

Better Regulation Aimed at Valorising Emas

Project background

The European Commission and other EU institutions have promoted a number of initiatives in recent years to codify, consolidate and simplify existing EU legislation and to evaluate better the likely economic, social and environmental impacts of new regulation. Implementing regulations and laws entails costs. Some costs are linked to obligations to provide information, either to public or private parties.

Some legal obligations to provide information have become excessively complicated, time-consuming or useless. For this reason, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in particular find it harder to comply with environmental legislation. By reducing unnecessary reporting requirements, businesses can freed up to spend more time on their core activities, which might reduce production costs and allow additional investment and innovation, which in turn should improve productivity and competitiveness.

Project objectives

The B.R.A.V.E. project aims to support the full integration of EMAS (and of other voluntary certification schemes, such as the EU Ecolabel) in the environmental legislation of EU Member States. This will facilitate EMAS implementation by all organisations (better regulation) and remove, reduce and simplify the administrative burdens for EMAS-registered organisations, as well as for companies adopting the EU Ecolabel or other forms of certification. This initiative will encourage the adoption and dissemination of voluntary environmental certification (regulatory relief).

Expected results:

The main result of the B.R.A.V.E. project will be the identification and development of effective measures for better regulation and regulatory relief. The usefulness and efficiency of these measures will be tested.

The specific results will be:

- Regulation analysis including recommendations for considering EMAS registration (and other EU voluntary certification schemes) in the development of new legislation and revision of existing legislation at national (Italy and Spain) and regional levels;
- The setting up of seven regional working groups, two national working groups, one European work-

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Type of beneficiary

Training centre

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2,219,679.00

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1,109,840.00 (50.00 %)

Generic theme:

Integrated environment management

ing group and seven regional consultation boards: these groups will work on the definition process, and will build consensus for the proposed measures;

- A report that will contain both the better regulation and regulatory relief proposals related to the existing legislative framework, covering permit procedures, control and inspection procedures, environmental taxes and administrative fee reductions;
- A list of at least 35 proposals to be tested in the regions involved in the B.R.A.V.E. project, accompanied by a list of the competent authorities and private companies available to be involved in the testing phase; and
- A guidance tool for EMAS-based regulation and better regulatory relief.