

Accreditation

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Memories and dreams

1. Do you remember January 2004 when EU ETS was reality and MRV just published?
2. Where are we today, what has happened (short version)
3. What is my dream? And how do we get there?



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Do you remember 2004 – some of us were there?

- Directive published – all focus on NAP and... nothing else
- MRG I just published
- We were all starting to think about MRV
- Accreditation just starting to emerge into the light
- We knew little and built on experience in other areas EMAS and financial markets
- It was all exciting
- We were learning and going separate ways depending on culture and experience
- We undervalued and underestimated the importance of verification and accreditation



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Where are we now

- 2 years real experience
- Learning lessons about:
 - Process
 - What is verification
 - What is accreditation
 - Need for harmonisation
- Other emerging international developments
 - ISO14064 part 1
 - ISO14065
 - Voluntary standards
- Interest in ETS
- Linking debate started



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Dreams – in simple terms first

- Consistent with allowing linking and assurance that a tonne is the same wherever in EC you are.
- Common verification processes
 - Standards and processes including use of IT where viable
- Consistent and harmonised verification
 - Common verification ‘standards’
- Verifiers operating across borders
 - Common rules
 - Consistent application of MRG requirements and common verification ‘standards’
 - Knowledge of local requirements
- Common accreditation processes
- Peer evaluation between accreditation bodies with real reports and actions



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Accreditation in the future (I)

- Ensuring impartiality, consistency, ‘a tonne is a tonne’, harmonisation, comparability, transparency....
- Common and consistent process
- Risk based – both based on scheme risk and risk presented by verifier’s activities and processes
- Single ‘standard’ for verification
- Single ‘standard’ for accreditation process and functions
- Covering ALL verification activities whether performed by third party or part of regulatory functions (avoidance of conflict between functions)



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Accreditation in the future (II)

- Peer evaluation at regular intervals covering all accreditation functions at ALL Accreditation bodies based on consistent accreditation ‘standard’
- Honesty in peer evaluation
- Independence in peer evaluation
- Sanctions available to improve performance



What is happening to achieve my dream?

- MRG II clearer on verification scope and process
- European Accreditation developing verification 'standards' based on MRG and in open consultation with EC, CA, Ministries, Industries, verifiers and AB
 - EA6/03 for phase I published and updated based on learning lessons
 - EA6/03 for phase II under developments including accreditation issues related to EU ETS
 - Peer evaluation under discussion and commitment to develop and make all inclusive (if other prepared to join)



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We can achieve the dream and protect the planet

Thank you

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