

Press release

Jürgen Hacker re-elected as Chair of the German Emissions Trading Association (bvek)

Following on from the Annual Conference on the topic “The further development of EU emissions trading after 2012” which took place in the European House in Berlin with about 200 participants (for a report, photographs and all presentations see: www.bvek.de), the *Bundesverband Emissionshandel und Klimaschutz (bvek) e.V.* held its annual general meeting on 26 June.

The Berlin environmental economist Jürgen Hacker was unanimously re-elected as chairman. Furthermore, Dietrich Borst (Berlin) and Alexander Sarac (Oxford) were newly elected as vice-chairs. Confirmed in office were Jan P. Dulce as treasurer and also Dr. Axel Michaelowa, Peter Ebsen, and Sebastian Jungnickel as executive committee members. Patrick Bahlert and Michael Kroehnert were newly elected as committee members.

The general meeting passed a statement on the proposals of the EU Commission regarding the further development of the EU system of tradable emission rights. These proposals went in the right direction, but did not go far enough concerning the expansion and the improvement of the system.

For example, while it supported the transition to the complete auctioning of emissions allowances, the bvek argued for the complete auctioning of emissions allowances by 2013 not only for power generation but also for all other emitters falling under the system including other sectors of industry. The bvek further argued that the allowances should not be auctioned separately by the governments of the 27 EU member states, but rather centrally through the EU Commission, with the proportional auction payments per EU citizen to be paid out fully to the member states.

The bvek reiterated its demand for the inclusion in the EU system not only of air traffic but also of ground traffic, in accordance with the proposal presented at the conference, which had met with the agreement of the majority of those present.

Finally the general meeting also passed a discussion proposal “Incentives for global emission reductions by discounting credits from international climate protection projects (so-called CDM Projects).”

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