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### Introduction

To kick off our annual regional Climate Summit series for 2026, [IETA](#) look forward to welcoming delegates this Spring to our flagship **European Climate Summit (ECS) 2026**, 14-16 April at [Casa Llotja de Mar](#) in Barcelona, Spain.

ECS takes place amid a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape, even as carbon markets in the EU and globally continue to mature and expand. A new political cycle for EU climate action has begun, and the task of preparing carbon markets for their next stage presents both new challenges and opportunities. In this dynamic context, competitiveness, integrity, and innovation will be at the heart of our discussion.

Join us in Barcelona to be part of the conversation driving the next phase of carbon market evolution. ECS provides an excellent opportunity to engage with policymakers, business leaders, and climate market pioneers who are shaping the future of carbon markets. Organised by [IETA](#), ECS is an in-person event.

### Daily Snapshot

**14 April** : Summit Sessions, Side Events, Member Meetings & Welcome Reception

**15 April** : Summit Sessions, Side Events & IETA Nightcap Reception

**16 April** : Summit Sessions, Side Events

### Practical Information

- Interested in **speaking**, hosting your own side event session or close meeting, contact Lisa Spafford, [spafford@ieta.org](mailto:spafford@ieta.org)
- Join and be visible as a **partner sponsor**, contact [events@ieta.org](mailto:events@ieta.org)  
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**Register [HERE](#)**
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- **Venue:** Casa Llotja de Mar, 1 Passeig d'Isabel II, 008003 Barcelona

## Agenda Overview (subject to updates)

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### DAY 1 – TUESDAY 14 APRIL

8:30-18:00 Registration & Welcome Tea & Coffee

**9:00-10:15 Workshop 1 - VCM Dialogue: Addressing the Key Barriers to Scale Demand for Voluntary Use of Carbon Credits**

This interactive workshop explores how to scale corporate demand for the voluntary use of carbon credits. Through roundtable thematic huddles, participants will examine what companies need from governments and standard setters to invest confidently in decarbonization. Discussions will address key barriers, the role of credits in net-zero targets, reputational risk, Article 6 and compliance markets interactions, market transparency, and credit quality.

10:15-10:45 Tea & Coffee Break

**10:45-11:45 Workshop 2 – IETA: Joining with Purpose**

What does it mean to be a member of IETA? Designed for curious, strategic organizations looking to join a global network of carbon market leaders, this session is an opportunity to gain insight into how members engage in IETA's work, contribute to policy dialogue, and help shape market-based climate solutions. For more information and interest in participating, please contact Meg Miller, [miller@ieta.org](mailto:miller@ieta.org).

**12:00-13:00 Workshop 3 – The Role of Carbon Markets in the Energy Transition**

The world continues to demand more innovative technologies and mechanisms to achieve nations' climate targets. Reflecting on the latest energy data, technology and market trends, this session will explore a range of possible energy futures and examine how unlocking the potential of the evolving carbon markets could be a game-changer for climate action and the energy transition.

13:00-14:15 Lunch Break

13:00-16:00 IETA Members Meeting – EU Working Group (*including a dedicated Lunch served between 12:00-13:00*)

14:15-15:15 **Workshop 4 – In-person Launch of the 'Emissions Trading Worldwide: ICAP Status Report 2026'**

Annual highlight presenting the latest developments in emissions trading around the world. The report includes state and outlook of emissions trading worldwide, detailed factsheets on every system in operation, under development, and under consideration, infographics that visualize the systems' characteristics.

15:00-18:00 IETA Members Meeting – IETA Council

15:15-15:45 Tea & Coffee Break

15:45-16:45 Side Event 1 – Organised by StoneX

Side Event 2 – Organised by 1PointFive

17:00-18:00 Side Event 3 – Organised by Verra

Side Event 4 – Organised by MSCI

18:00-19:30 European Climate Summit Welcome Reception  
Opened to all Summit Delegates.

## DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00-9:30 Welcome Addresses & Keynote

9:30-10:30 Plenary 1 – Opening Ministerial Armchair: What's the Future of Multilateral Climate Action?

What is the way forward for multilateral climate action? More and more countries are implementing pricing mechanisms, both as a way to engage with Article 6 to achieve their NDC targets but also as a way to mitigate the impact of border carbon levies such as CBAM. Will the proliferation of market systems lead to the emergence of a global carbon price that might in turn help reduce the impact of CBAM?

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Plenary 2 – How the EU can Best Leverage Article 6 in its 2040 Climate Target

With the new European Climate Law confirming that up to 5% of the 2040

target may be met through international credits, the EU must now decide how to integrate these units into its climate policy architecture. The choice will shape market dynamics and the design of the 2031–2035 pilot phase. This panel will discuss emerging Article 6 approaches and how to leverage international credits to support its 2040 goal while preserving environmental integrity and reinforcing international climate cooperation.

12:00-13:00 Networking Lunch

13:00-14:00 Side Event 5 – Organised by S&P Global Energy

Side Event 6 – Organised by TotalEnergies & Bridge Carbon

14:15-15:15 Breakout 1 – 2026 EU ETS Review Deep Dive Series

**Part 1: Integration of Carbon Removals in the EU ETS: The Goal, the Governance, and the Impact on Market Functioning**  
**Part 2: The Role of the EU ETS in Supporting Industrial Transition: At the Crossroads of Free Allocation Phase-Out, the Industrial Decarbonisation Bank, and CBAM**

**Breakout 2 – Connecting Carbon Markets: Lessons from Linked and Emerging ETS Systems**

Cross-border cooperation on emissions trading is increasingly recognised to enhance market efficiency, price stability, and collective climate ambition. This session will bring together government representatives discuss governance considerations, technical and legal challenges, and lessons learned from linking emissions trading systems, as well as the potential implications for future international carbon market integration.

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:45 Breakout 3 – 2026 EU ETS Review Deep Dive Series

**Part 3: Future Outlook for the Market Stability Reserve in the EU ETS and ETS2: Upcoming MSR Review, Reform Options, and More Flexible Governance Arrangements**  
**Part 4: Future Outlook for Application of the EU ETS to International Aviation: Scenarios and Market Impact**

**Breakout 4 – Biomass Satellite: Data Use Cases and Scalability**

European Space Agency (ESA) launched its cutting-edge Biomass satellite in April 2025, capable of measuring branches and tree trunks through

dense forest canopies. What opportunities are there for such sophisticated data in carbon markets, and is it scalable?

17:00-18:00 **Plenary 3 – The Countdown to ETS2: Is the EU Ready for its New Carbon Market?**

With the proposed one-year delay to the launch of the EU's new emissions trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors (ETS2), political uncertainty has entered a crucial phase of implementation. This high-level session will unpack the latest market and policy expectations for ETS2, and discuss the state of transposition and institutional preparedness. Experts will assess whether the EU is truly on track for a smooth and credible start to its newest carbon market.

21:00-00:00 **IETA Nightcap Party**

Separate paid ticket required for entrance, purchased online in advance of the party. Limited capacity. Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

**DAY 3 - THURSDAY 16 APRIL**

8:30-10:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00-10:00 **Workshop 5 – Women in Carbon Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 **Side Event 7 – To be announced**

10:15-11:15 **Plenary 4 – VCM 2.0: Corporate Climate Action and Support NDCs Delivery**

Clear rules on corporate claims, permissible use of carbon credits, reputational risk, Article 6 interactions, legal nature and credits quality remain key barriers to scale voluntary carbon markets. This plenary explores the role of VCM in the New Carbon Order and progress towards convergence and confidence to support corporate decarbonization and NDCs delivery.

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:45 **Breakout 5 – EU CBAM Definitive Regime: Implementation Challenges, System Review and Pathways Forward**

With the CBAM definitive regime in force, operators and authorities are working through the practical requirements of full compliance. This session provides a technical update on the implementation framework, with a focus

on the recognition of carbon prices paid in third countries. The session will also include insights from jurisdictions advancing CBAM-style systems, highlighting areas of alignment and divergence relevant for EU importers and exporters.

### **Breakout 6 – Scaling CORSIA in 2026: Challenges and Opportunities Affecting the Market**

As the CORSIA market moves into the final year of Phase 1, market activity is ramping up and market dynamics are beginning to come into focus. However, with a potential shortfall in supply and demand from airlines still nascent, this session will assess the state of the market and how it continues to evolve. It will also assess the impact on CORSIA of the latest policy, including key forthcoming decisions from the EU on credit eligibility and on potential extension of the scope of the EU ETS.

12:45-13:45 Networking Lunch

13:45-14:45 **Side Event 8 – To be announced**

13:30-15:00 IETA Members Meeting – Roundtable for Safe Harbour for Corporate Use of Carbon Credits

15:00-16:00 **Breakout 7 – Carbon Pricing and Public Finance: How to Use Climate Revenues in EU and Beyond?**

Climate revenues are a central pillar of EU decarbonisation strategy, as carbon prices rise and ETS coverage expands. The EU is increasingly relying on carbon pricing not only to drive emissions reductions but also to finance innovation, support investment, and social protection schemes. At the same time, debates intensify over the use of CBAM revenues. This panel will explore how climate revenues can sustain industrial competitiveness, enable a socially just transition, and reinforce the EU's global climate leadership.

### **Breakout 8 – The State of Carbon Accounting: Landscape & Outlook**

This special roundtable brings together senior industry leaders from around the world, for a moderated discussion to explore common challenges and gain new perspectives. We will address where carbon accounting was and where it needs to go, and how it relates to markets, GHG protocol, border adjustments as well as climate policy.

16:15-17:15 **Plenary 5 – Shaping Global Climate and Trade Policy**

17:15-17:30 Closing Reflections

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