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# The role of emissions trading for industrial decarbonization in the ASEAN

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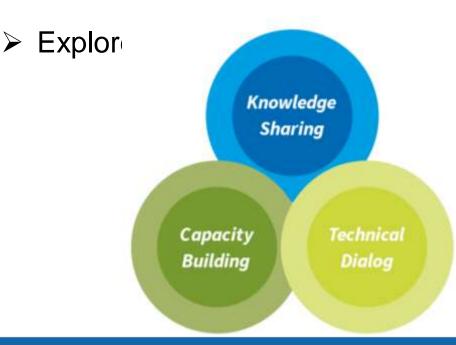
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## **About the International Carbon Action Partnership**

An international **forum** of **40 national & subnational** governments to **exchange** knowledge and experiences on emissions trading systems (**ETS**)

Share **best practice** & learn from each others' experiences

Facilitate development and improvement of carbon markets



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#### Role of ETS for industrial decarbonization

- ETS worldwide
- ETS in ASEAN countries



## **Carbon pricing in the climate policy mix**

- Carbon pricing should be the basis to any climate policy strategy.
- It can provide a cross-sectoral economic signal for firms and households to reduce their emissions and invest in low-carbon alternatives.
- Carbon pricing should be complemented by other sectorspecific policies to overcome barriers to reduce emissions.

#### Command-andcontrol regulation:

- Technology standards
- Performance standards
- Prohibition or mandating of certain products or practices
- Reporting
  requirements

Technology support policies:

- Subsidies for emission reduction activities
- Public and private RD&D funding
- Public procurement
- Feed-in tariffs
- Public investment in clean energy infrastructure

#### Information and voluntary approaches:

- Rating and labelling programs
- Public information campaigns
- Education and training

#### Carbon pricing (ETS or carbon tax)



## **Emissions trading versus carbon taxes**



#### **Carbon tax**

- Government sets the price of emissions by setting a tax rate
- Firms and households pay the tax for each ton CO<sub>2</sub> emitted
- Provides a predictable carbon price, but less certainty about the overall emissions
- Simple design and application

More suitable for vulnerable sectors (households and small enterprises), large number of regulated entities, and smaller jurisdictions



### **Emissions trading**

Government sets a cap that limits the total emissions allowed

Provides certainty to meet a mitigation target, but less certainty about the price

- Regulated entities need to buy emissions allowances in auctions or on the secondary market or receive them for free from the regulator
- ETS design can be complex with e.g. sophisticated trading products or price stabilization mechanisms

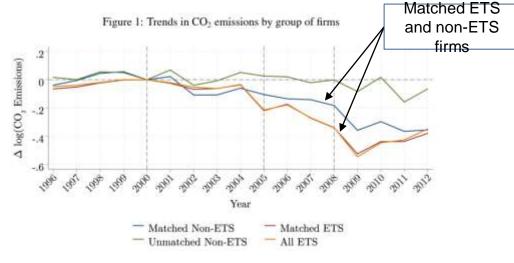
 $\rightarrow$  Any type of carbon pricing is good because 1) it forces firms to internalize the cost of and track their emissions and 2) emissions reduction takes place where costs are lowest  $\rightarrow$  Carbon pricing is fair and efficient.



## **Effectiveness of emissions trading**

## Evidence from the French manufacturing sector

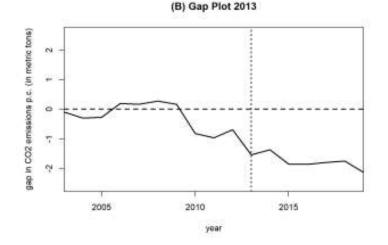
• Firmed regulated by the EU ETS reduced emissions significantly compared to their matches outside the EU ETS



Source: Colmer et al. (2022), https://ssrn.com/abstract=4026889

#### Evidence from the California Cap & Trade System

- Emissions decreased by 0.9 % per year compared to the counterfactual
- 6.2% in electricity sector, 1.4% in buildings.



Source: Kramer/Leßmann (2023), https://mpra.ub.unimuenchen.de/116796/1/MPRA\_paper\_116796.pdf



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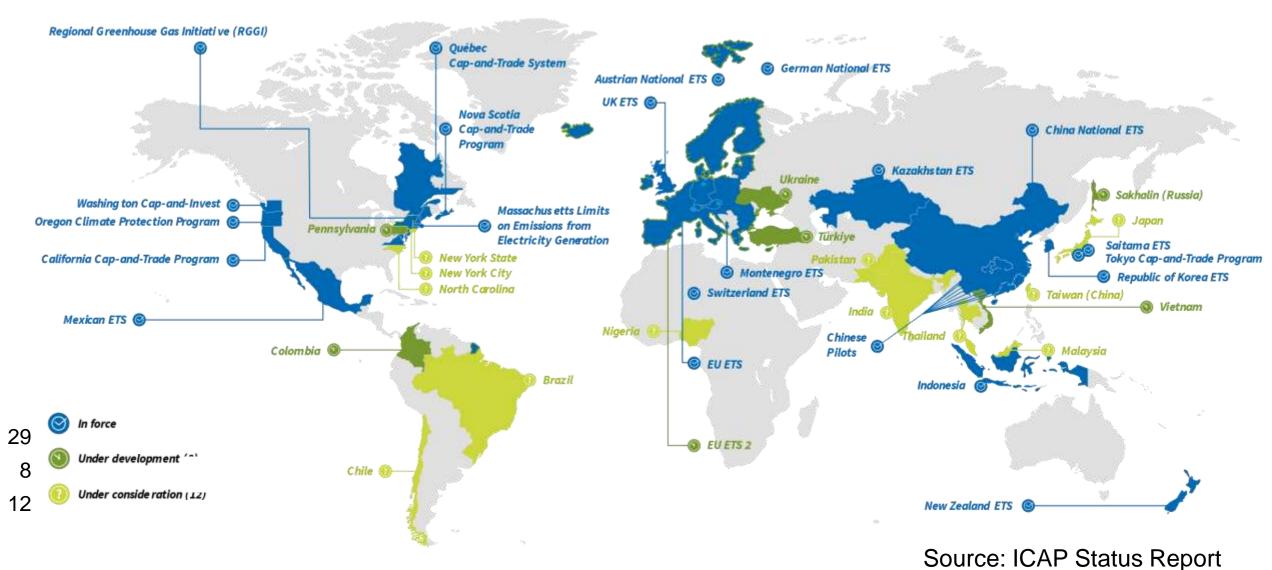
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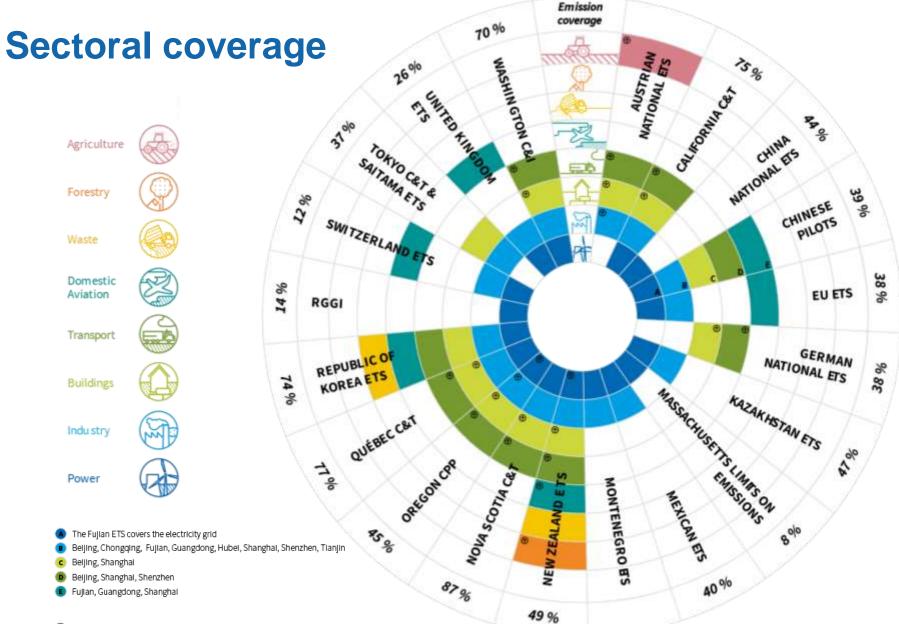
## **ETS worldwide**



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#### Most systems cover emissions from power and industry

The sectoral coverage of several ETSs expands to other sectors as well

The share of emissions covered and the point of regulation varies across systems



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## **ETS in ASEAN member states**



- Regional cooperation could help establishing necessary trading and MRV infrastructure for emissions trading.
- ASEAN countries could set up a joint ETS (like the EU ETS) or link their systems (like California and Québec).

#### Indonesia – ETS in force

- Mandatory, intensity-based emissions trading system launched in February 2023
- Covers 99 coal-fired electricity plants (81.4% of installed capacity in IDN), plans for expanding to other electricity plants from 2025
- Preceded by a voluntary pilot from 2021

#### Thailand – ETS under consideration

Thailand runs a voluntary ETS (T-VETS) pilot project, building capacity for emissions MRV and allowance trading

#### Malaysia – ETS under consideration

Plans to develop a domestic ETS, after successfully establishing a voluntary carbon market (trading platform launched in December 2022).

#### Vietnam – ETS under development

- "Law of Environmental Protection" (2021) establishes a mandate for a domestic ETS; sectors initially covered: steel, cement, and electricity
- Roadmap in Decree 06/2022/ND-CP: voluntary pilot ETS from 2026, fully operational ETS by 2028

Both Indonesia and Vietnam will receive support for the ETS development under the World Bank's Partnership for Market Implementation (PMI).



### **Takeaways**

- Carbon pricing is an effective and efficient way to reduce emissions, especially in the industrial sector.
- Many jurisdictions have a carbon pricing instrument in place: 29 ETSs and 36 carbon taxes.
- The announcement of the EU CBAM created momentum for more carbon pricing instruments being considered worldwide. Domestic carbon pricing allows countries to redirect payments for CBAM to domestic revenues.
- Introducing domestic carbon pricing is not only a way to deal with CBAM but to put emission-intensive industries on a path towards climate neutrality.
- The forum of ASEAN could help member states to achieve regional corporation on introducing a joint or linked ETS.



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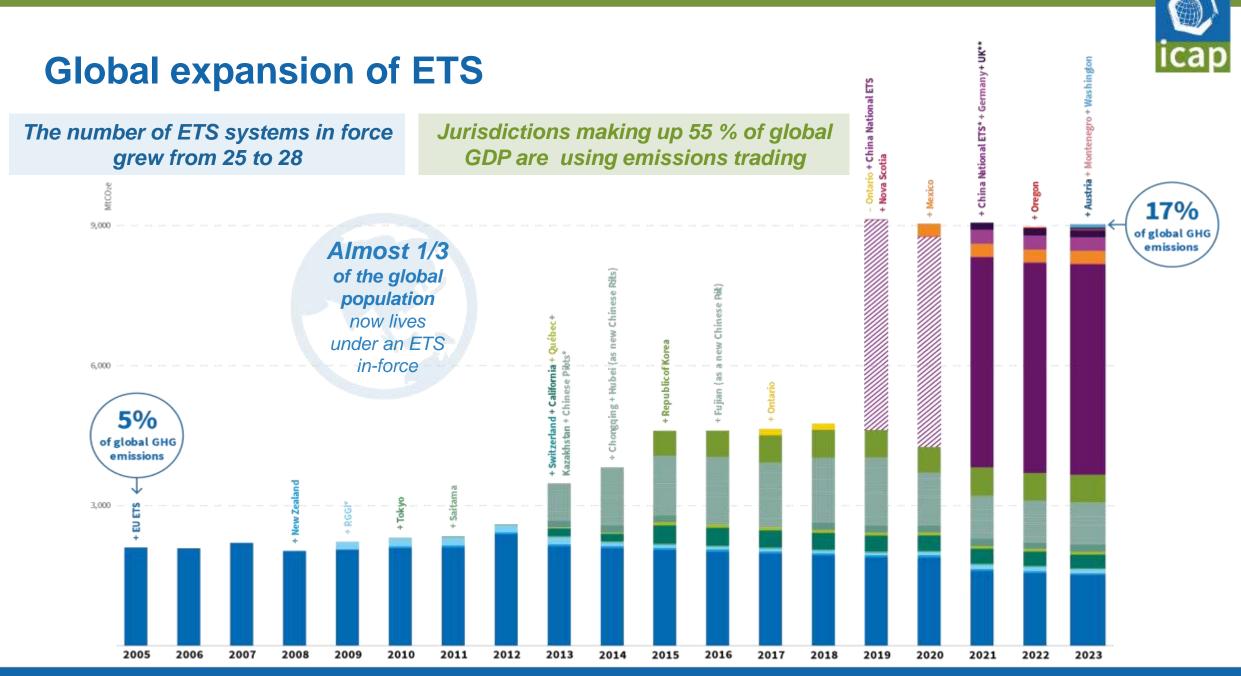


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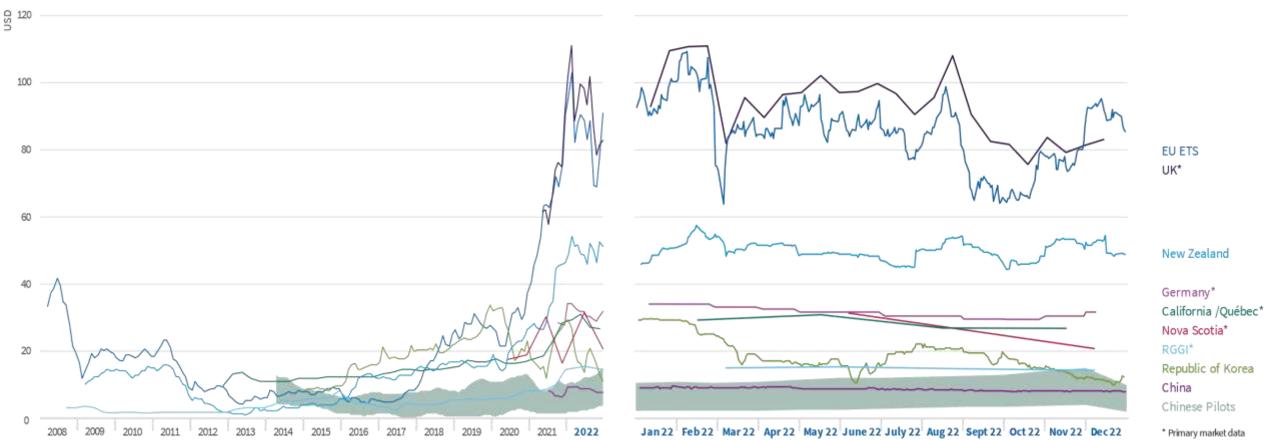


### **Allowance price developments**

2008-2022

Allowances prices in most systems ended 2022 largely unchanged This follows significant price gains and record levels over the last 3+ years

2022



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