I am answering as a citizen.

A few general comments:
- manipulating the price of carbon through "changing the game" makes the ETS a non-market mechanism,
- aside from option c) and d) all other options are politically not feasible

Option a:
- politically not feasible;
- goes against the principle of market mechanism (changing the game while it lasts);
- decreases medium-term competitiveness of EU at times of financial struggle;
- increases financial burden of households at difficult financial times

Option b:
- de-facto increases the emission target, like option a), hence above mentioned arguments apply

Opion c:
- the linear reduction factor seems like a good place to start, but the factor cannot be changed during phase 3, as it would de-facto increase the emissions target and arguments in option a) apply;
- setting an ambitious target for 2030 seems to be the best option because:
- politically more feasible, since governments change with 5 year intervals (so before phase 4 enters into force) and its easier to make decisions with long term impacts,
- if target set soon, the carbon price would be adjusted by the market to include 2030 targets,
- creates space and stability for long-term energy investments,
- 2050 trajectory would be easier to meet,
- it would give time for EU economy to recover until 2020 with still lower EUA pricing, rising progressively towards the end of phase 3

Option d:
- a good idea in principle with extremely complex measuring and monitoring methods,
- burden sharing for climate and energy package would need to be maintained,
- could be a complimentary measure to option c

Option e:
- this option undermines the UN based Kyoto system, which is already very weak,
- slows down transfer of finance through CDM investments,
- would put a bad light on EU during UN negotiations

option f:
- goes against the principle of market mechanism (changing the game while it lasts);
- EU ETS becomes a de-facto carbon tax policy which was analyzed before to be less advantageous than the ETS.

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