

**OVERVIEW OF IDENTIFIED COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE INITIATIVES IN
SOME EU AND OECD COUNTRIES¹**

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AUSTRIA			
1. Waste Management Expert Company - 'Entsorgungsfachbetrieb'	Voluntary agreement of the Waste Management Industry. Certified companies are favoured in public procurement	Voluntary Agreement; Economic incentive	http://www.vefb.at/
2. Journal 'Umweltreferat aktuell'	Information about new laws and law projects	Passive information and support	http://portal.wko.at/wk/startseite_dst.wk?AngID=1&DstID=834
3. Ökoprofit Environmental Management	Ökoprofit is a private-public environmental programme supporting the avoidance/reduction of waste and emissions in companies.	Active /direct support; Economic incentive	http://www.oekoprofit-graz.at/allgemeines/programm.ct.asp?ShowWhat=.15.16&SelEntry=16
4. Consolidation of Permits	Consolidated Permit	Active/direct support	http://portal.wko.at/
5. Ökomanagement	Training and subsidies for environmental investments and EMAS companies.	Economic incentive / training	http://www.oekomanagement.at/programme/uebersicht.htm
BELGIUM			
1. PRESTI	Waste and Pollution Prevention Stimulation Programme	Economic incentive	www.presti.be
2. Brussels Enterprise Agency	One-stop shop for all of the information they need on setting up or exercising an economic or innovative activity in the Brussels Capital Region	Passive information; active/direct support	http://www.abe-bao.be
3. GOM-milieucellen	Environmental Units of the Provincial Economic Development Agencies	Active/direct support	www.gom.be
4. UWE Team of Environmental Advisors	'Ecodiagnostics' of environmental management and performance in SMEs and information services	Active/direct support; passive information	http://www.uwe.be/conseillerse nvironnement.html http://www.permisenviromnement.be
5. UCM Environment Service	Advice and assistance to small businesses on environmental legislation and advice on compliance.	Active/direct support; passive support	www.ucm.be
6. Ecoscan	Eco-efficiency scanning	Active/direct support	http://www.ovam.be/jahia/do/pid/675
CZECH REPUBLIC			
1. Czech Energy Agency (CEA)	Consultation centre awareness campaign; online tool; webpage	Passive and active information and support	www.ceacr.cz
2. Czech Environmental Information Agency (CENIA)	Consultancy activity, information services (public access) awareness campaign; online tool	Passive and active information and support	www.cenia.cz
3. Innovation II	The division of SMEs at Czechinvest covers programmes for SMEs financed from	Economic incentive; Active/direct	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument

¹ IEEP, Environmental Compliance Assistance for SMEs: analysis of specific initiatives at national and local level and identification of best practises, June 2006.

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	structural and national funds, programmes of a financial character and new activities in the field of financing small and medium-sized enterprises, consulting services and counselling services	support	
4. Competitive advantage	Comprehensive services for investors - full information assistance, handling of investment incentives, business property identification, location of Czech suppliers, aftercare services Business infrastructure development Access to structural funds Improvement contemporary competitive advantage.	Economic incentive ;Active/direct support	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
5. Profession	Financing of: – Teaching materials – Costs associated with preparation and realization of educational activities, – Personal expenses of school employees – Accommodation and allowance	Economic incentive ;Active/direct support	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
6. Prosperita	External tutorial activity for SME's Project disposition documentation	Active/direct support	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
7. Real Estate	Training	Training	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
8. Training Centres	Training centres	Training	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
9. Common regional operational programme (SROP)	Business development	Active/direct support	http://www.czechinvest.org/web/pwci.nsf/home/en?OpenDocument
10. Eco-info environmental consultancy	Consultant service Direct support services	Active/direct support	www.eko-info.cz
11. Business academy	Education (seminars and consultancy) Direct support services	Training	www.rhkhradec.cz
12. Consultancy	Consultation and training Run by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic	Active/direct support	http://www.mpo.cz
13. Quality and Environmental Management systems	Consultancy in implementation of management systems (QMS, EMS, EMAS, HACCP).	Training; active/direct support	http://www.qems.cz
DENMARK			
1. Green Networks	Voluntary co-operation at regional level between private companies, public authorities	Network	www.greennetwork.dk

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2. Environmental Competence Schemes (DEPA)	and interested third parties. Subsidy schemes with strong focus on EMS implementation on account of the observed positive correlation between EMSs and long-term commitment to improved environmental performance.	Economic incentives	www.mst.dk
3. Miljøstyring.dk	Online tool for environmental management	Passive information and support	www.hvr.dk http://www.miljostyring.dk/
4. Energiguident.dk	Online tool for energy management	Passive information and support	http://www.energiguident.dk/ http://www.danskenergi.net/
ESTONIA			
1. Replast FinEst project	The project investigates the handling and recycling of plastic waste (the SER-plastic). The aim is to improve the co-operation between SMEs and the authorities within and across the countries.	Network	http://www.euregio-heltaal.org/files/646087490.12.2005%20eng.pdf
2. FEEB (Finnish-Estonian Environmental Networking) Prognos	Aimed at expanding the environmental business cluster of Southern Finland into Estonia in order to create new business opportunities, build more competitive project consortia and target joint projects also in third markets.	Network	http://www.greenetfinland.fi/en/projects/on-going/feen-prognos/
FINLAND			
1. Ingenia	Awareness campaign for SMEs in the metal industry	Networks	www.jyu.fi
2. Environmental steps	The training for SMEs consists of three levels. The first level is the basic training (covering environmental impact assessment and environmental legislation). The second level is an environmental diploma, which is a small scale 'semi-official' EMS for SMEs.	Training	http://www.jyu.fi/econ/yhteistyokooperation
3. Environmental support in construction	Enterprises, institutions, and research institutes developed environmentally sustainable products, methods, and techniques, aiming for ecologically sound construction. The goal of the programme was to improve business activity, export potential, and competition ability	Active/direct support	http://www.kolumbus.fi/finmapartners/rym/eng/
4. SITRA Environmental Programme	The main aim is to improve business opportunities of SMEs in the environmental field. Compliance with EU legislation	Networks; market incentives	http://www.energy-enviro.fi

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	is secondary. The forward-looking aim of the programme is to create an environmental investment portfolio to take to international markets.		
5. VAHTI-database	Web based tool. The data system contains information on environmental permits of SMEs and on their wastes generated, discharges into water and emissions to air.	Passive information and support	http://www.ymparisto.fi/default.asp?contentid=142451&lan=fi&clan=en
FRANCE			
1. ADEGE sector projects	SMEs are coached together in seminars, and the programme offers training on EMS and regulation, as well as site-assistance for an environmental review and EMS design and implementation. Training is sector-specific and tailored to enterprises as small as eight employees.	Training; active/direct support	http://www.adege-env.com
2. PBE+ - Performance Bretagne Environnement Plus	PBE+ offers hands-on assistance to SMEs to achieve an environmental self-diagnosis, free four-day training sessions, as well as counselling for all environmental questions (for example, on environmental legislation, EN ISO 14001 and clean technologies).	Network ; training ; active/direct support	www.region-bretagne.fr
3. Plan Environnement Entreprise 2000	The PEE 2000 is a method for introducing and carrying out Environmental Management, including various printed guides.	Passive information and support	http://www.ademe.fr/hdocs/publications/cataloguedeseditiions/ref4770.htm
4. Portail de l'environnement	Online information tool	Passive information and support	http://www.cci.fr/Groups/le_portail_de_lenvironnement/site_reference_fr/LABEL_HomePage_view_front
GERMANY			
1. Energy efficiency consultation	On-site energy efficiency consultation for private house owners.	Economic incentive; active/direct support	http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigations/Energie/energieeinsparung.did=9790.html
2. ERP Environmental and energy efficiency programme	The ERP Programme aims at the long-term financing of environmental measures at an attractive interest rate. The financing scheme favours small and medium enterprises (extent of loans).	Economic incentive	http://www.kfw-foerderbank.de/DE_Home/Service/KfW-Formul26/147101_M_ERP_Umwelt_Spar_225_2005_08_29.pdf
3. Bavarian Agreement	Agreement between the Bavarian State Government and the Bavarian Business Community, including a list of measures aimed at decreasing the negative environmental	Voluntary Agreement; Economic incentive	www.umweltpakt.bayern.de

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	impacts of industrial activity (among which is the subsidisation of environmental audits and the implementation of environmental management systems.)		
4. IPPC Information Day	The conference informed operators of IPPC installations about the basic requirements laid down in the IPPC Directive.	Information; active/direct support	http://www.ecologic-events.de/ivu-infotagbw/
5. Environmental Partnership Brandenburg	Environmental management certificate as an alternative to eg ISO 14001, and subsidies for implementation of EMAS/ISO14001	Economic incentive	http://www.mluv.brandenburg.de/info/umweltpartnerschaft
6. Project Pilot Schleswig-Holstein	Consulting applicants for permits for industrial installation before and during a permitting procedure	Active/direct Support	www.mlur.landsh.de
HUNGARY			
1. EMAS Easy	EMAS initiative	Active/direct support	http://www.kovet.hu , http://www.emaseasy.com/
2. Young Graduates for Cleaner Production	The program provides the opportunity for young experts who have graduated for no longer than 3 years to be employed by SMEs.	Economic incentives	http://hcpc.uni-corvinus.hu/exp/04_indulo.htm
3. Pollution Prevention and Environmental Management System Consultation – POEMS	Training on cleaner production and ISO 14001	Training	http://hcpc.uni-corvinus.hu/exp/04_indulo.htm
4. SME Fit	Information tool (website, campaign, leaflets) + capacity building (seminars)	Passive information and support; training	http://www.iposz.hu http://www.ueapme.com/business-support%20II/
5. 'KÉKKŐ'	Environmental Law, Economics and Management Training of SMEs	Training	http://www.emla.hu/kekko/ distance learning site: http://www.zpok.hu/moodle/
6. KIOP Energy	Funding program for environmentally friendly development of energy management	Economic incentives	http://www.gkm.gov.hu/feladat/aink/eu/kiop/kiop_2005/energia_gazd.html?query=k%C3%B6rnyezetv%C3%A9delem http://www.energycentre.hu/palyazat/palyazath/palyazath_bodv/kiop2005.htm
7. ECOLAND	EcolAND: an Ecological Approach for the Next Decades. The aim is to test an innovative model to plan, design and promote industrial areas equipped and infrastructurally designed using innovative technological and environmental standards.	Active/direct support; market incentives	International: http://www.ecolandproject.com Hungarian: http://www.deldunantul.com/index.php?id=2137&term=ecoland
8. Energy Trophy	The European Energy Trophy is an energy saving competition for European companies and public organisations, which aims at energy savings by changes of	Economic Incentives	http://www.kovet.hu http://www.energytrophy.org/

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9. ECOSTAR	The Improvement of the Environmental Performance of Small Enterprises	Training	http://www.kovet.hu/Tevekenys/Tevekenyseg.htm
10. EUKOR	Environmental Awareness and Proposal Writing in the European Union	Information and training	http://www.euprom.hu/web/eukor.htm
11. EMAS website	EMAS website	Passive Information	http://emas.kvvm.hu
12. SME Europe Business Club – European Green Week (2005) Against Climate Change	Information campaign/seminar with the aim to assist with compliance (EU legislation and regulation on waste management and pollution)	Information	www.eicbudapest.hu ; www.itd.hu
13 Seminar on Environmental Friendly Production – Integrated Pollution Prevention	EIC Seminar ‘Environmental Friendly Production – Integrated Pollution Prevention’	Information	www.eicbudapest.hu ; www.itd.hu
14. EIC EMAS	Seminar on the topic: Environmentally Aware Company Management, Environmental Production	Information	www.eicbudapest.hu ; www.itd.hu
15. EMAS Registration	Those companies introducing and registering with EMAS by the end of 2006 do not have to pay the registration fee.	Economic incentive	http://emas.kvvm.hu/
16. EMAS Brochure	General information on all aspects of / issues related to EMAS implementation	Passive information	http://emas.kvvm.hu
17. Economic Competitiveness Operative Program (GVOP) 2-1-2	Financial support for introduction and certification of environmental management and quality assurance systems such as ISO 9001 and 14001, or EMAS.	Economic incentive	http://www.gvop.gov.hu http://www.mvf.hu
18. Economic Competitiveness Operative Program (GVOP) 2-2-2	Funding for environmental consultation	Economic incentive	http://www.gvop.gov.hu http://www.mvf.hu
19. ‘For a Successful Hungary’	Credit Program for Enterprise Development	Economic incentive	http://www.mfb.hu
ITALY			
1. One Stop Shop	Web based info tool	Passive information and support	http://www.sportelloimpresa.it/repository/Pubblicazioni/Manuale_trilingue_SportelloUnico.pdf
2. Prato EMAS	EMAS Registration of the First Industrial Macrolotto of Prato	Emas initiative	http://www.conser-prato.com/Emas/E_EMAS.htm http://www.naiadiemasclub.com
3. Structural fund - Objective 2 – Measure 1.5 ‘Services to enterprises’	The measure is meant to provide financial supports, through grants, in order to facilitate the access of SMEs to external consultancy for innovative projects	Economic incentive	http://www.regione.veneto.it/Economia/Programmi+Comunitari/Obiettivo+2/DOCUP.htm
4. Giada project	Information tools (website),	Passive and	www.progettogiada.org

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	EMAS initiatives (sector guidelines), Agreements with local authorities/governments, Public/private networks	active information and support; voluntary agreement network	
5. Fabricaethica	Promotion of CSR among SMEs through grants, website, conference and training	Economic incentive; passive information; training	www.fabricaethica.it
JAPAN			
1. Ministry of Environment website	Website offering <i>inter alia</i> a wide range of information including the latest regulatory developments (administrative and legislative) and forthcoming developments.	Passive information and support	http://www.env.go.jp
2. Environmental information and Communication Network	Network aimed at public communication	Network	http://www.eic.or.jp
3. Keidanren Voluntary Action Plan	Effort in which each of the 41 participating industries and 142 industrial organizations has used its own discretion to improve the environment, without pressure from any government or regulatory framework.	Voluntary agreement	http://www.keidanren.or.jp
4. Conferences for supporting revitalization of SMEs	These conferences are sources of experts providing advice on the direction of SME growth and on issues affecting SMEs, including environmental regulation.	Information	
5. One-stop-shop advice centres	Providing assistance services in terms of both funds and non-material areas such as human resources, information, and technologies.	Active/direct support	
NETHERLANDS			
1. Milieubarometer	Eco-label Certification Scheme	Economic Incentives	http://www.recron.nl/milieubarometer/en/algemeen.htm
2. Stimular	Stimular is an institute which offers services to develop knowledge of sustainable management practices within the SME. This is through for example, publications and the development of instruments for sustainable management which are free or at a low cost	Passive and active information and support	http://www.stimular.nl/engels.php
3. SCCM	SCCM keeps an on-line database of EN ISO 14001 certified organisations. This web site is important because certified companies check whether or not they are on the list and remind their certification	Passive information	http://www.sccm.nl/English/index.htm

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4. Covenants	Agreements between businesses and licensing authorities regarding eg EMSs	Voluntary Agreement	
5. VAMIL and MIA/EIA	Tax incentive: accelerated depreciation on environmental investments from a predetermined list.	Economic Incentive	http://www.senternovem.nl/VAMIL_MIA/Samenvatting/Index.asp http://www.vrom.nl/pagina.html?id=6551
6. Energiecentrum	Information provision and support service with focus on energy efficiency including an online tool for information provision and sharing of information	Passive and active/direct information and support	http://www.energiecentrum.nl/index3.html
SPAIN			
1. IHOBÉ-Infoline and environmental assessment	Telephone information line and Expert Environmental Assessment Service to companies in the Basque Region.	Direct and active information and support	http://www.ihobe.es/pags/AP/Ap_Inicio/Index.asp?cod=149
2. Minimisation opportunities environmental diagnosis (MOED)	The MOED is a method to foster cleaner production. A MOED is the assessment of an industrial activity to detect potential opportunities for preventing and reducing pollution at source, and to provide a business with sufficient data for it to orient its policy towards cleaner practices and technology that are technically and economically viable.	Active/direct Support	http://www.cema-sa.org/ang/moed.htm http://www.sba-int.ch/pdf/files/MOEDE.pdf
3. Enerline	The initiative is intended to advise companies on how to reduce energy use and to promote energy efficiency in companies	Active/direct Support	http://www.camaramadrid.es/index.php?elem=283&sec=29&idsec=29
4. Programme for SME	Programme promoting improvement and innovation of the operation of Small and Medium Enterprises in the region of Madrid (programme from 2002, does not exist any more).	Economic incentive	http://www.camaramadrid.es/index.php?elem=241&sec=10&idsec=10
4b. SME	Subventions for the voluntary introduction of environmental management systems (replaced initiative 4)	Economic incentive	www.cameramadrid.es/SEDE/financiacion/ayudas/Med/Default.asp
SLOVENIA			
1. Eco fund	Offers for instance credits for investments in environmental protection with lower rates of interest; and guarantees for investments in environmental protection.	Economic incentive	http://www.ekosklad.si/pdf/LP2004angl.pdf

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2. Directorate AURE	Directorate for Activities on an Efficient Use of Energy and Renewable Energy Sources providing a web base info tool, literature dissemination, and direct financial support.	Passive and active information and support; economic incentive	http://www.aure.si/
3. Energy Efficiency Award	Awareness campaign, promotion tool	Market incentive	http://www.finance-on.net/razpis-eup http://www.aure.si/
4. Slovene Enterprise Fund	The Slovene Enterprise Fund is a national finance institution founded with the aim of making funding for small and medium sized companies more accessible, thus speeding up their growth and development.	Economic incentive	http://www.podjetniskisklad.si/Predstavitev.htm
5. Environmental award	Environmental awards	Market incentive	http://www.gzs.si/Nivo1.asp?IDpm=15 http://www.roto.si/dokumenti%5C13%5C2%5C2006%5CFinance-Cilj_najboljsih_je_okoljska_od_licnost_662.pdf http://www.gov.si/mop/dokumenti/nk-okoljski%20nagrajenci0804.doc
6. Environmental protection Agency info WEB	Web based information tool, literature dissemination	Passive information	http://www.arso.gov.si/
7. Clean Production 2000-2003	Awareness campaign, demonstration project	Information	http://www.liveo.si/Frames/CP.htm
8. Eco profit Maribor	Eco-profit Programme	Information and active/direct support	http://www.tvlink.org/vnr.cfm?vidID=97#article
9. Voucher Consulting	Economic support for consulting	Economic incentive	http://www.pcmg.si/index.php?id=1266
10. Responsible care	Under Responsible Care, the Slovenian chemical industry is committed to continual improvement in all aspects of health, safety and environmental performance and to open communication about its activities and achievement.	Voluntary agreement	http://www.gzs.si/DRNivo3.asp?IDpm=9399
SWEDEN			
1. Hackefors Model	Network approach to EMS implementation, including assigning a coordinator for a group of SMEs.	Network; active/direct support and training	www.altea.se

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2. MAF Scheme -Environment-Driven Business Development	Funding programme	Economic Incentives	Final reports: http://www.nutek.se/content/1/c4/04/42/178f6fae.pdf (general results) http://www.nutek.se/content/1/c4/04/42/d8c608a4.pdf (project descriptions) <i>project homepage:</i> http://www.nutek.se/sb/d/131
3. M-moms	Tax incentive	Economic Incentives	http://www.sinf-mk.se/
4. On the road to EPD	Stepwise Environmental Product Declarations	Market incentives	On the road to EPD: http://www.environdec.com/sw/e/pEPD/ Stepwise: http://www.environdec.com/stepwise/
5. 'Svensk Miljobas'	Svensk Miljöbas establishes a common minimum level for environmental certification /diplomas of small enterprises based on ISO 14001.	Market incentives	www.svenskmiljobas.se
UNITED KINGDOM			
1. NetRegs	Web based info tool	Passive information	
2. The SIGMA Project	Project Online toolkit, guidelines and case studies.	Passive information	http://www.projectsigma.com/
3. BECS Business Environment Coordinators (Wales)	On site advice and support to assist all SMEs (and others) with environmental issues (and Green Dragon)	Active/direct support	http://greendragonems.com/english/contact/index.asp
4. The Acorn Trust	Website. Advice, free downloads Env Performance Indicator tool and case studies	Passive and active information and support.	http://www.theacorntrust.org/
5. Green Dragon	Stepped approach to EMS.	Market incentive	www.greendragonems.com
6. CRed (Carbon Reduction)	Support and advice on carbon emissions reduction through partner based initiative.	Network	http://www.cred-uk.org/
7. ENWORKS	Business support programme: competitiveness and env performance Incl online support, regional events and best practice case studies	Passive and active information and support	http://www.enworks.com/frame/set.asp
8. Business Environmental Efficiency Project	Range of events to improve env awareness and env management standards, rewarding businesses through a regionally recognised environmental award scheme (Green Mark)	Market incentives	http://www.sme-environment-london.co.uk/

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9. London Remade	Supports market development. Includes procurement code and direct support programme.		http://www.londonremade.com/index.asp
USA			
1. Small Business Compliance Policy	Small Business Compliance Policy	Economic incentive	www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/incentives/smallbusiness/smbfactsht.pdf
2. The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse.	Website which provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers.	Passive support	www.epa.gov/clearinghouse
3. Small Business Gateway	website	Passive support	http://www.epa.gov/smallbusiness/
4. SmallBiz	Small Business Environmental website	Passive support	http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org
5. Compliance Assistance Centers	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has sponsored partnerships with industry, academic institutions, other groups to establish Compliance Assistance Centers for 14 industry & government sectors.	Passive information; training	http://www.assistancecenters.net
6. Small Business Ombudsman	Information and outreach; coordination of national initiatives.	Passive and active advice	http://www.epa.gov/sbo/
7. Kentucky Business Environmental Assistance Program (KBEAP)	KBEAP provides consultations on air quality issues to businesses employing less than 100 people. Services include free on-site assessments, confidential audits, permit-application assistance, regulation-interpretation assistance, and free on-site educational training.	Active/direct support	http://www.kbeap.org/Home/index.asp