

TAIEX TRATOLOW Study visit for Serbian experts to Austria on “Assessment of GHG permit applications and monitoring plans”

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Meeting Venue:

**Environment Agency Austria
Ingen-Housz-Gasse 3
A-1090 Vienna
Meeting room ground floor**

Beneficiary: Serbia

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Aim of the Study visit:

The ETS MRVA legal framework in Serbia will require future ETS operators to hold a GHG permit when operating their facilities. The permit application requires operators to complete and submit their GHG Monitoring Plan, which is formulated as an Excel template in line with the template used in the EU ETS. Experts from the Ministry of Environmental Protection, supported by experts from SEPA will have to formally approve these monitoring plans before permits can be issued. In order to prepare for their future tasks the Ministry has requested TRATOLOW experts to train them in understanding the requirements of the Monitoring Plan and the permit application.

The aim of this study visit is to enhance expertise in GHG permit approval and assessment of the GHG monitoring plan template for GHG monitoring in the scope of the ETS.

Speakers:

- **Ms Monique VOOGT**
TRATOLOW key expert
- **Mr. Hubert FALLMANN**
TRATOLOW expert, Environment Agency Austria
- **Mr. Christian HELLER**
TRATOLOW expert, Environment Agency Austria
- **Ms Gertraud WOLLANSKY**
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Monday 15 January 2024

Chair: Ms Monique Voogt, TRATOLOW Key expert

Venue: Environment Agency Austria, Ingen-Housz-Gasse 3, 1090 Vienna

13:00 - 13:30	Arrival of participants and registration
13:30 - 13:40	Welcome speech
13:40 - 13:50	Tratolow project support to ETS implementation in Serbia
13:50 - 14:15	<p>General ETS aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System boundaries • The compliance cycle: roles and responsibilities • EU ETS Scope and expansion • Overview of reporting requirements • Timeline <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
14:15 – 14:20	Micro break
14:20 - 14:50	<p>Implementation of ETS in Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Framework • Organisation and staffing • Main implementation tools and challenges • Lessons learned <p>Speakers: Gertaud Wollansky</p>
14:50-15:20	<p>GHG Permitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHG issuing process • Format of GHG permits • Data management and control • Permit assessment and approval process <p>Speakers: Gertaud Wollansky</p>
15:20 - 15:50	Tea break
15:50 - 16:15	<p>Monitoring and Reporting Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MP template and its basis content • Categorization of installations • Categorization of source streams <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
16:15 - 16:45	Practical exercises 1
16:45 - 17:00	Agenda for next day
17:00	End of day 1

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Chair: Ms Monique Voogt, TRATOLOW Key expert

Venue: Environment Agency Austria, Ingen-Housz-Gasse 3, 1090 Vienna

8:45 - 9:00	Arrival of participants and registration
9:00 – 9:15	Re-cap day 1
9:15 – 9:40	Addressing questions received on permitting and approval process
9:40 – 9:55	<p>Monitoring approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation-based approaches • Measurement-based approach • Fall-back monitoring approach <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
9:55 – 10:00	Micro break
10:00 – 10:30	Practical exercise 2
10:30 -11:15	<p>Quality of reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tier system • Uncertainty assessment • Sampling and Analysis • Technical feasibility and unreasonable costs • Data flow, risk assessment and control activities <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:00	Practical exercise 3
12:00 – 12:20	<p>The EC unreasonable costs determination tool</p> <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
12:20 – 12:40	Practical exercise 4
12:40 – 13:00	Applying the principle of unreasonable cost in Serbia (discussion)
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch
14:15 - 15:00	<p>Monitoring Plan – specific issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero-rating (biomass and municipal solid waste) • Simplifications for installations with low emissions • Transferred and inherent CO2 <p>Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria</p>
15:00 - 15:20	Practical exercise 5
15:20 - 15:25	Micro break
15:25 - 15:50	Addressing technical questions received in Serbia on preparing the monitoring plan
15:50 – 16:00	Agenda for next day
16:00	End of day 2

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Chair: Ms Monique Voogt, TRATOLOW Key expert

Venue: Wien Energie

9:00 – 9:30	Travel to site by foot Meeting point (9:00) in front of the main entrance to the Environment Agency Austria, Spittelauer Lände 5, 1090 Vienna
9:30 – 9:50	Welcome and safety instructions
9:50 – 11:30	Walk through facility
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 13:00	Travel back from site
13:00 – 15:00	Practical aspects of monitoring
15:00 – 16:00	Lessons learned and further Q&A
16:00 – 16:15	Agenda for next day
16:15	End of day 3

Thursday 18 January 2024

Chair: Ms Monique Voogt, TRATOLOW Key expert

Venue: Environment Agency Austria, Ingen-Housz-Gasse 3, 1090 Vienna

8:45 - 9:00	Arrival of participants and registration
9:00 – 9:30	Re-cap of training so far and Q&A
9:30 – 11:00	Step-by-step review of the MP template checklist
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 11:45	Commission guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick guides • Overview of guidance material • Exemplar checklist for assessing installation MPs Speakers: team of experts from the Environment Agency Austria
11:45 – 12:15	Practical exercise 6
12:15 - 12:45	Final discussion to prepare for permitting process and MP approval in Serbia
12:45 – 13:00	Wrap up of training
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 14:20	Closing remarks. End of study visit



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