

CALL FOR EXPERTS

1. FSR CLIMATE

FSR Climate is a research group within the European University Institute (EUI)'s Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS). Established in 2010, FSR Climate aims to provide a reliable source for information, analysis and evaluation of EU climate policies ex-post and a forum for discussion of research carried out in this area. Within the EUI we work in collaboration with the energy and regulatory policy research groups of the Florence School of Regulation.

Our research focuses on the environmental and economic evaluation of climate policies implemented in the EU at different jurisdictional levels. Our main research interests are: the EU Emissions Trading System, the renewable energy promotion, the distributional impact of climate policy, the energy efficiency policies and environmental and the energy taxation. All our research is freely available in our working paper series.

2. LIFE DICET PROJECT - Deepening International Cooperation on Emissions Trading

The LIFE DICET Project is funded by the European Commission under the LIFE Programme, Grant Agreement LIFE18 GIC/IT/001129. The project will run between September 2019 and December 2021.

In the context of the Paris Climate Agreement and in view of possible future integration of carbon markets, there is today a strong need for enhanced international cooperation fostering emissions trading around the world. Building on the experience with the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), the EU plays a leading role in this area.

The ultimate objective of LIFE DICET is to support EU and Member State (MS) policymakers in deepening international cooperation for the development and possible integration of carbon markets ("international carbon market cooperation"). In the next few years, those involved in such activity will need: a) deep knowledge about the functioning of carbon markets, b) effective communication with the relevant stakeholders, and c) with specific reference to the European Commission (EC) as the regulator of the EU ETS, direct exchange of high-quality information and views with its international counterparts, namely with the regulators of other major emissions trading systems (ETSs).

LIFE DICET will provide EU and MS policymakers directly or indirectly involved in international carbon market cooperation – the project's main target audience – with a support package that responds to these needs.

Specifically, the project aims to:

1) Facilitate enhanced international carbon market cooperation between the EC and the regulators of other major ETSs, as are those of California-Quebec, China, Switzerland and New Zealand. The project will establish and inform a high-level policy dialogue, which will culminate in three meetings. The dialogue will also see the participation of other targeted policymakers and of relevant stakeholders.

2) Provide the project's main target audience with useful information and capacity building about the regulation of carbon markets and the implications for their possible integration. In addition to the EU ETS, special attention will be devoted to the ETSs represented in the policy dialogue: California-Quebec, China, New Zealand, and Switzerland.

3) Create an international network of experts on carbon markets. Together with the resources resulting from the project, this network will represent a knowledge hub and a point of reference for the project's main target audience.

4) Increase political support for international carbon markets through dissemination actions. These will reach out to policymakers including and beyond the project's main target audience.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

One of the key project deliverables is a comparative assessment of the Emissions Trading Systems (ETSs) of the EU, California-Quebec, China, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Subject to possible changes before the start of the project, the topics covered by the assessment are:

- 1) "Environmental ambition: scope, stringency, and policy mix"
- 2) "Carbon leakage prevention: free allocation and other measures"
- 3) "Price control: volume- and price-based mechanisms"
- 4) "Environmental integrity: use of offsets and MRV"
- 5) "Alignment: possible reforms for integration"

Tasks

Essential

1. Technical workshop Topic 5 (September 2021): the contract holder will be expected to attending the workshop as well as provide the LIFE DICET team with input on which experts to invite;
2. Topic 5 Report (April 2022): the contract holder will be responsible for co-writing the report with the LIFE DICET team. Contrary to the reports on topics 1 to 4, the report for topic 5 is led by the LIFE DICET team rather than external experts as it does not have sections on ETS-specific developments. The reports length will be approximately 10-20 pages;

Additional

3. Carbon Market Policy Dialogue (CMPD) 3 (May 2022): this is the moment topic 5 will be discussed in greater detail. The contract holder will be obliged to attend this CMPD;
4. CMPD Topic 5 Public Report (June 2022): the contract holder will be asked to review and revise the public report on topic 5 written by the LIFE DICET team, before it is published;
5. Policy Brief on Topic 5 (July 2022): the contract holder will be responsible for co-writing a policy brief on topic 5 in collaboration with the LIFE DICET team;
6. Event/Hearing at European Parliament's ENVI Committee (date TBC): the contract holder will be obliged to participate alongside the LIFE DICET team in this event, providing input as required;
7. Training on Topic 5 (January 2022): the contract holder will contribute to developing a training course on topic 5.

The LIFE DICET team is looking for **one expert** responsible for delivering at least the 'Essential' tasks outlined in close cooperation with, and under the guidance of the Project Director, as well as in collaboration with the broader LIFE DICET team. All responses are also invited to offer their services for the 'Additional' tasks.

4. KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

- Experienced researcher or expert with background in economics and in-depth knowledge of the ETS of reference, proven by high quality publications in top field peer-reviewed international journals and at least 3 years of professional experience.
- Good analytical skills and ability to work in a team respecting strict deadlines.
- High proficiency level in both written and spoken English.

5. PROPOSAL

All interested researchers and experts should submit:

- CV including a list of publications and references proving the knowledge and skills listed in point 4 of the present call.
- Financial offer for the delivery of all the written contributions and the participation in the events listed under point 3 of the present call. The offer should comprise all costs including travel and accommodation. The price quoted should not include VAT. The maximum amount available for the contract is 15.000 EUR.
- The above documents should be sent before midnight on **31/08/2021** by email to: ian.devine@eui.eu.

6. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

- Ownership of results including intellectual property rights: Any result or right produced by the experts in the framework of the contract shall be owned solely by the European University Institute.
- Disclosure notice: Any result produced by the experts in the framework of the contract cannot be disclosed without previous explicit written consent of the European University Institute.
- Publication of information: The information included in the written materials produced by the experts will be used in documents produced by the FSR Climate and can be published and disseminated without further authorisation from the experts.