**ERCST “Article 6 Community Center: Voluntary Carbon Markets and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement”**

***Draft Agenda***

**Date:** September 22, 2021

**Time**: 1 pm Brussels time

**Location:** Zoom videoconference

**Background**

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| COP26 is considered to be an important opportunity to give new momentum to international climate negotiations. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement is the only element that has not been agreed on, and everyone feels that without it the Paris Agreement is incomplete in spirit. It also has implications for the completion of other important files such the Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement. Closer to home, it may also impact linking of international ETS as there will be a need to account for international ITMOs transfers, that accounting cannot be completed without an Art 6 agreement.At the same time, many Parties, multilateral international organizations, and private sector actors have started to test and see how Article 6 activities can be operationalized including through activities such as the World Bank’s Climate Warehouse or the pilot activities undertaken by Switzerland, Peru and Ghana.A new Community is emerging around Carbon Markets 2.0, and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement will play an important role.This webinar is part of a series by ERCST to bring together a broader community, beyond the UNFCCC negotiators, which is interested in Article 6. We hope to catalyze an exchange of information and experiences. This webinar is an opportunity for the wider Article 6 community to better understand the relationship between voluntary carbon markets and post-2020 international carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. There will be plenty of opportunity for Q & A during the session. |

**13:00 Welcome remarks**

* A. Marcu, ERCST

**13:10 Presentations on voluntary carbon markets and Art 6**

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| Voluntary markets are increasing in importance with many entities making use of them to meet their voluntary commitments. Under the Kyoto Protocol, there was no obligation to account for voluntary actions. However, under the Paris Agreement and Art 6 there are provisions for “Other international mitigation purposes” and while most read into that ICAO and possibly IMO provisions, there is also the issue whether the use of ITMOs for voluntary markets needs to be considered. There will be initial interventions from IETA, Gold Standard and VERRA. These interventions will focus on how voluntary standards approach the current state of the Article 6 rulebook and what it will mean for voluntary markets.These interventions will be followed by a roundtable discussion with leading Article 6 negotiators. |

Moderator: A. Marcu (ERCST)

Speakers:

* S. De Clara, Director International Policy, IETA
* O. Hewlett, Chief Technical Officer, Gold Standard
* D. Antonioli, CEO, VERRA

Discussants:

* M. Hession, European Commission
* K. Soejachmoen, Indonesia
* M.J. Mace, Independent Consultant
* G. Baribeau, Canada

**14:25 Closing remarks and end of meeting**