## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL ENVIRONMENT Directorate B - Circular Economy & Green Growth ENV.B.1 - Sustainable Production, Products & Consumption

> Brussels ENV.B.1/EM

Dear EMAS Committee members,

Following the events linked to COVID-19 emergency, we would like to inform you that:

- All verifications and site visits that already had or will have to be cancelled because of containment measures need to be re-scheduled at a later date. The new date needs to be set within a reasonable time-frame after the containment measures will be suspended or modified in such a way that the verification activities can be carried out. The new date needs to be duly communicated to the relevant Competent Body and Accreditation or Licensing Body
- If a verification is postponed for the reason above, the validity date of the EMAS registration of an organization is extended. The new validity date is set 3 months after the new date of the validation.

As recipient of this message, you are encouraged to share this information with all the relevant contacts, especially the Competent Bodies, the Accreditation or Licencing Bodies and the EMAS registered organizations in your country. The same information will also be published on the EMAS website.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact Paola Migliorini or Anna Rylewicz (cc the helpdesk).

Yours sincerely,

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