



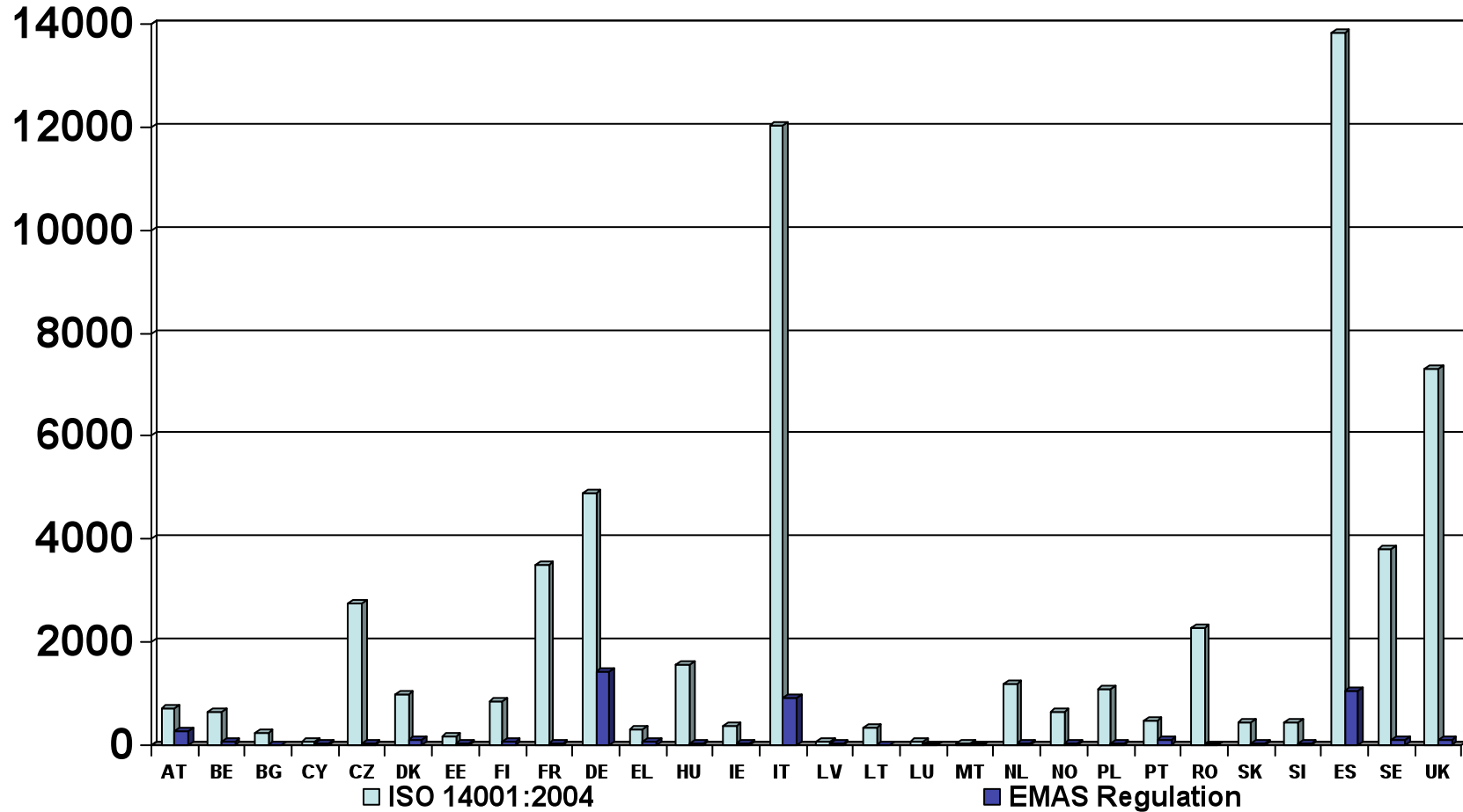
# EMAS & Challenges for the verification process: Accreditation criteria, rules and international practise

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# EMS marketplace





# Accreditation as an enabler

- The EMAS Regulations establishes the role and responsibilities of the Accreditation Body
- Accreditation has an important role to provide a framework for the verifier
- Accreditation must respond to the developing demands of EMAS and the market



# Role of the FAB

- The Forum of Accreditation Bodies is given the responsibility for the harmonisation of Accreditation through:
  - Development of guidance
  - Peer evaluation process



# Conclusions

- The promotion of EMAS to SME's should not be made on cost alone
- Consider the value added benefits and differentiation from ISO 14001:2004
- Accreditation as an enabler rather than barrier
- Accreditation criteria can provide assurance and credibility
- Role of the FAB to safeguard these processes
- Participation of all parties can lead to greater successes for EMAS



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