# An Introduction



#### **The Union Registry**

- The ETS Directive: ETS operations are centralised in a single register ⇒ Union Registry; operational since July 2012
- All **participants in the EU ETS must have an account** in the Union Registry for compliance or for trading
- Over 12.000 open accounts, about 29.000 users



#### What is the Union Registry in ETS?

- → An IT system similar to online banking ensuring the accurate accounting of EU Allowances
- → Holds Accounts of operators and traders in the carbon market
- Keeps the Balance of Allowances acquired in auctions or on the secondary market
- **Enables Transfer of Allowances** (transactions) between participants
- $\rightarrow$  Records Annual verified CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Reconciles Allowances and verified emissions each operator must surrender allowances to cover verified emissions
- → Does not record the financial part of a transaction



# Shared Responsibilities between Commission and Member States

- EU level
  - Commission takes regulatory decisions (instructions to Central Administrator)
  - Central Administrator (formally Director General of DG CLIMA) operates and maintains the Registry
  - Operates a Service Desk to support the National Administrators

#### Member States

- Competent authorities (=ministries) take regulatory decisions concerning operators (compliance)
- National administrators (NAs) manage accounts under their jurisdiction
- Operate a Service Desk supporting account holders (and those becoming account holders)



#### **Union Registry's users**

#### • Mandatory users

- Stationary installations
- Aircraft operators since 2012
- Shipping Companies as of 2024
- Verifiers
- Voluntary users
  - Traders / Banks
  - Private persons



#### **Account types in EU ETS**

• Operator / Aircraft Operator / Maritime Operator Holding Accounts - for all obliged entities

• Verifier Accounts

• **Trading** Accounts – for all other entities



#### **Transaction types in EU ETS**

• **Transfers**: transfer of allowances or other units between accounts

• Surrender: use of allowances for compliance



#### **Information/Data held in the Registry**

- Information on transaction level held in the Union Registry is confidential for 3 years
- Aggregated information is public
- After 3 years, detailed transaction data as listed in the Annex of the Registry Regulation will be published
- Reports are available on the EUTL public website



# **Overview by Screenshots**



# **Account Creation**



#### **Union Registry Landing Page**





#### **Account Creation I**

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		Request new Account	



#### **Account Creation II**

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	<b>3</b> Select Account Type		
	Choose the account type you wish to create  Choose the account type you wish to create  Operator Holding Account  Maritime Operator Holding Account  Maritime Operator Holding Account  Verifier Account  Don't know?  Define Account Holder  Maritime Operator Information	Account Name	
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#### **Main Functionalities**



# **Different types of transaction**





# Account representatives can manage multiple accounts





# **Transaction proposal**

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		General Allowances (EUA)	4	823	0		
Overview		General Aviation Allowances (EUAA)	3	190	0		
Ξ Tasks & Notifications <b>1</b>		General Aviation Allowances (EUAA)	4	189	0		
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\*most actions in the Registry require approval by a 2nd pair of eyes. Therefore, minimum two account representatives need to be registered



## **History of transactions**





#### **Entering yearly emissions**





#### How to obtain allowances?



#### **Emission allowances – primary market**

- Auctions take place 5 days/week with around 3 million allowances/auction and minimum lot size of 500 allowances (500tCO<sub>2</sub>)
- EEX (Deutsche Börse group) performs the services of the auction platform
- Possible to bid directly or via intermediary
- Transparency: publication of auction calendar with volumes and of auction results. Auction data is reported to financial authority



#### **Emission allowances – Secondary market**

- Emission allowances traded on spot and derivative markets (mostly December futures for Y, Y+1)
- Market concentrated on two trading venues: ICE Endex and European Energy Exchange (EEX)
- EU allowances can be obtained via financial service providers who transfer purchased allowances onto participants Registry accounts for surrender
- Can be obtained in advance in the form of futures, with the transfer of allowances at a future date

Webinar EU ETS - Auction participation and Secondary Market outlook - YouTube

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# **Questions?**

#### Thank you for your attention

