

Coordinating the next wave of EU climate policies

Workshop Agenda

Motivation and objectives: A number of progressive EU member states currently are in the process of reforming and ratcheting-up their domestic climate policies. At the same time, the EU is in the process of increasing its 2030 and 2050 emission reduction targets to embark on a reduction pathway towards net zero emissions by mid-century. This raises a number of questions about the design features and expected performance of these domestic policies, and the reform of EU-level climate policies; and on how these domestic policies will interact with EU climate policy – including the EU ETS and the Effort-Sharing Regulation in the non-ETS sectors.

Against this background, the objectives of this workshop are to (1) take stock and analyze recent EU national climate policy reforms including those involving carbon pricing; (2) present and discuss most recent work academic work on recent and potential future EU ETS reform; and (3) identify broader needs and opportunities for future EU climate policy reform to enhance policy coordination and cooperation. Potential outputs of the workshop might be a workshop report or a joint paper offering an overview and update on domestic policy change in several progressive EU member states, and the challenges and opportunities this raises for EU-level coordination and policy reform.

Date: 20 November 2019

Venue: Berlin (MCC, EUREF Campus: <https://www.mcc-berlin.net/en/contact.html>)

Pre-workshop dinner: Night before, 19 November, 19:00 at Restaurant Lenzig
(<http://www.restaurant-lenzig.net/>)

9:00-9:30 Arrival and Coffee

9:30-9:40 Welcome & introductions (Michael Pahle, Simon Quemin, Christian Flachsland)

Session I – National climate policy and carbon pricing developments

Objective: Taking stock of national climate policy developments in the EU

10 minutes input each, followed by brief discussion (moderator: Christian Flachsland)

- Germany – Ottmar Edenhofer
- France – Louis-Gaëtan Giraudet
- United Kingdom – Mike Thompson (via video conferencing)
- Netherlands – Hermann Vollebergh
- 9.40-12.00**
 - Sweden – Lars Zetterberg
 - Ireland – Frank Convery
 - Poland – T. Skoczkowski / K. Korczak / M. Kocharński (via video conferencing)

Guiding question: Are progressive member states moving into the same direction?

12.00-13.00 Lunch

Session II – Analyzing interaction of national policies with the MSR

Objective: Discussing MSR performance and interaction with national policies

25 minutes input, 10 minutes discussion (moderator: Michael Pahle)

13:00-13:35 “Emission trading with an endogenous cap: some unanticipated challenges” –
Reyer Gerlagh

13:35-14:10 “EU ETS, MSR and the new green paradox ” – Knut Einar Rosendahl

14.10-14.45 “Effective national and coordinated policies under cap and trade rules” – Herman
Vollebergh

14:45-15:15 Discussion

15:15-15:35 Coffee break

Session III – EU ETS reform in view of increasing ambition of EU 2030 and 2050 climate targets

Objective: Discussing EU ETS reform options in light of potential ratcheting-up of EU reduction targets and domestic policy reforms.

25 minutes input, 10 minutes discussion (moderator: Simon Quemin)

15.35-16.10 “Analyzing MSR and EU ETS reform options (I)” – Simon Quemin

16.10-16.45 “The recent upward trend of EU ETS allowance prices” – Marina Friedrich

16:45-17:15 Discussion: The way forward on EU climate policy

17:15 Adjourn
