

Membership Information Pack

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Welcome to Climate Strategies!

Climate Strategies is a research organisation and network unlike any other. Membership is by invitation, and the members come from different fields and Departments within Universities, Research Bodies and Think-tanks across the world. What unites them is the desire to bridge the gap between research and policy, and to identify issues where analysis and data will really make a difference to the world's efforts to get to grips with the many facets of climate change.

Climate Strategies is based in the UK, and has a particular track record of economic analysis around and involvement with EU climate and energy problems. However, over the past years, Climate Strategies has become increasingly international and multi-disciplinary in outlook. Its membership now extends far beyond Europe. Our members are acutely conscious of the way that policy-makers and stakeholders can often talk a different language to researchers and academics, but we remain committed to the belief that high-quality evidence and analysis is a vital component of successful policy. Our approach is proactive, strongly focussed on dialogue and communication of findings, and not bound by traditional academic disciplines or research cycles.

Climate Strategies' work divides into four parts: inspirer of policy-relevant ideas for research, convenor of forums where academics and other stakeholders can share insights, strategic analyst of selected new research topics, and translator of key results into language that succeeds in communicating. Typically our members come together to deliver projects through a team made up of several members, sometimes working in partnership with other organisations. Our work has been supported by many national Governments, businesses and foundations with an interest in climate change.

Andrzej Błachowicz



Managing Director, Climate Strategies

What is Climate Strategies?

Climate Strategies is a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee and registered in the UK. Its purpose is “to promote and carry out for the public benefit research into international policy dimensions of reducing emissions and adapting to climate change, including international coordination issues, and to publish and widely disseminate the useful results of such research” .. Formally, membership is open to any individual who supports those objects and is invited by the Board to join. In practice, Membership is predominantly focussed on senior researchers, usually based in universities or research institutes, who through their research make significant, demonstrable and constructive contributions to climate change and energy policy. Many have led or otherwise been closely engaged with Climate Strategies research projects.

What are the benefits of Membership of Climate Strategies?

Climate Strategies provides its members with a platform to interact with each other and with external stakeholders in order to define, initiate, execute and promote cutting-edge analytical projects in the climate and energy policy space, often inter-disciplinary and multi-partner, with a strong emphasis on clear communication to the policy community. These interactions and collaborations are facilitated by the CS secretariat and lead to CS-convened projects, reports, conferences, and social media communication. Climate Strategies’ website presents CS activities and output, and links to *Climate Policy*, one of the most well-established and important peer-reviewed journals in the field, and a long-standing partner of CS. Typically our members come together to deliver projects through a Climate Strategies team made up of several members, sometimes working in partnership with other organisations. Members are encouraged to review papers of other members and could also count on other members reviewing their work.

Members have priority access to CS-led projects and meetings, such as its successful Global Climate Policy Conferences, can register for UNFCCC sessions using the CS badge (subject to availability), and are offered space at CS stands at various events and on CS social media to promote their work. Members can gain more visibility for and reach of their work by submitting blog entries for posting on the Climate Strategies blog. Member entries will be promoted through Climate Strategies social media channels. Climate Strategies is also planning to set up a Universities Learning Network to engage the next generation of CS members, and to publish Climate Policy Digests.

Members find that working alongside other CS members and contributing to projects under the CS banner increases credibility, improves multi-disciplinary team formation, and extends their track record without losing their individual identity and reputation.

What is expected of Climate Strategies Members?

Members meet in Annual General Meetings, and occasional special meetings, where they appoint the Executive Committee (Board), respond to reports on CS activity, and help define the strategy, focus and research programme of CS going forward.

It is expected that Members will, to the extent their principal occupations allow, be proactive and collegiate in identifying and responding to new ideas for research and analysis relevant to climate and energy policy. In particular this means working with the CS secretariat to, subject to subject matter knowledge and interest:

- initiate scoping of project ideas and participate in brainstorming;
- initiate and respond to proposals for collaborative projects;
- suggest research and stakeholders partners for future and existing projects;
- promote Climate Strategies through their activities and networks;
- stand ready to review work by other members;
- assist CS in fundraising,

Climate Strategies is not a consultancy. Initial work on new CS projects is usually speculative, though the intention is almost always to define and scope a project that can then be presented to funders, public and private sector, leading to remuneration to members and other project partners for research and other contributions.

The Articles of Association include provisions and a process for the termination of membership.

Our Members Today

Climate Strategies' website lists and profiles our current members:

<http://climatestrategies.org/about-us/meet-our-people/>

Our Research Programme

Since its inception in 2006, Climate Strategies has worked on the development of national and international policy. We have published reports and projects in collaboration with over 95 research institutions and more than 175 researchers. All our research is available in the public domain.

Our work over the 2013-2015 period is focussed on two work streams: *2030 European climate policy* and *the 2015 global climate change agreement*. The table below presents a short description of our current research areas:

2030 European climate policy	2015 global climate change agreement
<p><u>Carbon Control post 2020 in Energy Intensive Industries</u> in the EU: Analysis of practical options to reduce industrial emissions under current and new policy options</p> <p>Specific projects: reports on cement, steel and chemical industries</p>	<p><u>Support the 2015 agreement with knowledge:</u> Analysis of what has not worked so far, what needs improvement, existing knowledge gaps – for UN Climate Convention (UNFCCC) and other processes</p> <p>Specific topics: Global Climate Policy Conferences, Trade, WTO and climate change, Equity, Technology transitions</p>
<p><u>EU Climate and Energy Package 2030</u> – synergies between targets: Analysis of optimal mixture of carbon, renewables and energy efficiency policies to reduce emission and drive innovation</p> <p>Specific project: Carbon leakage and competitiveness in EU's 2030 climate and energy package</p>	<p><u>Carbon finance and markets:</u> How to include willing business in key negotiation processes and the overall vision for climate finance</p> <p>Specific topics: China's climate policy</p>

Climate strategy for all EU members: Practical action to bridge disagreements among EU member states in order to strengthen the EU global leadership

Specific topics: Bridging East-West: regional impacts of climate policy

Accounting for consumption-based emissions: Stimulating demand-side based climate policies and finding a more effective ways of delivering the EU climate and energy goals until 2050

Specific projects: Carbon-CAP: the practicalities of Consumption-based Accounting for Emissions

Reducing emissions from international transport: Analysis of inclusion of aviation and international shipping in the global carbon market, mitigating impacts on countries, contribution to climate finance from revenue generating market based mechanisms

Specific projects: Economic impacts of Market-Based Measures in International Aviation

Economic and social analysis of new ideas for dealing with blockages to political solutions to climate mitigation and adaptation

Specific projects: The concept of equity in global climate agreements, Economic and Social aspects of geoengineering

For more information about our current projects please visit our website

<http://climatestrategies.org/research/>

Our Team

The Executive Committee (Board)

Heleen de Coninck (Chair) - Associate Professor, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

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