

E-Reporting Break-Out Session Feedback

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Topics Covered

- Benefits of using IT and a common language
 - Germany FMS system.
- Development of PAN in The Netherlands.
- UK feedback on use of EC common language.
- Update from DECLARE pilot project.
- TF priorities discussion.

Challenges

- More complexity, data interaction and data flow to come.
- Industry likely to drive for more harmonised, less burdensome approaches.
- Expectation that IT systems should be able to communicate with each other.
- Pressure to integrate at national, European worldwide levels.
- Technical and funding limitations.

Common Language Benefits

- Quality assurance of data and the price of carbon (1t = 1t).
- Standardisation & harmonisation. Common approach for all GHG reporting.
- Greater transparency.
- Compliance cost saving in man hours for both operators, verifiers and CAs.

Good Practice

- Learn from current systems and experience.
- Potentially much easier to adapt an existing system.
- Start early e.g. in conversion from other languages e.g. FMS-XML to XETL.
- Single portal access e.g. for Registry, DECLARE, MS systems.
- Familiarity does not equal simplicity.

Task Force Actions

- Support Commission in development of Declare.
- Need to raise awareness of mutual benefits of IT and a common language – also at higher level.
- Educate and train potential user base.
- Member States need to clarify what they require and when.
- Look for ways to integrate common language with existing IT systems and spreadsheets.
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