

Preparing for the Review of the EU ETS

The plan to decarbonize industry while protecting against carbon leakage

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*****Draft Agenda*****

Date: 10 March 2021

Time: 14:00 -16:30

Location: Zoom Webinar

The EU ETS has long been considered one of the cornerstones of the EU's climate policy. While it has been faced by many issues, the ETS has increasingly proven to be 'fit for purpose' in recent years. Today, the EU ETS stands at the dawn of a new revision process, which will have to ensure that it helps delivering on the European Green Deal in an economically efficient way.

This meeting is part of a series of webinars which are part of ERCST's work stream on the revision of the EU Emission Trading System as part of the European Green Deal. Our aim is to bring together a group of stakeholders on a regular basis to discuss the most important issues on the table for the EU ETS revision.

During this first stage of the revision process (leading up to the Commission's proposal expected in June), ERCST's approach to the EU ETS revision will involve a number of strands, including:

- *Accompanying the Commission's process by organising stakeholder meetings on the different feedback opportunities, of which the most recent was on the [public consultation](#).*
- *Organise activities on some of the core topics/issues that are important in light of the ETS revision – of which the most recent were on the topics of [supply-demand imbalance + MSR review](#) and [use and division of ETS revenues](#).*

This webinar will be an opportunity for participants to engage in a discussion on how the ETS can help write the story of industrial decarbonisation, and how protection against carbon leakage can be ensured throughout phase 4.

Some of the key questions that will be addressed during this meeting include:

- What is required beyond 'a price on carbon' for industry to decarbonize?
- What is the role of emerging 'accompanying' policies that are currently being discussed and implemented, including carbon contracts for difference, a consumption charge/climate contribution, product(ion) standards, etc; and how do they fit with the EU ETS?
- What type and level of public support aimed at decarbonising industry and ensuring the uptake of low-carbon products is necessary, and what role can the EU ETS play?
- Given the long investment cycles for industry, what is needed to ensure investments made in the 20s and 30s will be in line with the 2050 net-neutrality goal as the carbon price alone will not drive these investments during this period?
- How can the EU provide effective and efficient protection against carbon leakage while decarbonising its industry?

14:00

Welcome

- A. Marcu, Director of ERCST

14:05

Presentation: The decarbonisation story for industry and role of EU ETS

In this presentation, ERCST will discuss the role of the EU ETS in writing the decarbonization story for industry, and discuss some of the key policy tools and measures currently being discussed that could complement the EU ETS. The presentation will also cover the issue of continued carbon leakage protection.

- J-Y. Caneill, ERCST
- D. Vangenechten, ERCST

14:25

Panel 1: what policy framework is needed for industry to decarbonize?

This panel will focus on the overall policy framework necessary for industry to invest in low-carbon solutions in the coming decade(s), what type of public support is necessary and what role the EU ETS is to play.

- M. Mensink, Cefic
- K. Coppenholle, Cembureau
- M. Quinn, DG Clima

15:30

Panel 2: emerging policy tools and instruments to accompany the EU ETS

The second panel will discuss some of the emerging accompanying policies, including carbon contracts for difference, a consumption charge/climate contribution, product(ion) standards, etc; and how they can complement the EU ETS in decarbonising industry. This panel will also touch upon the level and type of carbon leakage protection necessary during this period of transition.

- A. Sniegocki, WiseEuropa
- A. Ruggiero, Carbon Market Watch
- S. Verde, Florence School of Regulation, EUI

16:30

Concluding remarks