

Project approval procedures in Austria

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Legal background



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- **Emission allowances Act** (implementation of ETS Directive)
 - Allows ETS operators to use ERUs and CERs under conditions

- **Austrian Environmental Support Act**
 - Austrian JI/CDM programme
 - Directives to JI/CDM programme
 - Project approval procedures

Procedures for project approval



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- Application for LoA to Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC)
- Screening of project documentation by KPC according to Guidelines
- Recommendation (positive or negative) by KPC to Austrian JI/CDM Committee
- Recommendation (positive or negative) by Committee to Minister for Environment
- Decision by Minister for Environment to sign LoA



Conditions for approval

- Conformity with the criteria according to the Marrakesh Accords
- Restrictions on **project types**:
 - Nuclear projects: according to Austrian JI/CDM Directives no LoA can be given, no time limit for the exclusion
 - LULUCF: restriction on use by operators for their compliance, until otherwise decided by ordinance of MoE in accordance with corresponding provisions at EU level; very restrictive policy concerning LoA for LULUCF projects
 - Other gases than CO₂: allowed unless restricted by ordinance of MoE in accordance with corresponding provisions in other MS, no restrictions on LoA

Issues under discussion



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➤ practical experience?

➤ open issues