Projekt „EDM Environment Austria” (The Ministry of Life)

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EDM is a cloud-based e-Government tool developed by the Austrian Ministry of Life, in cooperation with the federal regions over a period of many years. It is one of the most extensive and complex e-Government tools in Europe and comprises a network of 22 applications with which reporting obligations (e.g. of emission data), applications for permits and verification requirements are processed uniformly in compliance with different environment-related laws. The objective of EDM is to create clarity and legal certainty for all stakeholders by supporting a uniform application of Austrian and European legislation in the environmental sector; thus majorly contributing to maintaining the high standard of Austrian environmental protection. EDM is completely integrated into the Austrian e-Government environment – including data pertaining to companies in the Austrian business register – and is an integral part of the Austrian Portal Group. A key EDM principle provides that data are collected and managed only when they first arise. Afterwards they are transmitted and processed exclusively without media discontinuity. EDM enables the integration of authorities at different administrative levels and with different areas of competence (four federal ministries, all regions and district authorities) as often more than one authority is responsible for a specific permit or report.