

Incentives to climate change mitigation across the agri-food value chain

Technical Workshop 2 – Effectiveness (12 November 2024, online)

Annotated Agenda

Time	Item
09.15 – 10.00	Welcome by the Commission Presentation by the Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Results of the first round of worksheets- Corner stones of the second input paper- Q&A
10.00 – 11.00	Plenary discussion on the role of the agri-food sector in light of EU climate objectives Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considering the potential of different mitigation options and the synergies / trade-off with environmental objectives as described in this section , which GHG emissions should the policy cover?• What balance of incentives should the policy pursue between changing on-farm practices, changing the mitigation strategies of agri-food industries, or changing consumer behaviour? First thoughts from selected participant commentators (15) followed by plenary discussion.
11.00 – 12.30	Breakout sessions Session 1 - Potential effectiveness of “Carbon Farming Procurement” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under what conditions would this policy be effective in delivering the emission reductions and carbon removals needed for the agricultural sector to contribute to the EU-wide climate ambition?• Should public bodies (e.g. at EU or national level) procure certificates?

- What considerations should be kept in mind in designing the procurement programme (e.g. dedicated purchase of units from specific categories of carbon farming activities)?

Session 2 - Potential effectiveness of Mandatory Climate Standard

- Under what conditions would this policy be effective in delivering the emission reductions and carbon removals needed for the agricultural sector to contribute to the EU-wide climate ambition?
- What would be the most efficient way to reconcile reporting and accounting methodologies to minimise the administrative burden of compliance and generate the right incentives for farmers?
- Could this option be combined with public procurement?

Session 3 - Potential effectiveness of Emission Trading Systems

- Under what conditions would this policy be effective in delivering the emission reductions and carbon removals needed for the agricultural sector to contribute to the EU-wide climate ambition?
- What (dis)advantages are there for an ETS when compared to the Mandatory Climate Standard?
- Could this option be combined with public procurement?
- How can a potential bias towards “low-hanging fruit” be avoided?

12:30 – 14:00	Lunchbreak
14:00 – 15:30	Presentations of discussions from breakout sessions and plenary discussion
15:30 – 15.45	Closing remarks (EC and Consortium)