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EMAS IN AUSTRIA – THE ROLE OF INCENTIVES AND REGULATORY RELIEFS“

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INTRODUCTION

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- Since 2002 working in the Austrian Umweltbundesamt (Environment Agency Austria) as an expert for environmental management.
- Since 2008 : Deputy head of unit Sustainable Development.
- Key expert for the EMAS Regulation in Europe and involvement in several EU projects (f.e. Romania, Serbia, Israel)
- Since 2011: Chair of the Competent Bodies related to the EMAS Regulation.

INTRODUCTION

Environment Agency Austria

- **was founded in 1985** under the **Environmental Control Act**
- since **1999** under the legal status of a **Limited Liability Company**
- more than **500 employees**
- more than **45 Mio.€ turnover**
- experience in more than **60 countries**
- Competent Body for EMAS
- EMAS registered since 2005



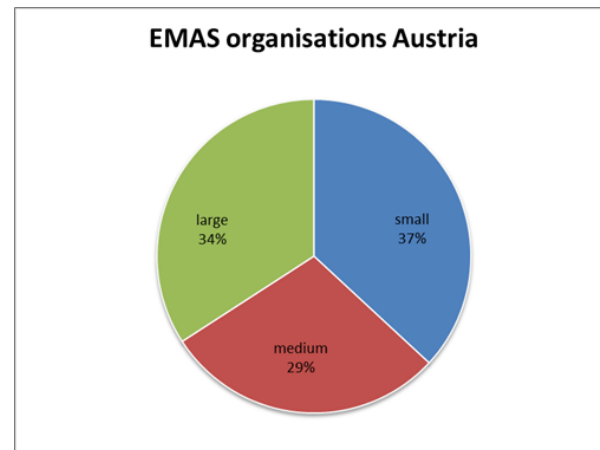
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EMAS ORGANISATIONS IN AUSTRIA (1)

- Currently there are 292 registered organisations with 1068 sites in Austria. In the EU ranking Austria is on position number 4 in absolute terms and on the second position regarding registrations in relation to million inhabitants.
- There are 9 environmental verifier organisations and 2 individual environmental verifiers operative in Austria.

EMAS ORGANISATIONS IN AUSTRIA (2)

- The proportion of small, medium and large organisations is very balanced in Austria.
- Main Sectors:
 - D35 - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
 - E38 - Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
 - H52 - Warehousing and support activities for transportation
 - N81 - Services to buildings and landscape activities
 - P85 – Education



EMAS REGISTRATIONS IN AUSTRIA (3)

- 292 EMAS organisations in Austria
- east-west decline
- more than half of all EMAS registrations are located in Lower Austria and in the region of Vienna, whereas Tyrol and Vorarlberg together have only 18 EMAS registrations
- need for information and promotion activities concerning EMAS mainly in the western provinces of Austria
- more EMAS registrations in West Austria within the next 4 years



LEGISLATION

- The national Environmental Management Act includes some regulatory reliefs for EMAS companies
 - Issuing of a consolidated approval notice - consolidation of all the approvals valid for the facility in one single notice
 - limitations of official control obligations – longer intervals

REGULATORY RELIEFS

Type of measure	Legislative reference
Reduced reporting and monitoring requirements	Waste Management Law
Fast-track permits/simplification in the application	Energy Efficiency Law
Reduced reporting and monitoring requirements	Austrian Trade, Commerce, and Industry Regulation Act,
Reduced inspection frequencies	Implementation of EU DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)
Green Public Procurement	Public Procurement Act
Fast-track permits/simplification in the application	Environmental Management Act
Reduction of administrative fees	Environmental Management Act
Extension of validity of permits/authorizations	Environmental Management Act
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EMAS INCENTIVES: FOLDERS AND BROCHURES

- An EMAS folder campaign with promotion folders to different topics such as
 - air emissions,
 - energy efficiency,
 - water management and
 - waste management and reduction

including testimonials and best practices was successfully carried out in 2016.

- Furthermore EMAS best practice folders on different environmental topics (e.g.: energy efficiency, water management, waste management, mobility, resource efficiency, ecological procurement...) were produced and are currently sent out to the EMAS community.

WORKSHOPS – EMAS FOR BEGINNERS

- Workshops for EMAS beginners (every year) - support for companies that are interested to introduce EMAS



WORKSHOPS - EMAS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

- EMAS workshops for Stakeholders are organised twice a year to exchange experiences and to give special information. In 2017 there will be three workshops in the context of the European Intereg Project ENHANCE.



EMAS CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL EMAS AWARD

- A national EMAS conference, where also the national EMAS award is awarded, is organised and held once a year. The topic of the EMAS conference 2017 was “circular economy”.



EU EMAS AWARD – AUSTRIAN WINNERS

- Several EU EMAS Awards winners (2007/2, 2009/3, 2011/1, 2012/1, 2014/1, 2015/1)
- 2014 in Hannover: voestalpine VAE Eisenbahnsysteme GmbH, Austria
- 2015 in Barcelona: KABEG
- Companies from different sectors (Waste sector most important)



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