

Austria's National Emissions Trading Scheme

Preparing for full-scope

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National Emissions Trading Law – key information

- Entry into force by 1 April 2022
- Effective from 1 October 2022 (post-poned from 1 July)
- Close link to existing Excise Duties during fix-price phase (including exemptions, e.g. aviation, ind. processes, etc.)
- Start with standardized fuels according to excise duty laws (CN codes; fixed CO₂ emission factors)

Fuels covered	Sectors covered	CO ₂ price	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport fuels (petrol, diesel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel/heating oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buildings (residential/service/public)	2022	30 EUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural Gas / liquified gas		2023	35 EUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry & Energy (non-EU ETS)	2024	45 EUR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerosene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture	2025	55 EUR

Phases of Austria's Scheme

Initial phase 2022-2023

- **Fix price – w.o. emission cap**
- Closely linked to excise duties
- simplified procedure for registration
- Regulated entities = company/person liable to pay excise duties
- Emission allowances still a „fiction“
- Establishment of National Emissions Trading Information System
- simplified reporting requirements / no monitoring plan, no verification required

Transitional phase 2024-2025

- **Fix price – w.o. emission cap**
- Closely linked to excise duties
- Establishment of National Emissions Trading Registry (branch of EU Registry)
- Issuance/surrendering of allowances via registry (once established)
- Phase-in of obligatory monitoring plan and regular reporting requirements, incl. independent verification

Market phase from 2026

- **Market price – cap on emissions**
- Scheme remains open, subject to review of the law – to be aligned according to EU ETS rules
- Introduction of market phase by 1 Jan 2026 or by start of EU ETS-2
- Introduction of emissions cap (linked to EU rules)
- Opt-in of additional sectors/fuels -> „all fuels“ approach

General principles on Monitoring & Reporting

- Regulated entities required to be registered (simplified procedure for initial phase)
- Set up of Monitoring Plan – approval by competent authority (exempt for initial phase)
- Annual reporting of emissions 30 June (simplified reporting for initial phase – aligned with Excise Duties)
- To be accompanied by Verifier Report (exempt for initial phase)
 - *Implementing regulation for fully applicable MRV rules due for transitional phase (2024/2025)*
- Emissions resulting from delivery of fuels to ETS companies are exempt – balanced against EU ETS verified emissions / surrendering of EUAs
 - *Implementing regulation to be adopted by end of 2022*

Compensation Measures (initial/transitional phase)

- Entrepreneurs: certain sectors will be compensated for additional costs resulting from CO2 pricing
 - *Agriculture*
 - *Carbon Leakage (industry)*
 - *Hardship cases*

} *subject to EU State Aid approval!*
- Social compensation: Private households applicable for *Regional Climate Bonus*
- Compensation measures beyond 2025 subject to EU ETS rules

Thank you for your attention!

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