



ENHANCE project: overview, approach and additional activities

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ENHANCE till now

2017 – 2021 (2nd call)



2020 - 2021



2021 – 2022 (5th call)



ENHANCE project (2nd Call - 2017-2020)



Project Partners

Ministry of Territory and Sustainability, Government of Catalonia (ES), Lead Partner
www.gencat.cat/mediamb

Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Regional Government of Andalusia (ES)
www.juntadeandalucia.es/medioambiente

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (IT)
<http://idm.santannapisa.it/en>

Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (EE)
www.seit.ee

CENIA - Czech Environmental Information Agency (CZ)
www.cenia.cz

Environment Agency Austria (AT)
www.umweltbundesamt.at/en/

EMAS as a Nest to Help And Nurture the Circular Economy

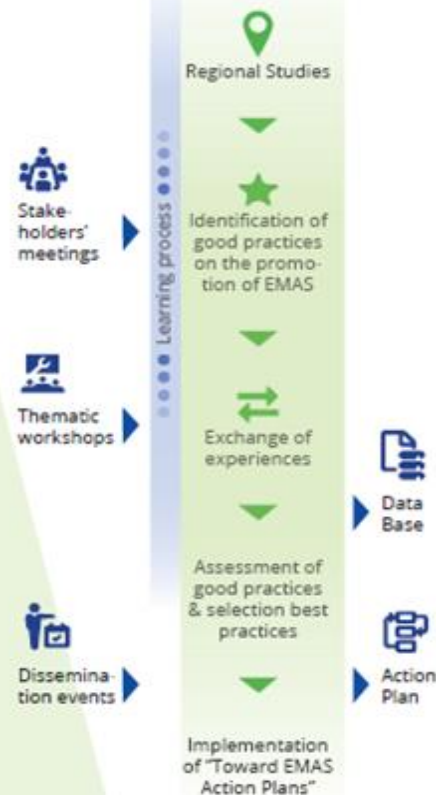
SMEs and large organisations are increasingly aware of the benefits of closing loops by improving resource efficiency. Circular Economy is not only a way to save costs, but also to create competitive advantages and new markets.

The Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas>) is a driver of the Circular Economy as it encourages organisations to systematically make better use of resources in the production phase and retain physical goods longer and more efficiently in productive use.

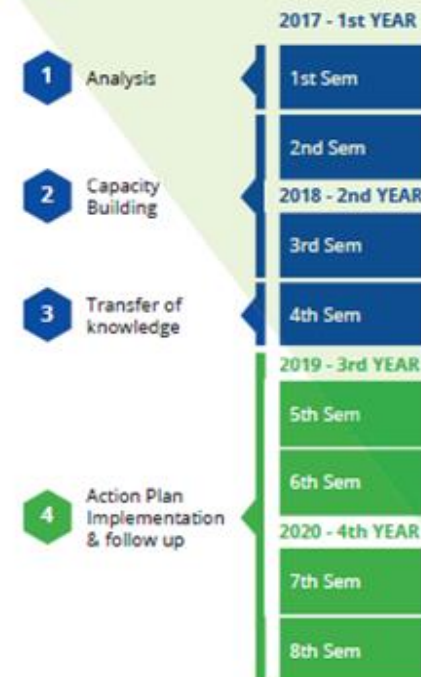


The main objective of ENHANCE is to improve the implementation of regional policy instruments oriented at increasing resource efficiency through EMAS. The project supports the exchange of experiences and practices among Public Authorities for the promotion of EMAS in their regions and countries as an opportunity to deploy circular economy.

Project activities



Project planning



The Action Plans are expected to improve current practices for the promotion of EMAS and to develop and adopt new practices based on the experience of other regions and countries. Incentives and promotion actions include regulatory relief, fast tracks, tax reductions, green public procurement, financial and technical support, among others.



ENHANCE project (5th Call - 2021-2022)

Objectives

- Exchange experiences on EMAS to face and recover from the COVID crisis
- Improve the Regional Policy Instruments to face and recover from this situation.

Phases (1st September 2021 to 31th August 2022)

1. Understanding
2. Reacting
3. Sharing and looking forward

UNDERSTANDING



Objective

Analyse how the Policy Instruments (PI) addressed by the ENHANCE project have been affected by the COVID crisis

Actors

Partners with STH (Competent Bodies, Verifiers, Organisations, etc...)

Methodology

On-line survey addressed to the main STH of the PI and interviews with Public Officers in charge of the PI

Results

The main results obtained were shared and explained during the last Interregional Meeting, which was held on 29 of March.

REACTING



Objective

Identify experiences on EMAS to face and recover from the COVID crisis with the support and collaboration of the STHs involved in the previous phase, and also through survey & interviews.

Actors

Partners together with STHs

Methodology

On line survey & interviews & Interregional Meeting

In this phase potential Good Practices & Experiences to be transferred has been identified. Today we will discuss some of them.

EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES

EMAS organisations

- Digitalising the Environmental Statements;
- Digitalizing the Environmental Management System
- Managing environmental aspects derived from COVID pandemic and other main impacts on the EMS.

EMAS Verifiers

- Verification audits in remote

EMAS Competent Bodies,

- Several actions/measures/good practices have been carried out during the COVID pandemic. Discussed in the last Interregional meeting

SHARING, EXCHANGING & LOOKING FORWARD



COVID-19
RESPONSE



Objective

Study how the experiences on EMAS to recover from the COVID crisis, can be implemented between regions/countries (sharing & exchanging) and discuss how to face an another future crisis situation (looking forward).

Actors

All (partners, STHs, Competent Bodies, external experts, etc.)

Methodology

2 Thematic Workshops (WS)

WS1 VIENNA 26 April 2022

The aim of this Work Shop is to present experiences and good practices with the intention of generating mutual knowledge and learning.

The experiences and good practices that will be presented today can be good references for other regions, so it is important to analyse them later and work together between partners.

AGENDA

HELP & SUPPORT to face the COVID impact

- Helping the EMAS registration
- Supporting the EMAS registration

How EMAS-registered organisations have managed the Environmental Management System (EMS)

- Digitalizing the Environmental Management System
- Managing environmental aspects derived from COVID pandemic

FUTURE OF AUDITS

SUMMARY OF ENHANCE II

Understanding phase, results related to:

- How the Policy Instruments addressed have been affected by COVID crisis. The results obtained from the surveys are collected in 4 documents
- How the main EMAS actors have reacted to face and recover from the COVID crisis. The results obtained from the interviews will be collected and translated into experiences and good practices on EMAS to face and recover from the COVID crisis.

Reacting and looking forward phases

- Analysis, sharing and exchanging experiences and good practices more susceptible to be transferred; and, finally, we will described in detail those experiences and good practices selected by all partners.
- These good practices will be described and assessed for uploading to the good practices database of the Policy Learning Platform of Interreg Europe.
- The final objective of the project, all our Regional Policy Instruments oriented on EMAS will be improved.



let's do it !

Thank you!!

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