

# **IDEMS project – Assessment: An example from a foreign city Amaroussion**

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# EMAS Implementation in the Municipality of Amaroussion (1)



- Developed within the context of "GALA" (LIFE)
- Duration : 3 years (Oct. 2001-Sept. 2004)
- Implementation of EMAS
- Other activities: EMAS in municipal sport facilities, publication of guidance material for the implementation of EMAS for Municipalities





# EMAS Implementation in the Municipality of Amaroussion (2)



## Selected departments

- Environmental office
- Municipal Transport Company
- Landscape Department
- Procurement office





# EMAS – Today

- **1<sup>st</sup> Greek Municipality registered under EMAS**  
**(Greek Ministry of Environment.4754/1550/E113)**
- **System's annual review : December 2006**
- **System's audit : December 2006**
- **Engagement for extension of system in two more departments within 2007**



# Assessment of EMAS

## Methodology:

1. Meetings with the departments
2. Internal audits
3. Annual review
4. External audit - Renewal of Verification



# 1. Meetings with the departments

- **Informal procedure**
- **Scope :**

**Meetings with the managers, Collection of data  
-> in order to start preparing the annual  
review**

- **Implemented by:**
  - **Environmental Office**
  - **Quality and Human resources Office**



## 2. Internal audits

- **Formal procedure**

**Between 4 until 15 December 2006**

- **Scope :**

**To assess whether the procedures have been respected and the set objectives and targets have been met**

- **Implemented by:**

**Consulting Company (AQS)**





# 3. Annual review (1)

- **Formal procedure**

**18 December 2006**

- **Scope :**

- Assess the outcomes of internal audits
- To review the EMS
- To further improve the effectiveness of the system
- To minimize any adverse effects

- **Implemented by (Annual Review Report) :**

European Projects Office, Environmental Office, Quality and Human resources Office

- **Approved by :**

Top management and politicians



## 3. Annual review (2)

- **Commitments:**
  - **Adoption of the Municipality's revised environmental policy**
  - **Acceptance of the reformed Environmental program**
  - **Conducts of regular internal audits 3 times per year (every 4 months)**
  - **Expansion of EMAS in two additional departments of the Municipality (as indicated in the Municipality's Environmental Policy for ensuring the gradual expansion of EMAS in all the Municipality's departments)**



## 4. External audit - Renewal of Verification

- **Formal procedure**

**21 December 2006**

- **Scope :**

Approval of the revised environmental program and renewal of Verification

- **Implemented by:**

**BVQI**



# IDEMS & EMAS

- **Completion of the Check List, according to the reviewed environmental program of EMAS**
- **Use of common indicators**



# Conclusions

- **Regular internal audits**
- **Active participation of staff-close cooperation**
- **Regular training**
- **Targets ambitious but realistic**
- **Various tools and initiatives interrelated and integrated in order to maximize effectiveness**



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