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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 (limited capacity, separate paid ticket)

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
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- Attend as a **delegate**, contact Awa Antille, antille@ieta.org
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- For **media** attendance, contact Badr Maallem, maallem@ieta.org
- **Venue**: Casa Llotja de Mar, 1 Passeig d'Isabel II, 008003 Barcelona

DAY 1 – TUESDAY 14 APRIL

8:30-9:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee

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

An interactive workshop on scaling corporate demand for voluntary carbon credits. Through thematic roundtables, participants explore corporate claims, permissible use of carbon credits, reputational risk, Article 6 interactions, credits legal nature & quality. Discussions lead to common understanding of barriers & priorities to move forward the voluntary carbon market.

Facilitator: Luis Panichelli, VCM Policy Director - IETA

Table Leads:

- . Bård Inge Hamre, Senior Manager Carbon Markets - Equinor
- . Peter Albin, Carbon Offset Market Lead - Wood Mackenzie
- . Jan-Willem Bode, President - PuroEarth
- . Daire Kelly, Head of Carbon Solutions - Nature-Re
- . Astrid Manciu, Expert Markets, Policy & Guidance - Forliance
- . Alex Saer, CEO - Cercarbono

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:45 **Workshop 2 – EU Carbon Market Analysts Roundtable**

With the EU ETS evolving and new dynamics shaping carbon markets, this roundtable brings together leading analysts to assess key trends and the outlook. How are investors responding to market signals? Against the backdrop of price volatility and policy uncertainty, this session will explore market fundamentals, regulatory developments, and potential interventions. A must-attend discussion for those navigating the complexities of the EU carbon market.

Moderator: Alessandro Vitelli, Communication Advisor - IETA

Speakers:

- . Riham Wahba, Senior Carbon Market Analyst Vertis - Environmental Finance

- . Trevor Sikorski, Head of Natural Gas and Carbon Research - Energy Aspects
- . Yan Qin, Principal Analyst - ClearBlue Markets
- . Patricia Merschel, Analyst - ICIS

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.

Moderator: Frédéric Gagnon-Lebrun, Compliance Market Specialist, Consultant - The Rockefeller Foundation

Introductory Remarks:

- . Jérôme Le Page, Chair of the Electricity Committee - Energy Traders EU

Speakers

- . Luca Lo Re, International Climate & Energy Analyst, Directorate for Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks - International Energy Agency (IEA)
- . Steve Kelly, President - 1PointFive
- . Robin Hüdepohl, Head of Decarbonisation Management & CDR Commercialisation - E.ON
- . Carmen Alvarez, Jurisdictional Policy Lead - Sylvera

12:30-14:00 Networking Lunch

13:00-16:00 IETA Members Only Meeting – EU Working Group

14:00-14:45 **Workshop 4 – 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, please contact Meg Miller, miller@ieta.org.

Co-Facilitators:

- . Will Gifford, Policy Manager, Aviation & NCS - IETA

. Meg Miller, Membership Program Manager - IETA

Presenters:

- . Mary Grady, Executive Director - ACR
- . Nick Osborne, Vice President, Global Carbon and Environmental Products Trading - Shell Energy
- . Malwina Burzec, Senior Manager, Center for Climate Policy - EY

14:45-15:15 Coffee Break

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

15:00-15:45 **Side Event 1 – Organised by 1PointFive: Carbon Removals in Aviation Decarbonisation**

How do permanent carbon removal solutions like Direct Air Capture play a critical role in aviation's path to net zero? This panel brings together leading experts from the carbon removal and aviation sectors to explore the latest developments in their fields, and how collaboration between them can help address some of the aviation industry's most pressing challenges.

Facilitator: Omar Zin Abidine, EMEA Engagement Partner - 1PointFive

Speakers:

- . Marla Rodriguez, Sustainable Aviation Associate - ICF
- . Steve Kelly, President - 1PointFive
- . Istvan Bart, Senior Director - Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

15:15-16:15 **Side Event 2 – Organised by BMUKN & Climate Focus & Perspectives: The PACM as Quality Benchmark for the European Context**

The EU's amended climate law allows international credits from 2036, requiring "high quality" and raising questions on how this requirement will be implemented. This session aims to foster dialogue on whether the PACM could serve as the EU's quality benchmark for high-integrity credits, gathering views from policymakers and market participants.

Moderator: Tobias Hunzai, Senior Consultant - Climate Focus

Speakers:

- . Anna Kovács, Senior Consultant - Climate Focus
- . Sergi Cuadrat, Managing Director for Carbon Markets - Perspectives

15:45-16:30 **Side Event 3 – Organised by Carbon Finance Lab: Linking Products and Services with Carbon Dioxide Removals (CDR) to Modulate Carbon Intensity**

This session will look at the benefits of linking CDRs to products and services, provide an update on Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) and showcase the ability modulate the carbon intensity.

Facilitator: David Ungar, Managing Director - Carbon Finance Labs

Speakers:

- . Marta Krupinska, CEO - CUR8
- . Benjamin Camus, Senior Director - Evolution Markets
- . Steve Kelly, President - 1PointFive

16:30-17:30 **Side Event 4 – Organised by Verra: Navigating CORSIA and Article 6.2: Practical Insights on Authorization, Eligibility, and Market Use**

This session explores Article 6.2 and CORSIA as evolving market opportunities, providing a practical overview of how authorization and eligibility are operationalized. The session will cover Verra's updated Article 6 and CORSIA label framework, explaining how labels reflect authorization stages and eligibility, and the roles of LOAs, BTRs/CARP, and insurance in enabling use and providing confidence to market participants.

Presenters:

- . Angelo Sartori, Senior Director, Government and Policy Engagement - Verra
- . Elizabeth Guinessey, Manager, Food and Blue Carbon Innovation - Verra

Side Event 5 – Organised by ICAP: Emissions Trading Worldwide: Launch of the 2026 ICAP Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) Status Report

As ETSs continue to expand, deepen, and interconnect, this session unpacks what's driving change. Drawing on the report's key findings, we'll explore the latest trends in ETS design, implementation, and reform - across systems already in force, those under development, and those under consideration globally. From industrial decarbonisation to climate policy delivery and cross-border cooperation, carbon markets are playing an increasingly pivotal role in the transition to net zero.

Presenters:

- . Stefano De Clara, Head of Secretariat - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

- . Anna Charlotte Wenzel, Carbon Market Expert - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)
- . Iryna Holovko, Carbon Market Expert - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

17:30-19:00 **European Climate Summit Welcome Reception**
Open to all Summit Delegates

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00-9:30 **Opening Addresses & Keynote**

Organiser Remarks by Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

Welcome Address by the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce

Ministerial Address by Elena Pita, Director General, Spanish Climate Change Office - Ministry of Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain

Keynote Presentation by the European Space Agency (ESA)

9:30-10:30 **Plenary 1 – Shaping Global Climate and Trade Policy: State of Play for ETS Globally**

The ECS 2026 opening plenary will kick off with a scene setting presentation discussing the key findings of the ICAP ETS Status Report, then go onto exploring the development of carbon markets in key jurisdictions around the world and how it may impact the EU ETS, CBAM implementation, Europe's competitiveness, multilateralism and global climate action.

Facilitator: Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

Scene Setting Presentation by Stefano De Clara, Head of Secretariat - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

Speakers:

- . Elena Pita, Director General, Spanish Climate Change Office - Ministry of Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain

- . Kavita Ahluwalia, Co-Chair, IETA EU Working Group & Senior Vice President, Governmental Relations International – Uniper
- . Jean-Philippe Brisson, Partner, Climate Change & Energy Transition Lead - Latham & Watkins

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 **Plenary 2 – How the EU can Best Leverage International Credits 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.

Moderator: Jacopo Bencini, Research Associate - European University Institute (EUI)

Speakers:

- . Sebastien Paquot, Head of Unit, Task Force International Carbon Pricing and Markets Diplomacy - DG CLIMA, European Commission
- . Laura Tirollois, Deputy Head of the Carbon Credits Office - Ministry of Ecological Transition, France
- . Frédéric Gagnon-Lebrun, Compliance Market Specialist, Consultant - The Rockefeller Foundation
- . Ariel Perez, Head of Carbon, EMEA - VITOL
- . Abhishek Kaushik, Senior Advisor, Climate and Carbon Markets - UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre

12:00-13:00 Networking Lunch

13:00-14:00 **Side Event 6 – Organised by TotalEnergies & Bridge Carbon: Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) - What will it Take to a Build Successful Market?**

This panel examines how emerging PACM rules and methodologies will shape project implementation. Rule makers will outline key regulatory developments, developers will share practical challenges, and buyers will highlight market expectations — exploring how projects can adapt to evolving requirements while remaining financially viable, using clean cooking as a case study.

Moderator: Donee Alexander, Chief Carbon Officer - Bridge Carbon

Speakers:

- . Dexter Lee, Member - PACM Supervisory Body, United Kingdom
- . Pascal Siegwart, Vice President Carbon Markets & Economy - TotalEnergies
- . Steven Pluymaekers, Senior Manager - Clean Cooking Alliance
- . Ritika Tewari, Principal Consultant - South Pole
- . Alick Muvundika, Member - PACM Supervisory Body, Zambia

Side Event 7 – Organised by Barcelona Climate HUB: Accelerating the Transition: Barcelona’s Climate Paradox - Urban Innovation vs. Infrastructure Expansion

Barcelona is a global lab for emission reduction through Superblocks (LEZ) project and cycling networks. While the Port of Barcelona aims for a zero-emission electrification benchmark, other infrastructure projects can be more challenging. This session explores local urban decarbonization and regional growth, aligning city-scale success with large-scale transport targets.

Moderator: Oriol Palom, Lead - Barcelona Climate HUB

Speakers:

- . Jordi Honey-Rosés, Researcher from ICTA-UAB - Autonomous University of Barcelona
- . Lela Melon, Executive Director Planetary Wellbeing Institutional Framework & Associate Professor Sustainability in Business Law - ESCI-UPF
- . Manel Ferri Tomás, Co-Founder - Association for the Promotion of Public Transport (PTP) & Mobility Technician - Barcelona Provincial Council

14:15-15:15 **Breakout 1 – 2026 EU ETS Review Deep Dive Series**
Part 1: Future Outlook for the Market Stability Reserve (MSR) in ETS1 and ETS2: Upcoming MSR Review, Reform Options, and More Flexible Governance Arrangements

Moderator: Frédéric Simon, Head of Europe - Carbon Pulse

Speakers:

- . Hæge Fjellheim, Head of Carbon Analysis - Veyt

. Florent Le Strat, Researcher and Expert, Climate Policy R&D - Électricité de France (EDF)

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

Moderator: Frédéric Simon, Head of Europe - Carbon Pulse

Speakers:

. Nicola Rega, Executive Director Climate Change and Energy - CEFIC

. Josh Cowley, Head of Research, Carbon - Fastmarkets

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.

Moderator: Stefano De Clara, Head of Secretariat - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

Speakers:

. Alistair McGirr, Group Head of Policy and Advocacy - SSE

. Miguel Delgado, Manager, Technical - Climate Action Reserve (CAR)

. Ruth Dagan, Partner - Herzog Fox & Neeman

. Takashi Hongo, Senior Fellow - Mitsui

. Oğuz Tosun, CEO - Climate Balanced

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

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

Part 3: Integration of Carbon Removals in the EU ETS: The Goal, the Governance, and the Impact on Market Functioning

Moderator: Andrea Bonzanni, International Policy Director - IETA

Speakers:

. Joel Gould, Markets & Policy Lead - BeZero

. Anton Koninckx, Advisor, Climate, Renewables & Storage - Eurelectric

Part 4: Future Outlook for Application of the EU ETS to International Aviation: Scenarios and Market Impact

Moderator: Andrea Bonzanni, International Policy Director - IETA

Speakers:

. Anna Hickey, Partner - Philip Lee

. James Cooper, Head of Origination, Environmental Products Europe - Mercuria*

Breakout 4 – Biomass Satellite: Innovations in Digital MRV for Nature-Based Carbon Projects

One year since the European Space Agency launched its cutting-edge Biomass satellite, this session explores remote sensing and digital MRV of nature-based carbon projects. A variety of solutions and innovations will be discussed, including synthetic aperture radar, wildfire detection, and monitoring of early-stage ARR projects, burn areas, and more. Join us to hear from subject-matter experts and ask questions.

Moderator: Kyle Lynch, Policy Advisor - IETA

Introductory Presentation: Neha Hunka, Forest Applications Scientist - European Space Agency

Speakers:

. Niels Andela, Director of Remote Sensing - BeZero

. Alexis Moyer, Customer Solutions Lead - Space Intelligence

. Leonie Nazemi, Head of Business Development - OroraTech

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.

Moderator: Svea Nyberg, EU Policy Officer - IETA

Speakers:

- . François Schmitt, Policy Officer, Carbon Markets and Clean Mobility - DG CLIMA, European Commission
- . Nick Osborne, Vice President, Global Carbon and Environmental Products Trading - Shell
- . Emma Coker, Head of European Environmental Markets - BloombergNEF
- . Ellen De Vocht, Head of EU Representation - EEX

21:00-00:00 **IETA Nightcap Reception**

Separate paid ticket required for entrance, purchased online in advance of the reception. 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**

Join us for a networking breakfast celebrating the leadership and growing impact of women in carbon markets across Europe and beyond. This gathering offers a space to connect, share experiences, and build community among professionals driving climate solutions. As carbon markets expand and diversify, promoting visibility and inclusion is essential for shaping a more equitable and effective climate finance landscape.

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Co-Facilitators:

- . Eilís O’Keefe, Vice-President Carbon Markets - Kita
- . Svea Nyberg, EU Policy Officer - IETA

Remarks by:

- . Franziska Heidenreich, Team Leader Bilateral Cooperation - myClimate
- . Alessandra Botta, Senior Manager, Energy & Climate - FleishmanHillard

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

This plenary explores the role of VCM in the New Carbon Order, progress towards convergence and confidence to support corporate decarbonization and NDCs delivery. Addressing business cases, legal risk, VCM- Article 6 - compliance interactions and integrity. What governments,

standards setters and private sector must deliver to enable confident corporates investment in carbon credits?

Moderator: Luis Panichelli, VCM Policy Director - IETA

Scene Setting Presentation by Guy Turner, Managing Director - MSCI Carbon Markets

Speakers:

- . Dexter Lee, The Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets & Carbon Markets Lead Negotiator - UK Government
- . Pedro Barata, Governing Board - ICVCM
- . Ekaterina Shilina, Regulatory Affairs, Carbon Markets - RWEST
- . Angelo Sartori, Senior Director, Government and Policy Engagement - Verra

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:45 **Breakout 5 – EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): Implementation Challenges, International Perspectives and Pathways Forward**

With the definitive regime in force, CBAM operators are working through the requirements of full compliance. This session explores recent developments in implementation, with a focus on key practical, regulatory and international considerations emerging. Industry representatives will discuss experiences, challenges and impacts, and EU trade partners will explore areas of alignment and divergence for both importers and exporters.

Moderator: Iryna Holovko, Carbon Market Expert - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

Scene Setting Presentation by Aurora D'Aprile, EU Policy Officer - IETA

Speakers:

- . Sarah Hay, Climate Policy Lead - Norsk Hydro
- . Felix Schmid-Rheude, Head of Department, Infrastructure and Sustainability - TÜV SÜD
- . Alfredo Nicastro, Senior Vice-President, Global Head of Carbon Markets - StoneX
- . Bahar Güçlü, Deputy Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the European Union

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.

Moderator: Will Gifford, Policy Manager, Aviation & NCS - IETA

Speakers:

- . Chris Slater, CEO - Oka
- . Rory McDougall, Chief Financial Officer - DelAgua
- . Jiae Yang, Assistant Manager, Climate Policy - IATA
- . Elizabeth Guinessey, Manager, VCS Program Development - Verra
- . Michael Evans, Group Sustainability Insights Manager - IAG*

12:45-14:00 Networking Lunch

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

For more information please contact Luis Panichelli, panichelli@ieta.org

14:00-15:00 **Breakout 7 – Carbon Pricing and Public Finance: How to Use Climate Revenues in the EU and Beyond?**

Climate revenues are becoming central to EU decarbonisation as carbon prices rise and ETS coverage expands, providing major funding for innovation, energy-system investment, and social protection such as the Social Climate Fund. Amid debates over CBAM revenue use, this panel will examine how climate revenues can support competitiveness, a just transition, and EU climate leadership.

Moderator: Ingo Ramming, Head of Carbon Markets – BBVA

Speakers:

- . Francesco Lombardi Stocchetti, Sustainable Finance and Economy - Bellona Foundation
- . Micah Ton, Climate & Energy Adviser - European Lime Association

- . Marta Roslaniec, Project Assistant - Cake/Kobize
- . Humberto Rocha, Associate Director Climate and Carbon Markets - OPIS
- . Pierfrancesco Maran, ENVI Committee Chair - European Parliament*

Breakout 8 – Carbon as a Commodity? The Intersection of Carbon Markets, Accounting & Competitiveness

Carbon accounting is proving central to the New Carbon Order of 2026, as evolving standards, new reporting and trade regulations have the potential to reshape global markets. This panel will examine the growing list of initiatives and organisations while unpacking questions around product-level carbon accounting, the harmonization of standards and frameworks, border-adjustment mechanisms, and how carbon markets fit into it all.

Moderator: Jeremy Rubin, Policy Analyst - IETA

Speakers:

- . Gurvinder Bains, Director, Environmental Markets - S&P Global
- . Duncan van Bergen, Co-Founder - Calyx Global
- . Ayse Frey, Managing Director, Energy Changes & Vice-Chair, Project Developer Forum (PDF)
- . Bethanie Castelnovo, Director & CFO - SCB Environmental Markets
- . Carmen San Segundo, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Communications - Carbon Measures

15:15-16:15 Plenary 5 – Forging the New Carbon Order: Markets, Capital and Climate Competitiveness

As geopolitics shifts and new trade blocs emerge, carbon pricing, market infrastructure, financial standards and trusted accounting frameworks are rapidly becoming instruments of competitiveness, diplomacy and capital formation. This closing plenary brings together leading market architects, traders and financial institutions to examine the "pivot years" ahead and what it means to for Europe and the broader financial system.

Moderator: Mark Lewis, Partner & Managing Director - Climate Finance Partners

Speakers:

- . Christian Baer, Secretary General - EUROPEX
- . Cédric De Meeûs, Head, Group Public Policy & Government Relations - Holcim

- . István Bart, Senior Director, Carbon Pricing - Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
- . Fabiola Flex, Head of Public Affairs - aDryada

16:15-16:30 Closing Reflections by Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

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