

## LIFE ENSPIRE & LIFE COASE Workshop

### Shaping the Future of the EU ETS: Lessons, Challenges, and Pathways for Reform

12.09.2025 (Friday), 10:00-14:00

Online (MS Teams) & IOŚ-PIB office (Warsaw, Słowicza 32)

This event is jointly organized by the Centre for Climate and Energy Analyses (CAKE)/National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE) and the Florence School of Regulation/European University Institute (FSR EUI). It will explore the current state and future challenges of climate policy in the EU and beyond, with a particular focus on the EU ETS, policy alignment, cross-border cooperation, and the role of carbon pricing and the CBAM.

The EU ETS has long been a key policy in the EU's climate agenda. Since its launch in 2005, it has reduced emissions in covered sectors by almost 50%, while the EU economy has grown by over 30% — demonstrating the effectiveness of well-designed market instruments. However, the system is now undergoing major changes: the introduction of the CBAM, the extension to new sectors through ETS2. Further potential developments include expansion to waste, agriculture, or new countries such as Ukraine and those in the Western Balkans.

A central topic will also be the EU's proposed 2040 emission reduction target, which marks a milestone on the path to climate neutrality by 2050. Discussions will highlight the need to revise the EU ETS in light of these changes, including the integration of carbon removals and international offsets.

The workshop will present CAKE's recent analyses and introduce the LIFE ENSPIRE project - a new initiative supporting the development of climate policy in Poland, the EU, and neighbouring regions. It will also feature key findings from the LIFE COASE project, reflecting on 20 years of the EU ETS in terms of sectoral and economic coverage, installation entries and exits, and carbon market activity. Finally, the workshop will preview the upcoming LIFE NETS project.

Bringing together policymakers, industry representatives, experts, and academics from Poland, the workshop will foster discussion on the current state and future role of carbon pricing as a cornerstone of Europe's climate strategy.

## Agenda

**10.00 – 10.10** Welcome & Opening Remarks

**10.10 – 11.00** Session 1: EUI Presentations

- **Marie Raude, FSR EUI** – *Key findings from 20 years of the EU ETS (LIFE COASE)*
- **Lea Heinrich, FSR EUI** – *Introducing LIFE NETS (LIFE NETS)*

**11.00 – 11.45** Sessions 2: CAKE/KOBIZE presentations

- **Maciej Pyrka, CAKE** – *EU ETS reforms (LIFE ENSPIRE)*
- **Jakub Boratyński, CAKE** – *EU CBAM: Carbon Content and Cost Estimates for 2030-2035 (LIFE ENSPIRE)*

**11:45 – 12:00** Coffee break

**12.00 – 13.00** Sessions 3: Panel discussion “Future of the EU ETS post-2030”

Panelists:

- **Robert Jeszke**, Deputy Director of the Institute of Environmental Protection – National Research Institute (IOŚ-PIB), Director of The National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBIZE)
- **Simone Borghesi**, Director of the Florence School of Regulation – Climate (FSR Climate), part-time professor at the EUI, President of EAERE [TBC]/ **Jacopo CAMMEO**, Research Associate at the Florence School of Regulation – Climate
- **Paweł Różycki**, Deputy Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment
- **Renata Auchimik**, Expert, Department of Regulatory Risk Management, PKN Orlen

Moderation: CAKE

**13.00 – 13.15** Q&A and Summary

**13:15 – 14:00** Lunch

*The workshop is free of charge, but registration is required. It is a hybrid event and will take place both at the IOŚ-PIB office and online via Microsoft Teams. The event will be conducted in English only, with no interpretation provided.*

The **LIFE ENSPIRE** project is coordinated by the CAKE/KOBiZE team at the Institute of Environmental Protection - National Research Institute (IOŚ-PIB). The project aim to strengthen knowledge, analytical capacity, and policy development on climate and energy issues in Poland, the EU and selected non-EU countries, with a particular focus on carbon pricing mechanisms and international cooperation. LIFE ENSPIRE develops an analytical framework, including datasets and numerical models, designed to examine the impact of climate policies in the EU and in the neighbouring regions on emissions and economic growth paths, taking into account trade interdependencies and differentiated mitigation options.

The **LIFE COASE** project, co-funded by the EU Life Programme of the European Commission and coordinated by the FSR Climate team at the European University Institute (EUI), supports EU and Member State policymakers in implementing and developing the [European Union Emissions Trading System](#) (EU ETS), including its links with other emissions trading systems. It fosters cooperation between policymakers, academia and stakeholders while raising public awareness on emissions trading. The project focuses on assessing and improving data related to the EU ETS to provide a strong knowledge base for policymakers and researchers.

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