

Comissão para as Alterações Climáticas

Comité Executivo

Guidelines and Rules for Approval of Joint Implementation Projects of the Kyoto Protocol's Article 6

1 Designated Focal Point for the Joint Implementation Mechanisms

In accordance with Resolution n.º 33/2006 of the Portuguese Ministerial Council, dated March 24th, the Climate Change Commission was designated as Focal Point for the Joint Implementation mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol.

The Executive Committee of the Climate Change Commission will evaluate conformity of any Joint Implementation projects seeking approval with the international, Community and national guidelines and shall issue the corresponding Letter of Approval within 40 days of the presentation of the request

1. In order to determine the above stated, the following rules apply:
 - a. The day on which the event that will mark the beginning of the stated period occurs is not included in said period;
 - b. The stated period begins regardless of any formalities and is suspended after Saturdays, Sundays and holidays;

If the end of the stated period occurs on a day in which the service before whom the act must take place is not open to the public, it is postponed to the first following day.

2. Eligibility Criteria

A Letter of Approval may be sought by a Project entity resident in any of the countries of the European Economic Area (EU countries with the exception of Cyprus and Malta – Non-Annex I Parties to the Convention, and the three EFTA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

The Letter of Approval allows a specific participant to participate in a specific project. If the Project has several participants the names, addresses and contact details of each of them should be included in the template. In this case the request for the Letter of Approval must be made by one of the participants on behalf of all.

The projects must follow the rules and procedures under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol and the relevant Community and national legislation. Participants in hydropower generation projects with a capacity installation or upgared in excess of 20 MW shall present a Compliance Report, in accordance with the harmonised guidelines adopted by the European Commission and its Member-States. These can be obtained from the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/emission/ji_cdm_en.htm

3. Procedures

The application for issue of the Letter of Approval must use the attached template. The following documents are required:

- The Project description: the Project Design Document (in case of public financing their sources and amounts should be referred);
- The Letter of Approval of the host country, if it has already been issued. In the case of a project developed by a multilateral fund a Letter of Approval of one of the Designated Focal Points is enough (from the investor country or the host country);
- The validation report of the chosen Accredited Independent Entity or the preliminary validation report (draft validation report);
- Other documents according to the attached template.

The documents must be sent by e-mail to:

DNA.Portugal@sg.maotdr.gov.pt

And also sent by mail to the following address:

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