



11th EU ETS Compliance Conference

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 2020

- Sharing experiences on the implementation of the AVR in particular on verification of allocation related data
- Sharing experiences on review of AERs and planning for annual activity level data
- Exchanging views on verification of complex installations, including sampling and auditing
 - *Discussion provided input into topics and training material of the AV training event*
 - *Recommendations for COM guidance*
- Sharing experiences on impact of COVID-19 on verification of 2019 AER
- Update of the EA on developments in accreditation and surveillance of verifiers

Summary of AV break out session

- AV training event led to conclusions that can be picked up in guidance or future training. The TF AV can play a role in providing input or sharing experiences on:
 - *Commission's guidance and training material on sampling*
 - *Time allocation and verification of MR specific issues such as verification of biomass*
 - *Sharing experiences on verification of annual activity level data*
- CA and NABs shared experiences on virtual site visits: e.g.
 - *Plans to use Article 34a (4) AVR on bulk approvals of virtual site visits*
 - *How to prepare virtual site visits → early and extensive preparation needed*
 - *Plans NABs to assess the competence of verifiers on virtual site visits*
 - *When to issue negative verification opinion statement and consequences of that*
 - *What to do if issues are identified in site visits during next year's verification*

Summary of AV break out session

- Main conclusions on virtual site visits were:
 - *Virtual site visit is not a replacement of physical site visit*
 - *Pragmatic national approach based on draft AVR and updated KGN II.5 can be possible for virtual site visits before 1 January 2021*
 - *Importance of exchanging information between verifiers, NABs and CAs: e.g. notification of dates on virtual site visits to NABs, exchanging information on findings from review AERs/AALRs*
 - *Early finalisation and publication of updated KGN II.5 would be welcomed*
- AVR implementation issues will be picked up in future discussion of TF AV 2021: e.g. NAB's assessment of verifiers verifying annual activity level data and implementation of rotation of lead auditors

Looking towards 2021

- Continue to share experiences, provide input in COM projects and coordinate with EA
- Suggestions for topics are welcome → Likely topics include:
 - *Experiences with virtual site visits*
 - *Input in Commission guidance and updates of templates*
 - *Verification of biomass*
 - *Experiences with verification of annual activity level data*
 - *Reoccurring topics like updates of EA, review of AERs/VRs, information exchange between NAB and CA*
- Next meeting planned in beginning of 2021

Thank you



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