



European Committee of the Regions and the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue on the
Emission Trading System

Monday, 6 December 2021

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Brussels time)

Remote meeting: INTERACTIO (link to follow)

On 14 July 2021 the European Commission put forward the 'Fit for 55' package as a response to the heightened ambitions within the EU on climate action. The package, consisting of 14 proposals for new and revised pieces of legislation on climate, environment and energy, revolves around a revitalized approach on carbon pricing as its central element. The proposal for the revision of the Emission Trading System underlines the approach that all sectors should contribute to the transition towards climate neutrality and reaffirms the EU 2030 and 2050 climate targets through a stricter curve in carbon prices. Already the topic of many discussions within the European framework, the revised ETS could have a profound impact on all levels of government and citizens alike.

The Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue on the Emission Trading System aims to bring together all levels of government in order to provide concrete and relevant feedback on this topic. The main issues to be tackled are:

- Is carbon pricing an adequate instrument to drive the European Union towards its medium and long-term climate goals?
- Is the proposed revision of the ETS consistent and coherent with the rest of the 'Fit for 55' package and other EU priorities, such as ensuring a just transition, preserving the European natural capital, promoting sustainable mobility etc.?
- What are the main challenges of the reinforced ETS and how can they be overcome?
- Are the principles of active subsidiarity and multi-level governance adequately represented within the revision of the ETS?

*The event will be held via **Interactio**, with interpretation to and from English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish.*

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Agenda

10:00 – 10:25	<p><u>Welcome and introduction</u></p> <p>Opening by moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrea Bodova, <i>Deputy Head of Unit, ENVE commission secretariat of the European Committee of the Regions</i> <p>Statement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vasco Ilídio Alves Cordeiro, <i>First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions</i>• Andrej Vizjak, <i>Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</i>• Peter Kurz, <i>Lord Mayor of Mannheim, rapporteur on Making ETS and CBAM work for EU cities and regions</i>
10:25 – 11:20	<p><u>Carbon pricing at the heart of the Green Transition</u></p> <p>Discussion on why carbon pricing was placed as the focal point of the 'Fit for 55' package and whether it should be the main driver for reaching the 2030 climate targets.</p> <p>Debate with CoR members and representatives of the Permanent Representations of Member States to the EU</p> <p>Opening statement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stefanie Hiesinger, <i>Member of Cabinet of Executive-Vice President Frans Timmermans (tbc)</i>
11:20 – 12:25	<p><u>The challenges and opportunities of a revised ETS</u></p> <p>Discussion on the main challenges that the revised and renewed ETS represents for the different levels of government, as well as the potential ways to overcome them.</p> <p>Debate with CoR members and representatives of the Permanent Representations of Member States to the EU</p> <p>Opening statement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Liese, <i>Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur on the revision of the Emission Trading System</i>• Stefan Back, <i>Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, rapporteur on the Emission Trading System</i>
12:25 – 12:30	<p><u>Closing</u></p> <p>Conclusions by moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrea Bodova, <i>Deputy Head of Unit, ENVE commission secretariat of the European Committee of the Regions</i>