

THE EUROPEAN UNION EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME: OVERVIEW OF THE SCHEME AND IMPACT ON THE FERRO-ALLOYS INDUSTRY by Iva GANEV Director for European Energy, Climate and Raw Materials Policy

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OUR ASSOCIATION



- Association of European ferro-alloys and silicon producers
 - Ferro-alloys: essential raw materials for steel-making
 - > Silicon: end users are aluminium, chemicals, electronics and solar
- Membership: 23 companies, operating nearly 50 plants in 14 countries, with 8,000 employees and a cumulative annual turnover around €2 bn
- EUROALLIAGES represents about 95% of ferro-alloys and silicon production in Europe (EU + EEA)

OUR VISION

- A small sector in absolute terms, but strategic for European economy
- Importance of the energy-intensive nature of production processes



EUROPEAN UNION EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME (EU ETS): THE PRINCIPLES

What is the EU ETS?

How does it work?





Cap-and-trade system

Auctioning vs. free allocation



EUROPEAN UNION EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME (EU ETS): A DUAL IMPACT

- Direct impact
 - Carbon leakage
 - Investment leakage



 Indirect impact: CO₂ cost passed in electricity prices



Source: Ecofys



EUROPEAN UNION EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME (EU ETS): THE CHALLENGES

How has it evolved?



3 phases so far, from learning-by-doing to auctioning as the principle

Does it work?



Decoupling of emissions and growth

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IMPACT ON THE FERRO-ALLOYS INDUSTRY: EXPERIENCE FROM THE CURRENT (2013-2020) TRADING PERIOD

Impact in terms of:

- Cost (direct + indirect)
- Predictability





Source: European Environment Agency, EU ETS data viewer

IMPACT ON THE FERRO-ALLOYS INDUSTRY: DIRECT COST

Ferro-alloys (observed 2013-2016)

- Extra cost (approximation):
 - ✓ 2015: €1.5 mln
 - ✓ 2016: €2.5 mln

Scenario for ferro-alloys (tentative 2021-2030)

- More stringent framework = lower level of free allocation to protect competitiveness
- Carbon price is a central factor





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Source: EUTL, EUROALLIAGES

IMPACT ON THE FERRO-ALLOYS INDUSTRY: INDIRECT COST

Indirect cost = CO₂ cost passed into electricity price

- No harmonization of indirect emissions compensation expected after State Aid Guidelines review in 2019
- Carbon price is a major factor



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THE EU ETS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT



World map of Emission Trading Schemes and carbon tax measures Source: World Bank and Ecofys, Carbon pricing watch 2017



CONCLUSIONS

- ***** The EU ETS puts an important cost pressure on European industry
- It is all the more true for the post-2020 period: "life or death" issue
 - Objective "net zero carbon emissions" in the EU by 2050
 - Political will to address climate change at international level...
 - ✤ ... But we are far from a global carbon market





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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