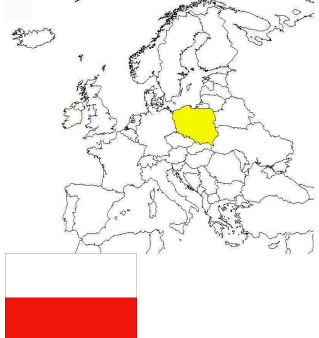


## EMAS Poland

	<b>Region</b>	Poland
	<b>Type of prevention measure</b>	Promotion of environmental management systems
	<b>Geographical level of implementation</b>	National
	<b>Target</b>	Businesses and public sector
	<b>Date of implementation</b>	2004
	<b>Type of waste</b>	Business, Industrial waste

*In Poland, a national programme for the promotion of EMAS helps businesses, organisations and public authorities track environmental performance, increase waste prevention and improve resource efficiency methodically.*

### Context

The EU Eco-management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is a management tool to help companies assess, publish and improve their environmental performance. Resource efficiency improvements and resulting reductions in waste disposal costs are key benefits of EMAS for businesses, in addition to improved compliance with environmental legislation and environmental risk minimisation. EMAS criteria specifically address waste prevention, waste reduction and sustainable consumption.



### Objective

A national branch of EMAS was established in Poland to promote the EMAS system and the concept of waste prevention, as well as to support continuous improvements in business environmental performance.

### Means

Between December 2004 and December 2005, the Ministry of Environment in Poland implemented two major projects, entitled 'Implementation of EMAS in Poland' and 'Promotion of EMAS in Poland', aiming to increase the visibility of the programme and increase the number of EMAS certified businesses.

As part of the Polish EMAS strategy, the following tools were made available:

- Free training sessions on EMAS and relevant Polish environmental policy
- Guides for programme implementation in Polish, including one general guide and three specialised documents for administrations, organisations and verifiers
- Promotional posters, leaflets and a 'Time for EMAS' short film for wide distribution

**'Green light for EMAS' and 'Follow the right path – Enter the EMAS' posters**



### Results

The projects created a solid base for EMAS in Poland. 350 representatives of small, medium and large businesses, local government and municipal waste organisations were trained under the project, in addition to the training and testing of 40 new EMAS verifiers.

#### Further Information:

EMAS Poland: [www.emas.mos.gov.pl](http://www.emas.mos.gov.pl)  
 Implementation of EMAS in Poland:  
[www.emas-polska.pl/index\\_en.html](http://www.emas-polska.pl/index_en.html)