



A **2nd WS was carried out in May 2021** also focusing on additionality determination, baseline setting and the role of the host country and international oversight. In the WS, some preliminary results of the discussion paper “[Safeguarding integrity of market-based cooperation under Article 6: Additionality determination and baseline setting](#)” were presented before its publication.

The **3rd technical WS in May 2021** focused solely on host country oversight on Article 6 methodologies. At the workshop, host country efforts for developing a positive list for automatic additionality under Article 6 were presented and discussed, through the identification of high-hanging fruits in the context of NDCs. Lessons from host country regulations on crediting baselines in the industry sector under Joint Implementation were reviewed. Furthermore, CMM-WG members discussed first insights from capacity building programmes for the preparation of governments for Article 6 cooperation. A key insight from the WS was that a host country must “know its NDC” so that it can identify the Article 6 potential and requirements it wants to impose for engagement.

At **I4C in May 2021**, CMM-WG members organised a workshop on opportunities and challenges in designing Article 6 methodological approaches, thereby eliciting different stakeholder perspectives. The recording of the event can be accessed [here](#).

## Accounting, oversight and transparency

In September 2021, a **5th technical WS** took place that focused on the importance of transparency under Article 6 to ensure environmental integrity of ITMOs. CMM-WG members listened to presentations and discussed on options in ongoing negotiations to improve reporting provisions in the draft Article 6.2 texts such as strengthening the initial report (e.g., through information on environmental integrity), detailing of annual information requirements, alignment with Article 13 reporting processes and the decoupling of the regular information from the biennial transparency report (BTR) submissions if a delay can be anticipated.

With regard to implementation, capacity building work on transparency with Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) partner countries and in the context of the “West Africa Climate MRV Systems” project was discussed by the workshop participants.

The resulting discussion paper “[Ensuring transparency of Article 6 cooperation – designing robust and feasible reporting and review processes and building capacities](#)” includes speakers’ insights.

## Reflecting on COP26 outcomes

After COP26 and in the run-up to the final WS of the year in November 2021, Perspectives shared a discussion paper summarising some key aspects of the adopted Article 6 decisions. Several CMM-WG members that directly participated in Article 6 negotiations reported back on their views on the impacts of Article 6 rules on international carbon markets, baseline methodologies and additionality in the Article 6.4 mechanism, Article 6.2 reporting and review and the CDM activity transition. CMM-WG members shared a sense of satisfaction and relief that the rulebook has been adopted but highlighted several issues where further technical work will be necessary to operationalise the adopted provisions.

## Outlook

Based on the feedback received through the online survey, Perspectives Climate Research is currently developing the work plan for 2022. For 2022, the CMM-WG will continue and strengthen expert dialogue on technical aspects of regulating and implementing market-based cooperation, including for compliance, offsetting, and climate finance purposes. Thereby, the CMM-WG will place special emphasis on programmatic and upscaled approaches to international cooperation. Further details will follow in the first newsletter of 2022.

**We are very much looking forward to the upcoming activities and further technical exchanges and discussions with you in the new year.**

Further information on the [CMM-WG webpage](#).