



**ENHANCE**  
Interreg Europe

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# ENHANCE IM1

Results on the regional analysis in Austria

Environment Agency Austria

# Change of partner

- From Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management  to Environment Agency Austria
- Confirmation end of May 2017
- Main goals of the project are the increase of the level of information concerning EMAS, the reduction of technical barriers to implement EMAS and enhancing direct benefits to EMAS organisations.
- For the implementation of regulatory reliefs, a further activity of the project, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management will stay responsible.

# ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AUSTRIA

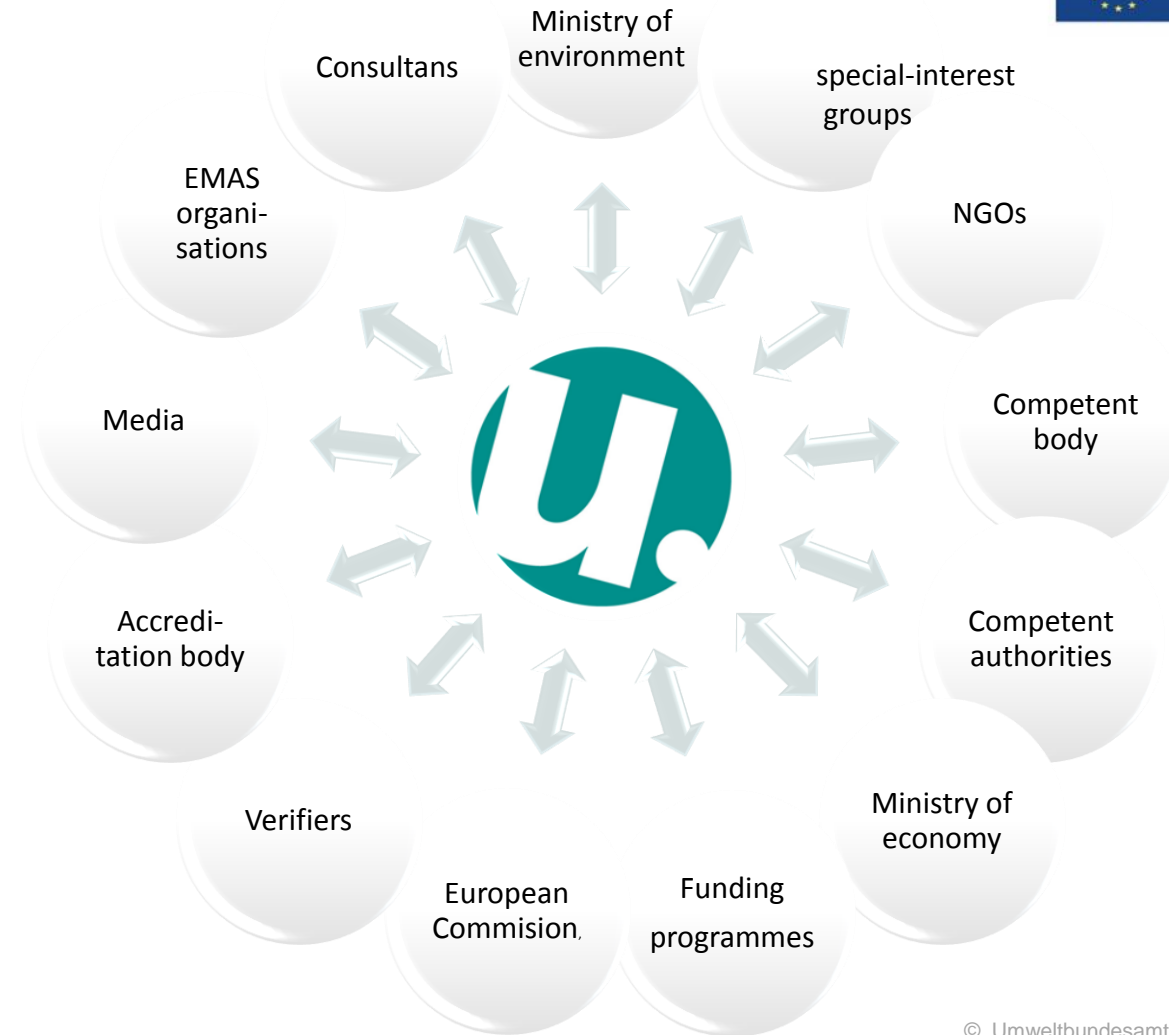
- We are Austria's largest organisation of experts on all environmental issues.
- As an independent partner, we are working to build bridges between the economy, science and politics at national and international level.
- With more than 500 experts in 55 academic disciplines we are a leading provider of environmental solutions.



# STAKEHOLDER

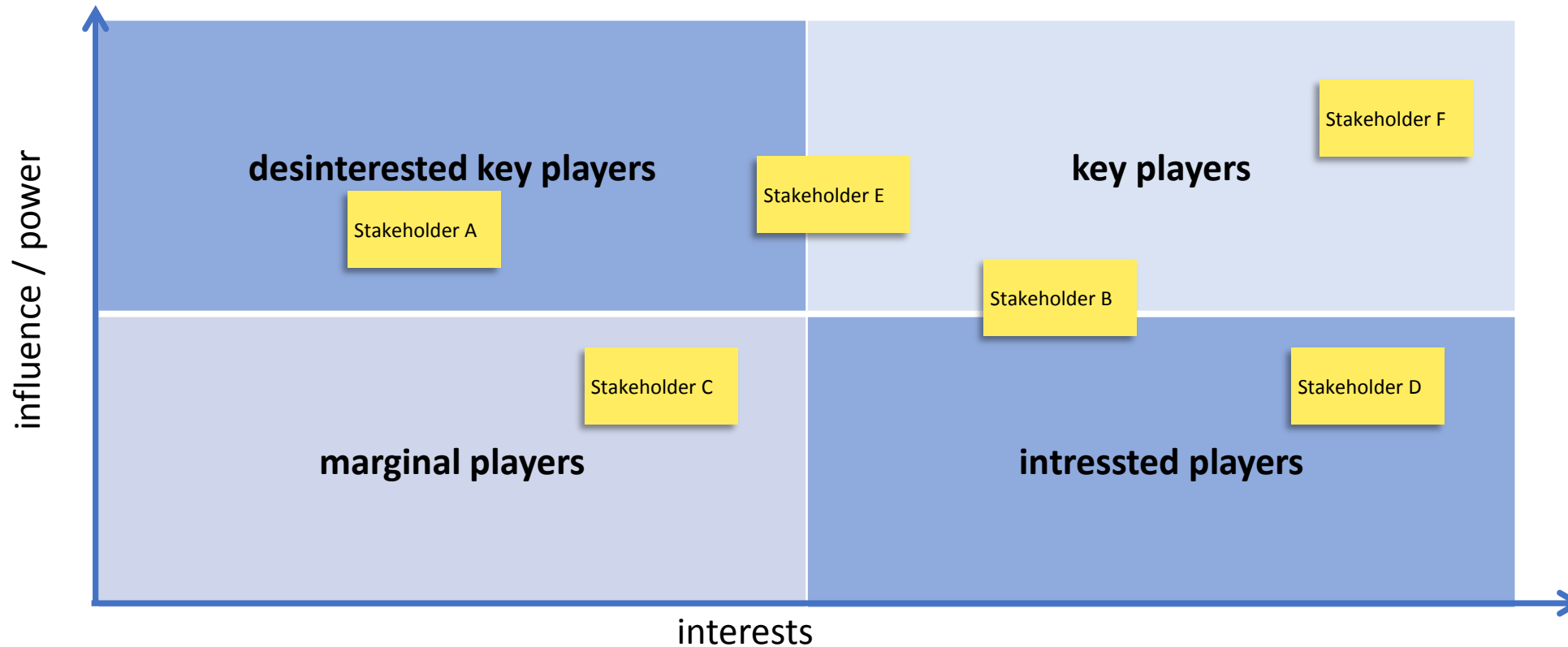
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# STAKEHOLDER

1. Identification and classification of stakeholders
2. Analysis of requirements & expectations



# Stakeholders - Key players

- Representatives of local authorities
- Representatives of the regional chambers of commerce
- Representatives of the regional funding bodies and programmes
- Representatives of long-term EMAS-registered organisations
- Representatives of EMAS verifiers and consultants
- Representatives of the national environmental verifier board
- Representatives of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW), division V/7

# Stakeholder involvement

The stakeholders will be involved in the following activities of the project:

- Identification of the current status of environmental management systems (EMS) in Austria with regard to implementation, barriers and opportunities.
- Evaluation of best practices detected during the interregional learning process regarding EMAS promotion which will be the base for the development of the Action plan
- Determination of feasible best practices for EMAS promotion measures to be included in legislation and aid programmes in Austria by an Action plan
- Making use of existing clusters and networks to organise dissemination activities

# Stakeholder meeting 1

- Due to the changes in our contracts the first stakeholder meeting will be hold on the
  - 30th of June 2017
- Part of the annual admission committee meeting



## Tagesordnung

75. Sitzung des EMAS Zulassungskomitees am 30. Juni 2017

Ort: BMLFW, Stubenbastei 5, 1010 Wien, Zimmer Nr. 139  
Zeit: 10:00 bis ca. 13:00 Uhr

TOP 1) Begrüßungsrunde

TOP 2) Bericht über Entwicklung auf europäischer Ebene, EMAS Revision

TOP 3) Vorstellung des Interreg Projektes „ENHANCE“ plus Workshop zur Ideensammlung

Das soeben gestartete europäische ENHANCE Projekt hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt Chancen, Barrieren und Herausforderungen im Bereich EMAS zu identifizieren. Bei diesem Prozess geht es vor allem darum Stakeholder aktiv einzubinden und geeignete Instrumente zu definieren um neue EMAS Betriebe zu gewinnen. Dabei wollen wir auch der Frage nach gehen wie die optimale Einbindung von Stakeholdern gelingen kann und wie die gewonnenen Erfahrungen umgesetzt werden können.

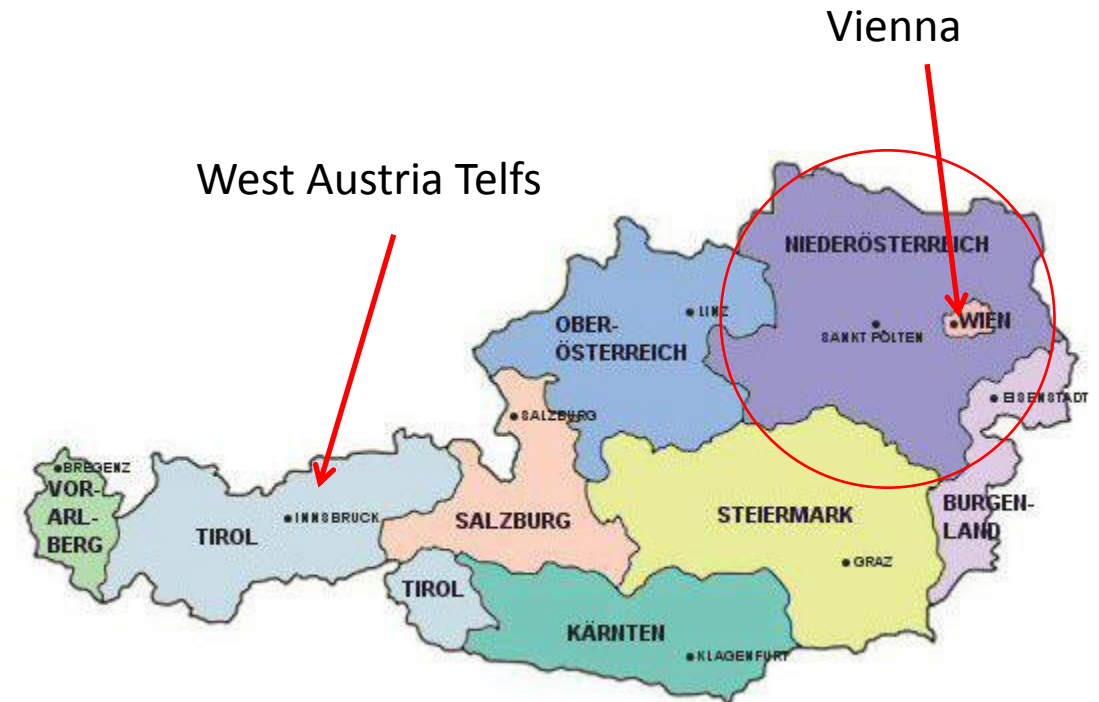
Reinhard Herok, der für alle kommunikativen Schritte im Rahmen von ENHANCE verantwortlich ist, wird uns durch einen Workshop führen.

TOP 4) Allfälliges (Veranstaltungen, Themenvorschläge und Termin der nächsten Sitzung)



# Stakeholder meeting 2

- 289 EMAS organisations in Austria
- east-west decline
- more than half of all EMAS registrations are located in Lower Austria and in the region of Vienna, whereas Tyrol and Vorarlberg together have only 18 EMAS registrations
- need for information and promotion activities concerning EMAS mainly in the western provinces of Austria
- more EMAS registrations in West Austria within the next 4 years
- Stakeholderworkshop
- 3rd of October 2017



# regulatory reliefs

Type of measure	Legislative reference
Reduced reporting and monitoring requirements	Waste Management Law
Fast-track permits/simplification in the application	Energy Efficiency Law
Reduced reporting and monitoring requirements	Austrian Trade, Commerce, and Industry Regulation Act,
Reduced inspection frequencies	Implementation of EU DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)
Green Public Procurement	Public Procurement Act
Fast-track permits/simplification in the application	Environmental Management Act
Reduction of administrative fees	Environmental Management Act
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