

EMAS

The European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme

EMAS Workshop: Revision of EMAS

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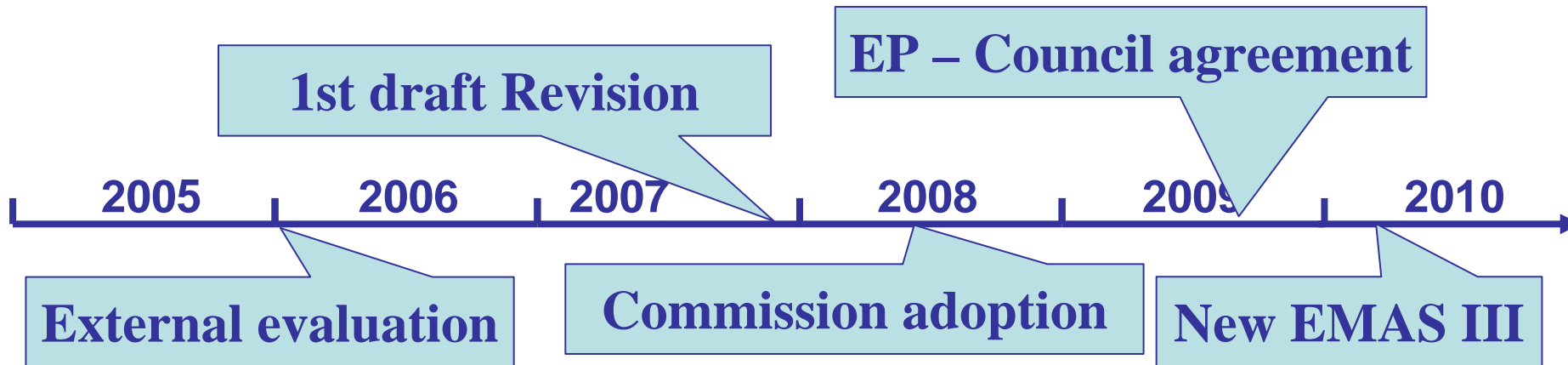


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Community legislation in force:

Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2001 allowing voluntary participation by organisations in a Community Eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)

REVISION PROCESS



- Stakeholder workshop: 11-12 December 2006
- Internet Stakeholders Consultation: December-February 2007
- COM Impact Assessment: June 2007
- 1st Draft text: October 2007
- COM Inter-Service Consultation: March-May 2007
- Commission proposal: July 2008

REVISION PROCESS

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) & Sustainable Industrial Policy (SIP) Action Plan

accompanied by

Revised
Ecolabel
Regulation

Revised
EMAS
Regulation

Commission Communication on the
implementation of National strategies
for Green public procurement – target
setting in the field of Green public
procurement

BACKGROUND

- **EU Voluntary Scheme set-up '95 (revised '01)**
- **5th & 6th EAP: alternative to command-and-control legislation**
- **Engage organisations in improving environmental performances**
- **Set 'the' benchmark / system of reference**

Current EMAS Requirements:

- . = ISO14001 EMS
- . + legal compliance
- . + performance improvement
- . + public reporting
- . + employee participation

Current EMAS situation:

- . 6000+ registrations
- . Overall registrations at all high
- . 68% SMEs
- . Main sectors: chemicals & food processing
- . Growing: Pu. Auth. & Tourism

PILLARS FOR REVISION (I)

1. Reinforcement through strengthening rules on:

- Legal compliance
- Performance improvement by introducing use of core performance indicators

2. Raise attractiveness to participating organisations

- Allow registration outside EU, corporate registration and cluster approach of organisations for registration
- Reducing administrative burden
- Improve EMAS promotion, technical assistance
- Increase incentives at Member States and EU level
- Review rules for use of logo and reporting

PILLARS FOR REVISION (II)

3. Increase its user-friendliness

- Completely redraft existing Regulation
- Incorporate main elements of the existing non-binding EMAS guidelines in the Regulation, (legal certainty - clarity of requirements)
- Align harmonisation, verification, registration procedures



Thank you for your attention

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