



Joint call for a carbon floor price in the power sector in Europe

The European power sector remains today highly CO₂-intensive while being at the same time safe from carbon leakage risks. It therefore can – and must – play a major role in the European decarbonisation efforts.

In this context, we fully support the European Emission Trading System (ETS) as the overarching instrument guiding operation and investment decisions in the power sector towards a renewable-based economy. To achieve this objective however, it needs to be reformed as its effectiveness is currently questioned by the excess of emission allowances observed on the market.

Pending the strengthening of the carbon price signal via an ambitious reform of the ETS, we call for the establishment in Europe of a complementary mechanism in the power sector to guarantee a minimum pricing for carbon in order to maintain a level-playing-field on the energy markets and to facilitate investments in renewable energies.

We call on Germany and France as driving European forces to create the necessary momentum by simultaneously setting up in their national laws such a mechanism, at a level of 30 EUR/tonne of CO₂, and leading a coalition of EU Member States willing to take similar actions. Such a targeted approach would drastically accelerate the energy transition while efficiently complementing the ETS. Allowances matching saved carbon emissions should be cancelled to prevent their reallocation to other installations.

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