

The Future of Agriculture in the EU ETS

Public Event (In person)

Agenda

Date: Friday 22nd March 2024

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 CET

Venue: Rue Archimède 61, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

The European Climate Law set the objective of cutting GHGs by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels, and to become Net Zero by 2050. The European Commission Communication on a 2040 target (will) call for all EU sectors to contribute, including Agriculture.

In parallel in 2024, the European Commission (will) launch a strategic dialogue on the future of agriculture in the EU, further engaging with farmers, stakeholders in the food chain and citizens, and working on the transition towards sustainable food systems.

Agriculture is responsible for 13% of EU's GHS¹, and the sector's emissions have not decreased since 2010. Following the example of the recent extension of carbon pricing to road transport and buildings, emission trading in agriculture could provide the right incentives to decarbonise this sector.

The European Court of Auditors tasked the European Commission to come before with a potential study to analyse the feasibility of extending emission trading to agriculture after 2030. The results of the study were published on 13 November² and will inform the 2040 policy debate during the 1st quarter of 2024. Sectoral legislation to deliver on the 2040 target would follow.

This event will explore with stakeholders and policy makers the role agriculture can play as part of net zero, with a focus on its potential extension to carbon pricing. It will address how feasible is pricing agricultural emissions and rewarding climate action in the land sector.

¹ ECA (2021). Common Agricultural Policy and climate. Special Report. Pp.6. Available at: [https://op.europa.eu/webpub/eca/special-reports/cap-and-climate-16-2021/en/#:~:text=The%20CAP%20mostly%20finances%20measures,\(20%20%25%20of%20emissions\).](https://op.europa.eu/webpub/eca/special-reports/cap-and-climate-16-2021/en/#:~:text=The%20CAP%20mostly%20finances%20measures,(20%20%25%20of%20emissions).) (Accessed on 6 November 2023).

² DG CLIMA (2024). Study on options for mitigating climate change in agriculture by putting a price on emissions and rewarding carbon farming. Available at: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-your-voice/news/looking-how-mitigate-emissions-agriculture-2023-11-13_en (Accessed on 14 November 2023)

10:00 – 10:10

Welcome

- Andrei Marcu, ERCST

10:10 – 10.25

Keynote speaker

- Christian Holzleitner, DG CLIMA

The keynote speaker will present EU views on the extension of carbon pricing to agriculture. It will be followed by reactions (5-minute per speaker).

Relevant questions include:

- Is the ETS the right solution for agriculture – why or why not?
- How to integrate agriculture in the EU ETS? Whom should the obligation rest with?
- What is the role of carbon removals?
- Public and social support.

Q&A with the audience will end the event.

10:25 – 11.20

Initial reactions

- Balazs Tóth, Hungary
- Darrell Leroux, FNSEA
- Erik Jørgensen, DAFC
- Mark Preston Aragonès, Bellona
- Nikolai Pushkarev, Agora Agriculture
- Rodrigo Lima, Agroicone

11:20 – 11:50

Q&A

11:50 – 12.00

Concluding remarks

12.00 **End of the event**