

Verification Forum

Draft Guidance Note Project and outline of main deliverables.*

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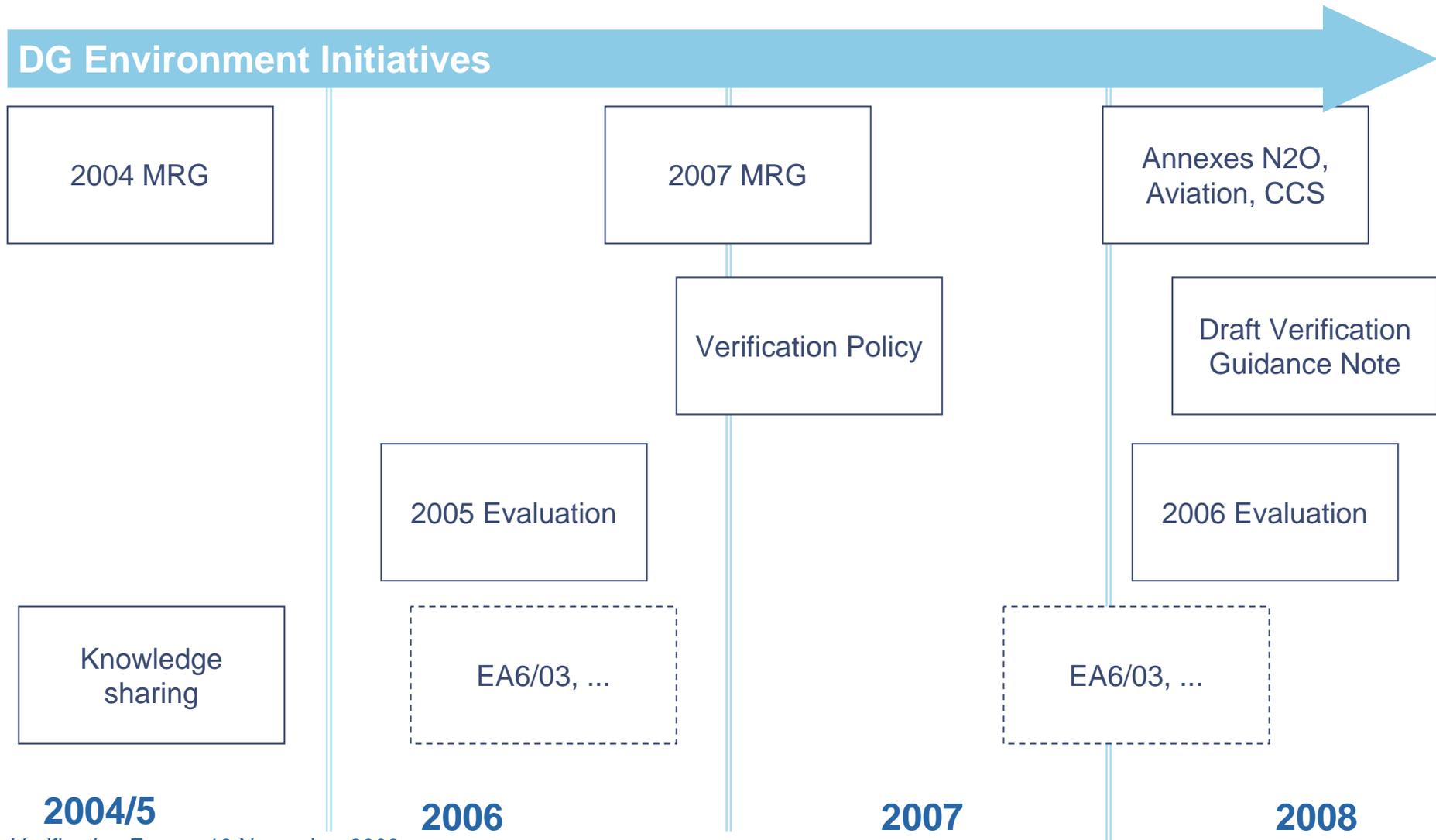
Objective

Service Contract 070307/2007/486609/SER/C2

The objective of this service contract is to provide support to the Commission in developing a draft Guidance Note on verification of monitoring reports and accreditation of verifiers.

Important guidance notes, such as the ones developed by the European cooperation for Accreditation (EA) and the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) will be taken into account.

Projects



Main tasks

The overall objective is to be accomplished by the following main tasks:-

- To design the main elements of a **draft guidance** document on EU ETS verification;
- to prepare a draft report on **best practices** on ETS verification and accreditation;
- to support the Commission in coordinating a **working group** of Member State experts in order to deal with ongoing MS initiatives and other relevant working groups, such as e.g. the group revising the EA 6/03 and IMPEL.

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Not in

1. Bulgaria
2. Cyprus
3. Greece
4. Latvia
5. Lithuania
6. Luxembourg
7. Slovenia

Planning Draft Verification Guidance Note Consultation Process

Technical Working Group on Verification and Accreditation (WG3 members)

- 6 March
- 24 April
- 12 June
- 8 July

Stakeholder consultation:

- Verification Forum - 25 April – Outline, key elements
- ICAP 20 or 21 May – Context, differences & similarities
- Verification Forum – 19 November – Share Draft VG Note results
- TWG members incl non-EA users, others: April, May, June

Deliverables

Final Report

Best Practice Report

Working Papers

Strategic Work Plan

Summary Reports

Scope

Main focus:

- Verification
- Accreditation

Also Competent Authorities activities related to V&A

Identification of non-contentious issues - Verification

definitions;

organisational requirements

precontract

competency

strategic and

risk analysis

verification

process and

site visits

misstatement

verification

how they are

limitation of

internal verification

documentation

preparation of verification report

issuing verification report

entry of emission figure in Registry

issuing verification report

verification activities

recurring verification

take over by verifier

competence process

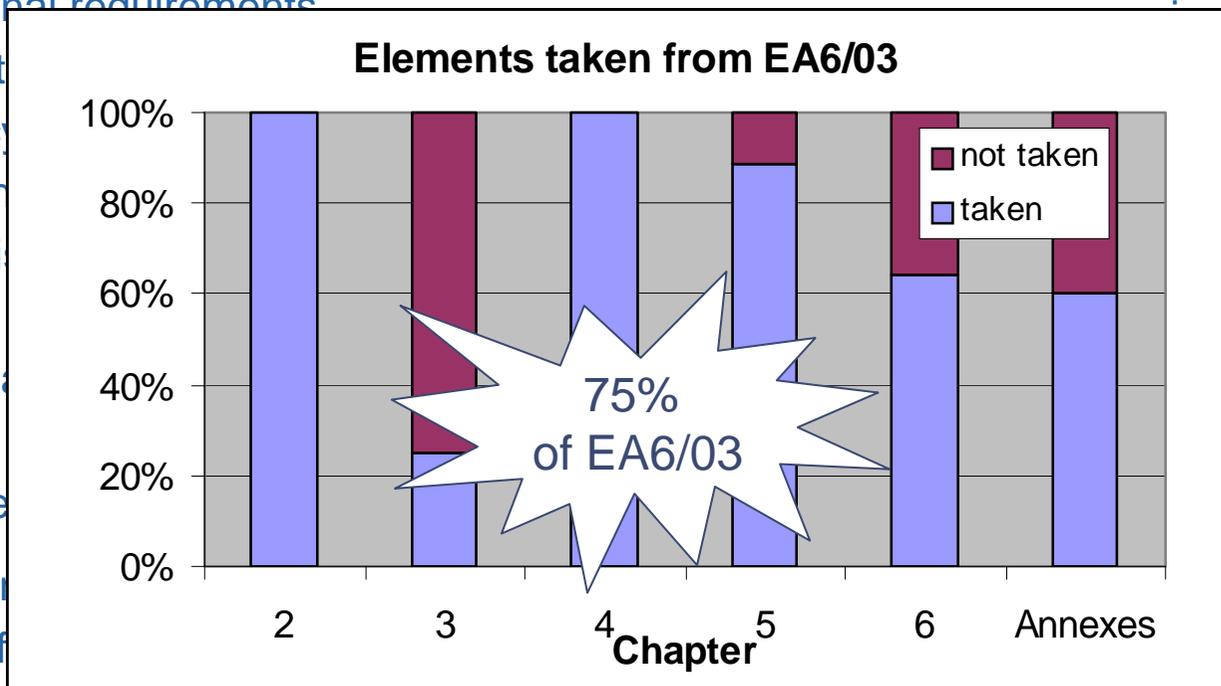
use of technical experts

boards of competencies

composition team requirements

assessment of uncertainty

independence and impartiality



Identification of non-contentious issues – Accreditation & some Competent Authority's activities

Elements and steps accreditation process

What is accreditation in general (FAQ 2006)

Difference between accreditation and acceptance

Scope of accreditation (annex F EA 6/03)

Recognition of foreign verifiers (FAQ 2007)

Follow up of misstatements and non conformities by CA

How to deal with contentious issues?

Divide into groups (working papers content list)

Prioritise working papers

Draft Working papers

- use existing working papers and other documents
- elaborate
- highlight decisions to be made & propose solutions

Discuss working papers in TWG, collect information in V-Forum and share at C-Conference

Include 'solved' issues in Final Report

Keep other information in Working Papers and Best Practice Report as a valuable knowledge base

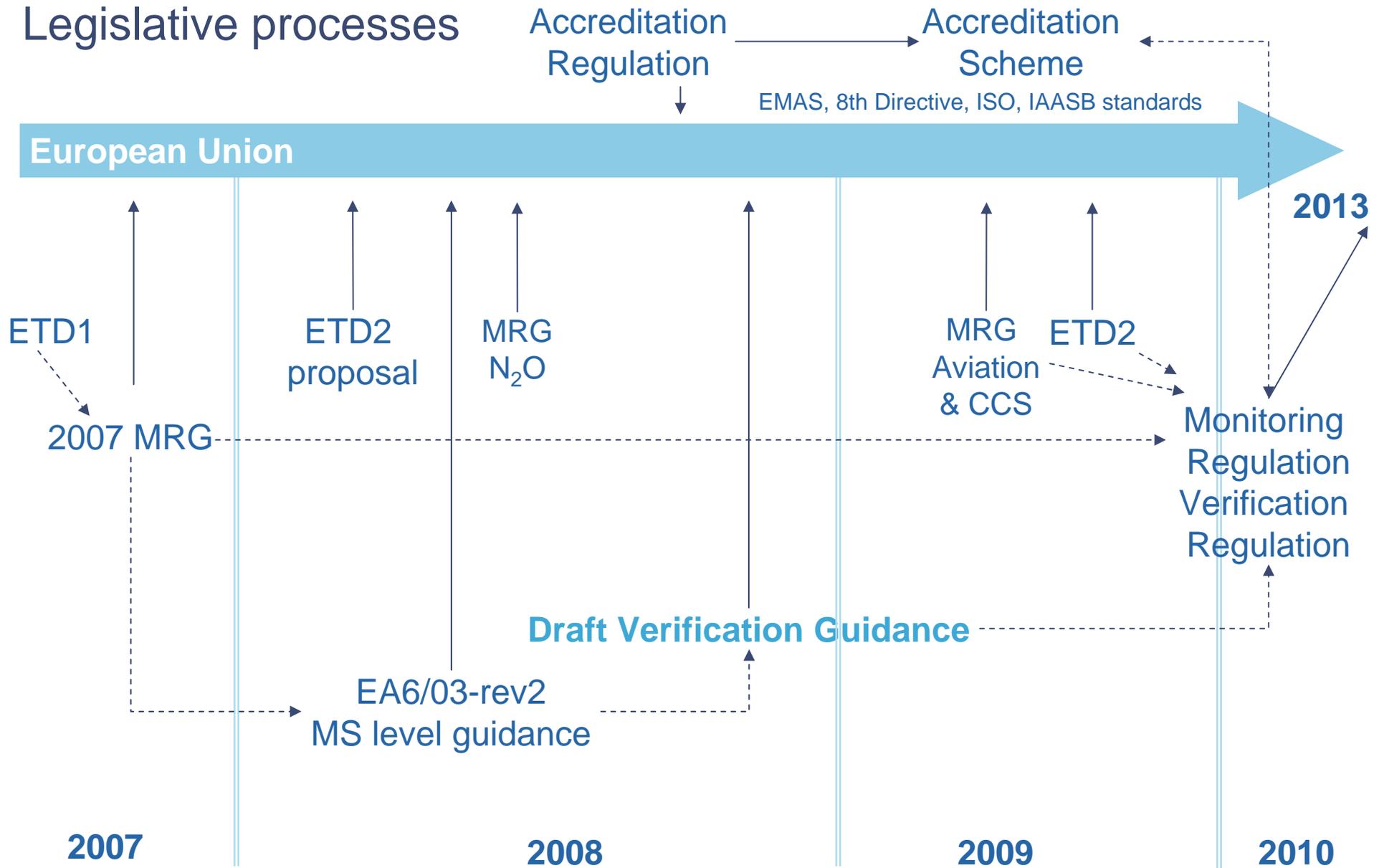
Working Papers on Contentious Issues: Results

1. Scope and responsibilities	conditionally accepted
2. Standards and other regulations	shared only
3. Sampling and time allocation	accepted
4. Verification report template	accepted
5. Risk based approaches	accepted
6. Technical review and single verifiers	partially accepted
7. Competence process verifiers	accepted
8. Review of verification report and AER	accepted
9. Accreditation process	accepted
10. Competence process Accreditors	partially accepted
11. Peer evaluation	accepted
12. Mutual acceptance	accepted
13. Misstatements and non conformities	accepted
14. Quick Scan Accreditation Regulation	conditionally accepted
15. Article 21 (KPIs)	shared only

Contentious Issues dealt with – actions remaining

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| 1. Scope and responsibilities | 1. Role accreditation body vs CA on verifiers |
| 2. Standards and other regulations | 2. None |
| 3. Sampling and time allocation | 3. Test and improve man day table |
| 4. Verification report template | 4. Develop IT template |
| 5. Risk based approaches | 5. Improve risk table. Criteria for waiving site visits |
| 6. Technical review and single verifiers | 6. Mandatory or not. Position single verifiers under AR |
| 7. Competence process verifiers | 7. Test competence requirements |
| 8. Review of verification report and AER | 8. Determine final emissions; when/detail of review |
| 9. Accreditation process | 9. To be further detailed under accreditation scheme. |
| 10. Competence process Accreditors | 10. Make EU ETS specific with ABs |
| 11. Peer evaluation | 11. To be further detailed under accreditation scheme. |
| 12. Mutual acceptance | 12. Elaboration conditions mutual acceptance |
| 13. Misstatements and non conformities | 13. None |
| 14. Quick Scan Accreditation Regulation | 14. Develop Accreditation Scheme; MS assessment |
| 15. Article 21 (KPIs) | 15. Select indicators for all parties EU ETS |

Legislative processes



Next Steps

MRG, EA6/03 and national
guidance for other
gases/sectors (Aviation!) 2009

Implementation of the
Accreditation Regulation 2009
→ 2010/13

Verification & Accreditation
Regulation 2010 → 2013

Verification Forum 2008
onwards

Compliance Forum (+projects)
2008 onwards

Accreditation Forum 2009
onwards

“EU ETS Language” 2009 -
2010

Capacity Building with
Universities 2009

Remaining questions for today

Role of the Verification Forum?

Scope & impact of the Accreditation Regulation

How do all the requirements fit together?

Verification issues for aviation

Your worlds, our people

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