



**Task 2 Local pilot demonstration of the integrated system**  
**Fifth training event**  
**(final confirmation of point 5)**

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## Point 5 “Assessment”

### Proposed requirements

*Note: comments are results of discussions and field visits conducted in Mantova and Ferrara*

## 1. Suitability of assessment methodologies (*Adeguatezza delle metodologie di assessment*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

- # The EMAS system (registration of partner is requested by the project) include the three level of assessment (strategic, managerial and operational assessment)
- # where instruments requested by EMAS are still not well developed, it is more difficult to define a linear strategic assessment process of environmental priorities
- # integration with internal accounting systems (software, indicators, auditors, ...) and with other assessment instruments (EIA at planning level?) has strong potentialities
- # audits towards utilities and other services suppliers are a good practice
- # Peer reviews among local authorities is envisaged by partners

**Proposal:** confirmation of requirement

## 2. Availability and usability of data and indicators (*Disponibilità e fruibilità di dati ed indicatori*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

- # Effective use of environmental indicators warehouse is an important field of work within local authorities
- # Usefulness of an integrated database for specific assessment processes (policy reviews, strategic assessment, Territorial information system, internal accounting...also management of direct environmental aspects)
- # Potentialities of common indicators for assessment of planning instruments
- # data/indicators about local clusters should be integrated in the warehouse according to responsibilities and agreed voluntary instruments

**Proposal:** confirmation of requirements, to be integrated in another point?

### 3. Integration with other assessment instruments (*Integrazione con altri strumenti di valutazione*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

- # Internal accounting systems for strategic assessment processes (BSC) are still in an experimental phase, not including environmental strategies. A first period of application with environmental criteria and priorities will provide useful indications
- # It is important to assure the environmental policies review in the framework of the EMS and its linkages with general strategic assessment processes
- # the need to avoid parallel accountability systems and use a few selected key indicators

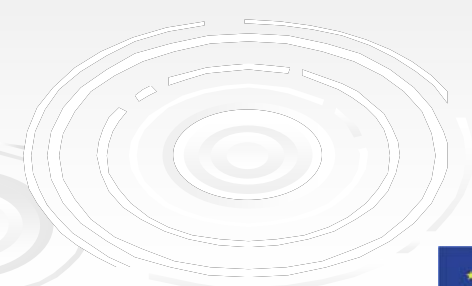
**Proposal:** confirmation of requirement

#### 4. Object and purpose of assessment processes (*Oggetto e scopo dell'assessment*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

# nothing to remark

**Proposal:** to be integrated with 5 requirement



**5.** Proper graduation of targets (*Corretta calibrazione dei target di riferimento*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

**#** Qualified and well-prepared professionals responsible for planning and assessment activities can guarantee adequacy of targets

**Proposal:** effective EMS requirement, not “make better, make integrated” (IDEMS) requirement

**6.** Use of results of assessment processes at both technical and political level (*Utilizzo dei risultati a livello tecnico e a livello politico*)

Field visits and discussion among partners showed that:

- # when process for definition of policies, planning and operational activities are linked in a linear way, usability of assessment tools by both the levels is more effective
- # the same is for involvement of local stakeholders in assessment processes
- # Integration of environmental assessment into policies assessment can be effective
- # Assessment of third parties and services suppliers is a good practice useful for the technical level

**Proposal:** confirmation of requirement