

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK Emissions Trading Scheme

Timing: Morning, Monday, 8th September 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **UK Emissions Trading Scheme - latest developments and priorities for implementation**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**
- 9.15 **Linking UK and EU schemes - implications, timelines and next steps**
Alistair McGirr, Group Head, Policy and Advocacy, SSE; and Chair, UK-EU Linking Taskforce, International Emissions Trading Association
Senior representative, international government
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 **UK ETS and the introduction of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism - driving decarbonisation and maintaining competitiveness**
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **The role of greenhouse gas removals - next steps for the carbon capture, use and storage sector and nature-based removals**
utilisation in hard-to-decarbonise sectors | operational coordination with ETS | developing a certification scheme for GGRs | monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) criteria | ETS support for non-pipeline transport | developments in CCUS technology | implications of funding announced in the 2025 Spending Review for CCUS | encouraging private investment | contribution of GGRs to decarbonisation pathways and UK carbon budget | role of the Supply Adjustment Mechanism in managing the introduction of new credits | voluntary carbon and nature markets
Andy Harris, Managing Director, Nature Broking
Senior representative, CCUS
Senior representative, carbon market
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Operating UK ETS - regulation and government support**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Evaluating ETS expansion to the waste and maritime sectors**
Wayne Robertson, Chief Commercial and Strategy Officer, enfinium
Senior representative, maritime
- 11.55 **ETS scope expansion - stakeholder preparedness and implementation**
evaluating expansion to waste and maritime sectors | minimising waste to landfill | addressing challenges around MRV | alleviating administrative and financial burdens | minimising cost pass-through and the role of producer responsibility | cross-border management | integrating ETS within existing decarbonisation strategies | developments in sector decarbonisation | financing low-carbon pathways, such as innovation, technology, deployment | public and private funding mechanisms | design and clarity around free allowance allocation post-2026 | alignment with UK carbon budget
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, finance
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Trading beyond 2030 - opportunities for UK leadership and priorities for aligning UK ETS with net zero objectives**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum