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# Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) scheme

## The way forward

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# Challenges and vision the future of ETV

- **Complexity:** Streamlining the process, while ensuring its quality and robustness
- **Purpose:** Protecting the independence and added value of ETV as an EU scheme, while integrating it in a larger framework of tools supporting innovation and SMEs
- **Scope:** Broadening the range of technologies to cover the identified market needs and expanding ETV to cover the whole EU
- **Outreach:** Strengthening the communication on ETV in order to reach out to technology users
- **Policy relevance:** Developing stronger links with EU and Member States environmental legislation and policies

# On-going and expected developments for ETV

- Introducing a **new General Verification Protocol (GVP)** with a simplified process for involved parties
- Working towards **registering ETV** as a European Union **certification mark**
- Strengthening our cooperation with the **European Institute of Technology and Innovation (EIT)**
- Extending the scope of ETV to **new technology areas**:
  - 1) Water treatment and monitoring
  - 2) Materials, waste and resources
  - 3) Energy technologies
  - 4) Soil and groundwater monitoring and remediation
  - 5) Cleaner production and processes
  - 6) Environmental technologies in agriculture
  - 7) Air pollution monitoring and abatement
- Improving **communications** thanks to a new communication contract and activities