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# EMAS going global

– challenges of validating EMAS in  
the Mediterranean area –

case studies from Cyprus and Jordan

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# The verifier

- EMAS verifier since 1996
- Experiences in many different branches
- different sizes of companies
- different countries; for example Hungary, Romania (first EMAS system)  
Cyprus and Jordan (first EMAS easy system)

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# The entities

Two small companies in Cyprus

- laboratory (1 site)
- consulting engineer (1 site)
- restaurants (4 sites)
- café (1 site)

Two big hotels –luxury class– in Jordan (2 sites)

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# Results

- all examined entities have passed the examination
- the environmental declaration could be signed
  
- two companies have quit the verification procedure just before  
the visit because of not getting subsidies from the  
government

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# Experiences

- the EMAS easy system is suitable for SME's
- the requirements of the EMAS system can be fulfilled by the EMAS easy paperwork
- the paperwork is really easy to handle by the SME's
- the success of the system implementation depends on the commitment of the managers of the staff (not surprising)
- money is important for the start not for the confirmation of the system

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# Conclusion

- the environmental challenge is the same in all visited countries, especially in Cyprus and Jordan there is one additional challenge: the need for water
- the preparedness and the commitment to the environment and the EMAS system is much higher than expected or
- Central Europe, especially Germany, is not the centre of environmental commitment

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# Further cost reduction potential

- assembled examinations and verifications for example
  - in Cyprus: 6 sites in one week
- assembled preparation of the audits
- travelling costs only once
- simple reporting of the verifying procedure