

## CONSULTANCY SOLUTIONS

### EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) compliance

#### Balancing Act

The issue of climate change, and the part played by human activity, has quickly become one of the defining issues today. Environmental responsibility is an increasingly important consideration in the way companies conduct business.

Even though air transport today accounts for less than 3% of the total carbon emitted by human activity, commercial aviation is front and centre in the environmental debate. The European Union (EU) is at the forefront with its Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and the inclusion of aviation from 2012. Crucially, the EU ETS will cover an extremely broad range of flight activity, with few exceptions: passenger and cargo, scheduled and charter, commercial and corporate, EU- and non-EU-operator flights, both within and to/from the EU. Over 4,000 operators globally will be affected, the vast majority of them small operators.



#### How Ascend can help your business

Aircraft operators must understand the requirements and timelines for the inclusion of aviation within the EU ETS, regardless of their nationality and size. Those operators whose aircraft size or flight frequency currently place them outside the EU ETS' regulation should nevertheless keep close watch, as there is scope for broadening the scheme should the political will arise.

**We can help you understand the ETS and the implications for your operation. We can also help you comply with the new regulations and qualify for free allowances, potentially worth millions of Euros.**

Although the EU ETS' inclusion of aviation begins in 2012, there is a looming deadline for submitting monitoring plans in 2009. Both EU-based and non-EU operators with interests in serving the EU will need to develop plans for compliance, and quickly. That's where Ascend, with our expertise in the commercial aviation market and strong partnerships with firms in the EU emissions community, can help. We advise in compiling, reviewing and submitting monitoring plans



#### Ascend: professional advisory services

- ETS compliance
- Carbon emissions verification and reporting support