



# Parties involved in JI projects -Role of designated focal points (DFPs): German Perspective Dr. Wolfgang Seidel

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## **Overview**

- JI in Germany Current Situation
- DEHSt as DFP
- Analysis of Potential for JI Projects in Germany
- Proposals for JI post 2012 in Germany



## JI in Germany – Current Situation

Status	Number of Projects	Emissions Reduction in t CO <sub>2</sub> -Equivalents
Approved	10	12m
Endorsed	16	Ca. 4.6m
Applications for LoA – Endorsement probable	7	1.4m



## JI in Germany – Prevailing Project Types

### Industrial Gases - N<sub>2</sub>O

- Large amount of ERUs
- Calculation of baseline difficult
- Will be integrated into the EU ETS post 2012

#### **Energy Efficiency – Programmatic Approaches**

- PoA participants mainly small and medium enterprises as well as households
- For some measures other incentive programmes (public funding) exist
- ≻JI may reach target groups more efficiently
- So far amount of ERUs rather small, but potential for replication



## **DEHSt** as **DFP**

- checks and approves JI projects (issues LoAs)
- checks and approves JI verification reports (Track 1)
- issues ERUs (JI)
- publishes project documentation (JI/CDM database), guidance for applicants, background papers
- feeds back experiences to legislators to improve quality and procedure

#### **Lessons learned:**

Critical assessment and project "follow-Up" necessary especially in JI Track 1: Even if primary goal of private buyers and investors is a reliable flow of cheap ERU, buyers also want to exclude dubious projects which can lead to criticism from environmental organisations

=> reliance on host and investor country => DFPs as quality control institutions



## Analysis of Potential for JI – Projects in Germany

#### Focus on energy efficiency and transport

- Double counting with regard to the EU ETS has to be avoided: No energy efficiency projects that reduce the consumption of electricity
- Overlapping with other public funding should be avoided or accounted for
- Projects that receive feed-in tariffs for renewable energies and cogeneration are not eligible for JI
- EU Renewable Energies Directive may JI be used to reach the target or only to go beyond the target?



## JI Potential - Transferability of results to other countries

#### **EU Member States**

- Similar restrictions regarding legal framework and additionality

#### **Other JI host countries**

- Large potential especially in the building sector
- Financial and legal additionality less ambiguous
- Nevertheless no projects to improve efficiency in the building sector in the JI pipeline
- Reasons could be lack of methodologies within the CDM and lack of framework for PoAs for JI Track 2 until now

# **Programmatic JI projects could be an interesting option for Central and Eastern European Countries**



## **Proposals for JI post 2012 in Germany**

#### **Current Situation**

- Continuation of JI in a post 2012 UNFCCC-Agreement is likely
- Currently German law allows crediting only until 2012
- -Without prolongation no new projects will be added to the pipeline

#### **Proposals for Germany**

- Prolongation of crediting periods for programmatic energy efficiency projects only
- Updating of baseline consideration of additionality under current parameters
- No new JI projects after 2012, but Domestic Offset Projects (open to new project types - "search and find function" – but also pre-defined ambitious baselines for certain sectors)



## **Further Information**

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## Thank you for your attention.

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