

Environmental management systems in accordance with ISO 14001 and EMAS

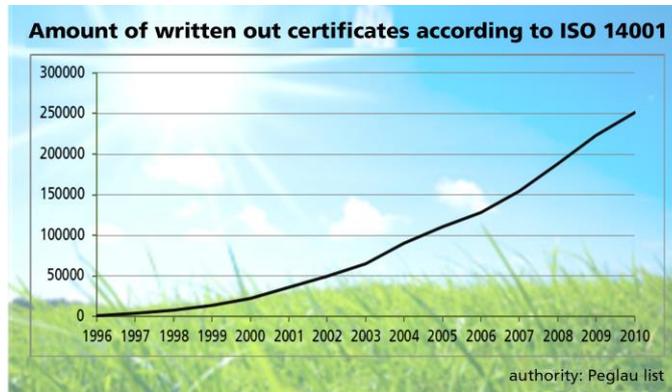
Nowadays, environmentally conscious business is more important than ever: the utilisation of environmental protection to gain a competitive edge in the marketing of products and services has increased significantly over the past few years and now has a similarly high significance to the product quality or price. Today, customers and authorities expect companies and institutions to have several effective certified environmental management systems. Official discourse regarding the subject of the economy also focuses increasingly on the principles of environmental protection.

Continuous improvement in environmental performance, particularly in terms of the associated optimisation of resources, has become an essential part of survival in both national and international competition – aside from a company's intrinsic values, the foresighted and systematic inclusion of environmental aspects in political and business decisions also harbours material and financial advantages for companies.

The ISO 14001 standard, as well as the European EMAS directive, form the globally accepted basis for the development of environmental management systems. Certification and validation by authorised authorities, in accordance with these standards, have established them on the market as confidence-building and public-orientated measures.

As a pioneer in environmental management, GUTcert validates / certifies environmental management systems in businesses and organisations, in accordance with EMAS and ISO 14001 and also helps customers to adequately utilise the economic advantages of an environmental management system by increasing efficiency.

Because the ISO 14001 (and EMAS) have similar structures to the quality management system ISO 9001, this can be integrated relatively easily into an existing quality management system. This also applies to existing health and safety and energy management (integrated management systems).



The advantages of GUTcert

We support our customers along the way to a functioning environmental management system. This is certified according to proven management system processes and can be tailored to flexibly suit your company's specific requirements.

Because a large number of our experienced auditors are qualified to audit a range of systems, we can offer integrated and combined certifications both nationally and internationally.

An integrated audit of the environmental management system with quality and/or health and safety subsequently minimises additional time and financial expenditure and significantly reduces the "audit burden" for both managers and employees.



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As a state-accredited organisation, certificates issued by GUTcert are internationally recognised. These are usually valid for a maximum of 3 years, although a surveillance audit is carried out annually and a verification audit takes place every three years. In line with our company policy, every certification/verification is designed give our customers an advantage: we can reveal the strengths and potential of your processes. You will receive a test report after each audit (also available in digital form), which will give you many practical recommendations and tips about how to improve your management system and processes, subsequently improving efficiency of your business.

Your benefits

- ▶ You improve the effectiveness of your company and secure a competitive advantage
- ▶ You achieve legal security through the systematic compilation and evaluation of laws and obligations
- ▶ You satisfy the demands of your customers
- ▶ You save money through a forward-thinking approach and systematic trade
- ▶ You strengthen the empathy and motivation of your employees by including them in company processes
- ▶ You reduce your company's environmental risks through the analysis of environmentally relevant practices
- ▶ You improve your company's environmental processes, including the environmental quality of your products and services
- ▶ You deepen the trust that the public, customers, authorities, banks and insurance companies have in your company
- ▶ You improve your company's image and competitive advantage – both nationally and internationally

Costs

We calculate the cost of certifying your management system individually, based on internationally binding regulations and in accordance with the size and environmental relevance of your company.

In order to send us the required information you simply need to fill out our online form at <http://www.gut-cert.de/angebot-zertifizierung.html>. Our quotes contain a clear breakdown of all resulting costs for the certification, and we can also include travel expenses if required.

With us there isn't any "small print" – there won't be any additional costs.



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