



How the Competent Body managed the COVID impact on EMAS in Austria

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AUSTRIA

- **EMAS Competent Body in Austria**
 - Managing the Austrian EMAS register
 - Contact point for EMAS organisations, verifiers, authorities,...
- **Dissemination of EMAS in Austria**
 - Providing information to potential EMAS organisations
 - Organising workshops for interested organisations and for EMAS stakeholders
 - Supporting the Austrian Accreditation Body: international activities, implementation of EMAS,...
- **EMAS conference in Austria**
- **Project partner of EU EMAS Helpdesk**
- **FALB Peer Review**
- **Project partner of ENHANCE**

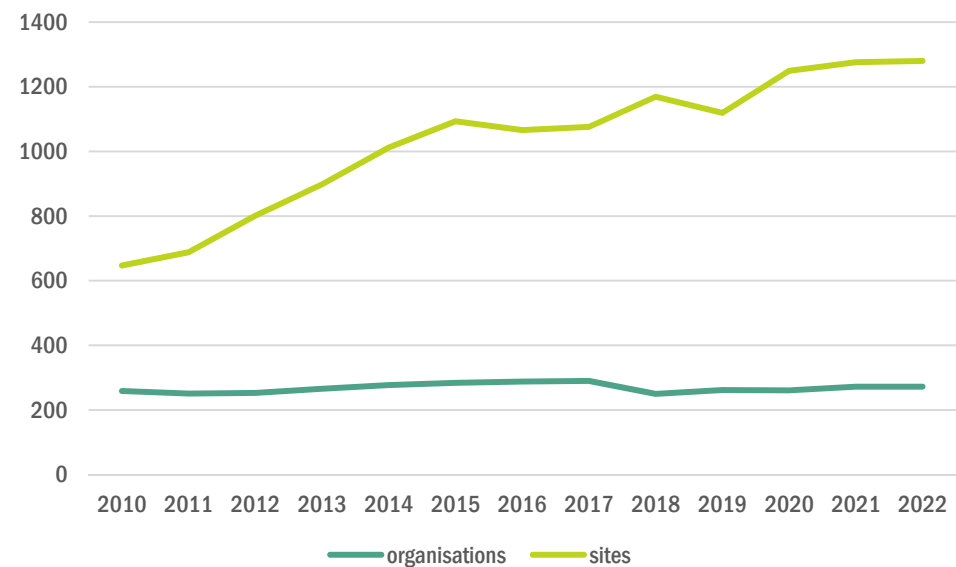
IMPACT OF COVID ON EMAS IN AUSTRIA

- Derogation and extended deadlines for renewal of EMAS registrations
- Individual, flexible and unbureaucratic help for EMAS organisations
- Virtual and hybrid meetings / workshops / conferences
 - More participants
 - More efficient and faster communication via videoconferences
 - Less face-to-face networking

EMAS IN AUSTRIA

- 270 EMAS organisations with 1280 sites
- 7 EMAS verifier organisations and 2 individual EMAS verifiers
- Rise of new EMAS organisations during pandemic
- EMAS organisations are more resilient, prepared for emergency situations, develop new strategies/products
- No negative impact on quality of environmental statements

EMAS organisations and sites in Austria



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