



INTERNATIONAL CARBON OFFSETS IN EU CLIMATE LEGISLATION – TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE?

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AN EVENT KINDLY HOSTED BY:
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OTHERS TBC

EU policy makers are currently debating the design of the EU's Climate Framework for the period 2020-2030. Although the use of international offset credits in Europe's climate legislation was originally intended to make mitigation action cheaper, the European Commission has concluded in its report "The state of the European carbon market in 2012" that offset credits have actually undermined domestic mitigation action.

Moreover, numerous offset projects have been criticised for not achieving sustainability benefits, their declared secondary goal. The UNFCCC has so far failed to address evidence about CDM projects linked to human rights abuses. More generally, the CDM keeps supporting unsustainable technologies, such as coal power plants.

In December 2013 the European Commission is expected to publish more concrete proposals for the 2030 framework for climate and energy policies. In light of the current Parliament report on the 2030 climate and energy framework, this event will provide an opportunity to discuss the experience and take into account the lessons learnt from international offsets for the 2030 climate framework.

In light of a new international climate treaty that will require concerted action by both developed and developing countries, this event will also look beyond the concept of offsetting and explain how NAMAs, mitigation actions in developing countries, can address the challenges of reducing emissions while contributing to sustainable development and alleviate poverty.

Agenda:

12:00 Sandwich lunch

12:10 **Introduction**, Bas Eickhout MEP

- 12:20 Role of international offsets in the EU climate framework, Thomas Bernheim, European Commission, Directorate General for Climate Action
- 12:40 Double standards on offsets in EU legislation, Natasha Hurley, Environmental Investigation Agency
- 13:00 A shared vision on National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs): How to design, implement and finance mitigation action in developing countries without offsetting, Tomas Wyns, CCAP
- 13:20 The good, the bad, and the ugly: lessons learnt and looking ahead, Eva Filzmoser, Carbon Market Watch
- 13:40 **Discussion**
- 13:50 **Closing remarks**, Peter Liese MEP

The event will be moderated by MEP Bas Eickhout

We would be delighted to welcome you as a distinguished guest during the event. Please note that the participation of external organizations is welcome. However, due to limited space available we kindly ask for your understanding that registrations from within the European Parliament will be accepted first.

To register please complete the online form [here](#). Deadline for participants requiring a pass to enter the European Parliament is **9 October 2013, 12.00 CET**.