

Verification Forum

Introduction impacts Accreditation
Regulation.*

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Current framework accreditation

No real legal basis on accreditation in EU ETS Directive
MRG 2007: accredited verifiers and definition accreditation

No uniform accreditation requirements in EU
EA structure only applicable to EA members

Differences in accreditation procedures, structures and requirements
(differences in witness, templates, reporting etc.)

Harmonization needed on accreditation
Accreditation regulation major step forward

Basic contents of the Accreditation Regulation

Scope AR: accreditation of conformity assessment bodies

Appoint single AB with public authority for accreditation

AB of every MS has to be EA member

Clear separation responsibilities AB and CA

EA has to meet requirements in Annex A (agreement/ cooperation with EC)

Supervision role of the Commission

Requirements on independence, impartiality and competence AB

Continuous evaluation and monitoring competence/ conformance verifier

Requirement to sanction verifiers and take corrective action against AB

Information exchange between Commission/ EA/ AB and MS

Peer evaluation → presumption to meet AR and mutual acceptance

Impact on EU ETS

Scope of AR includes EU ETS accreditation of verifiers

Term conformity assessment body and position single verifiers

Legal and structural changes of some AB needed

Separation responsibilities CA and AB

Application Directive public access environmental information

EA structure applicable to all MS

Change of EA procedures and rules (i.e. supervision EC etc.)

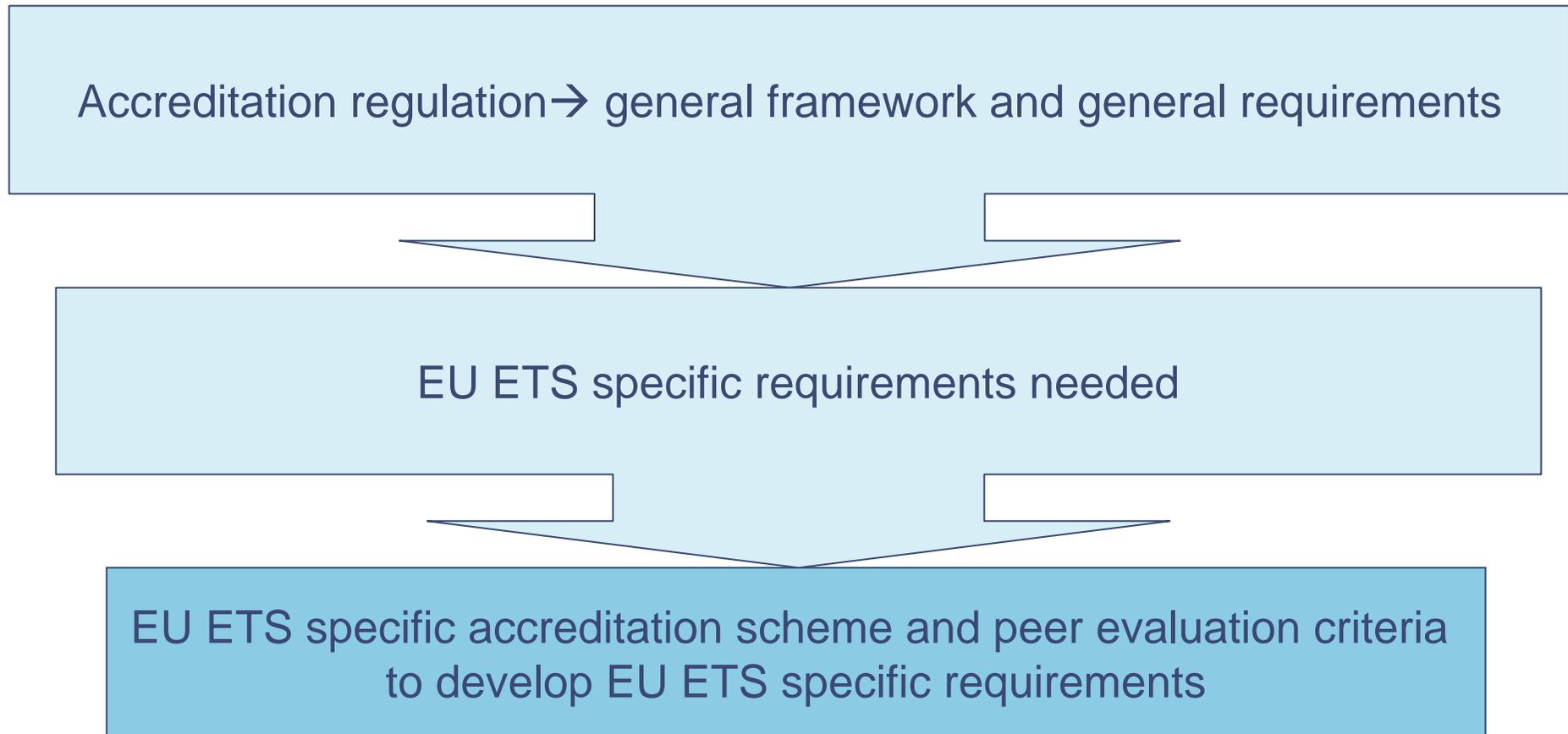
Uniform general AR requirements → tackle differences between MS

Periodic reassessment and surveillance and other monitoring mechanisms

Clear information feedback loops and reporting mechanisms

Peer evaluation criteria to strengthen current EA peer evaluation system

Accreditation regulation major step in harmonization
accreditation → however



EU ETS specific accreditation scheme and peer evaluation

Article 13 AR: EA can set up EU ETS specific accreditation scheme and develop peer evaluation criteria

Commission is supervisor and is responsible that scheme meets community harmonization legislation

Develop accreditation guidance which make general AR requirements and ISO 17011 more EU ETS specific

Create information feedback loops, common reporting templates

EU ETS specific requirements on reassessment and surveillance

Common exams/ training/ competence and team requirements

Key performance indicators AB/ verifiers/ peer evaluators

EU ETS specific peer evaluation criteria/ requirements

How to set up accreditation scheme? Who to involve? And when to set up accreditation scheme?

Who?

Involve all stakeholders (EC, AB, CA of all MS, verifiers and EA)

Involve especially non-EA members for EU ETS at an early stage

How?

Organize permanent accreditation forum to discuss AS and BP

Clear structure and workplan for accreditation forum

When?

Accreditation Regulation as from 2010 → non EA become EA members

Stronger legal basis needed for accreditation in revised EU ETS Directive and V&A regulation → EU ETS AS in place in 2013 (third trading period)

Proposed issues to be addressed

Until 2010

EA and non-EA route

Involve non EA members

Set up permanent accreditation forum

Draft workplan (ideas EU ETS AS and requirements)

Implement workplan (2009-2010)

Share best practices

Involve non EA members in trial evaluations peer evaluation

After 2010

EA route and transitional route ETS

EC accreditation guidance (2nd trading period) + workplan 2010-2012

Develop EU ETS AS (V&A regulation and Guidance)

Develop peer evaluation criteria

Involve all MS and stakeholders

After 2012

EU ETS specific accreditation scheme in place for third trading period

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