

GOOD REASONS FOR EMAS

- 1 EMAS is an instrument for making effective contributions to greater climate protection.
- 2 EMAS supports large scale energy and resource savings.
- 3 EMAS confirms that organisations comply with environmental regulations.
- 4 EMAS-registered organisations show that they take sustainability seriously.
- 5 EMAS builds trust in the value chain and business environment.
- 6 With EMAS, employees actively participate in environmental activities of the organisation.
- 7 EMAS is a foundation for a comprehensive corporate sustainability management approach.

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FUTURE WITH A SYSTEM

EMAS
THE PREMIUM
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
STANDARD



WHAT IS EMAS?

Every product and every service require energy and resources. Anyone who uses these intelligently with the help of an environmental management system minimises negative effects and contributes actively to climate and environmental protection.

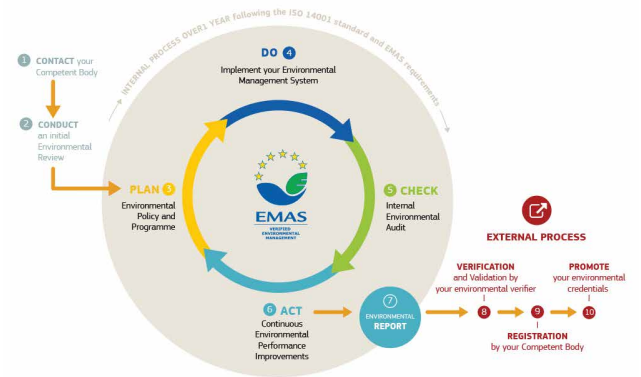
The Eco-Management and Audit Scheme – EMAS in short – is the world’s most demanding system for environmental management. If organisations meet the high requirements of the European EMAS Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009, they are awarded to use the EMAS logo.

EMAS organisations operate an environmental management system that goes beyond the requirements of international standards such as ISO 14001. Registered organisations subject themselves to additional quality criteria and monitoring mechanisms:

- Government-supervised, independent environmental verifiers conduct regular on-site inspections.
- An environmental statement informs the public about improvements in environmental performance. Data and facts are validated by an external environmental verifier and updated annually.
- EMAS ensures compliance with environmental regulations and enhances transparency.

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HOW DOES EMAS WORK?



Becoming an environmental leader, based on ten steps:

- 1 Get ready for EMAS by gathering useful information from your Competent Body.
- 2 Perform the environmental review of your organisation.
- 3 Structure your Environmental Management System (EMS) by defining an environmental policy and an environmental programme.
- 4 Implement your EMS.
- 5 Check the effectiveness of your Environmental Management System through an internal environmental audit.
- 6 Aim for continuous performance improvement.
- 7 Prepare your environmental statement.
- 8 Get your EMS verified and your environmental statement validated.
- 9 Submit your registration.
- 10 Use EMAS to show your environmental commitment to your customers and suppliers, as well as towards public authorities.

WHO IS USING EMAS?

As a voluntary instrument of the European Union:

- EMAS is open to companies and organisations of all sectors, and
- covers all the requirements of ISO 14001 (and goes beyond) and is applicable worldwide.

EMAS has suitable solutions for small and large companies as well as other types of organizations. The basis for the operational environmental management measures is the EMAS Regulation, but the methods to improve the environmental performance can be chosen by each organisation individually. Whether retailer, manufacturer, public agency or financial institution – the choice of measures depends not only on the sector or products and services offered, but also on the organisation’s previous experience with environmental management systems.

EMAS registered organisations are among the frontrunners when it comes to environmental improvements. They do not just stop at fulfilling mandatory targets and requirements. When deciding to join the voluntary scheme, organisations commit to going the ‘extra mile’ to achieve performance excellence.

Check out who is using EMAS in the official EMAS Register. It is an online database hosted by the European Commission, which lists all EMAS registered organisations and sites. You can be assured that organisations listed there are committed to improving their environmental performance.



www.emas-register.eu