Dissemination Event
17.09.2020
Austria
Action n. 1
Green Public Procurement – EMAS as Award criteria in the tendering process of construction, maintenance and Waste management sector

- Stakeholder Workshop: possibilities to include EMAS in tendering processes
- Recommendations for technical specifications and awarding criteria were added to the Austrian Action Plan for Green Public Procurement.
- The Action Plan is currently under revision and will be published at the end of September 2020.
Action n.2
Environmental Impact Assessment – Analysis of Thresholds

Master Thesis “Environmental Impact Assessment and EMAS – possible incentives for EMAS companies”

Applicability of the Italian measures? – Not really possible in Austria
• The costs that have been reduced in Italy do not exist in Austria
• Austrian threshold values are already considered to be comparatively high (Austria has been criticized by EU Commission)
• Better consideration of EMAS documentation (statement, audit report) in the case of plant adaptations of companies that participate in EMAS
• EMAS statement could replace the climate and energy concept
Action n.3
Energy Audit – integration of EMAS into Energy Efficiency law

- Gap Analysis: minimum criteria for energy audits according to Annex VI
- Informal survey on the current implementation in EMAS companies
- EMAS companies emailed the responsible bodies with improvement requests
- Discussion with experts from the responsible bodies regarding the future of the Austrian Energy Efficiency Act

-> new legislative proposal is ready, but not yet under assessment
Action n.4
Training of Public Authorities

• EMAS leaflet for authorities

• for the federal academy of public administration on the national level is a one-day training designed

• pilot region: Vienna

• Training was postponed due to Covid-19 to 10\textsuperscript{th} of December 2020
A common letter to JRC was sent regarding the integration of EMAS in the BREF and BAT conclusions and implementing decisions.

- In the future there will be a reference to EMAS
- Already implemented in BAT / BREF waste incineration and food & beverages
- Training of environmental inspectors was postponed due to Covid-19