



# Conclusions and Recommendations

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# General Conclusions

- *Improved harmonisation through the present regulatory framework is widely reported and supported*
- *Importance of close cooperation and information exchange amongst CAs, verifiers, NABs*
- *Successful peer evaluation of NABs coordinated by the EA*
- *Sufficient verifier capacity for 2013 emission reports, including through cross-border use of verifiers*

## Conclusion – NABs / CAs

- *Importance of continued surveillance of NABs*
  - **Between two peer evaluations, through survey following up on issues**
- *Key role of the EA central web-link to NAB lists of EU ETS accredited verifiers:*

<http://www.european-accreditation.org/information/national-accreditation-bodies-having-been-successfully-peer-evaluated-by-ea>

- *Restate the importance of continuous information flow between CAs and NABs*
- *Important for CAs to check AER/VR and to feedback*

## Recommendation – NABs / CAs

- *Further improve the quality and timeliness of information exchange between verifiers, CAs and NABs*
- *Implement practical methods to improve communication channels at MS level (e.g. RO forum; CA/NAB informal communication)*
- *Promote further direct cooperation between Compliance Forum Task Force AV and EA EU-ETS Network*
- *Ensure completeness and maintenance of NAB databases*

## Conclusion – Available Guidance

- *Comprehensive AVR guidance, templates, exemplars, tools and FAQ available*

[http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/monitoring/documentation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/monitoring/documentation_en.htm)

- **Compendium designed for use as needed**
- **Challenge remains to encourage greater use – greater clarification of user-specific interests?**
- **Harmonised use of templates (due completion of all fields); particularly important regarding AVR**
- **Important to maintain the list of AVR FAQ**

## Recommendation – Available Guidance

- *The Commission should consider greater clarification of user-specific interests (e.g. by guidance indexing)*
- *Further improve guidance, templates and tools based on MS stakeholder experience (special emphasis on more examples)*
- *Consideration (by COM, CAs, NABs ?) of more training and translations for operators*

## Conclusions – Verification

- *AVR is delivering more harmonised accreditations and, therefore, verifications*
- *Some MS coping with significant changes (new accreditation regime, independent review)*
- *Use of common templates is important (harmonisation cross-borders)*

# Recommendation – Verification

- *Consider how to provide greater opportunities for verifiers to feedback opinion (e.g. on guidance)*
- *Room for improvement in VR through better use of guidance*
  - **Variations in content and details of verifier reports**
  - **Interpretation of misstatements, non-conformities and recommendations**





# Thank you for your attendance

*Further feedback welcomed:*

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