



Monitoring – Reporting – Verification (MRV) of GHGs and Air Quality pollutants

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27 July 2016, 9:00 – 17.15

Venue:

Republican Centre for Post-Education of managers and specialists
Minsk 20037, 1st Mendeleev Lane 50, building 4, First Floor.
(Metro Station Academy of Science)

Background	<p>Belarus is in the process of developing a system for the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) for greenhouse gas emissions for large emitters in line with its obligations under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement. These enterprises not only release GHGs, but also a range of air quality (AQ) pollutants. Some countries have MRV systems which jointly consider GHGs and AQ pollutants. Belarus wishes to consider the merits and limitations of such systems to help inform the design of its own MRV systems.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting is for the national government and other stakeholders to exchange views on the design of its MRV systems in line with the Paris Agreement implementation plans of Belarus. The Clima East representatives – experts of the project and its Expert Facility¹ - will provide assessment and insights about MRV system design options applicable for Belarus.</p> <p>This meeting will build on the current MRV initiatives in Belarus. It will also build on existing and new EU initiatives to improve air quality within Belarus such as the programmes “Supporting the Transition to a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus” and the "Strengthening Air Quality and Environmental Management in Belarus" and the deepening of understanding delivered under the European Union Project "Air Quality Governance in the ENPI East Countries".</p> <p>In this framework, we kindly invite you to this meeting, which will not only provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge and views on MRV systems, but also to join forces for climate action towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement.</p>
Aim of the meeting	<p>The wider objective is to strengthen cooperation between the EU and Belarus in the field of climate action.</p> <p>The specific objective of the meeting is to provide information to help the Belarus government decide on the most effective approaches to implementing MRV systems covering GHGs and/or air quality pollutants.</p>

¹ Expert Facility Services CEEF2014-006-BL (“Development of a MRV system on greenhouse gas emissions for the major enterprises of the Republic of Belarus”)

Expected Results of the meeting	<p>The expected results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of participants of MRV systems related to both GHGs and AQ pollutants will be enhanced. Examples will be provided of relevant EU legislation as well as MRV systems covering AQ pollutants and GHGs from EU Member States, and the merits and limitations of such systems; • Insight that will help create a capacity development plan to develop an MRV system for AQ pollutants; • An understanding of how GHG and AQ pollutants could be combined into a single emission inventory to help optimise reporting; • Participants receive support to prepare for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
Legislation and policies covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR); • ETS directive (Directive 2003/87/EC) particularly MRV components; • Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality; • Industrial Emissions Directive (IED); • Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive (IPPC); • Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LTRAP); • The Paris Agreement (UNFCCC).

AGENDA

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8:30– 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:40	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. I.M. Kachanovskiy, Deputy Minister, UNFCCC Focal Point, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, • Mr Philippe Bernhard, Programme manager – Environment, Delegation of the European Union to Belarus TBC • Dr Roman Krajčovič, Team Leader, Support the Development of Green Economy in Belarus Project • Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project
9:40 – 10:20	MRV systems – a high level summary and analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Watterson, Ricardo & Clima East Expert Facility <i>Q&A and Discussion</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Belarus current status and plans on environmental monitoring systems and the integration of GHG and air pollutants monitoring and reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
10:40 – 11:00	Industry view on the feasibility of GHG MRV and integrated MRV system(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Association / Chamber of Commerce <i>Q&A and Discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

<p>11:30 – 12:30</p>	<p>What are the international reporting requirements now and in the near future for GHGs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project • Mr Mikhail Kozeltsev, Key Expert, Clima East Project <p><i>Q&A and Discussion</i></p> <p>What are the international reporting requirements now and in the near future for Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LTRAP)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Anthony Tonchevski, Key Expert of the Support the Development of Green Economy in Belarus Project <p><i>Q&A and Discussion</i></p>
<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>Recommendations emerging from the “Development of a MRV system on greenhouse gas emissions for the major enterprises of the Republic of Belarus (CEE2014-006-BL) project & comments by sectoral ministries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ivan Filiutsich, national expert, Clima East Expert Facility • Mr John Watterson, Ricardo & Clima East Expert Facility • Sectoral ministry technical experts (energy/ industry/ agriculture)
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Breakout groups</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectoral ministry technical experts (energy/ industry/ agriculture) • Mr John Watterson, Ricardo & Clima East Expert Facility • Mr. Mikhail Kozeltsev, Clima East Key Expert • Dr Alexander Grebenkov, UNDP, Belarus • Mr Ivan Filiutich, national expert, Clima East Expert Facility <p>Discussions sessions resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A suggestion whether a combined MRV system for GHGs and AQ might be beneficial for Belarus ○ identification of institutions to be potentially involved in MRV system(s) for GHG and AQ pollutants, ○ a capacity building plan and ○ next steps towards the set-up of MRV systems for GHGs and AQ pollutants <p><i>Discussion and Q&A</i></p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>Breakout groups reporting back to Plenary session</p>

17:00 – 17:15

Conclusions & closing of the workshop

- Mr. Sergey Zavyalov, Head of Air Quality and Water Resources Department, Ministry of Environment of Belarus
- Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project
- Dr Roman Krajčovič, Team Leader, Support the Development of Green Economy in Belarus Project