

As by 2016 renewables will outclass gas as an energy source as being more cost effective, the current targets are too low. It does not show the sense of urgency which is required. It does not show the level of statemanship which EU citizens expect from their leaders.

With regards to ETS, this is a systematics implemented as the only acceptable solution at the time, and probably still the only useful system. It however has been disabled from the start by providing free certificates. Something free has no value, which is exactly what occurs today.

Yet, it seems the wrong signal to abandon the system. You simply need to adjust the value again, be devaluating the current certificates. Instead of certificate per ton, make it by half a ton, or even better a quarter resulting in needing 4 certificates per ton! This way the value is getting closer to reality. In addition, the cap needs to be reduced faster, with a yearly adjustment according to the changed market situation.

Besides this ETS system, countries need to confirm each is going to go for 40% renewable energy by 2040, and 50% by 2050. It is time to stop playing and become serious. The cost of not doing so will be much higher than taking this route.

The taxation of a country towards the EU must be adapted according to the results a country makes according to the above targets. Not reaching resulting in a higher tax, overperforming being granted with a reduction.

Kind regards,

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