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to the Commission**

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Subject: Functioning of the EMAS

The EU set up the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) to verify exemplary environmental performance on the part of companies and other organisations.

The aim of the EMAS scheme is to help organisations improve their environmental performance as well as their competitiveness by using resources more efficiently and also by offering assurance to consumers and markets, who tend to be evermore exacting in environmental matters.

How many organisations have made use of this mechanism to date?

In the Commission's view is the EMAS scheme achieving the goals for which it was set up?