

Summary of key output from the A&V Forum and EA feedback

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A&V Forum

- General overview
- EA status of activities
 - Peer evaluation
 - EU ETS Network
- NAB experience
- Verifiers perspective and experience
- Competent Authorities perspective
 - A&V Task Force
 - Information exchange
 - Assessment of AER's and VR's
- Round table discussion

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

Verification

- AVR is delivering more harmonised accreditations and, therefore, more harmonised verifications
- Quality in verification has increased, but verification reports show variations in content and details
- Verifiers confuse misstatements, nonconformities and improvements

Guidance material

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

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/monitoring/documentation_en.htm

- Improve user friendliness (e.g. by guidance indexing)
- Improve guidance, templates and tools by adding more more examples
- Consideration for more translation in local language to improve use by local verifier and operator

Information exchange

- 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>

- List of competent authority contacts equally important, especially for cross-border verification

Information exchange

- Templates improve and harmonise information
 - Important by cross-border verification
 - Supporting consistency and transparency
- Use of information in the Templates
- CA feedback to NAB needed when receiving Accreditation Work Programme
- Level of detail in CA reporting, Article 72
- Annual and ad hoc feedback from CA to NAB

Co-operation

- Established and generally good between most CA and NAB – but still room for improvement
- Methods to improve communication between CA/NAB/Verifiers to be shared, e.g. Forum, informal contacts
- Continue and promote further direct cooperation between Compliance Forum Task Force AV and EA EU-ETS Network

Other issues

- Time used for verification is different
 - Man-day table ?
- Verifiers to give feedback opinion on guidance

Thank you for your attention

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