

# TÜV NORD CERT – Validation and Verification of Climate Protection Projects according to the Gold Standard



Where CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are unavoidable and reduction measures are no longer effective, certificates from recognised climate protection projects are an opportunity to contribute effectively to environmental protection and the fight against global warming.

By purchasing and retiring such certificates to compensate for pollutant emissions, companies, other organisations, products and services can be rendered climate neutral. To ensure the ecological and social sustainability of climate protection projects, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has developed the Gold Standard. TÜV NORD CERT certifies climate protection projects according to the specifications of this, the world's most rigorous standard in voluntary emissions trading.

The options are either the complete validation and verification/certification of emission reduction projects or an additional validation/verification of projects already recognised under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). The Gold Standard considers in particular the extent to which a

climate protection project contributes to sustainable development. The factors examined within the audit include the impact on the social environment (residents, those involved in the project) and the natural environment (fauna, flora, soil, air and water).

#### Target groups for the certification

The certification is aimed at project developers and companies who trade in CO<sub>2</sub> certificates, as well as at companies and other organisations who wish to promote climate protection by purchasing and retiring CO<sub>2</sub> certificates, to boost their position as motors of innovation and to secure advantages when addressing customers and investors.

#### Benefits of certification

Since the criteria go further than those of other common standards for climate protection projects, Gold Standard projects are held in extremely high regard: the certification significantly enhances the market value of the emission reductions and hence of the CO<sub>2</sub> certificates. Companies who generate or purchase certificates from Gold Standard projects are therefore showing a distinct sense of responsibility for people and the environment.

#### Preconditions for certification

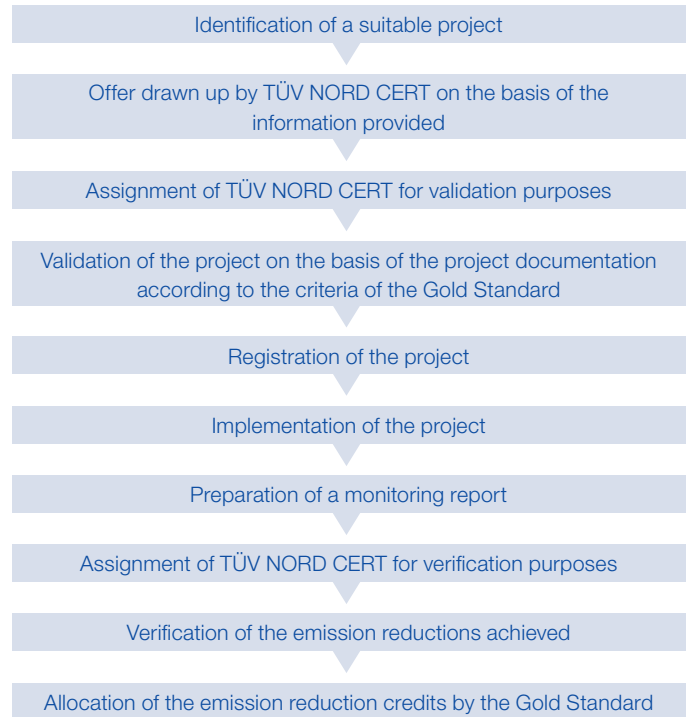
Projects to be certified must fulfil the strict criteria of the Gold Standard, which specifically include the involvement of the local population and of the natural environment in project development. Projects from the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and methane avoidance can be considered. So-called "Programmes of Activities" can also be certified to the Gold Standard.

### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

In the field of climate protection TÜV NORD CERT can present national and international references. We are, for instance, accredited under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to validate, verify and certify international climate protection projects. To date we have performed this service for around 3,000 projects (Clean Development Mechanism, Joint Implementation, Gold Standard etc.).

### The route to a successful validation/verification



### Are you interested?

Please send us your response by fax.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yes, I am interested in the validation and verification of climate protection projects to the Gold Standard. Please contact me.

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