

# EMAS

## Revision of the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme

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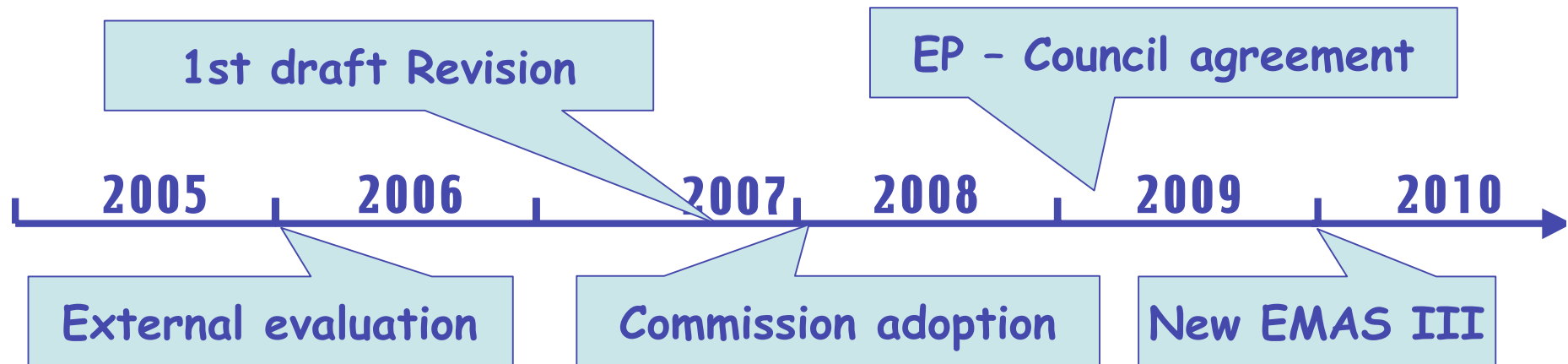
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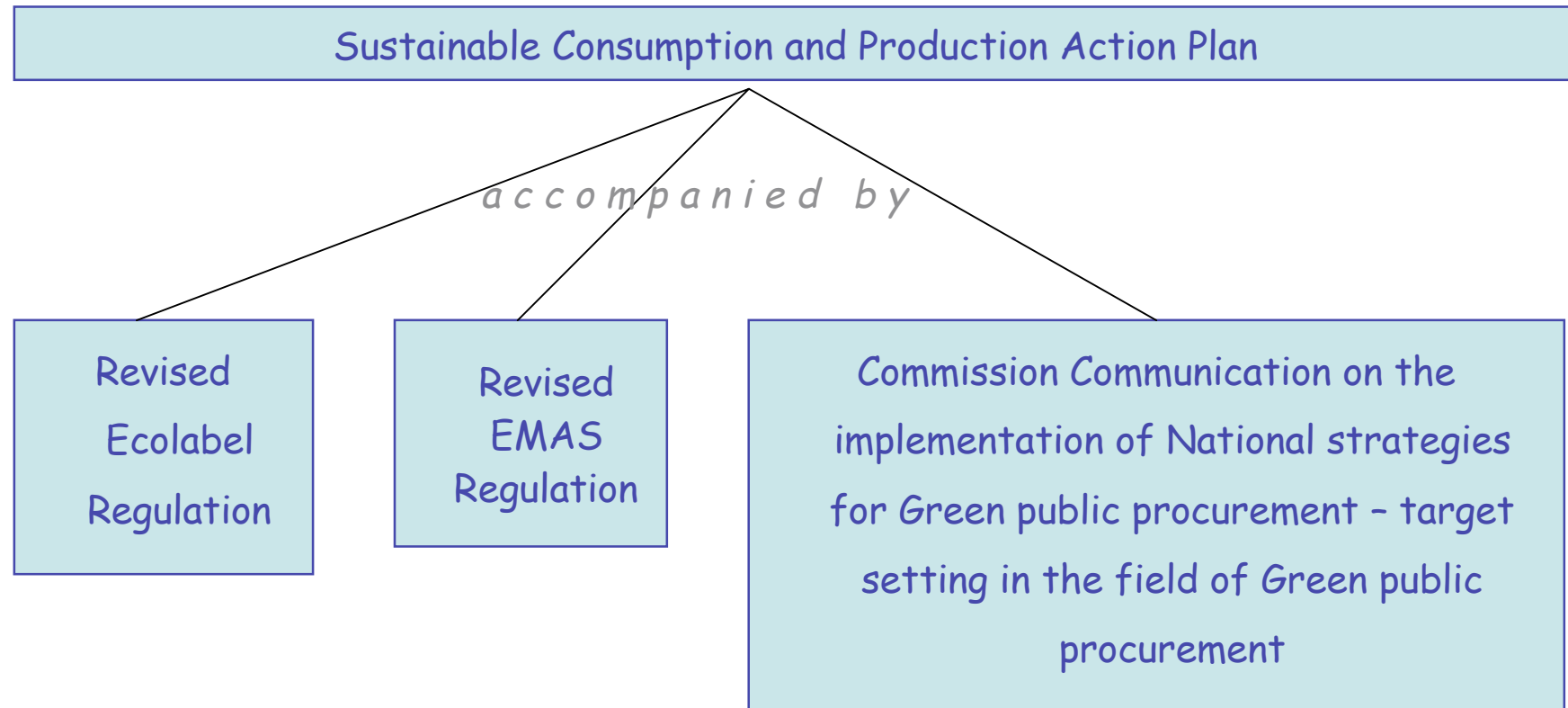
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# REVISION PROCESS - planning (i)



- Stakeholder workshop: 11-12 December 2006
- Internet Stakeholders Consultation: February 2007
- COM Impact Assessment: May 2007
- Draft text: October 2007
- COM Inter-Service Consultation: October-November 2007
- Commission proposal: December 2007 / 1th quarter 2008

# REVISION PROCESS - planning (ii)



# BACKGROUND

- EU Voluntary Scheme set-up '95 (revised '01)
- 5th & 6th EAP: alternative to command-and-control legislation
- Engage organisations in improving environmental performances
- Set 'the' benchmark / system of reference

## Current EMAS Requirements:

- = ISO14001 EMS
- + legal compliance
- + performance improvement
- + public reporting
- + employee participation

## Current EMAS situation:

- 5000+ registrations
- Overall registrations at all high
- 60% SMEs
- Main sectors: chemicals & food processing



# PILLARS FOR REVISION (i)

## 1. Reinforcement through strengthening rules on:

- Legal compliance
- Performance improvement by introducing use of core performance indicators

## 2. Raise attractiveness for participating organisations

- Allow registration outside EU, corporate registration and cluster approach for organisations
- Reducing administrative burden
- Improve EMAS promotion, technical assistance
- Increase incentives at Member States and EU level
- Review rules for use of logo and reporting



# PILLARS FOR REVISION (ii)

## 3. Increase its user-friendliness

- Completely redraft existing Regulation
- Incorporate main elements of the existing non-binding EMAS guidelines in the Regulation, (legal certainty - clarity of requirements)
- Align harmonisation, verification, registration procedures



# REINFORCEMENT OF THE SCHEME (i)

(strengthen legal compliance)

## Objective

- Clearly position EMAS on its value added, over other EMS
- Increase clarity for organisations and regulators

## Changes

- **Clearly define in Regulation:**
  - What is Legal compliance
  - Role of organisation, verifier, Competent Body
  - Mechanism to involve MS regulator



# REINFORCEMENT OF HE SCHEME (ii)

(strengthen performance improvement)

## Objective

- Clearly position EMAS on its value added, over other EMS
- Better comparability; more focus on political priorities

## Changes

- Clearly define performance improvement in Regulation
- Set requirements for organisations to:
  - measure performance based on a set of performance indicators
  - use obligatory generic core performance indicators in Regulation
    - Voluntary sector-specific performance indicators in reference documents (mechanism to be introduced into new Regulation)
  - report on reasons for missed targets



# INCREASE EMAS ATTRACTIVENESS (i)

## Make EMAS Global and allow corporate registration & cluster approach

### Objective

- Address the single most frequent criticism on EMAS
- Enhance visibility of scheme abroad
- Allow use of EMAS as communication tool to international customers
- Allow for innovative, more-suited-to-business-needs applications of EMAS without lowering requirements
- Reduce cost of EMAS implementation (SMEs)

### Changes

- Create mechanism to allow 3rd country organisation registration under EMAS
- Create mechanism to allow corporate registration and clusters approach of organisations under EMAS



# INCREASE EMAS ATTRACTIVENESS (ii)

## Link EMAS with other EU legislation / policies

### Objective

- Better regulation
- Reduce administrative burden on EU organisations

### Changes

At EU level, link EMAS with:

- ETS (verification as part of EMAS)
- IPPC (reduce permit renewal timing / cost, inspections, etc)
- Green Public Procurement
- Others (liability Directive; waste, water framework Directives, etc)



# INCREASE EMAS ATTRACTIVENESS (iv)

## Improve promotion at MS & EU level and MS incentives Objective

- Professionalise and better coordinate promotion efforts
- Better use of logo and report as communication tools
- Increase visibility of registered organisations
- Better regulation, reduce administrative burden on EU organisations
- Reward good organisations and enhance attractiveness of scheme

## Changes

- Increase promotion by MS by introducing stronger obligation for MS in Regulation + reporting mechanism on MS promotion activities
- Create pan-EU promotion strategy and actions
- Liberalise use of the EMAS Logo
- Set mandatory requirements to MS to provide financial/ fiscal/ market-related incentives, to reduce the administrative burden
- Provide mechanism for MS to benchmark incentives initiatives



# INCREASE USER-FRIENDLINESS

## Enhance Institutional Set-up and Re-cast Regulation

### Objective

- Increase clarity / reduce room for interpretation for all parties involved reduced unnecessary burden and cost for organisations
- Strengthen credibility of scheme
- Re-write new Regulation in a more user-friendly, logical way
- Improve legal certainty & reduce cost for participating organisations

### Changes

- Clarify & align in Regulation role / tasks / procedures of: Accreditation Bodies, Organisations, Verifiers, Competent Bodies, Enforcement Authorities
- Re-arrange structure of Regulation with separate specific parts for each actor (AB, verifier, CB, organisation)
- Discontinue all guidelines and only keep important part in Regulation

