



Industry transition in world of fragmented global climate policy Complementing EU ETS and CBAM with a climate contribution

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9.15 Coffee and registration

9.30 Welcome with quick mutual introduction

9.40 What does industry require from clean industry strategy in context of EU ETS and CBAM

A frank exchange on current policy developments that might warrant rapid EU ETS reform.

- *What do investors in clean material production require now?*
- *What is required for efficient material choice, use and circularity?*
- *What other concerns relating to EU ETS need to be addressed in the short-term?*

10.10 How could a climate contribution complement EU ETS and CBAM?

Short presentation of concept, including three scenarios for its future evolution as (i) bridge during CBAM implementation (ii) possibly extended bridge if full CBAM is delayed (iii) alternative to CBAM.

- *Would concerns discussed in context of CBAM be addressed: exports, value chain, resource shuffling, bureaucracy? (for direct/indirect emissions and power price compensation)*
- *If free allocation continues, what motivates firms to shift to clean technologies?*
- *Is continued free allocation compatible with the declining EU ETS cap?*

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 What international interactions should be taken into account?

- *What are the implications of the current trade dispute for the use of strategic climate policy instruments (especially those with cross-border implications, such as the proposed climate contribution)? I?*
- *Would enhanced resilience of EU clean industry strategy from global developments change the EU's standing in international climate discourse?*
- *How can design and engagement of climate contribution and complementary measures contribute to global climate action?*

12.15 Possible pathways towards implementation

- *What are the distributional implications, how would they compare to full auctioning under EU ETS, and when are they to be expected?*
- *What level of political agreement would provide sufficient certainty about future revenues to allow governments to tender Carbon Contracts for Difference?*
- *How to integrate in climate policy framework to allow EU adoption with qualified majority?*
- *What would be the main challenges and opportunities from such a reform?*

13.00-14.00 Concluding joint lunch