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Expert meeting

Making CBAM work for complex value chains Reform proposals around standardized emission values

Time and venue

21 April 2026, 09h00 – 12h30, Brussels

[Hotel Martins Brussels EU](#),

Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels

Objective and guiding questions

Together with experts from the Climate Friendly Materials Platform, academia, think tanks, politics, unions and industry we will discuss how the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) can be further developed or reformed for sectors with complex value chains (steel, organic chemistry and aluminium). Currently these sectors lack a reliable framework that incentivizes investment in climate-neutral production of basic materials and effectively limits carbon leakage risks. In particular, we will discuss *the possibility of using standardized values to extend CBAM coverage to the full value chain and to exports using established border adjustment procedures.*

This meeting envisages an in-depth discussion of one structural reform option: a shift from border adjustment based on production specific to standardized values for sectors with complex value chains.

Following a short characterization of the approach we will discuss:

- What are the opportunities and challenges for the different sectors?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for the manufacturing industries?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for the different MS?
- What are the international implications?

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Agenda

09h00 Welcome and opening

- Claudia Detsch, FES Just Climate
- Karsten Neuhoff, Head of Climate Policy Department, DIW

09h05 Political context and opportunities

- Jens Geier, Member of the ITRE Committee in the European Parliament

09h15 Creating a common understanding of the challenges for complex value chains under CBAM and the effect of standardized emission values

- Chair: Karsten Neuhoff, DIW
- Presentation of the CFMP proposal, Fernanda Ballesteros, DIW
- Perspectives from industries

Followed by Q&A and discussion with participants

10h45 Coffee break

11h00 Perspectives for introducing changes in CBAM review

- Chair: Stephan Thalhofer, FES Just Climate
- Opening comment by Astrid van Mierlo, Head of Unit CBAM economic analysis, downstream extension and anti-circumvention. DG Taxud, European Commission

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12h30 End and informal exchange with lunch snack