

## **Presentation of DANETV Danish Centre for Verification of Climate and Environmental technologies**



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### **Our understanding of ETV**

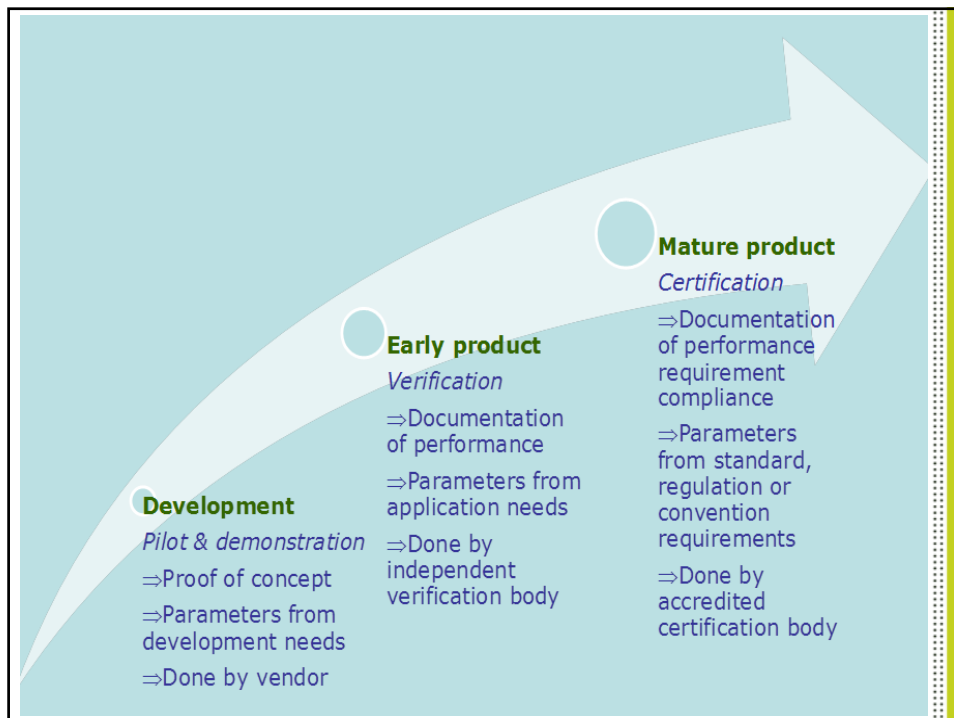
- \* Proof of **performance of environmental** technologies
- \* **Independent** and **credible** documentation
- \* **Voluntary** –not implemented through legislative requirements
- \* Relevant for innovative, **green technologies ready for market**
- \* Relevant for product groups **without certification** or type approval programmes, etc.

**Verifying that performance claims put forward by  
technology producers are complete, fair and based on  
reliable test results.**











## Characteristics of ETV

- \* Promotes marketing of green technologies internationally
- \* Fast and flexible – vendor proposes performance parameters
- \* No fail/pass criteria (no minimum requirements for effects)
- \* Quality assurance and documentation
- \* ETV concept already well-known in USA, Canada and Asia
- \* EU ETV pilot programme expected operational from 2012



**Demonstration vs. ETV vs. Certification**

	<b>Pilot and demonstration</b>	<b>Environmental technology verification</b>	<b>Product certification</b>
Technology phase 	Late development of product	Product ready for sale	Technology established on market
Documentation reference 	Industry practice	EU ETV <sup>1</sup> US EPA ETV	EN 45011 ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 ISO/IEC Guide 67:2004
Purpose 	Proof of concept and suggestions of improvement	Documentation of performance	Documentation of performance compliant with accepted requirements
Provided by 	Vendor	Verification and test body	Certifying body
Status 	Not independent	Independent	Independent
Performance parameters and requirements	Parameters set by the vendor of one product	Parameters set by the vendors of a technology/product group and relevant to the users 	Parameters and quantitative requirements set in performance standard or similar normative document for the technology/industry
Required additional features	None	None 	Surveillance of product compliance after certification
Optional additional features	None	None 	Inspection of production facilities

## Who benefits from ETV?

Proof of performance promotes the use of innovative, green technologies.

Implementing smarter environmental technologies is in the interests of

- the industry,
- technology users
- the environment



## **DANETV**

### **Danish Centre for Verification of Climate and Environmental technologies**

- A Danish ETV initiative established in 2008
- Supported by the Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education
- Methodology similar to EU ETV General Verification Protocol
- A cooperation between 5 institutes:
  - DHI
  - FORCE Technology
  - Danish Technological Institute
  - DELTA
  - AgroTech



## **ETV in function: DANETV**

### **Many technology areas covered by DANETV**

- Water treatment and monitoring
- Air pollution monitoring and abatement
- Environmental technologies in agriculture
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies

### **Status for verifications**

- 15 verifications completed
  - ETV-statements available on the DANETV-website
- 4 verifications ongoing



## DANETV examples of completed ETVs

### Water treatment

- Treatment of water re-circulating over swimming pools (CoMeTas)
- Production of drinking water from surface water (ROS, Sweden)

### Air cleaning

- Removal of hydrocarbons from polluted air (Danmil)
- Removal of aerosols from oil mist (Simas)

### Environmental technologies for agriculture

- Reduction of odour and ammonia emissions from pig houses (Rotor)
- Separation of slurry (SB Engineering)

### Energy

- Pretreatment of biomass for increased biogas production (GFE)
- Reduction of energy consumption in cooling cabinets in stores (Danfoss)



## Experiences from the work of the DANETV test bodies and verification bodies

**Feed-back from the  
the technology suppliers  
= ETV customers**



## Benefits during **early phases** of the ETV process

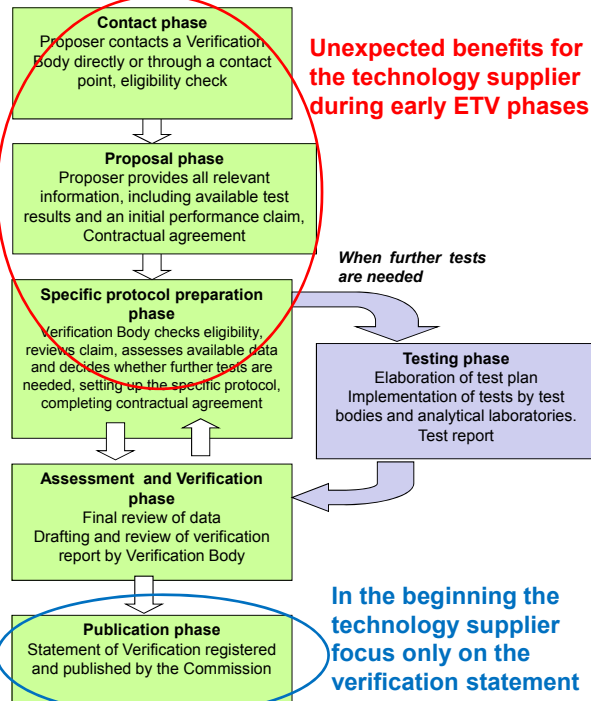
### Dialogue between technology supplier and verification body

- Agree on the specific application of product to be verified
- Discuss performance claims taking into account:
  - State-of-the art for the specific product group
  - Legislative requirements
- Discuss test parameters and overall test set-up
- Evaluate whether the product is ready for the market / ETV
- In some cases a need for further development is identified
  - ETV is postponed but in the end a better product is the result



**Many technology suppliers express that they benefitted a lot from this dialogue**

### Early phase benefits



## Intended readers of the verification statement

### Main target groups

- \* Potential buyers of the environmental technology
  - \* Private and public
  - \* National and international
- \* Environmental authorities and regulators

### In some cases also:

- \* Potential investors: Case 1
- \* Technology supplier offices in other countries: Case 2



## Case 1 – SB Engineering

- A small engineering company in agricultural sector
- Developed a new product for treatment of manure
- Decided to undertake an ETV to open the Danish market
- ETV completed in spring 2010



### Additional benefits

- The product was sold on new, unexpected markets (e.g. Serbia)
- Verification statement also used for potential investors
- In September 2010 property rights of the product were sold to a larger and more capital strong company (Agrometer)
- The product is now marketed and produced by Agrometer



## Case 2– GEA Westfalia



- A multinational technology supplier company
- A known technology used in a new application:
  - Decanter centrifuge for post-treatment of digestate at biogas plants
- The Danish office decided to undertake an ETV to facilitate national sale

### Additional benefits

- Verification statement used for internal marketing within the company
  - Presentation to other relevant country offices
- Facilitating use of the product in this new application internationally



## A fast and flexible ETV-process appreciated

### Especially for new SMEs low on capital

- Fast access to the market is crucial
  - A need to start selling the product to get capital inflow
- A fast ETV-process is very much appreciated by such SMEs
- Flexibility with respect to test parameters also an advantage

**In the work for EU and global acceptance the ETV-process should be kept fast and smooth without compromising the quality or reliability of the results**





## Challenges met in the ETV-work and lessons learned



### Lessons learned

#### **The global recognition of verifications is essential**

- Denmark is a small market
  - Often technology development is not relevant for this market alone
- ETV is seen by technology suppliers as a tool to open new markets
- A clear need for acceptance of verification statements at
  - EU level
  - Global level
- Joint verifications with US EPA ETV and ETV Canada undertaken
- An EU ETV pilot programme is very relevant



## Financial support to kick-start ETV

### The costs of test and verifications show great variations

- Depend on product group and amount of existing data
- Difficult to operate with standard prices / average prices
- EU survey: Test + verification cost 50,000 – 90,000 EUR

### Especially for SMEs

- The cost of an ETV can be a barrier
- Financial support needed to make ETV available for SMEs
- EU objective: Limit the cost of verification for SMEs to 20,000 EUR



## Lessons learned

### The ETV documentation is comprehensive but essential

- Time is needed for the verification staff and the test staff to get familiar with the ETV methodology and the templates
- The use of external experts for reviews during the process makes the ETV process more complicated but the results more reliable

### Potential for reducing time consumption

- The time used for the verification task is reduced when the first verifications are completed and staff has gained experience



## Lessons learned

### There is clearly a high potential for ETV

- A tool to commercialise new innovative environmental products
- Taking the technologies from R&D to the market

### Technology suppliers benefit from ETV

- ETV statements are actively used in marketing of new technologies
- A need for ETV to fill the gap between demo and certification



## More information about DANETV

[www.etv-denmark.com](http://www.etv-denmark.com)





**Thanks for your attention!**

**Questions and comments?**

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