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Does the EU ETS produce the "right" price signal?

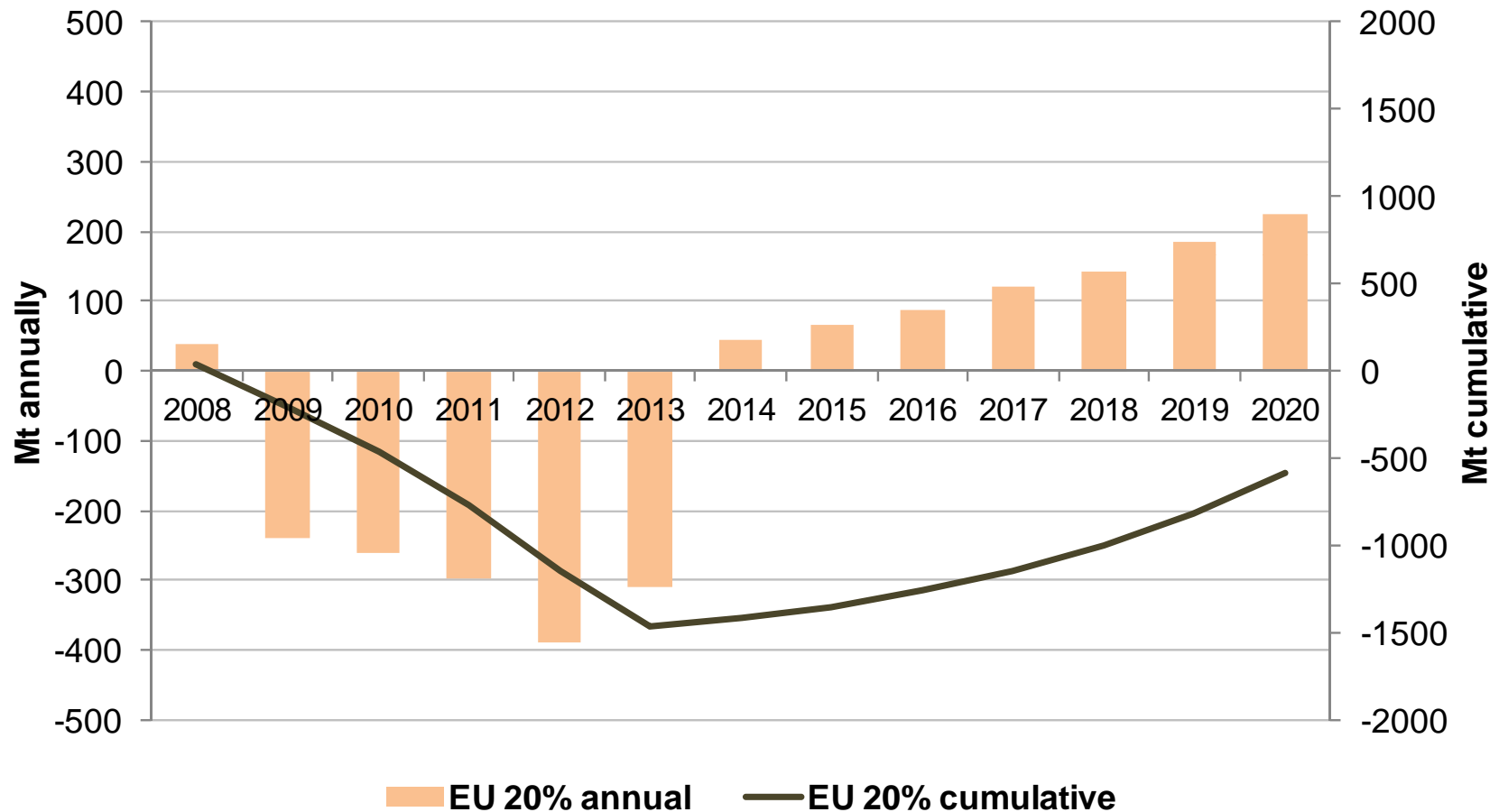
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Providing the "right" price signal?



How to get the "right" price signal?

Change the allocation	Price management
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt a target beyond 20%• Set-aside of phase 3 allowances• New "use restrictions" on credits• Early decision on phase 4 cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Price floor/ceiling (AUS, NZ, CA)• Minimum auction price (CA)• "Strategic reserve" (CA)• Carbon bank (and price target)

Set-aside vs target beyond 20%

- In principle the same as changing the cap, but:
 - In order to change the cap, an amendment of the EU ETS directive is needed (full co-decision, 2-3 year timeline)
 - A set-aside could potentially be created in an amendment of the Auctioning Regulation (comitology)
 - Reducing the auctioning volume by 100-140 Mt/year would be in line with a 25% reduction target
- However, an amendment of the EU ETS directive is needed to eventually cancel the set-aside
- Is it politically feasible?

Thank you for the attention!

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