



First meeting of the CEPS Task Force on

## **Benchmarking for the EU ETS and Beyond**

**23 June 2009**

- Introduction to the Task Force: objectives and timeline
- The EU process
- Definitions and implications of benchmarks
- Past EU experiences
- Agreement of terms of reference

### **Agenda**

Big Conference Room, Ground floor,  
CEPS, Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels; tel.: +32 2 229 3911; [www.ceps.eu](http://www.ceps.eu) , see online map

- 09:30            Registration and welcome
- 10:00            **Introduction by the Chair of Task Force**  
**Anna Törner**, Ministry for Enterprise, Energy and telecommunications, Sweden
- 10:10            **Presentation of Participants**
- 10:20            **Introduction to the Task force (objectives, agenda, operation)**  
**Christian Egenhofer**, Head of the Energy Programme, CEPS
- 10:40            **Session 1. The EU process on benchmarking: status and key issues for the next months and the potential role of the CEPS Task Force**  
**Yvon Slingenberg**, Head of unit, DG Environment, European Commission  
**Didier Herbert**, Head of unit, DG Enterprise, European Commission  
*Discussion*
- 11:40            **The process and main open issues of the Commission's benchmarking exercise**  
Introduction by **Maarten Neelis**, Ecofys  
*Discussion*
- 12:10            **Session II. What is benchmarking and do we all mean the same thing?**  
Introduction by **Hubert Van den Bergh**, formerly head of the Flemish benchmarking office  
*Discussion*
- 13:00            **Light lunch at CEPS**

- 14:00 **Session II. What is benchmarking and do we all mean the same thing? (cont'd)**  
**Followed by comments by industry, member states and NGOs**  
*Discussion*
- 15:30 **Wrap-up of meeting and agreement on the terms of reference for further work**
- 16:30 End of meeting

### **Tentative agenda for second meeting, 8 July:**

Morning: What is Europe's experience with benchmarking?

- ETS/NAP-related experiences: Sweden, Slovenia, UK
- Non-ETS/NAP-related: Netherlands, Flanders
- IPPC: why was it not successful?
- Discussants from NGOs, industry and member states

Afternoon: Low-carbon pathways and positive incentives for innovation in strategic sectors with focus on innovation and breakthrough technologies, costs of technologies, and research road map: presentations by a limited number of sectors

- Introduction by McKinsey
- Presentation by cement sector (e.g. Holcim) on clinker
- Presentation by steel sector (e.g. ThyssenKrupp) on breakthrough technology
- Presentation by refinery sector (e.g. Shell)
- Presentation by other sectors
- The role of small and medium sized enterprises
- Discussants from NGOs and member states

Note the possibility that some of the issues of the second meeting may spill over to the third meeting.
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### **Tentative agenda for third meeting:**

Morning: What the others do

- Representative from Ministry for Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan on "Japanese benchmarking exercises and what we can learn from them"
- Representative from Japanese industry involved in APP process on "APP lessons"
- Carolyn Fischer, Resources for the Future (RFF), Washington D.C. on "US discussions"
- Discussants from NGOs, industry and member states

Afternoon: The international dimension

- Introduction by a representative from Project Catalyst
- Global sectoral approaches
- The CDM, Post-2012 flexible mechanisms, sectoral trading and sectoral crediting
- International competitiveness
- The role of small and medium sized enterprises