

Main objectives of IEMA

The Institute

The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) is a not-for-profit membership organisation established to promote best practice standards in environmental management, auditing and assessment.

The Institute offers ongoing support to environmental professionals and aims to promote sustainability through improved environmental practice and performance. With over 13,500 individual and corporate members based in 87 countries, the IEMA is now a leading international membership-based organisation dedicated to the promotion of sustainable development, and to the professional development of individuals involved in the environmental profession, whether they be in the public, private or non-governmental sectors.

The IEMA is the Competent Body in the United Kingdom for EMAS the European Union's Eco Management and Audit Scheme and also offers the Acorn Scheme, an officially recognised EMS standard recommended by the government. Acorn offers accredited recognition for organisations evaluating and improving their environmental performance through the phased implementation of an environmental management system (EMS).

Mission

- To promote the goal of sustainable development through the promotion of improved environmental practice and performance
- To provide recognition, through high-quality professional qualifications, of those individuals who are competent environmental sustainability professionals and to be recognised as a leading organisation in this field
- To raise the profile of environmental sustainability professionals and the importance of the work that they undertake
- To contribute to the development of skills and competencies of environmental sustainability professionals through training, information and experience exchange, and the sharing of good practice
- To be recognised as a centre of excellence and to undertake, disseminate and contribute to research in environmental sustainability and related fields
- To recognise organisations that successfully contribute to environmental sustainability
- To employ talented people and help them to develop the ability to make a positive contribution to the Institute's vision in their work
- To manage the Institute's resources in an effective and efficient way

Vision

The Institute's vision is to be the leading membership body for environmental sustainability professionals.