

In depth description of the 5 good practices selected dealing with regulatory reliefs, incentives or other simplification measures

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Good practice selected: Fast-track permits/simplification in the application

N. assigned in the mapping phase	2
Promoting institution(s)	Catalonia Region
Type of measure	Fast-track permits/simplification in the application
Background	Review of Environmental Authorization and License.
Detailed description of the measure	<p>Environmental authorizations and licenses must be periodically reviewed according to the terms established by the law.</p> <p>At least 12 or 6 months before the deadline (in the cases of authorization and license respectively) the organization must intercourse the procedure for the renewal, and must provide all the detailed information requested by the administration (the so-called environmental assessment). In the case of EMAS registered organizations, the renewal can coincide with the renewal of EMAS and organizations are allowed to provide the document used for the exemption of periodic controls as an alternative document to provide the information</p>

	requested for the renewal.
Legislative reference	Law 20/2009 of 4th December, on Prevention and environmental control of activities (LPCAA) (articles 62, 63), amended by Law 3/2015, of 11th March, on fiscal, financial and administrative measures (article 80).
Level of Application (regional, national, etc.)	Regional
Score obtained in the first level assessment	9
Score obtained in the second level assessment	7,93
Final Score	16,93

Legal feasibility

Description

It does not require a high legislative effort to adopt it since there's a legal reference within the EMAS Regulation (art. 38) and also because it's mainly an incentive related to a better planning of renewals; it does not affect substantially the administration procedures. It also encourages the use of self-control systems which are validated by a 3rd party (the EMAS verifier).

Economic feasibility

Description

A priori, the costs required to adapt the measure should not be high and it should also be taken into account the savings of time for the competent authority.

Technical feasibility

Description

The technical feasibility of the implementation of the measure is not clear, depending on the knowledge of the procedures associated with EMAS and its implementation, especially in activities with potential impact on the environment.

Achieved results

Description

The measure has been well received by organizations with EMAS registration and can contribute to increasing the number of EMAS registrations in the future, especially in certain sectors of activity. The scope of the measure is important and very interesting due to the impact it may have on strategic sectors in the region and is in line with the Catalan ECAT 2020 and RISC3CAT strategies as regional innovation strategies towards a more intelligent, sustainable and integrative economic model.

Environmental benefit

Description

The regulatory relief involves sectors listed in the high complexity and special complexity category of the IAF reference document.