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## 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<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

## Action n. 5

# Environmental Inspections – Using Synergies between EMAS verification and environmental inspections

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