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the Energy Transition
Call on European Governments to Deliver
A Real Price on Carbon

In the future, a carbon price in Europe and governments need to act now to achieve the goals they committed to in its Paris Agreement. More broadly, EU households and businesses in the form of carbon tax or instruments will be needed. Wider efforts at international or regional level are necessary to address the significant challenges that the EU faces. It is thus necessary for Member States to bring forward the EU ETS, which provides a strong and stable price signal that would encourage innovation and investment in low-carbon technologies and help to achieve the EU's decarbonisation goals. The European Union's Emission Trading System (EU-ETS) is the world’s largest carbon market, with a robust price signal that influences investment decisions across the continent.

But while the EU is moving ahead, other regions need to follow suit. Countries and regions around the world are increasingly implementing carbon pricing mechanisms to address their own climate change goals. These measures are critical in driving investment in low-carbon technologies and infrastructure, and in fostering a global transition to a low-carbon economy. The EU’s experience can serve as a model for others, helping to accelerate the global transition to a low-carbon future.

In the absence of a global carbon price, there is a need for a robust and transparent system of carbon pricing. This would encourage the transition to a low-carbon economy while providing a clear signal for investments in clean energy technologies. Such a system could be achieved through a combination of carbon taxes, emissions trading schemes, and other carbon pricing mechanisms. The key is to ensure that these mechanisms are designed to be effective and efficient, and that they are consistent with broader economic and social goals.

Conclusion

The EU’s experience with carbon pricing is a model for the world. It demonstrates the effectiveness of such mechanisms in driving investment and innovation, and in fostering a transition to a low-carbon economy. Other regions and countries must follow suit, and work together to ensure a global transition to a low-carbon future.