The Gold Standard

The Gold Standard is the world’s most rigorous certification scheme for voluntary and compliance carbon credits. Only renewable energy and energy efficiency projects that meet high sustainability criteria are eligible. More than 60 non-governmental organizations worldwide endorse the Gold Standard.

Gold Standard Version 2

Year by year, an increasing number of projects seeks Gold Standard registration. The Gold Standard responds to this increasing demand with the launch of the upgraded version of its certification scheme.

Ecofys design for Gold Standard Version 2

The Gold Standard has been developed with the assistance of Ecofys, in cooperation with FGs environmental lawyers and carbon project auditor TÜV SÜD. By focusing on easy-to-understand principles, Version 2 now provides users with simplified procedures, clearer language and better guidance.

The main changes

• one manual for all users
• improved transparency of the validation and verification process
• streamlined documentation, fixed templates, improved guidelines
• linkage to the UN Millennium Development Goals
• improved sustainable development criteria and assessment
• revisions and/or clarifications of eligibility criteria

Toolkit for project applications

The Gold Standard Version 2 makes it easy for users to apply for certification. All rules are described in a concise set of "Requirements", while a "Toolkit" is available with examples, templates and detailed guidelines: www.cdmgoldstandard.org

User guidance by icons

Different types of project participants (project proponents, validators, verifiers and other carbon market actors) are easily guided through the Gold Standard project cycle by corresponding icons.

Ecofys expertise in carbon projects

Ecofys is a leading knowledge and innovation company in the field of renewable energy, energy efficiency and climate change. Thanks to its presence in the international carbon market, a good understanding of the policy context and its large network, Ecofys offers many practical solutions.

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Ecofys offers capacity building, strategic advice, policy evaluation and assistance throughout carbon project cycles, such as feasibility studies, Project Design Document writing, baseline and monitoring methodology development, support in validation and registration.

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