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STUDY ON EXPLORING MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING EMAS ADDED VALUE TO AUTHORITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Commission has recently launched a study to explore measures for strengthening the potential of EMAS to create further added value for authorities and organisations.

A few Member States have implemented measures to increase awareness of EMAS and to better integrate it with environmental policies and legislation, resulting in a raise of EMAS registrations. The measures that build on the capacity of EMAS to validate legal compliance and provide transparent reporting appear to provide added value to both organisations (decrease of administrative burden associated to control and permits) and authorities (better targeted control, better allocation of resources). The objective of this study is to examine them further and to propose further measures to support EMAS organisations and authorities, improve reporting, and find new business opportunities.

The European Commission has appointed adelphi, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, the Andalusian Institute of Technology (IAT), Trinomics B.V. and the Environment Agency Austria Ltd, to carry out this study.

They are in charge of **interviewing and surveying key stakeholders** to discuss these topics. They have therefore contacted you to gather information on your needs and expectations regarding regulatory relief measures and CSR and environmental reporting.

We hope you will be able to participate in the study and provide feedback on the situation in your country.

Yours sincerely,

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