

IFIEC Europe-press release

IE calls on real structural reform of ETS post-2020 after today's vote in EP on back-loading

Brussels, 3 July 2013 – Today the European Parliament held a second vote on the European Commission's carbon emissions allowance back-loading proposal. IFIEC Europe took note of the results of today's vote and calls on all parties to now concentrate on the important challenges ahead.

IFIEC Europe's Chairwoman of the Working Party Climate & Efficiency, Ms Dr Annette Loske, states that "aligning the energy and climate policy until 2030 must include a real structural reform of ETS post-2020 in order to make it an instrument which avoids carbon leakage".

IFIEC Europe still sees the Emissions Trading System (ETS) as the best lever to come to an international agreement. But, for ETS to serve as a blueprint worldwide, the EU first needs to reform it and to make it growth-proof: emerging countries will not join a system which sets barriers to industrial growth.

IFIEC Europe wants to be a constructive partner in these important debates and has made its contributions already with concrete proposals.

IFIEC Europe looks forward to work with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Member States and other stakeholders to overcome the divisive debate around back-loading.

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