

ECCP II

WG 1 : ECCP review

Draft Mandate

1. Back-ground

The European Climate Change Programme (ECCP) was established in June 2000 to help identify the most environmentally and cost-effective EU measures enabling the EU to meet its target under the Kyoto Protocol, namely an 8% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2008-2012, complementing Member States efforts. In total, 11 different working groups were established and have operated under the co-ordination of an ECCP Steering Committee:

The results from the ECCP formed an important contribution to the October 2001 Communication¹ on the implementation of the first phase of the European Climate Change Programme”, converting the ECCP results into a clear political commitment from the Commission. It highlighted a package of twelve priority measures and an action plan for implementation of these measures, to be brought forward by the Commission in 2002 and 2003. A progress report on the implementation of the ECCP was made in May 2003.

The February 2005 Communication ‘Winning the battle against climate change’² indicated that the Commission “*will review progress and explore new actions to systematically exploit cost effective emission reduction options in synergy with the Lisbon strategy.*”

2. General Objective

The general objective of the Working Group is to review the implementation of climate change related EU-wide policies and measures, to assess their concrete implementation in the Member States, to assess the resulting actual and projected emission reductions, and on the basis of this analysis, to discuss the further development of EU climate change policies to achieve the EU’s and Member States’ obligations under the Kyoto Protocol, and beyond.

3. Policy Deliverable

The Working Group will deliver a report by March 2006.

Taking into account the report of the Working Group, the Commission will present a policy paper on the review of the ECCP to be discussed under the Austrian Presidency.

4. Organisation, work programme and time table

Considering the wide range of topics addressed in ECCP I, the Working Group will take a topical approach, in particular :

- Energy supply measures, such as RES-E Directive, CHP Directive, and the biofuels Directive, link with EU ETS

¹ COM (2001) 580 final

² COM(2005) 35

- Energy demand measures, such as the Energy Performance of buildings Directive, the EuP Directive, the end-use energy efficiency and energy service directive and the energy labelling Directive
- Transport measures
- Other gases (methane, N₂O and fluorinated gases)
- Agriculture and forestry

For each of the topics, one or two meetings will be held in the period November 2005-March 2006. Each topical group is chaired by Commission services and will be composed of approximately 20 stakeholders (not counting Commission officials of relevant services). The working group will comprise Member States experts, representatives of relevant business sectors, NGO representatives, academic experts and Commission. Members of the group will be asked to make specific contributions in the form of presentations and issue papers, as well as to contribute and comment on the report. The Chairman will prepare minutes of each meeting, for adoption by the group. The Chairman will also prepare the final report based on the activities of the topical group, which will draw conclusions as well as set out key options based on the discussions of the group.

On each of the topics, the following key issues will be addressed in the group, and in the final report.

1. Assessment of the trends in greenhouse gas emissions for the specific sector
2. To evaluate the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of ECCP I Working Groups and the achievement of the commitments taken under the ECCP Communication of October 2001, ie the range of measures adopted following the ECCP process.
3. To evaluate the concrete implementation in the Member States of European wide policies and measures and the actual and projected emission reductions resulting from it, as compared to the ex-ante analysis in the ECCP, its contribution in meeting Kyoto commitments, and identifying best practice, evaluating cost-effectiveness, impacts on the sectors concerned and specific gaps.
4. To evaluate the progress in terms of the development of EU climate policy and consider issues in relation to the overall consistency, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of future EU wide climate policy in synergy with the Lisbon strategy
5. To develop conclusions and recommendations from the above analysis in view of the further development of the ECCP and EU climate policy and its integration in sectoral policies.

A Plenary meeting is planned in March comprising participants of all topical meetings. The Plenary meeting will discuss the overall results and a consolidated draft report, including the reports of topical groups.