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Task Force Accreditation and Verification

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Main objectives of TF AV

- Share experiences on AV issues and learn from each other

- Provide input into Commission projects (e.g. review AVR, guidances)

- TF meetings, email exchange

- EA ETS network group represented in TF meetings

Benefits of participation in TF:

- Better understanding of AVR requirements and of the roles of CA, verifier and NAB

- Reduces barriers to contact colleagues in other MS

Main activities in 2022

- TF AV shared experiences on the implementation of the AVR, most specifically on:

  - *Verification of biomass-related issues*

  - *Experiences on virtual site visits and verification of annual activity level reports*

  - *Experiences with the CA's evaluation of internal verification documentation*

  - *Verifier's capacity and impact on verification*

- TF AV discussed impact on Fit for 55 Package proposal (high level discussion), mostly on verification in ETS maritime sector

- EA gave regular updates on developments in accreditation and surveillance of verifiers

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Summary of AV break out session

- Focus on verification of annual activity level data

  - 3 CA (IE, DK and NO) gave their experiences on the review of ALCR and VR

  - 1 NAB (RO) gave their experiences on surveillance of verifiers carrying out verification of ALCR and issues identified in the verification

- *Conclusion*

  - Clear reduction in errors compared to 2021 (first year of ALCR verification)

  - Similar types of issues were identified across Member States: e.g. heat BM issues, typical errors

  - Better understanding of the rules by CA, Verifiers and NAB but there are still some complex areas where parties struggle – how can we help?

  - Verifier's time allocation and time pressure is a problem but we all have to deal with it – how to do that?

  - Some concerns were voiced on verifier's capacity given the increasing number of ETS activities

  - Next year we will continue the work on these topics in the TF AV group

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Looking towards 2023

- Continue to share experiences, provide input in COM projects and coordinate with EA

- Suggestions for topics are welcome → Likely topics include:

  - *Verification of biomass and the role of the verifier*

  - *CORSIA verification and EU ETS*

  - *Verifier capacity*

  - *Experiences on the review of AERs and annual activity level data*

  - *Improving guidance on data sampling*

  - *Discussion on the impact of fit for 55 package proposals to verification*

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Thank you

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