



**Verification in Phase III:  
Verifier`s perspective**

**Accreditation  
and Verification  
Forum**

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# ÅF-Consulting AS

- Established in 1993 in Tallinn, Estonia
- Belongs to ÅF Group (<http://www.afconsult.com/>), which has approximately 7,000 employees in more than 70 countries focusing on projects related to sustainability services, energy and environment, infrastructure and urban planning, industry
- ÅF-Consulting AS (<http://estivo.ee/>) has 17 employees, only 4 of them are regularly engaged in GHG verification
- Certified according to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001
- Accredited according to ISO 14065 (in March 2012)



# General obligations of the verifier

During the verification, the verifier shall assess whether:

- the operator`s or aircraft operator`s report is complete and meets the requirements laid down in Annex X of Regulation (EU) No 601/2012;
- the operator or aircraft operator has acted in compliance with the requirements of the greenhouse GHG permit and the monitoring plan approved by the competent authority (CA);
- the data in the operator`s or aircraft operator`s report are free from material misstatements;
- information can be provided in support of the operator`s or aircraft operator`s data flow activities, control system and associated procedures to improve the performance of their monitoring and reporting.



# Legal framework

- Consolidated version of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community
- Commission regulation 601/2012 on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and the Council (MRR) + Guidance documents , templates and tools
- Commission regulation 600/2012 on the verification of greenhouse gas emission reports and tonne-kilometre reports and the accreditation of verifiers pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and the Council (AVR) + Key Guidance Notes, templates and examples
- National laws, regulations and templates



# Good experiences

- New harmonised regulations, common guidance documents and uniform templates have led to better quality control, cooperation and information exchange between different parties and member states. Furthermore, the verification report is reliable for its users and provides objective input for continuous improvement.
- Also, these have increased the operator's awareness of the importance and necessity of the verification, and enhanced opportunities for continuous improvement of monitoring plans.
- Accordingly, the number of long-term contracts has increased and this provides an opportunity to improve the quality of verification service (continuous overview of operator's activities, use of uniform and secure online system for data transmission and management).
- Simplifications for small emitters



# Main concerns. Possible actions

- National regulations, forms and templates are not always consistent and harmonised with the templates provided by the Commission
  - adoption of templates in national legislation
  - translation of templates into national language
  - elaboration of missing methodologies in national level
- Abundance of the MRR guidance documents and AVR key guidance notes provided by the Commission
  - translation of relevant guidance documents into national language
  - supporting activities and training for the operators
  - information exchange days and training for the verifiers
- Continuous information exchange and cooperation



**Thank you for  
your attention!**

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