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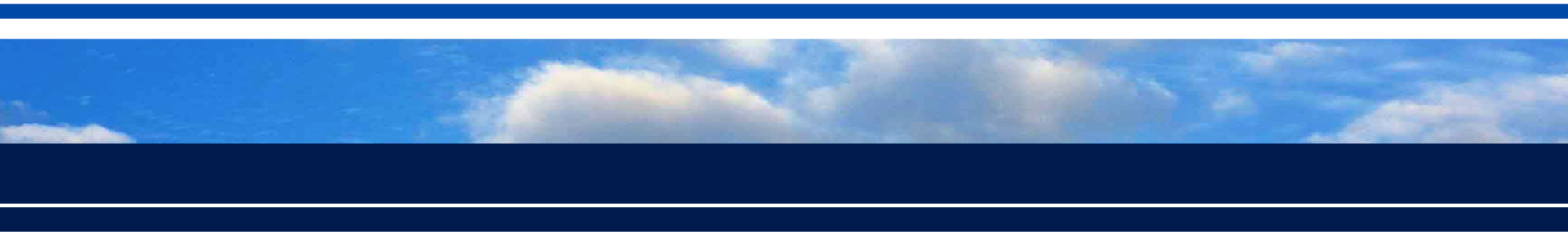
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# CA-perspective: main issues

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## CF Task Force A&V

- The CF Task Force A&V started its activities in April 2013
- Task Force objective is to facilitate harmonisation, efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of the AVR
- In the Task Force CAs exchange views and share experiences on accreditation and verification issues
- 18 CAs are a TF-member
- Questionnaire on how CAs have experienced the effects of the AVR

## CA-experiences: verifier capacity

- In 2013 concerns were raised that there would not be sufficient capacity of accredited verifiers
- All TF-members reported that in the end verifier capacity had been sufficient, partly because verifications were carried out by verifiers accredited in other MS
- In some cases verifiers did not manage to get a scope extension on time
- Some TF-members pointed out that time to carry out the verifications has been limited due to the workload and the time at which operators and verifiers entered into an agreement (late 2013)

## CA-experiences: quality of verification

- Most TF members feel that the AVR creates the conditions for improving the quality of verification:
  - the standard of verification has improved as all verifiers are subject to a similar accreditation process
  - the harmonised template for the VR provides insight in the way the verification was carried out and makes it easier to perform checks
  - the AVR and the VR template add to the consistency between verifiers
  - The AVR has introduced a process of information exchange
- The standardised approach makes the verification process transparent and shows where there is room for improvement

## CA experiences: information exchange

- TF members are positive about the formalised process of information exchange as required by the AVR:
  - the same level of information on verifiers is received no matter what MS they are accredited in
  - the AVR gives structure to the information exchange; this has improved the cooperation and coordination between CA and NAB
  - the CA is to inform the NAB of relevant results from checking AERs/VRs and of the results of inspections; this gives CAs a role in enhancing the quality of verification
  - greater transparency for the CA on the work of the verifier and the NAB

## CA experiences: review AER/VR

- CAs have reviewed 2013 AERs/VRs, either by assessing all reports or by using a risk based approach
- Some CAs noted a marked difference in the level of detail/comments provided by the verifiers in the VRs
- Almost all CAs in the Task Force found incorrect categorisations between misstatements, non-conformities and recommendations for improvement
- There were numerous recommendations for improvement, leading to the submission of many improvement reports



## Coordinated activities with EA

- Chair EA CC EU ETS Network Group invited to TF-meeting, to inform the TF of EA activities and to provide input into discussions on the information exchange templates and on the verification of allocation related data.
- TF included feed back from EA when considering the need to propose changes to the information exchange templates
- The TF has collated a list of CA focal points for information exchange and has provided this list to EA

## Conclusions

- The AVR provides a harmonised approach for verification and accreditation across the EU
- The requirements for information exchange and the use of standardised templates add to the transparency of the verification and accreditation process
- The transparency of the process facilitates the identification of areas for improvement
- All this enhances CA confidence in verification and accreditation as an essential instrument to reach compliance with the ETS rules

Thank you for your attention

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