

Between CBAM, equity, and ambition – finding a just way to reach climate targets

In-person event Thursday, 21. March 2024, 14:00-17:00 CET

Venue — Quadriga Forum, Werderscher Markt 13, 10117 Berlin

The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) as introduced in October 2023 initially applies only to a selected number of goods at high risk of carbon leakage: iron and steel, cement, fertiliser, aluminium and electricity generation. Until 2026, the focus is on gathering and reporting the data required for assessing the carbon values of imported products. After this transitional period, importers of CBAM goods must pay a fee, proportional to the carbon costs faced by domestic production. This gradual approach, focused mainly on carbon values, is intended to smooth the roll-out and to facilitate dialogue with countries impacted by this measure. At the European level, the introduction of CBAM will lead to the withdrawal of free carbon allowances for sectors vulnerable to carbon leakage. After 2030, the scope of the covered sectors will be expanded further.

This BETD side event hosted by the International Network of the Energy Transition Think Tanks (INETTT) will take the form of a dialogue between EU and non-EU countries. It will cross-check the effects of CBAM as intended by the EU (Germany, Poland) against the impacts expected in Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, Türkiye and China – on socioeconomic, political, and geopolitical levels. The event aims to foster ideas on how to mitigate any potential negative effects of the CBAM in both its current and future scopes.

The members of the network from Mexico (Iniciativa Climatica de Mexico), Brazil (E+ Energy Transition Institute), Indonesia (Institute for Essential Services Reform), Poland (Forum Energii), Germany (Agora Industry), Türkiye (SHURA Energy Transition Center), and an expert guest representing the Chinese perspective (adelphi), as well as the audience gathered at the event, will explore the reality of introducing CBAM inside and outside of the EU with particular focus on community and economic impacts in the affected non-EU countries. The event will also deep dive into ways to address these issues and foster international cooperation on just energy and industrial transitions.

Registration

Participation at this event is free of charge. You can register at https://www.agora-energiewende.org/news-events/between-cbam-equity-and-ambition

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Programme

| 13:30 | Registration and coffee |
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| | Moderation: Rabia Ferroukhi, Director, INETTT Secretariat |
| 14:00 | Welcome Lidia Wojtal, Project Lead, INETTT Secretariat |
| 14:05 | Introduction to INETTT and the global ambition framework Rabia Ferroukhi, Director, INETTT Secretariat |

14:15 Part 1: The impacts of CBAM - the European and non-European perspectives

Presentations and reactions:

Tobiasz Adamczewski, Renewables Programme Director, Forum Energii, Poland Alkım Bağ Güllü, Director, SHURA Energy Transition Center, Türkiye Eleanor Batilliet, Project Officer, Agora Industry, Germany Zhibin Chen, Senior Expert, adelphi, China perspective Rosana Rodrigues, Executive Director, E+ Energy Transition Institute, Brazil Aylin Shawkat, Project Manager, Agora Industry, Germany Luisa Sierra, Energy Director, Iniciativa Climática de México, Mexico Fabby Tumiwa, Executive Director, Institute for Essential Services Reform, Indonesia

| 16:40 | Wrap up and reception |
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| 16:00 | Part 3: Report from the tables and a moderated panel discussion |
| 15:15 | Part 2: CBAM discussions at regional tables – Europe, LATAM, Asia |
| 15:00 | Coffee Break |

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