19th November 2009, in Stockholm. The awards recognise outstanding achievements in environmental management.

This year, 12 organisations from twelve EU Member States were nominated. The 2009 awards focused on the topic of "Supply chain including green procurement". The award winners were selected by a jury of six experts in the field of environmental management and public procurement. See table on second page.

Overall editorial to triple newsletter on European EMAS Awards winners, People behind EMAS and EMAS global Editorial

The editors of the EMAS newsletter open each issue of the EMAS website on the 1st of the month with a triple newsletter. The first newsletter is the European EMAS Awards winners, the second is the People behind EMAS and the third is the EMAS global editorial.

In the second part of the newsletter, we also give a list of the fair-trade organisations that have been certified by the WFTO. The list is available on the EMAS website at www.emas.europa.eu.

The first part of this newsletter provides an overview of the EMAS website and the EMAS Regulation. The second part of the newsletter provides an overview of the EMAS website and the EMAS Regulation. The third part of the newsletter provides an overview of the EMAS website and the EMAS Regulation.

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- European Union: <http://www.europa.eu>
- EMAS Register: www.emas-register.eu
- EMAS Toolkit for small organisations: www.ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/toolkit/
- EMAS Easy: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/tools/emaseasy_en.htm
- European Portal for SMEs: www.ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sme/
- EU Ecolabel: www.ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/
- Green Public Procurement (GPP): www.ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index_en.htm
- Environmental Compliance Assistance Programme for SMEs (ECAP): www.ec.europa.eu/environment/sme/index_en.htm
- European Environment Agency: www.eea.europa.eu
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