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Online Workshop Invitation

CARBON PRICING AND BUILDINGS – A NEW TRIGGER FOR THE RENOVATION WAVE? TAKEAWAYS FROM GERMANY

Thursday 24 June 2021, 10.00 - 11.30 CEST



Buildings are responsible for 40% of the CO₂ emissions in the European Union. According to the Renovation Wave Communication, to achieve the 55% GHG emissions reduction target by 2030, the EU should reduce buildings' greenhouse gas emissions by 60%. This can only be achieved by at least doubling the renovation rate as soon as possible.

In addition to a substantial recast of the EPBD, the European Commission is also considering to review the Emissions Trading System, including an extension to buildings. The "Fit for 55" package announced for June 2021 will likely see a proposal to cover sectors such as buildings and road transport by an emissions trading scheme. In the context of the building sector, however, some particularities require thorough assessment, such as the low price-elasticity of energy demand, the ownership structure of buildings, and split incentives.

So what should be the contribution of a carbon price in the policy mix for a decarbonized building sector? Can it trigger a Renovation Wave and a switch to fully renewable heating? What needs to be kept in mind when designing a new carbon pricing scheme for buildings?

This workshop, co-organised by the European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE) and the German Business Initiative for Energy Efficiency (DENEFF), will dive into the subject of carbon pricing in buildings by looking at lessons from Germany, where a recently launched carbon pricing scheme for buildings is hotly debated.

10:00 Welcome and Moderation

- Bertrand Deprez, Vice-Chair, European Alliance to Save Energy

10:05 Views on carbon Pricing for the building sector

- Hans Bergman, Head of Unit DG CLIMA, B1 ETS policy Development and Auctioning, European Commission

10:15 The German CO₂ price and impact on the building stock

- Dr. Sibylle Braungardt, Senior Researcher, Öko-Institut

10:25 Carbon pricing, minimum energy performance standards, and other policy options

- Louise Sunderland, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project

10:35 Q&A

- This part includes a series of interventions from DENEFF and EU-ASE members

11:20 Conclusions and closing remarks

- Christian Noll, Managing Director, DENEFF

