



EU ETS Compliance Forum

The EU ETS Compliance Forum provides all 28 Member State Competent Authorities with a platform for sharing information, learning and experience, leading to effective implementation of EU ETS.

Its vision is to ensure EU ETS remains the model and the catalyst for carbon trading globally.

ABOUT THE COMPLIANCE FORUM

The Compliance Forum supports Member States' implementation and harmonisation of EU ETS through information exchange. It was established at the initiative of the Commission and some Member States and its structure was endorsed by the Climate Change Committee of 29 January 2009.

The forum consists of:

- The Compliance Forum Steering Committee, which is the executive body of the Compliance Forum and is responsible for its management.
- The Compliance Forum Secretariat, which supports the full Compliance Forum and provides administrative support to the Steering Committee and Task Forces.
- Specific Task Forces, led and comprised of representatives from Member State Competent Authorities, to which specific tasks, activities and actions are delegated.
- Targeted events, such as the Compliance Forum Conference, aimed at sharing experiences and facilitating dialogue amongst Member State Competent Authorities.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Competent Authority representatives are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Compliance Forum and its Task Forces.

Benefits of participation in the Compliance Forum include:

- Gain answers to EU ETS questions based on experiences of others
- Learn about best practice to improve efficiency and make cost savings
- Gain early insights into developments, allowing early preparation
- Engage with and influence emerging topics.

Involvement in a Task Force will include attendance at regular meetings, production of papers, review and input to other EC documents and informal communications.

Participation can be either in person or by webinar or videoconferencing facilities.

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STRUCTURE OF THE COMPLIANCE FORUM

There are five active Task Forces covering:

- Monitoring and reporting
- Aviation issues
- E-reporting
- Carbon capture and storage
- Verification and accreditation.

The activities of the Compliance Forum are further supported by a shared communications platform (SharePoint) run by the German Emissions Trading Authority.

The SharePoint contains information relating to activities of the Task Forces, including topic papers, best practice guidance and Q&A documents, as well as Task Force meeting agendas, documents and presentations.

Access to SharePoint is made available to Competent Authority representatives on request.

WORK OF THE TASK FORCES

The activities of the Task Forces look to:

- Harmonise implementation of the ETS Directive across Member States
- Explore and apply possibilities for further cooperation, sharing of experiences and clustering of expertise of Member States
- Exchange information and achieve common understanding of possible issues, and learn from each other's best practices
- Assist in capacity building and seek opportunities for supporting MS with less human and financial resources to ensure proper compliance with EU ETS requirements
- Support the cooperation and exchange of information between the various stakeholders in EU ETS compliance.

Monitoring and reporting implementation

This M&R Task Force focuses on facilitating open discussion of questions, issues and solutions related to the Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR).

Aviation issues

The Aviation Task Force focuses sharing best practice, identifying issues and providing common solutions for day-to-day aviation regulation activities.

E-reporting

The E-reporting task force focuses on XETL, ensuring it is fit for purpose, supporting its implementation, determining impacts and promoting its benefits.

Carbon capture and storage

The CCS Task Force focuses on sharing experiences on CCS issues and developing a common understanding of MRR requirements and concerns.

Accreditation and verification

The A&V Task Force focuses on exchanging views and sharing experiences on implementation of relevant legislation for the verification of EU ETS data.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the Task Force leads:

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FURTHER INFORMATION

The following websites contain additional information on EU ETS related matters:

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/index_en.htm

<http://www.eurocontrol.int/articles/ets-support-facility>

<http://www.european-accreditation.org/content/home/home.htm>

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