



**Climate Action**

Energy for a Changing World

# Projects and next steps

Stakeholder meeting on benchmarks,  
Brussels,  
6 November 2009

**BM team**

**DG Environment**

**Unit C.2**

**European Commission**

- 1. Consultancy support**
- 2. Bilateral meetings with sectors**
- 3. Task force with Member states**
- 4. Technical working group with Member States**
- 5. Stakeholder meetings**

- 1. Prolongation of existing contract with Ecofys/Fraunhofer/Ökoinstitute, in the form of technical support for finalisation of the benchmarks and other allocation rules for the ETS**
  - Priority: Development of detailed rules sector by sector and support in filling data gaps, as identified in the report

2. **Technical support for finalisation of the benchmarks and other allocation rules for the ETS – Umweltbundesamt Austria** (in capacity as independent consultant)
  - Priorities: Quality criteria for verification of benchmark curves, Draft rules for activity data collection (production, heat production)
  - Guidance for setting installations boundaries, MRV rules, rules for allocation to waste gases, non-traded products etc.
  
3. **Support to the Member States and the Commission in applying the benchmarks and other allocation rules** (to start by mid 2010)
  - Support in developing detailed guidance documents on application of the allocation rules
  - Helpdesk (email and phone) and workshops in a number of MS

## 4. Limited data collection for validation of the benchmarks (TBD)

- Through a standardised data collection survey
- Engagement with MS experts (through the task force)

## 5. Support for the proportionate Impact Assessment (TBD)

- Support on the assessment of methodological choices
- Information allowing consideration of the most efficient techniques, substitutes, alternative production processes, high efficiency cogeneration, efficient energy recovery of waste gases, use of biomass and capture and storage of CO<sub>2</sub>

## 6. **Assessment of international negotiations**

Study contract to support the Commission in preparing an analytical report assessing the situation with regard to energy-intensive sectors or sub-sectors that have been determined to be exposed to significant risks of carbon leakage in view of revising allocations/benchmark rules.  
(Art 10b) (Report by Commission 30/6/2010)

## Aims:

- To exchange views on the sector reports of the consultant (facts, conclusions etc), to discuss further data needs etc.
- With NGOs general discussion on the report
- 14 meetings scheduled

### Aims:

- Development of detailed administrative rules and guidance for allocation. E.g.
  - Input on guidance for the verification of historic activity data; New entrants and closure rules
- Testing of the draft technical allocation rules on installation basis and on aggregated basis



## Further aims:

- Revising the draft technical and administrative allocation rules based on the feedback
- Verification of benchmark figures
- Assess impact of proposed allocation rules

## Aims:

- To discuss and to seek consensus on allocation issues

- Close contacts between DG ENTR and DG ENV, but also involvement by DG COMP and TREN

- Stakeholder meeting (6 Nov)
  - Bilateral meetings with industry and NGOs (10 Nov-1 Dec)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force meeting (17 Nov)
  - Next Technical Working Group meeting (30 Nov)
  - ... TWG meetings +- every 6 weeks
- Further stakeholder meetings
- Draft benchmark and allocation rules (by May 2010)
  - Draft sent to Member States (June/July 2010)
  - Vote in the Climate Change Committee (July/September 2010)
  - 3-month scrutiny by the EP and the Council (September-December 2010)
  - Adoption by the Commission (December 2010)

- Website will be updated regularly
- [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/mission/benchmarking\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/mission/benchmarking_en.htm)