

Reducing Climate Change: The EU's policy experience, including positive and negative interactions between policies

Nordic-Baltic Energy Conference 2019

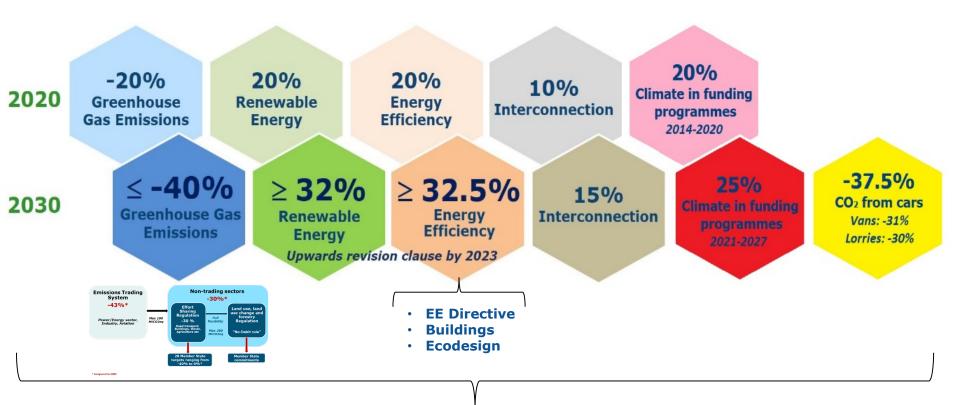
Good governance, policy design and solutions towards 2030

24-25 October 2019





Key EU policies implementing its Paris Agreement pledge for 2030

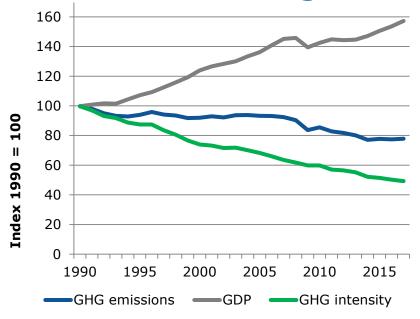


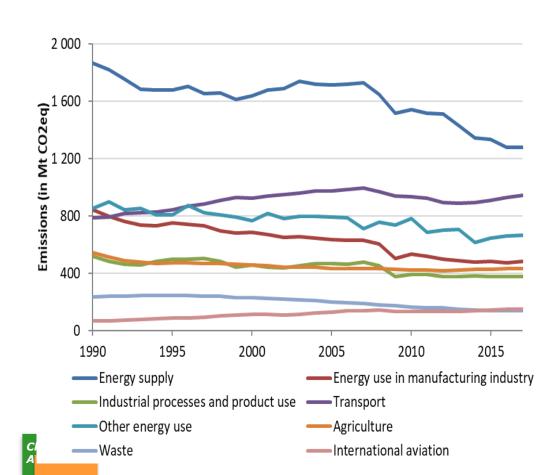
Energy Union Governance





Europe since 1990: Growing its economy and reducing its greenhouse gas emissions







Three pillars of EU climate policies until 2030

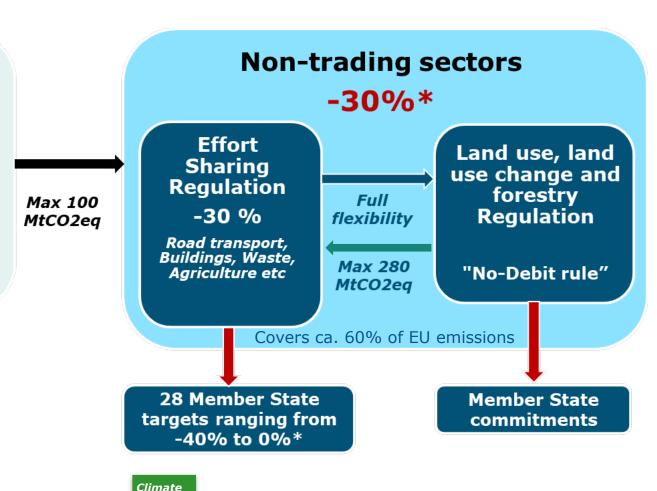
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Emissions Trading System

-43%*

Power/Energy sector, Industry, Aviation

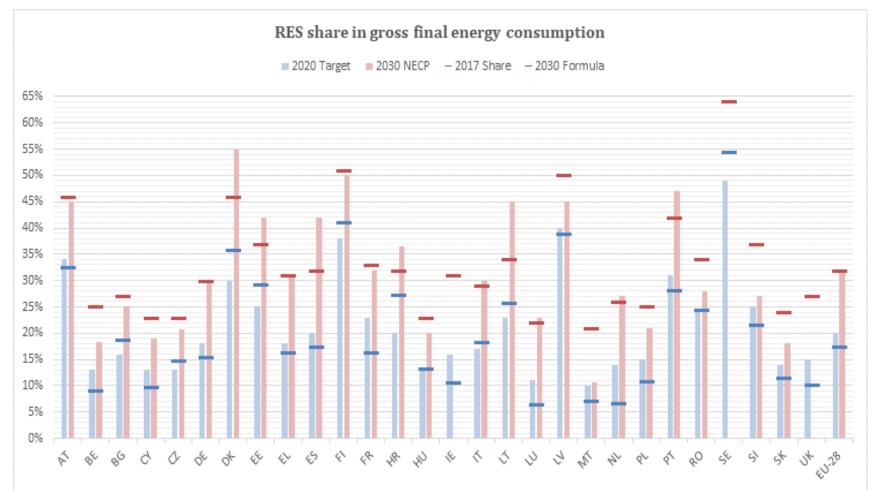
Covers ca. 40% of EU emissions







Member States' 2030 renewable energy contributions compared to the 2030 formula, 2020 target and 2017 share, draft NECPs

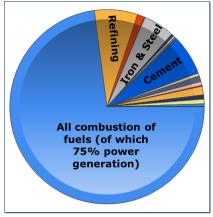




EU ETS in place since 2005

- Biggest commodity environmental market in the world.
- Essential to price pollution, carbon price today of ~€25/tonne
- Caps total emissions from >10 000 energy-intensive installations: power, steel, cement, lime, chemicals, paper, intra-EEA aviation; 31 countries - around 40% of EU CO₂ emissions
- Shift in 2013 to auctioning for electricity generation: >€42 bn auction revenue since 2013, Member States use 80% of revenues to tackle climate change and support low carbon innovation
- Free allocation for industry, addresses risk of 'carbon leakage'

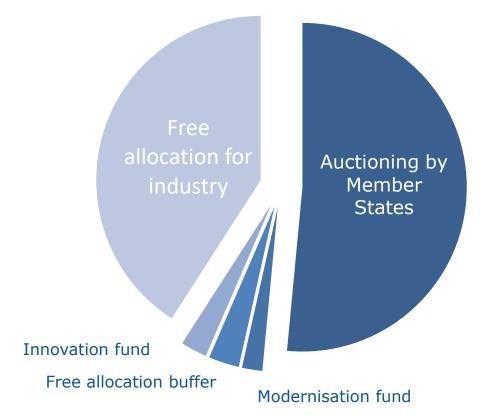








Structure of the EU ETS in 2021-30 ('phase 4') (15.5 billion allowances, worth €387 billion at current prices)

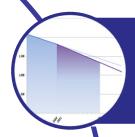






Revision of the EU ETS in 2018

Strengthened the carbon price signal and addressed surplus on EU carbon market



Steeper declining cap

Annual reduction 2013-2020: -1.74% (\approx 38 Mt CO₂) Annual reduction from 2021: -2.2% (\approx 48 Mt CO₂)



Effectively addressing the surplus on the EU carbon market

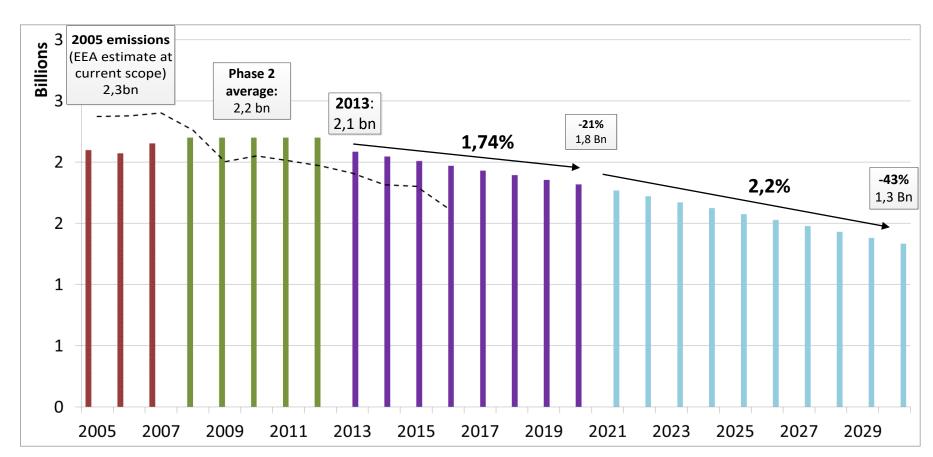
Double the feeding rate of the Market Stability Reserve Limit the validity of allowances in the reserve as of 2023



Review clause in the context of global stock-take exercise (country targets in Paris agreement jargon)



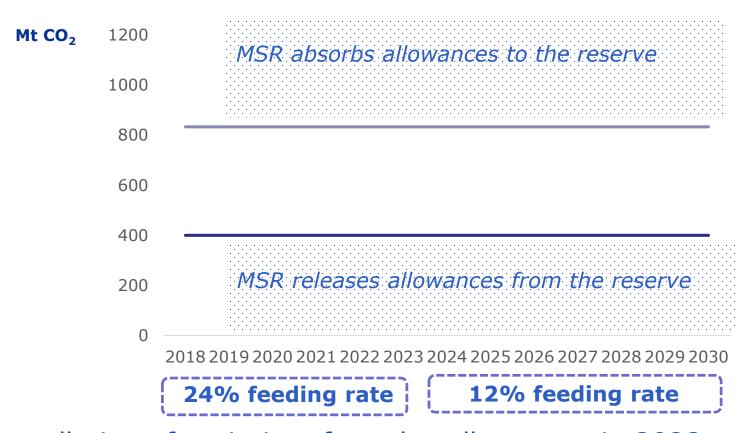
Increase of the Linear Reduction Factor to 2,2% as of 2021







EU ETS Market Stability Reserve

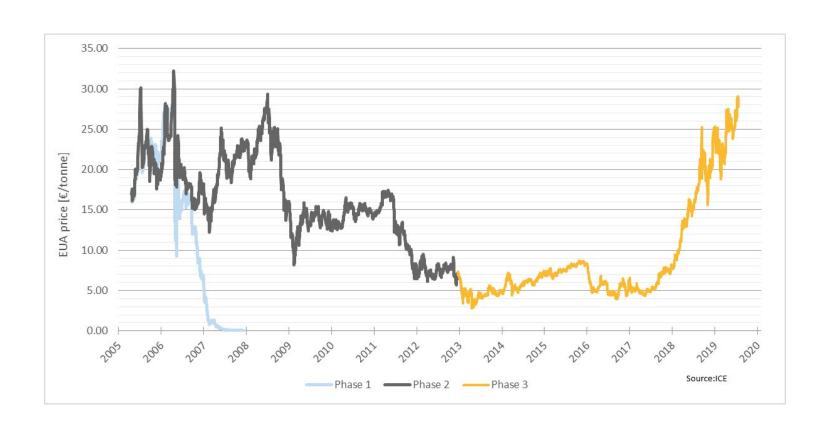


Cancellation of majority of surplus allowances in 2023, unless otherwise decided

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Carbon Price Evolution

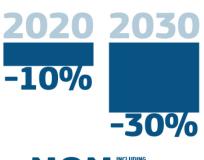






Prospects for increasing the 2030 target









"We have to be more ambitious when it comes to our 2030 targets.[...]" Ursula von der Leyen, President-Elect, Political Guidelines





Role in the EU long-term net zero-emissions climate strategy

- Carbon pricing has a crucial role to play in achieving climate neutrality
- EU ETS should continue to ensure emission reductions at the lowest possible cost
- Through the cap, it offers a long-term outlook into the emissions reduction pathway
- Offers support instruments for innovation and modernisation projects
- A possible increased ambition in a 2030 perspective may imply an increased role for the EU ETS also in this timeframe
- What share of additional effort that may come from the EU ETS should be subject to impact assessment





Thank you for your attention

