

ERCST “Informal Forum on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement”

Article 6 text

July 15, 2020

Agenda

Date: July 15, 2020

Time: 1 pm Brussels time

Location: Zoom videoconference

Project Background and Approach

This webinar is part of the “Implementation of markets and non-markets provisions in the Paris Agreement” project, which aims to create an informal atmosphere, where the main objective is to explore, discover, explain and understand different points of view related to the issues in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. That is, to understand the options available to define rules, modalities and procedures on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as well as the consequences of adopting each option.

What is also very important is, to the extent that participants are willing to explain, to understand the different views, and more importantly, WHY these views are held. The discussions will be free and informal. They are generally introduced with a presentation from ERCST and launched with reflections from the participating negotiators. Discussions will be held under Chatham House rules (views expressed can be quoted but cannot be attributed to any of the participants). At the end of each meeting we will not produce summaries, but a Reflection Note, with what the Chair took back from the discussions.

Above all, this process is totally separated from the UNFCCC negotiating process. There is no intention, or mandate, to produce any text or negotiate an outcome.

13:00 Welcome remarks

- A. Marcu ERCST

13:05 Reflection note from “20200624 Meeting” & Paper: “Renewable energy transfers on integrated grids under Art 6”

The session will begin with the presentation of the reflection note from the previous Article 6 webinar on ITMOs exchanges in integrated grids and registries, which took place on June 24th. The session will continue with a review of the discussion from the previous session on ITMOs exchanges in integrated grids.

- A. Marcu (ERCST)
- D. Agrotti (ERCST)

13:35 Discussion on Registries

The meeting will continue with an outline of the key highlights from the presentations on Registries from the last session. Each of the three presenters will highlight the main issues from their presentations in 3-4 min (max). This will be followed by a roundtable discussion.

- A. Steen (UNFCCC)
- S. Lim (Republic of Korea)
- M. Peters-Stanley (USA)

14:15 Discussion on Article 6 text

The session will continue with a discussion of the text below:

"Each participating Party shall apply corresponding adjustments in a manner that ensures: transparency, accuracy, completeness, comparability and consistency; that participation in cooperative approaches does not lead to a net increase in emissions within and between NDC implementation periods; that corresponding adjustments shall be representative and consistent with the participating Party's NDC implementation and achievement.

Each participating Party for which the NDC metric is not the same as the metric of the ITMO shall apply corresponding adjustments only on the portion of the NDC from which ITMOs are authorized in accordance with relevant further guidance from the CMA."

Each of the "ice-breakers will provide a 3-5 min (max) interpretation of what the text means

- How can both participating Parties "ensure that it does not lead to an increase in emissions when this is supposed to be a market where ITMOs are transferred multiple times until they are used toward NDC
- What does the second paragraph mean practically ?

- M. Soares (Brazil)
- A. Shasly (KSA)/W. Keshk (Egypt)
- M. Hession (EC)
- M. Anshari (Singapore)

14:45 Conclusion and discussion of ideas for future sessions

At the end of the session, we would like to get ideas from participants on what topics they would like to be addressed in the coming sessions.