

**Structural options to strengthen the EU ETS**  
**Input to the public consultation of the European Commission**

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- welcomes the effort to preserve EU ETS as a functional instrument to reduce the emissions,
- supports EU ETS as a means towards a long-term stable and predictable price of emission allowance that will create incentives for investment decisions in low-emission technologies,
- suggests to discuss the structural modification of EU ETS that would ensure a higher resistance to further economic fluctuations while respecting the trajectory, overall limit and principles of allocation for period until 2020. Adjustments should be preceded by an impact analysis to ensure that it will not endanger the competitiveness of industry and aircraft operators,
- requests the European Commission to elaborate and further specify individual options of structural changes in EU ETS (for instance including of new sectors or limits for external credits) in order to quantify potential benefit and other related impacts,
- supports an overall simplification and „balancing“ of regulation system during the discussion about climate-energy framework after 2020, while respecting specific conditions of some Member States (energy mix, restructuring costs),
- emphasizes that efficiency of EU ETS should not be impaired by contradictions with other instruments (RES, EED...), but on the contrary, these tools should function in synergy.