

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

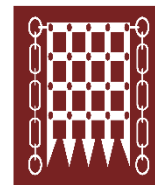
Next steps for the UK Emissions Trading Scheme

Timing: Morning, Monday, 14th September 2026

Taking place online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **UK Emissions Trading Scheme Phase 2 and priorities for the 2027-2030 allocation period**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Decarbonisation pathways for energy-intensive industries - sector readiness and implementation priorities under Phase 2**
Jon Flitney, Energy and Climate Change Manager, Minerals Product Association
- 9.40 **Priorities for governance, market design and operation of the UK ETS**
the UK ETS Authority response to the Future Markets Policy Consultation | market stability mechanisms and the approach being taken to reform | the increase of the Auction Reserve Price for auction bidding behaviour and price floors | relationship with the Cost Containment Mechanism and other stability tools | assessing free allocation decisions for 2028-2030 | implications for sectors exposed to international competition | how the cap is set over time and longer-term market development | supporting decarbonisation in hard-to-abate sectors | administrative capacity and regulatory resourcing | integration of GGRs and implications for scheme design, integrity and incentives for emissions reduction | developments in carbon capture and removals technologies and their role in hard-to-abate sectors
Tim Atkinson, Head, Carbon, CFP Energy
Chris Leeds, Head, Carbon Markets Development, Standard Chartered Bank
Josh Burke, Senior Fellow, The London School of Economics and Political Science
Senior representative, industry
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **UK-EU ETS linkage - assessing progress, implications and considerations for scheme design**
Alistair McGirr, Group Head, Policy and Advocacy, SSE; and Chair, EU-UK Linking Taskforce, International Emissions Trading Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism - preventing carbon leakage and supporting competitiveness**
alignment of the UK CBAM with free allocation reform | strategies for addressing carbon leakage | implications for sectors exposed to international competition | implications of the Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill | passing of costs across supply chains | implications for organisations with limited control over emissions | data, reporting and compliance readiness for importers | interaction with EU and global CBAM regimes | implications of UK-EU ETS linkage for exporters and trade flows
Frank Aaskov Director, Energy and Climate Change Policy, UK Steel
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Early experience of the inclusion of domestic maritime emissions - considerations for implementation and compliance**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Wightlink**
- 12.05 **Waste and the UK ETS - scheme expansion, design and implementation**
expansion to energy-from-waste and maritime, scheme design and implementation | MRV requirements and transition to full compliance | exemptions and deduction mechanisms for varying activities and contractual arrangements | cost exposure and compliance considerations for organisations with limited control over emissions | interaction with waste, recycling and packaging policy | addressing unintended landfill or export incentives | options for further sector expansion and alignment with wider decarbonisation strategies
Senior representative, energy-from-waste
Senior representative, local authority
Senior commentator
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Assessing the long-term direction for the UK ETS - Phase 2, cap-setting and market development to 2040**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum



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