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Improving resource and energy efficiency in Estonian companies as a result of ENHANCE project

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EMAS Action Plan in Estonia



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Six policy measures to promote EMAS implementation that fall into two groups:

Economic actions and instruments

1. Reduction of financial guarantees for EMAS registered companies
2. Exemption of environmental charges/taxes

Measures that provide administrative relief to companies that have implemented EMAS

3. Relief on energy audit requirement
4. Simplification of the environmental permit application
5. Reduced reporting requirement
6. Reduced inspection requirement

Contribution to the following
policy instrument

*Specific objective: solutions that
increase resource and energy
efficiency of enterprises in
Estonia*

Action: Relief on energy audit requirement for EMAS registered companies

- Large EMAS registered companies are exempted from the mandatory energy audits (requirement of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive)
- Special guideline was prepared
- This measure has received positive feedback from quite a number of companies and thus can be expected to be an additional incentive for enterprises to implement EMAS



Action: Reduction of financial guarantees for EMAS registered waste management companies

- An amendment to the Waste Act (§ 98) has exempted EMAS registered companies from a warranty or financial guarantee related to waste depositing
- This measure has given a very strong impetus to the implementation of EMAS, especially in the sector related to waste management and the circular economy
- Today, most of the major waste management companies in Estonia have started to implement EMAS



