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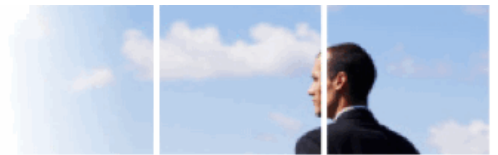
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NetRegs

Name	NetRegs
Logo	
Country	UK
State, Region	UK-wide
Executing organisation	The site has been developed through a partnership of regulators from the different UK regions, in consultation with SMEs. The UK environmental regulators are the Environment Agency (England and Wales), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).
Target groups	small and medium-sized enterprises from a range of sectors
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- to identify and understand businesses responsibilities and the legislation that affects them- to provide guidance on how to comply with environmental law as well as advice on good environmental practice.- To raise awareness of the NetRegs site, and environmental compliance
Background	Increasing environmental regulation means that it is harder for businesses, especially SMEs, to identify and understand their responsibilities and the legislation that affects them. The NetRegs system has proven to be successful as a source of information for businesses.
Project 's description	NetRegs is a free to use website which aims to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the UK to understand the complex environmental regulations that can affect them. It is aimed at any SME operator that might need to comply with any environmental regulatory requirement. It provides clear, readily accessible information to businesses on the environmental legislation that affects them.
Method	NetRegs has implemented a simple registration service so that for the first time it can proactively send out information about changes to the web site and hopeful get more feedback as well. In the first two months since setting it up and with only low level PR there have been over 2000 registrations. The only weakness has been that less than 10% of SMEs in the UK have used the site.
Advantage	The intended benefits to SMEs are that they are less likely to be in non-compliance of environmental regulation and, therefore, open to penalties for non-compliance. Ensuring compliance also provides benefits in enhancing customer support for some SMEs.
Public subsidies and costs	About £25k (circa €36,000) was spent on the very first pilot to test the concept and build a few pages for one sector. Then the initial cost of the main project funded by the national Government was £3.5m (circa €5m) over 3 years. However about £1m (€1.45m) of this was for marketing and communications. NetRegs appears costly.
Donor, Fund	Source of funding: Government (including regions and regulators)



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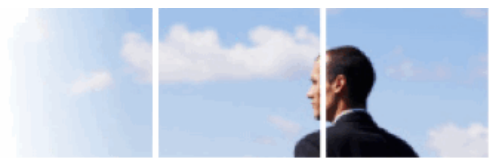
Enviroveille

Name	Enviroveille
Logo	
Country	France
Executing organization	ACFCI: Assembly of French Chambers of Commerce and Industry
Target groups	French enterprises, in particular SMEs, municipalities, government bodies (local services of the ministry of the Environment), CCIs
Objectives	To provide functional tools for enterprises and public organizations which need knowledge about French and Community HSE regulation.
Background	Enviroveille was created to improve the access of enterprises, including SME to environmental legislation in order to help them enforce it. The project is an answer to the need of measuring, preventing, containing and correcting the environmental impacts such water, air, sun, waste and noise pollution.
Project's description	Enviroveille is an information portal on Environmental Legislation. Experts on environmental legislation from the Environment and sustainable development unit of the ACFCI manage and update the web site daily with information and news about local, national and European environmental legislation. The European office of the ACFCI in Brussels and the Environmental training and Documentation Centre of the ACFCI do also support the project.
Method	An online database, completed by two e-mail "alert" services, with the possibility for users to define a specific profile.
Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - direct access to all French and community regulation on environment and vocational health and safety - regular updates on regulation through e-mail - indication about official references, object and ways of implementation of every new regulation - access to new regulation, but also drafts and jurisprudence - a personalized profile: topics, keywords, periodicity
Public subsidies and costs	Users pay an annual fee to use the 3 main services (the database and the 2 e-mail alerts): 100 euros for the first level of service with the general e-mail alert, 210 euros for the second level with the personalized e-mail alert (this second service comprises also the first one) and 420 euros for the database (this comprises also the 2 e-mail alert services). The website offers also general content that can be accessed free of charge.
Donor, Fund	No funding. Self-financed.
Result, case studies	2500 subscribed users. Database used by the administration in charge on enforcing environmental regulation.
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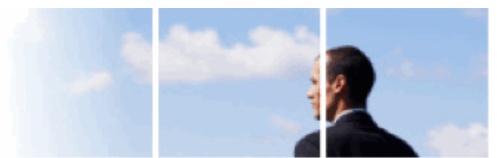


IHOBE

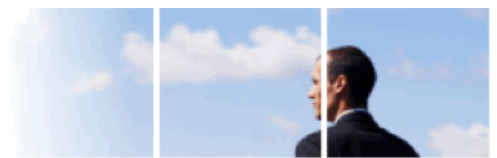
Name	IHOBE's services to support legal compliance: IHOBE-line / IHOBE environmental assessment / Guides, Manuals, workshops/ Ekoscan
Logo	    Only for certified companies
Country	Spain
State, Region	Basque region
Executing organisation	IHOBE, as a public company, set up IHOBE services. IHOBE-line Beforehand, IHOBE got in touch with the UK Envirowise Programme, which provided technical advices. Once a year, IHOBE still meets with Envirowise officials to share experiences. Ekoscan. It's promoted by IHOBE but offered by independent consultants and auditors
Target groups	All types of enterprises that operate in the Basque region (particularly industrial ones) Geographical scope limited to the Basque region as IHOBE belongs to the Basque Government
Objectives	To assist companies to comply with legislation and improve environmental performance
Background	IHOBE-line Between 1996 and 1999, IHOBE services noticed that calls from companies were becoming more numerous. Companies were looking for quick, independent and individually tailored environmental information. IHOBE reacted to this by establishing IHOBE-line in 1999. Those services are in part modelled on the UK Envirowise services (helpline and individual assessments). However, Envirowise is a national service giving advice to clients all over England and Wales, whereas IHOBE serves only clients from the Basque country. Ekoscan Between 1991- 1996 the realization of several environmental diagnosis were supported by IHOBE, but we noticed that they weren't efficient enough. So we decided to learn about different experiences that were going on all over Europe at that time.
Project's description	IHOBE-line is a free environmental telephone service providing advises on environmental aspects, such as industrial waste management, emission and waste reduction, pollution prevention, environmental legislation, contaminated land, hazardous substances management, financial aids, environmental management systems (ISO 14001), cleaner




	<p>production, or best available techniques, among other issues. This service depends on the collaboration of a panel of expert consultants and professionals.</p> <p>IHOBE environmental assessment provides a tailored expert environmental assessment services free of charge to companies in the Basque Region. The consultant visits the company for a maximum of 4 hours, in order to make a diagnosis of the problem. They then make recommendations for improvement or propose an action plan, followed by a report on the assessment, to be confirmed by both the consultant and the company. Environmental assessments concentrate on: Best Available Technologies (BAT) for emissions to air, and compliance with Spanish legislation concerning the storage of chemical substances, waste and special waste, soil and VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).</p> <p>Ekoscan® is an IHOBE service available for companies in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify aspects that could be environmentally/economically improved and make suggestions accordingly; • identify the environmental legislation that affects each industrial activity and assess the compliance level; • begin the implementation of an 'Environmental Performance System' strengthening the continuous environmental improvement in its production process. <p>The Ekoscan standard requires ongoing environmental improvements and compliance with the environmental legislation.</p>
Method	Cf. project description
Advantage	<p>IHOBE-line: SME have access to a free information service (IHOBE-line) that employs experts in all business relevant environmental fields. They can also take advantage of the IHOBE environmental assessment service. Companies can therefore use independent experts paid and supervised by the public authorities, who will examine the problems and capacities for environmental improvement, before they make investments or take action themselves.</p> <p>IHOBE environmental assessment: 4 hours of expert consultancy for free</p> <p>Manuals and workshops: Detailed and profound information about almost any legal topic</p> <p>Ekoscan: a tailor-made EMS for SME's: low requirements for implementation and low fares for audits of the EMS</p>
Certification, recognition	Only available for Ekoscan: Companies that fulfill the requirements of the Ekoscan standard are certified with the Ekoscan Certificate.
Public subsidies and costs	<p>IHOBE itself is a publicly owned company, funded by the Basque country. IHOBE line and assessment are fully funded by the regional government (Basque country). The details of funding for the different IHOBE services are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHOBE-line: financed via public budgets; • Assessments: restricted to one per year for companies with environmental impacts. If they wish to conduct more

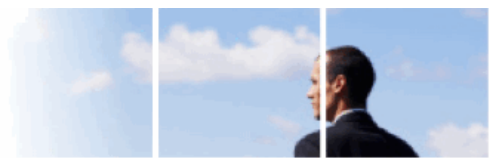


	<p>than one, they have to pay;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manuals for legal compliance: available free of charge• Ekoscan and its certification are fully financed by the companies. However, companies that are the target of Government Environmental Campaigns (based on priorities) receive co-financing (50%). IHOBE decides the priority sectors after studying the different environmental aspects of the most frequently represented sectors. It also takes into account the needs of SMEs.
Donor, Fund	Autonomous government of Basque region
Result, case studies	<p>IHOBE line: Since the establishment of the IHOBE line, there have been around 3,500 queries per year. 53% of the Basque industrial companies know about the existence of the IHOBE line. In general the companies that take advantage of the line are satisfied with the service (80% of clients satisfied). The IHOBE assessment service is also well used, with more than 150 carried out annually. Further, 60% of companies make investments afterwards.</p> <p>The "Líneas de Información Ambiental" offered in Madrid and Castilla-la-Mancha by the Chambers of Commerce are similar to the IHOBE-line.</p> <p>Ekoscan: Since the approval of the Ekoscan Standard un 2004 more than 200 companies have obtained their certificate. 40 of them have reach the second phase of certification (3 years of certification per company) that means legal compliance audited by external auditors and verificated by the authorities in charge Some of them on web:</p> <p>http://www.ihobe.net/Pags/AP/AP_Ekoscan/AP_ekoscan_clientes.asp?cod=486F4093-C6BE-4496-809E-E462A0B49318&Idioma=I</p> <p>http://www.ihobe.net/Pags/AP/AP_publicaciones/index.asp?cod=22D00942-87EA-4D23-BF89-874E182F271F&hGrupo=PUB&hAno=2009&hTitulo=005</p>
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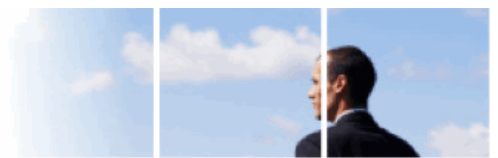


Bavarian Environmental Agreement


Name	Bavarian Environmental Agreement
Logo	
Country	Germany
State, Region	Bavaria
Executing organisation	The Bavarian State Government and the Bavarian Business Community (the Association of the Bavarian Industry, the Association of Bavarian Chambers of Industry and Commerce, and the Bavarian State Congress of Crafts Representatives)
Target groups	Industry and service companies that operate in the German region of Bavaria
Objectives	- to achieve environmental improvement by industry and SMEs, by means other than legal action
Background	The Bavarian Environmental Agreement was first concluded in 1995 (including the system of subsidies) and has been re-edited twice (in 2000 and 2005). It embodies a new approach in environmental policy favoured by the Bavarian Government and industry.
Project's description	The approach taken is to make agreements between industry (SMEs) and public authorities. Companies commit themselves to taking environmental measures and bettering their environmental performances beyond compliance. In exchange, they can obtain subsidies or are relieved of certain administrative obligations. The attainment of the objectives is evaluated regularly.
Method	The Environmental Agreement contains a list of measures aimed at decreasing the negative environmental impacts of industrial activity. Some initiatives (commitments) are described in a very detailed way that mentions the specific firm which has committed itself to taking a measure, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of ecologically recommendable diesel particle filters by AUDI and BMW for the construction of new cars;• Realisation of a highly efficient power station by E.ON, etc. Moreover, the Agreement also contains commitments and declarations by associations vowing to take certain initiatives to improve the environmental performance of the activities in the business sectors they represent.
Advantage	The field in which there is immediate support for SME and companies (with regard to boosting their environmental performance) from the Government is environmental management systems. Companies commit themselves to

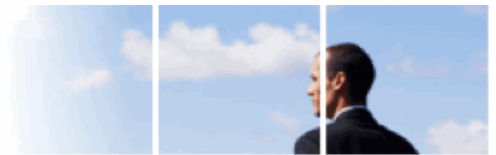


	taking environmental measures and bettering their environmental performance.
Certification, recognition	EMAS/ISO 14001
Public subsidies and costs	<p>The environmental audit of a company by an independent consultant, and the introduction of an environmental management system is subsidised by the regional government for those enterprises that have up to 250 employees and have a turnover at less than €50 million per year.</p> <p>For the audit, the costs of the independent consultant are subsidised (up to 50% of the costs of the independent consultant to a maximum of €900).</p> <p>For the introduction of an environmental management system, the subsidies cover a certain percentage of the costs for external personnel (up to €600 per day) The subsidy covers 50% of all costs that qualify for subsidies and can amount to €2750 (EMAS and ISO 14001) or €1650 (QuH and Ökoprofit). The reason for the difference in the extent of subsidisation lies in the fact that the introduction and maintenance of EMAS and ISO is more expensive than that of QuH and Ökoprofit.</p>
Donor, Fund	The Bavarian Government funds the delivery of the services that the Government committed itself to in the Bavarian Agreement. With regard to all the measures foreseen in the Bavarian Agreement, the funding is split between the Government and the companies participating.
Result, case studies	Study of the bavarian environment agency from year 2006: http://www.izu.bayern.de/download/pdf/beschaefigte_ums.pdf
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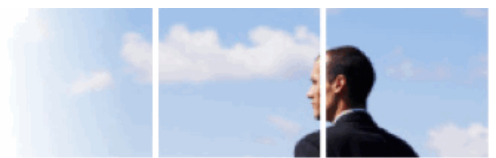
UGA

Name	UGA (German EMAS Advisory Board)
Logo	
Country	Germany
Target groups	(Potential) EMAS Organisations, public, all interested parties,
Objectives	Maintaining the quality of EMAS in Germany, increase the spreading of EMAS
Background	Task and structure of UGA are described by law (Environmental Audit Act)
Project's description	Formulate guidelines for accreditation, examination and supervision of environmental verifiers. Advise the Ministry of Environment on all issues of EMAS All kind of promotion activities
Method	Pluralistic committee (members represent industry, public authorities, verifiers, trade unions and environmental NGO)
Advantage	Different opinions of the interest groups are discussed and considered wherever possible. The board is independent the bureau offers various brochures and informations, as well as it maintains two websites
Public subsidies and costs	It's a honorary board
Result, case studies	See the links
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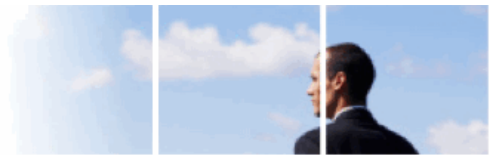


IMPEL

Name	IMPEL
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Country	Brussels
State, Region	Belgium
Executing organization	European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law . IMPEL is a non-profit association of environmental authorities of EU Member States, acceding and candidate countries and EEA countries. The European Commission also takes part as an observer.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Authorities (national, regional, local) in IMPEL Member countries competent for the implementation and enforcement of EC environmental law; - European Institutions (EU Parliament, EU Commission, EU Council); - Environmental Authorities in European countries not being IMPEL member countries or from regions outside Europe; - Business and Industries; - International Organizations, - General public; - NGO's, - Other networks and research institutes; - Press and news media
Objectives	To create the necessary impetus in the European Community to ensure a more effective application of environmental legislation. It provides a framework for policy makers, environmental inspectors and enforcement officers to exchange ideas. And encourages the development of enforcement structures and best practices.
Background	IMPEL was set up in 1992 as an informal Network of European regulators and authorities concerned with the implementation and enforcement of environmental law, and, as such, it is a unique network. Since it was established IMPEL has developed into a considerable, widely known informal organization, which is driving the development of the best practice on the ground. This work has resulted in IMPEL and its activities being mentioned in a number of legislative tools, e.g. 6th Environment Action Programme and Recommendation on Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (2001/331/EC).



Project 's description	<p>In accordance with the 6th Environment Action Programme, the core of the IMPEL activities concerns the capacity building, minimum criteria for environmental inspections, exchange of information and experiences on implementation, enforcement and international enforcement collaboration on existing European environmental legislation. It is also concerned with the development of common views of MS Inspectorates on the coherence and practicality of current EU legislation and on commenting on issues of practicality and enforceability at an early stage in the development of new EU legislation, before a proposal is formally tabled.</p> <p>The IMPEL network should also play in the future an important role during the different stages of the regulatory chain and could in particular give advice - on request or on its own initiative - on general questions regarding implementation and enforcement as well as on new draft proposals for Community legislation, in particular where the input of practical experiences is necessary.</p> <p>In the new Waste Shipment Regulation 2006/1013 which came into force in July 2007 article 50.2 states that Member States shall, by way of enforcement measures, provide inter alia for inspections of establishments and undertakings in accordance with the Waste Framework Directive 2006/12/EC, and spot checks of shipments of waste or of the related recovery or disposal. Article 50.5 introduces a new obligation for the Member to cooperate, bilaterally or multilaterally, with one another in order to facilitate the prevention and detection of illegal shipments. The Cluster TFS intensified the cooperation of European environmental authorities in combating illegal shipments.</p>
Method	<p>IMPEL has developed procedures based around project management techniques that allow it to operate effectively. The framework for IMPEL projects and activities is its Multi Annual Work Programme.</p> <p>The strategic goals of the Multi Annual Working Programme 2007-2010 are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I Capacity buildingII Improving methodologiesIII Development of good practicesIV New instruments in environmental protectionV Providing feedback to policy makersVI Promotion of IMPEL and dissemination of its productsVII International enforcement collaboration
Advantage	<p>The core of IMPEL's activities concerns the training of inspectors, minimum criteria for environmental inspections, exchange of information and experience on implementation and enforcement of existing EU environmental legislation, development of common views on the coherence and practicality of current EU legislation and on commenting issues</p>

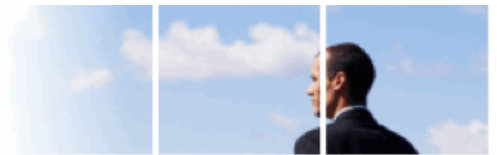


	of practicality and enforceability at an early stage in the development of new EU legislation, before a proposal is formally tabled.
Donor, Fund	Member States and voluntary contributions, Life+ funding
Result, case studies	See "reports" under the IMPEL web site (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/impel)
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IPPC

Name	IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control)	
Logo		
Country	Netherlands	
Executing organisation	The Dutch Environment Ministry (VROM)	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to provoke innovations through BAT criteria (high tech production equipment and cleaner production practices); - Economic and social consistency regarding the EU member states (the IPPC directive promotes structural transformation of the EU industry); - Fair competition on the domestic market, which will have to be accomplished by implementing the minimum criteria and avoiding the so called “environmental Dumping” 	
Background	On 21 December 2007 the Commission adopted a Proposal for a Directive on industrial emissions. The Proposal recasts seven existing Directives related to industrial emissions into a single clear and coherent legislative instrument. The recast includes in particular the IPPC Directive.	
Project 's description	IPPC is a new strategy which involves the whole UE , aimed to increase the environmental performance in the industries which need an authorization.The IPPC Directive is about minimising pollution from various industrial sources throughout the European Union. Operators of industrial installations covered by Annex I of the IPPC Directive are required to obtain an authorisation (environmental permit) from the authorities in the EU countries.	
Method	<p>The IPPC Directive is based on several principles, namely an integrated approach, best available techniques, flexibility and public participation.</p> <p>In order to receive a permit an industrial or agricultural installation must comply with certain basic obligations. In particular, it must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use all appropriate pollution-prevention measures, namely the best available techniques (which produce the least waste, use less hazardous substances, enable the substances generated to be recovered and recycled, etc.); • prevent all large-scale pollution; • prevent, recycle or dispose of waste in the least polluting way possible; • use energy efficiently; • ensure accident prevention and damage limitation; • return sites to their original state when the activity is over. 	
Advantage	IPPC involves dialog between the authorities and the industry	
Public subsidies and	The SPTA (Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance)	



costs	prioritized the activities of the draft IPPC operational plan and, in doing so, reduced the estimated expenditure of US\$ 4.33 million required to meet the ongoing requirements of the Strategic Plan to US\$ 3.5 million, which was estimated (in October 2006) as being available from the FAO Regular Programme, European Commission trust fund, United States contribution to the Associate Professional Officer programme and anticipated carry over from the Trust Fund for the IPPC.
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