

Role of Scope 3 emissions in decarbonization

Second discussion session

Draft Agenda

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Date: 26 January 2021

Time: 15:00 -17:00

Location: Zoom Webinar

The increasing ambition towards a low-carbon economy and net zero targets stipulated by the Paris Agreement, the European Green Deal and via voluntary commitments from companies, implies that accounting for, and creating incentives for reducing emissions across all parts of the value-chain, including indirect emissions from Scope 3, will play an increasing role in achieving these pledges.

In light of this, ERCST has embarked on an exploration of the main issues and options regarding how to treat and address Scope 3 emissions, and what role they should play in the transition.

The first meeting of this workstream brought together a small group of stakeholders from different industry sectors concerned with tackling Scope 3 emissions within their business activities.

As a result of this initial discussion and accompanied by the desk research findings, we have identified the following key issues revolving around Scope 3 emissions: a) definition, measurement and attribution; b) reporting; c) options for incentivizing reductions; d) overlap and synergies with existing regulations and/or voluntary commitment.

This meeting will be an opportunity to engage in open discussion with a wider group of stakeholders on the aforementioned key issues on how Scope 3 emissions should be treated, what role they will play in the drive towards decarbonization, and identify those questions and issues which merit further analysis.

The meeting will feature three panels to discuss some of the key issues identified. Each panel will be introduced by a short presentation by ERCST, followed by initial reactions from invited speakers and a roundtable discussion with participants.

15:00 **Welcome – key issues identified on Scope 3 emissions**

- A. Marcu, Director of ERCST

15:05 **Panel 1 - the importance of Scope 3 emissions**

The first panel will discuss the importance of Scope 3 emissions in different sectors, if they should be treated through voluntary/regulatory instruments, and what role they can play in a period of transition, if any.

- L. Stalmans, Borealis
- K. Whiriskey, Bellona Foundation

15:40 **Panel 2 – methodological issues**

The second panel will focus on discussing existing methodological issues related to the defining, measuring and attributing Scope 3 emissions, as well as reporting issues which deserve further consideration and need to be resolved.

- R. Priess, Öko Institut
- A. Brohé, Agendi

16:20 **Panel 3 – options for incentivizing Scope 3 emissions reductions**

The third panel will focus on identifying solutions: which options can be considered to incentivize Scope 3 emission reductions? This panel will also reflect on potential overlaps and synergies of these options with existing regulations and/or voluntary commitments.

- E. Alberola, EcoAct

17:00 **Concluding remarks**