



Dissemination Event

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Austria

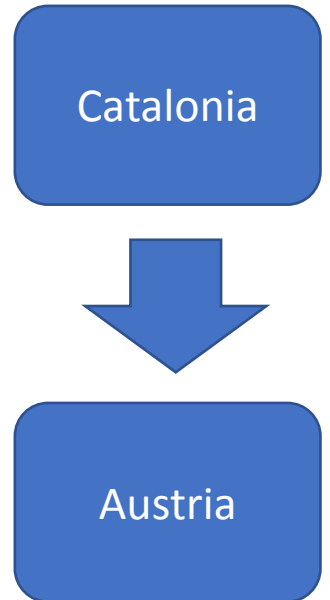
Action n. 1

Green Public Procurement – EMAS as Award criteria in the tendering process of the construction, maintenance and waste management sector

Background: Adding EMAS to green public procurement regulations can be a very good incentive for organisations to implement EMAS (e.g. increase of 18 registration for the cleaning sector in Austria)

Actions for Austria:

- Focus on award criteria
- Consider already existing actions for addressing the construction, maintenance and waste management sector in public procurement
- Construction sector: focus on all public procurement activities not only on residential construction
- Better recognition for EMAS in the tendering process due to higher requirements as ISO 14001



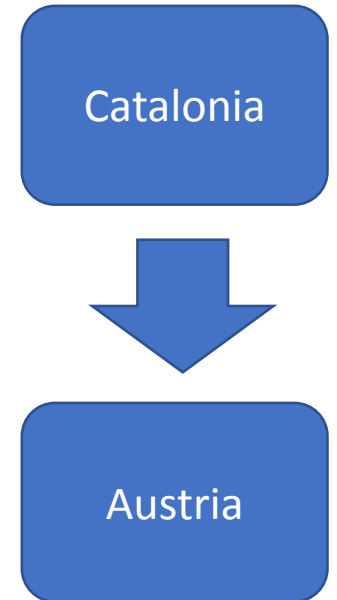
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Sub-action 1.1:

- Discussion with legal experts and experts from the ministry about possibilities to integrate EMAS better and more often in tenders
- Drafting of possible recommendations for technical specifications and awarding criteria

Sub-action 1.2: Information of public procurement officers regarding the better integration of EMAS in tenders



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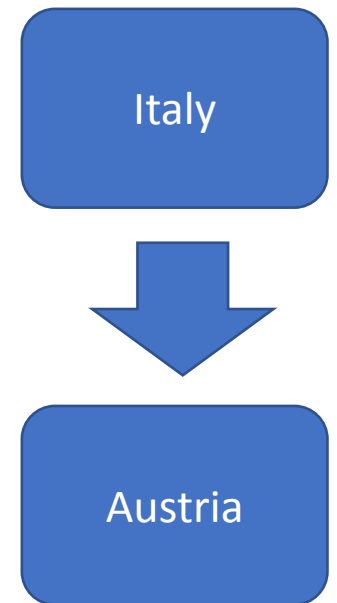
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – Analysis of Thresholds

Background:

Italy: plants having in place an environmental management system such as EMAS or ISO 14001 are recognized with reduced environmental risks and better management of the environmental impacts, also in case of extension or transformation of projects

Actions for Austria:

- Analysis of relevant Austrian legislation including relevant thresholds
- Recommendations for specific reliefs for EMAS
- Possible Goal: The environmental statement can be used to cover parts of the declaration which has to be provided by the project operators.



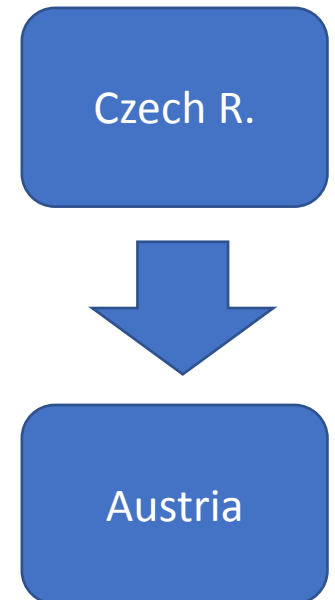
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Energy Audit – integration of EMAS into Energy Efficiency law

Background:

- The Austrian Energy Efficiency Law is the national implementation of the EU directive.
- EMAS organisations still have to do an external or internal energy audit every four years – this no real relief.
- In 2020 there will be a possible revision of the Energy Efficiency Law in Austria – window of opportunity for changes

Goal: environmental statement counts as the energy audit report



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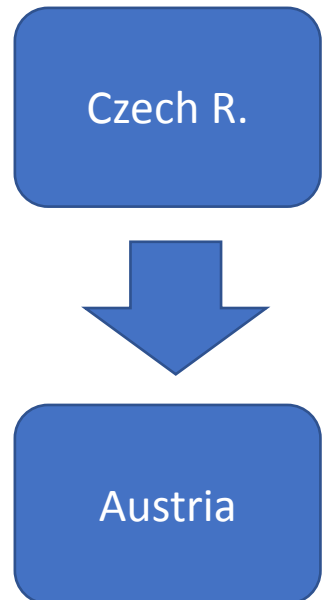
Actions for Austria:

Sub-Action 3.1.: Analysis of German approach:

- Comparison of §8 Energiedienstleistungsgesetz and §9 of Austrian Energy Efficiency Law
- best practices
- actual implementation
- interview with EMAS organizations in Germany affected by the law

Sub-Action 3.2.: Discussion with experts of Ministry in charge of the Energy Efficiency law about the future of the Austrian Energy Efficiency Law

Sub-Action 3.3.: Preparation of basis information for the revision of the law



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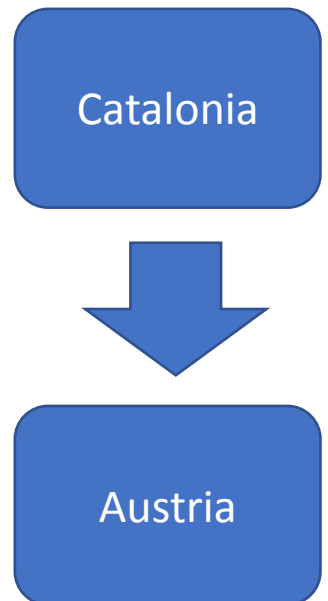
Training of Public Authorities

Background: Authorities are not informed enough about EMAS, this means:

- some regulatory reliefs are more difficult to implement
- that are no synergies between inspections by authorities and EMAS audits

Actions for Austria:

- research schedule and program of federal academy of public administration
- preparation of adapted training schedules regarding EMAS
- providing information eg. leaflets, best practices, presentations for the trainings
- start with one Austrian region as a pilot project



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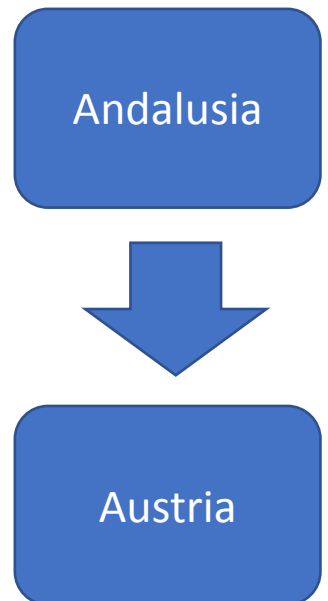
Environmental Inspections – Using Synergies between EMAS verification and environmental inspections

Background:

Environmental inspectors and EMAS verifiers are not working together currently, even though synergies would be possible and would have benefits for everybody.

Actions for Austria:

- Better information of Environmental Inspectors (can promote EMAS)
- Establishment of communication channels between inspectors and EMAS verifiers
- Exchange of EMAS audit reports and the full inspection reports
- Focus on the BAT Documents with implementing decisions regarding environmental management, as these implementing decisions can be met with EMAS



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Sub-Action 5.1 research of BAT Documents implementing decisions, research of schedule and program of special trainings for inspectors

Sub-Action 5.2 preparation of adapted training schedules regarding EMAS

Sub-Action 5.3 providing information eg. Leaflets, best practices, presentations for the trainings

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