

# TAIEX TRATOLOW High level workshop on a regional approach to carbon pricing

*Organised in co-operation with*

*Transition towards Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Economy in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (TRATOLOW)*

**9 - 10 October 2023**

**Venue:**

*Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof  
Herrengasse 10 | 1010 Wien, Austria*

**Beneficiary:**

*Western Balkans and Türkiye*

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## Aim of the Event:

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The ETS and carbon pricing are key milestones for the region of the Western Balkans and Türkiye that provide high opportunities as well as huge challenges. The main objective of the event is to take a next step in exchanging interest and updating of the recent EU policy and plans for the region as well as discussing the advantages and disadvantages for a joint approach to carbon pricing in the Western Balkan and Türkiye. Using a peer-to-peer approach, the specific objectives include:

- Learning lessons from EU Member States, focusing on the value of early preparation and a shared approach to selected elements,
- Peer-to-peer exchange of lessons learned in the region, current discussions and planned further preparations to national implementation of carbon pricing,
- Sharing interest in actively sharing lessons learned, and where possible making agreements on joint capacity building
- Where relevant, making agreements on pursuing joint operation of selected parts of ETS infrastructure for carbon pricing.

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## Speakers:

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- **Ms. Stine Rasmussen**  
DG CLIMA
  - **Ms. Jelena Milos**  
DG NEAR
  - **Mr. Ivica Orlovic**  
DG TAXUD
  - **Ms. Melita Zdilar**  
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Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatia
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Head of Climate Change Mitigation Division  
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  - **Ms. Marissa Santikarn**  
Carbon Pricing Expert  
World Bank
  - **Mr. Peter Pozsgai**  
Governance Expert  
Energy Community Secretariat
  - **Mr. Sture Skinnar**  
Senior Customs Officer  
Finnish Customs
  - **Mr. Tomas Aukstinaitis**  
Senior Advisor  
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- **Ms. Violeta Philippitsch**  
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  - **Ms. Monique Voogt**  
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## Day 1: Monday 9 October 2023

**Chair:** Ms. Stine Rasmussen

**Venue:** Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

**Interpretation available:** EN, MK, TR, HR, SQ

Local time	
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Arrival of participants</b> - <i>Coffee will be served</i> <i>Please be reminded to sign the attendance list</i>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Opening remarks and presentation of the agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Violeta <b>Philippitsch</b></li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:50	<b>Current priorities in carbon pricing in Europe</b> Implementing the Fit-for-55 package and establishing ETS in neighboring countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Stine <b>Rasmussen</b></li> </ul>
11:50 – 12:25	<b>Financial support to help decarbonization on the Western Balkan</b> The New Growth plan for the Western Balkan and the fifth investment package under the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jelena <b>Milos</b></li> </ul>
12:25 – 12:50	<b>Implementing the decarbonization roadmap</b> Adoption of the MRVA package and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Peter <b>Pozsgai</b></li> </ul>
12:50 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Implementing the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism</b> Implementing regulation on monitoring and reporting in the transitional period and the planning towards the full implementation of CBAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ivica <b>Orlovic</b></li> </ul>
14:30 – 15:00	<b>CBAM risk assessment</b> Support activities to beneficiary countries in preparation of CBAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marissa <b>Santikarn</b></li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>National implementation of CBAM</b> Assigning competent authority and preparing various stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Sture <b>Skinnar</b></li> </ul>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:35	<b>Discussion: needs, challenges and opportunities for establishing carbon pricing in the beneficiary countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from all beneficiary economies</li> </ul>

<b>17:35 – 17:45</b>	<b>Close and agenda for the next day</b>
<b>19:00</b>	Dinner at Kanzleramt (Schauflegasse 6, 1010 Vienna)
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 10 October 2023</b>	
<b>Chair: TRATOLOW Team Leader</b>	
<i>Local time 8:30 – 9:00</i>	<i>Arrival of participants and registration, technical verifications</i>
<b>09:00 – 09:10</b>	<b>Welcome and agenda of the day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Violeta <b>Philippitsch</b></li> </ul>
<b>09:10 – 09:30</b>	<b>Regional cooperation in implementing carbon pricing – what could this mean?</b> Values and limitations to cooperation in various ETS building blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Monique <b>Voogt</b></li> </ul>
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>The value of government-to-government support in implementing EU ETS</b> Overview of activities and lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Melita <b>Zdliar</b></li> </ul>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Building on international good practice in implementing ETS MRVA</b> How lessons learned and international support was used in developing the MRR rulebook and other ETS MRVA preparations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dragana <b>Radulovic</b></li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>International cooperation in accreditation and verification</b> Considerations for relying on foreign capacity and lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tomas <b>Aukstinaitis</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:25</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:25 – 12:15</b>	<b>Tour-du-table on recent developments to implementing carbon pricing and preparing for CBAM</b> Short status update by Beneficiaries on recent developments and challenges in preparation/update of climate law, (preparing for) implementation of the ETS MRVA legislative package and the response strategy to CBAM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from all beneficiary economies</li> </ul>
<b>12:15 – 13:00</b>	<b>Identifying key needs, challenges and opportunities for international ETS cooperation between Beneficiaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:15</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14:15 – 15:15</b>	<b>Identifying key needs, challenges and opportunities for international ETS cooperation between Beneficiaries - continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants</li> </ul>
<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	<b>Conclusions, next steps and end of the meeting</b>



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