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Environmental management systems ISO14001

A sustainable development tool

The ultimate aim of an environmental management system is to improve the environment and prevent pollution by increasing environmental performance.

This holds true regardless of the type of organisation that adopts it. Moreover, if on the one hand it is a proven fact that the environment is a resource, on the other it is a factor of competition; from the environmental point of view, in fact, an organisation located in a protected area certainly acquires added value and, through correct environmental management, it contributes towards its safeguard.

Third-party certification of an organisation is the most effective way of recognising commitments and results in the environmental field and openly communicating it at international level.

By implementing an environmental management system, any Organisation will give itself a tool of:

■ **development:** by adopting an environmental policy which includes a commitment towards continual improvement and the prevention of pollution;

■ **programming:** by identifying the significant environmental impacts and determining environmental improvement objectives and programmes.

Considering environmental issues at the activity planning stage will allow sustainable environmental decisions to be made;

■ **work:** by correctly managing the activities that generate direct and indirect environmental impacts, and controlling service providers and emergency situations;

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the market

Confirmation of the growing awareness of the importance of environmental management systems as a tool of administration and protection comes from the increase in the number of organisations working to certified environmental management systems.

The drive towards environmental efficiency comprises a variety of elements which interact in an organic and complementary way; while on the one hand, environmental legislation is becoming more clearly defined and stricter, aiming to add value to eco-efficiency and its self-management, on the other hand, consumers are becoming increasingly attentive towards the safeguard of the natural environment and the ecological characteristics of products.

From the economic point of view, it is now recognised that the environment is both a direct and an indirect cost, not only as a result of its impact on financial aspects but also due to its burden on routine asset management

ISO14001 certification procedure

- **Despatch of informative questionnaire to RINA**



- **Acceptance of economic offer**



- **ISO14001 initial certification audit**

Audit stages:

1. Documents review
2. Preliminary audit
3. Certification audit



- **Approval by RINA technical committee**



- **Issue of certificate**



- **Annual certificate maintenance audits**



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- **monitoring:** by systematically controlling both the main sources of pollution identified and the progress made towards environmental objectives;
- **communication and awareness:** by the transparency and promotion of the various forms of communication and the awareness of stakeholders (both public and private); this enhances the external visibility of the organisation's commitment to environmental protection. The use of suitable and differentiated forms of communication, depending on the interlocutor, will improve relations with stakeholders (civil service, customers, local residents...)
- **improvement of environmental performance:** by systematically reviewing the management system which identifies the results and improvements achieved, more and more ambitious environmental objectives can be established



RINA: an international role

RINA has always played an active role within the most authoritative organisations of the sector, such as UNI, CEI and ISO to draw up rules and regulations and the CISQ Federation, through which it adheres to the IQNet agreement, for the mutual recognition of certificates internationally.

RINA has a widespread organised technical-commercial structure in Italy and abroad so as to ensure specific and timely services, ready to meet its clients' most varied and precise needs.

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