

Conclusions and Recommendations

Workshop 2: Data Quality, Transparency and the Role of IT in the Compliance Chain

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Rapporteur's Recommendations and Conclusions (1)

1. Harmonisation should apply to data reporting aspects.
CO₂ emission monitoring should be left for future discussion as there is a wide variety of monitoring methods, algorithms and formats.
2. A harmonised approach to reporting would ensure smoother automation, improved data quality and increased level of transparency.
3. A catalogue of best practice and recommended monitoring methods needs to be developed to assist the operators of ETS installations.
4. In addition, development of eXtensible Emissions Trading Language (XETL) is urgently needed to allow immediate progress over the entire compliance chain, including aviation and connection to the Registry processes.
ET-SWAP pilot may be use useful in this context. EU Commission also.

Rapporteur's Recommendations and Conclusions (2)

5. There is a need to develop the Business Case for Workflow Automation for permitting, and for validation of Monitoring Plans (industrial installations, aviation). This will make the decision process more transparent for all stakeholders.

Note that terminology matters – “Workflow Automation” means different things to different people.

6. A new Working Group or Task Force should be set up to work on the IT architecture for automated reporting.

This is a matter which the Compliance Forum could take forward.

Important to recognise that concerns can exist over the ability to deliver IT projects on time and within budget.

7. A working relationship with SEIS (*Shared Environment Information System*) should be established to ensure synergy between various emission reporting requirements and cooperation between the Member States.

Final Remarks

- Web based ETS application and reporting systems offer significant improvements in ease of data handling and efficiency.
- XETL is a necessary prerequisite for such systems.
- The *Environmental Integrity* of the EU ETS flagship project must be protected as far as possible.
 - Key aspect is 1 tonne CO₂ = 1 tonne CO₂. A harmonised approach helps to ensure this is so across all MS and across all sectors.
- The Compliance Forum represents an appropriate way in which these concepts can be advanced.



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