

# The revision of the EU Emissions Trading System for the period after 2020

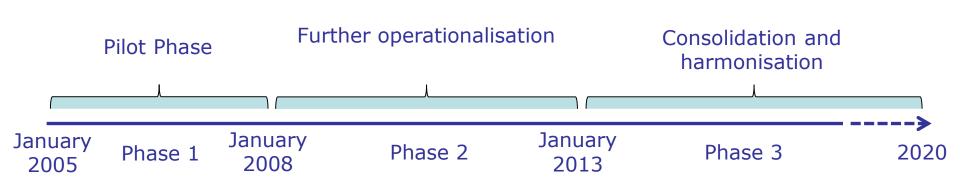
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#### **EU ETS Timeline**



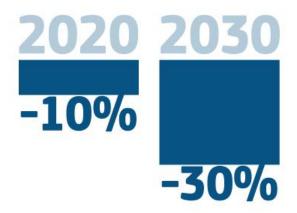
Phase 4: 2021-2030

 rules established by the revised ETS directive (March 2018)

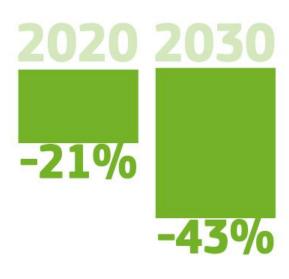


# Domestic reductions in emissions from ETS and non-ETS sectors

EMISSION REDUCTIONS IN ETS AND NON-ETS COMPARED TO 2005



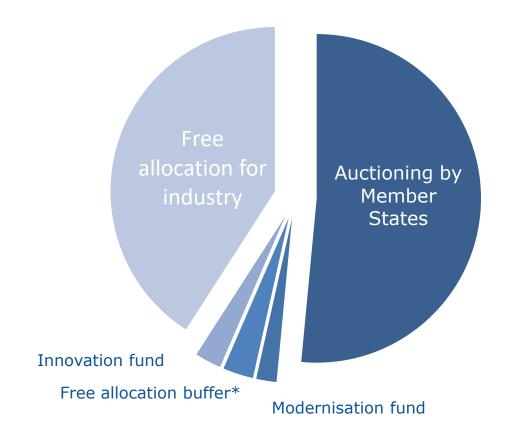








#### **Structure of the EU ETS in Phase 4**





# Key issues in the political debate

EU ETS strengthening



Free allocation and carbon leakage



Low-carbon funds



# **Strengthening of the EU ETS**

Aim: strengthen the carbon price signal and effectively address surplus on EU carbon market



#### Steeper declining cap

Annual reduction 2013-2020: -1.74% ( $\approx$ 38 mt CO<sub>2</sub>) Annual reduction from 2021: -2.2% ( $\approx$ 48 mt CO<sub>2</sub>)



# Effectively addressing the surplus on the EU carbon market

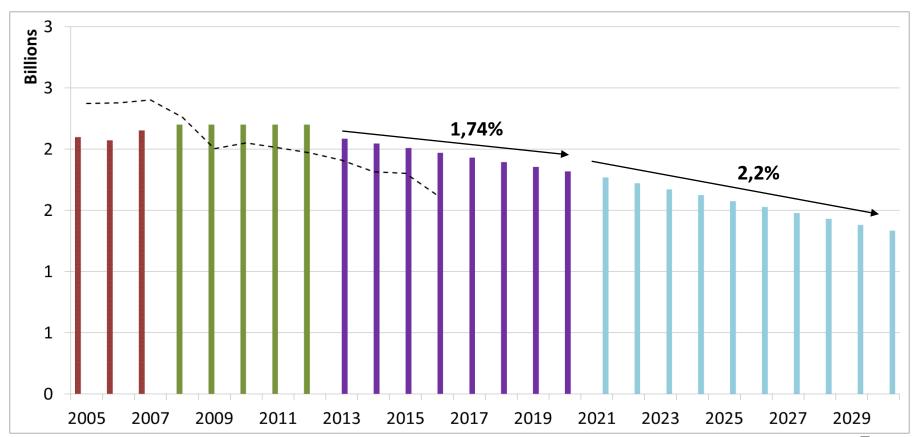
Double the feeding rate of the Market Stability Reserve Limit the validity of allowances in the reserve as of 2023



Review clause in the context of global stock-takes under the Paris Agreement



# Increase of the Linear Reduction Factor to 2,2% as of 2021





# Free allocation and carbon leakage



Continued free allocation to industry as safeguard against the risk of carbon leakage



Regularly updated benchmarks to preserve ambition level and reflect technological progress



Closer alignment with production: allocations adjusted due to changes in production (> 15%)



Possibility for a limited conversion of auction volume into free allocation ('buffer')



Indirect cost compensation continued with enhanced reporting and transparency



#### Low-carbon funds

Significant financial support for innovation and modernisation of energy systems available through the EU ETS

#### **Innovation Fund**

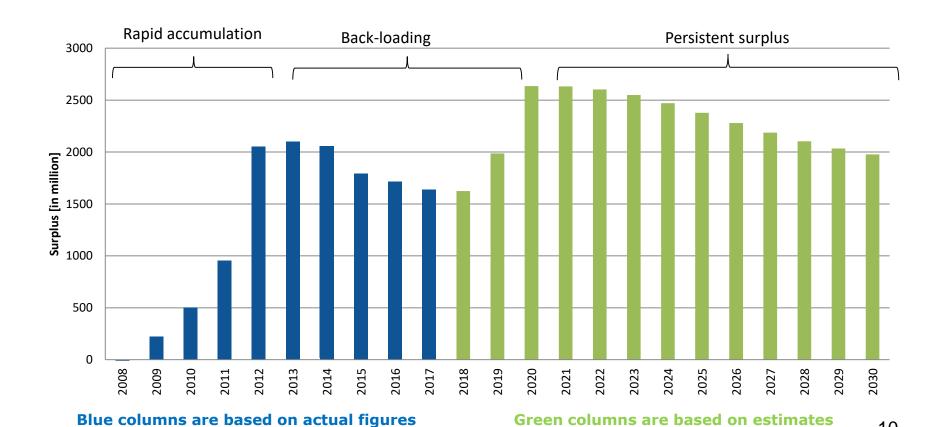
 At least 450 million allowances to support renewables and carbon capture and storage (CCS) as well as breakthrough technologies in industry in all Member States

#### **Modernisation Fund**

- At least 2% of phase 4 cap to support modernisation of energy systems and just transition in 10 lower income FU Member States
- No support to energy generation from solid fossil fuels



# The origins of the strengthening debate



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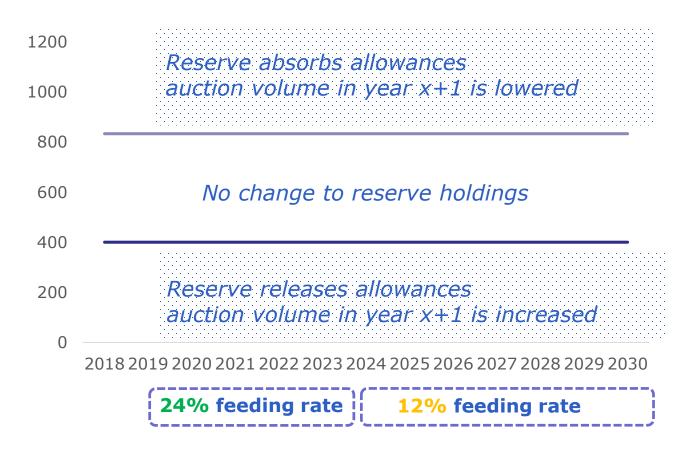
# The ETS Market Stability Reserve

Volume and rule-based tool to address the market surplus and make ETS resilient to (future) demand shocks

- Works by reducing/increasing future auction volume
  - No effect on free allocation to industry
- Annual publication of total number of allowances in circulation
- Starts operating in Jan 2019, first review in 2021
- Temporary doubling of feeding rate from 2019 to 2023 and limited validity of allowances as of 2023
- First feed in Jan to Aug 2019 of some 265 million allowances
  - corresponds to some 400 million on an annual basis



# **EU ETS Market Stability Reserve**





# The European carbon price pattern



Source: ICE



# Forthcoming challenges

- Implementation work to be ready by January 2021:
  - Free allocation rules, carbon leakage, benchmarks
  - Low-carbon funding mechanisms
- Long-term strategy

On 22 March 2018, the European Council asked the Commission to present a proposal for a strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction in accordance with the Paris Agreement



# Thank you!

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