

# Public Consultation on Environmental Technology Verification

Respondent Details	
I am answering	On behalf of a business association
I am established in	BE - Belgium
Geographic extend of my activities	European
My type of activities (several answers possible) Business services	
Environmental Technology Verification	
Do you think there is a need to promote and organise the third party verification of technology performance?	slight need
What should be the first objective of a technology verification system?	help small and medium-sized enterprises prove the performance of their technologies
For what type of technologies should ETV be developed in priority?	new technologies just entering into the market
What should be the main rationale of ETV?	verification of performance claims (as in the Canadian system)
Who should lead the organisation of ETV?	
Outline of an EU ETV Scheme	
The possible EU scheme under consideration (see the consultation paper) is based on the verification of performance claims, on a voluntary basis using test data provided by the technology developer and additional tests if needed. Do you think this approach is:	appropriate
In your area of activities would such an EU scheme be	
The following technology areas are considered appropriate for the beginning of the scheme: monitoring techniques, waste water treatment, renewables and energy efficiency, air pollution abatment, clean technologies including recycling. In your views, is this list:	
Please indicate specific technologies for which ETV would be valuable in your views:	
Do you think the ETV scheme should provide other services than verification itself, such as pre-verification for pilot technologies, benchmarking of different technologies for users, support to the marketing of new technologies...	

## Considerations of costs

The funding provided by the applicants to the system (technology developers or vendors) would cover the cost of verifying their application (estimated €5000 to €20000) and the cost of additional tests if needed (estimated €10000 to €70000). In your view, is this cost:

impossible to meet for small technology developers without external support

What is in your view the maximum cost that small technology developers can bear:

In order to reduce the cost for technology vendors to a minimum, what other sources of funding would you consider appropriate? You can tick more than one.

Private sponsors (big companies, banks, ..)  
Local authorities  
Member States  
EU budget

## Please rank the importance of the following aspects of an EU ETV system

Credibility and scientific soundness                      very important

Rapidity of verification process                              very important

Low cost for applicants    very important

Recognition of verification results in Europe              very important

International recognition of verification results important

Accessibility for SMEs (language, cost, proximity of contact points)                      very important

Attractiveness for investors and other financial partners                                      important

Support to technology users/public and private purchasers                                      important

Confidentiality of technology details or test data    important

Public availability of verification report                      important

Focus on technologies addressing the main environmental issues                                      important

Focus on technology areas where many innovations occur    not important

Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the EU ETV scheme under consideration? The system must be voluntary, simple, user-friendly and cost-efficient. The process should be as short as possible and by no means be longer than the six months proposed in the background document. The rationale of the system should be to verify the performance claims as in the Canadian system.

## Thank you for answering this questionnaire

How relevant is this consultation?                              relevant

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