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**The EA peer evaluation in the  
framework of the implementation of  
EU Regulation 600/2012**

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# The EA peer evaluation : how ? (the main steps of the process - 1)

- Overall responsibility:  
EA Multilateral Agreement Council
- Assignment of a peer evaluation team:
  - ✓ 1 Team Leader : evaluation of the organisation of the NAB
  - ✓ 1 or several team members including 1 team member for the evaluation of the technical competence of the NAB for the accreditation of verifiers (specific competence criteria – specific training)

# The EA peer evaluation : how ? (the main steps of the process - 2)

- **Evaluation visit of the NAB:**
  - ✓ Office evaluation: documents and records review (**EU-ETS package to be provided in advance**) – interviews
  - ✓ Witnessing of actual accreditation assessments of a verifier
  - ✓ Identification of non-conformities if any
- **Follow-up of the non-conformities and reporting:**
  - ✓ request for corrective actions and their evaluation
  - ✓ preparation of a comprehensive evaluation report
  - ✓ final recommendation of the evaluation team
- **Decision by EA-MAC : acceptance of the NAB as signatory of the EA Multilateral agreement for the accreditation of EU-ETS verifiers according to EN ISO 14065 and R 600/2012**

# The EA roadmap: important milestones

- **Verifiers:**

EU ETS phase III starts 01.01.2013 and verification of emissions for 2013 will be provided by accredited verifiers → **deadline for accreditation of verifiers: March 2014**

- **National accreditation bodies:**

Have successfully undergone peer evaluation by EA by 31.12.2014 .

# The EA roadmap:

## 2 types of peer evaluation

- **Scenario A :**

Evaluation during a regular EA peer evaluation if planned by July 2014 at the latest

**Document review + office evaluation + witness assessment at the verifier's office** (special focus on the assessment of the technical competence and on the preparation for Phase III verifications).

- **Scenario B :**

**EU ETS focussed evaluation to be performed by end 2014 at the latest for the NAB's not subject to regular peer evaluation before July 2014**

**Document review + (limited) office evaluation + witness assessment (can be postponed if no actual accreditation activity by end 2014)**

# The EA roadmap: PE's activities 2012-2014 (1)

- **25** NAB's have applied for peer evaluation
- **14** PE's according to scenario A (together with a regular EA re-evaluation of the general signatory status):
- **11** PE's according to scenario B (specific evaluation)
- PE's performed in           2012: 6  
  2013: 9  
  2014: 10
- Total of approximately 150 assessment mandays shared between 12 evaluators

# The EA roadmap: decisions on extension of the signatoryship for the new activity

- **24** NAB's have successfully passed the PE and EA MAC has taken positive decision for the extension of the signatoryship for the new activity  
” verification according to ISO/IEC 14065 and Commission regulation (EU) N° 600/2012) ”
  - 2013: 9 decisions
  - 2014: 15 decisions (+ 1 still pending)
- The new MLA is launched on 24.02.2014 with publication on the EA website

# The EA roadmap: specific decision in case of PE before 01.01.2014 (1)

- *The EA MAC confirms that [name AB] complies with all relevant requirements to become a signatory to the EA Multilateral Agreement in the field of ISO 14065 + EU Regulation 600/2012.*
- *[Name AB] has been peer evaluated for ISO 14065/EU Regulation 600/2012 in 2012/2013, which means before [name AB] could conduct witnessing of a verifier carrying out verification activities according to EU Regulation 600/2012 article 47.1(c). [Name AB] is required to deliver to the MAC Secretariat, by 1 June 2014 at the latest, a progress report in order to provide evidence that, starting from 1 January 2014, [name AB] has implemented effective procedures for witnessing activities of already accredited verifiers.*



# The EA roadmap: specific decision in case of PE before 01.01.2014 (2)

- All progress reports were delivered on time and were reviewed by EU-ETS qualified evaluators : all conclusions were positive
- The review has highlighted the need to further discuss and harmonize the accreditation practice with respect to issues such as the amount and type of witnessing activities of verifiers. These issues will be discussed by the EU-ETS network group.

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# The EA roadmap: Communication (EA-INFO 9 and 10)

- **Why ?** To ensure a compliant and harmonized implementation of the requirements of articles 75 and 48 of AVR on communication
- **What ?**

**EA-INFO 9:** Guide on the Publication of Data on Accredited verifiers According to Article 75 of Commission Regulation (EU) N° 600/2012 (January 2014)

**EA-INFO 10:** Guide on the Content of the Accreditation certificate for Verifiers accredited for EN ISO 14065 and the Commission Regulation (EU) N° 600/2012 (January 2014)

# The EA roadmap: Communication (EA-INFO 9 and 10)

During its October 2014, EA MAC decided on the terms of a survey on the implementation of EA-INFO 9 and EA-INFO 10 by all NAB's signatories to the EA MLA for the new activity verification.

Depending on the results, EA-MAC will consider the need for further discussion and/or actions.

# The EA roadmap: next steps

- **A workshop with EU-ETS evaluators will take place on December 4, 2014 under the responsibility of EA-MAC**
  - Objective: to share the experience gained through the first round of evaluations and to prepare for the next round**
- **Starting with evaluations in 2015, the activity Verification will be included in the normal program of regular PE's (assignment of a team member with the specific qualification – office and witness assessment)**

**Thank you for your attention**