

## Eighth CDM Roundtable

### Wrap-up session Guidelines for determination of data vintage and frequency of update of standardized baselines

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Main issues discussed:

- Requirements for primary vs secondary data
- Data coverage
- Data currentness
- Validity of standardized baselines



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### Action points / Proposals:

- Requirements for primary vs secondary data
  - a) Include requirements for primary data and a tiered approach for secondary data (to encourage data quality improvement)
  
- Tiered approach for data coverage
  - a) 3 years of data can be the default
  - b) 1 year of data may be allowed with justification (e.g. if year-to-year fluctuation due to external factors is not significant)
  - c) Provide indicative list of different sectors (e.g. hydro-power dominated) for which 1 or 3 years of data are required



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### Action points / Proposals (continued):

- Data currentness
  - a) When submitting a SB, the proposal is accepted (3 yr, 5 yr with autonomous improvement factor).
  - b) For updating SBs, indicative tables of sectors where 3 years or 5 years are applied, using quantitative or qualitative factors
  - c) Predictability to be maintained as a general principle
  
- Validity of standardized baselines
  - a) Based on internal check of the changes of data and validity of SB
  - b) Allow longer validity for dynamic SB that reflects the sectoral trends (i.e. factoring in autonomous improvements)
  - c) Develop a tool with key indicators that influence the data, to ex ante assess the validity of SB
  - d) The requirement may be linked to data coverage and currentness



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### Action points / Proposals (continued):

- Additional inputs:
  - a) EU environmental footprint guidelines may provide inputs for developing criteria for the use of secondary data, for consideration in the QA/QC guidelines
  - b) Some sectors may not be appropriate for standardization
  - c) Further guidance on treating data which are not consistent (e.g. from different sources for the same period)

