



Climate Strategies: Our Impact

The last few months have seen Climate Strategies developing its relationships with key policy makers and decision makers in Brussels and beyond.



In February Climate Strategies met with representatives from DG Enterprise, DG Trade, DG Climate Action to go through the recommendations in the Carbon Trust leakage report.



The report was covered by a number of international publications, including the Financial Times – [please click here](#).



The value of our research projects was further underlined when Climate Strategies was invited to answer some questions raised in the recent DG Climate Action consultation on carbon leakage. Our contribution can be downloaded [here](#).



We will continue our programme of meeting with high profile policy makers and stakeholders during the coming months with a focus on 20-30% decarbonisation of the power sector, carbon pricing, and industry competitiveness.



Climate Strategies' paper on 'the need for a common accounting framework' also made waves amongst key stakeholders and saw the project leader of the 'paper series on analytic support to target based negotiations' Murray Ward penning a letter to European Voice on the findings – [please click here](#).



Foreword:

Richard Folland, Managing Director, Climate Strategies

Welcome to the first edition of the Climate Strategies newsletter. We are proud of the network that Climate Strategies has developed over its reasonably short life – and we hope that this newsletter helps you to feel an integral part of it. Despite Copenhagen's disappointing outcome, these are exciting times for Climate Strategies. A glance at our research prospectus details the range of climate policy issues – from the EU's 2020 goals to decarbonising of the power sector - that we are addressing; and a further glance at the list of the academic institutions in our network – from Beijing to Budapest – underlines the truly global nature of the organisation.

There are some important milestones for us in the next two months. A project on interpreting emissions pledges will be launched at Bonn in June; and the launch of the Commission's Communication on the 2020 targets will provide us with a peg to engage with key EU policy-makers. We are also advertising for a full-time Research Director. Maybe we'll have some more news on that in our summer newsletter – meanwhile, please spread the word!

Highlights



Climate change experts gather in Bonn to discuss emissions pledges

2010 began on a positive note for Climate Strategies with the appointment of new Managing Director Richard Folland, who hopes to carry on the great work of Jon Price, enhancing the reputation of the organisation and growing its network. We have also welcomed Michael Zammit Cutajar as Chair of the International Advisory Council.

Since then we have wasted no time in making sure we are at the forefront of climate policy debates. Murray Ward presented his paper on emissions pledges to climate change negotiators and observers in Bonn in April. We also engaged with EU policy-makers on the Carbon Trust leakage report that was launched earlier in the year meeting with DG Climate Action, Enterprise and Trade and the US Mission to the EU - [Click here for more info](#).

We continue to expand our global reach, holding an international workshop covering sectoral approaches in Beijing. Other events included a Climate Policy Initiative roundtable on carbon pricing in Berlin and an expert workshop to discuss "How to Win New Member State Support for Stronger EU Climate Policy?". This was organised by The Finnish Institute of International Affairs and Germanwatch, within the framework of the CS project on 'the case for the EU moving beyond 20% GHG cuts by 2020'. Excellent feedback was received from all these workshops and work is now progressing on the research. Ideas emerging from the Berlin roundtable are downloadable [here](#).

Sign off on a number of new projects has also been achieved. We look forward to addressing the case for the EU moving beyond 20% emissions cuts and decarbonisation of the power sector - two very timely projects from an EU climate policy perspective. We are also pleased to announce that we have received the go-ahead on a joint project with WIFO Austrian Institute of Economic Research to address complexity in international climate policy.

Finally, we are delighted that Holcim have come on board as a new funder, adding to our base of business supporters.



Profile: Our Network



Sarah Schepers,
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At Climate Strategies we believe that climate change

policy should be underpinned by rigorous academic thinking.

But getting our recommendations in front of policy-makers and other key climate change policy stakeholders is also vital to our approach and we put a lot of thought into how to effectively communicate our work.

My role is to ensure that our research is communicated in a way that enables us to become part of the debate and positions us as a valued partner to policy makers. Ultimately we hope that this contributes to effective future climate policy. The great thing about being a Communications Manager for this organisation is that senior policy makers value our work and are happy to meet with us to find out more.

These are exciting and busy times and over the coming months I will be increasing our policy and media engagement. Our newsletter is a vital part of our communications strategy – allowing us to show you, our supporters, how far our influence has spread and outline our plans for the future.

If you have any feedback on our communications activities or any news you would like to see reported in the newsletter please feel free to contact me:

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Published Reports

'Issues and Options' briefs:

- Overview of competitiveness issues in the Midwest, Simone Cooper (Jan 2010)
- Overview of competitiveness issues in Poland, Simone Cooper (Jan 2010)
- Overview of competitiveness issues in Japan, Simone Cooper (Jan 2010)

Reports/Working papers:

- International Sectoral Approaches and Agreements: Potential involvement of the Japanese steel sector in a post-2012 regime; by Hitomi Kimura, (Feb 2010)
- The role of CDM post-2012 by Karsten Neuhoff & Alex Vasa; Background paper for the workshop Carbon Pricing and Investment Response, Berlin (Feb 2010)
- Interpreting Emission Pledges: the need for a Common Accounting Framework

In draft form:

- Economic Growth, the Recession and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- The Reformed Financial Mechanism of the UNFCCC: The Question of Oversight

See [here](#) for the full list of Climate Strategies publications.



Outlook

There is a major amount of activity to squeeze in over the coming months.

The 31st of May marks the start of the UNFCCC meeting in Bonn. During the conference Climate Strategies is co-hosting a workshop with UNEP, the Mexican National Institute of Ecology and the European Climate Foundation on "The Emissions Gap: Limits



and Pledges", where Murray Ward will present/launch our paper series on 'analytic support to target based negotiations'.

The European Green Party is hosting a press conference and public hearing in Strasbourg on 20th May where Susanna Droege will present the findings of the Climate Strategies leakage report and respond to MEP's questions.

Climate Strategies is also due to launch a joint report with Camecon and ENTEC, on behalf of the UK Department of Climate Change (DECC), which will examine the criteria for assessing the risk of leakage.

Dates for the Diary

17 May: WIFO project meeting, Vienna

18 May: Climate Strategies kick off workshop on international industry competitiveness, carbon leakage, and approaches to carbon pricing, Berlin

26 May: EU Commission Communication on EU 2020 targets

26-28 May: Carbon Expo, Cologne

31 May or 8 June (tbc): Carbon Pricing and Investment Response Stakeholder Workshop, Paris, France

24 June: Climate Strategies International Advisory Council meeting, Cambridge

28-29 June: Decarbonisation of the power sector kick-off Workshop, Budapest, Hungary