LIFE16 Climate Change Mitigation
A civil society perspective

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About Carbon Market Watch

- NGO based in Brussels advocating for fair and effective climate protection
- CMW works with a global civil society network of over 800 organisations in more than 60 countries
- Uncovering loopholes and raising the voice of affected communities in the decision making process
- Organizing capacity building activities (workshops, handbooks) in Europe and most major regions across the globe



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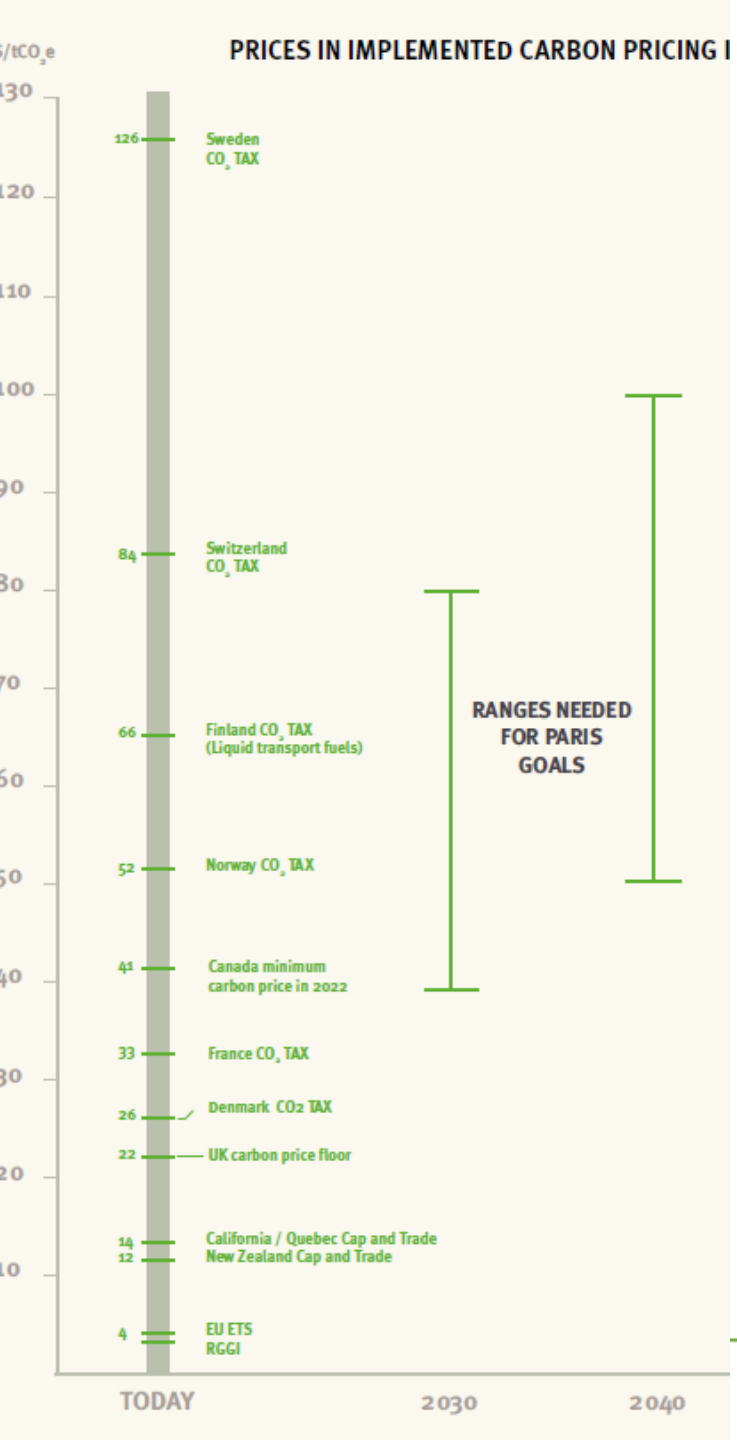

Focus area: functioning of carbon markets

Expert focus on carbon markets and other climate mechanisms:

- At global level: the international carbon market provisions of the Paris Agreement
- International transport: the global offsetting mechanism to address emissions from airlines
- At local level: the impacts of carbon market measures on communities and human rights
- At EU level: the Effort Sharing Regulation and the EU Emissions Trading System

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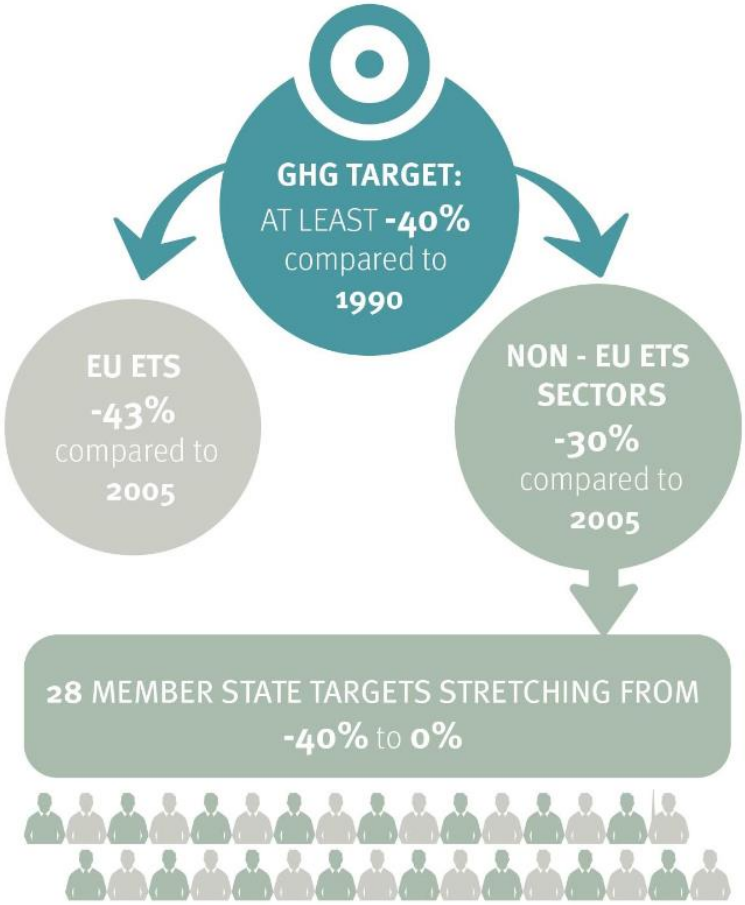
Our approach - EU climate policies

- Building on in-depth policy expertise – multiplying existing research in the area
- Amplifying the voice of community groups
- Using innovative communication tools



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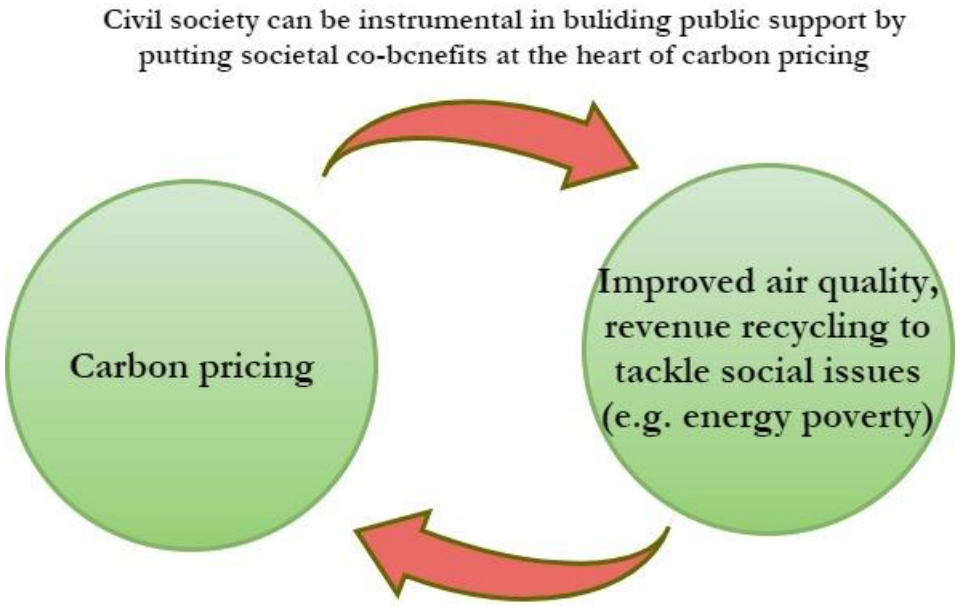
The role of civil society in EU climate policies

Civil society plays an important role in robust climate policy:

- Helps build social consent and public acceptance
- As counterweight to the interests of opposing industries
- Gives more visibility to co-benefits that ensure climate policies are in a country's own interest
- Allows policymakers to access wider sources of perspectives and potential solutions



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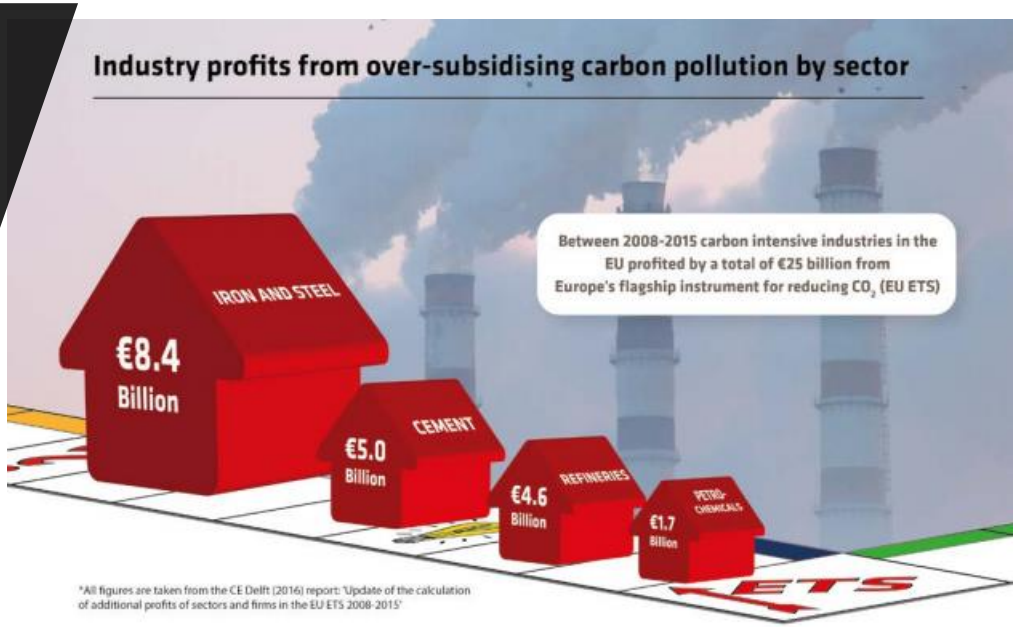
From the polluter-pays to paying the polluter

Example: EU ETS campaign

- Building on existing + new research on cost-pass through rates (CE Delft), we started a windfall profit campaign in 2015;
- **Aim**: counter disproportionate influence of high-emitting industry to ensure a better design of the EU's carbon market;



Sector	Windfall profits from surplus	Windfall profits from offsets	Windfall profits from minimum cost-pass through	Total windfall profits
Iron and Steel	€784 million	€ 239 million	€7,364 million	**€8.4 billion**
Cement	€2,729 million	€149 million	€2,083 million	**€5.0 billion**
Refineries	-€67 million	€86 million	€4,562 million	**€4.6 billion**
Petrochemicals	€774 million	€42 million	€901 million	**€1.7 billion**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BBC environment analyst
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Approach: fact-checking of industry claims, organizing media actions, engaging with policymakers, developing capacity of national civil society groups, building coalitions with progressive actors to ensure all voices are heard in the decision making process

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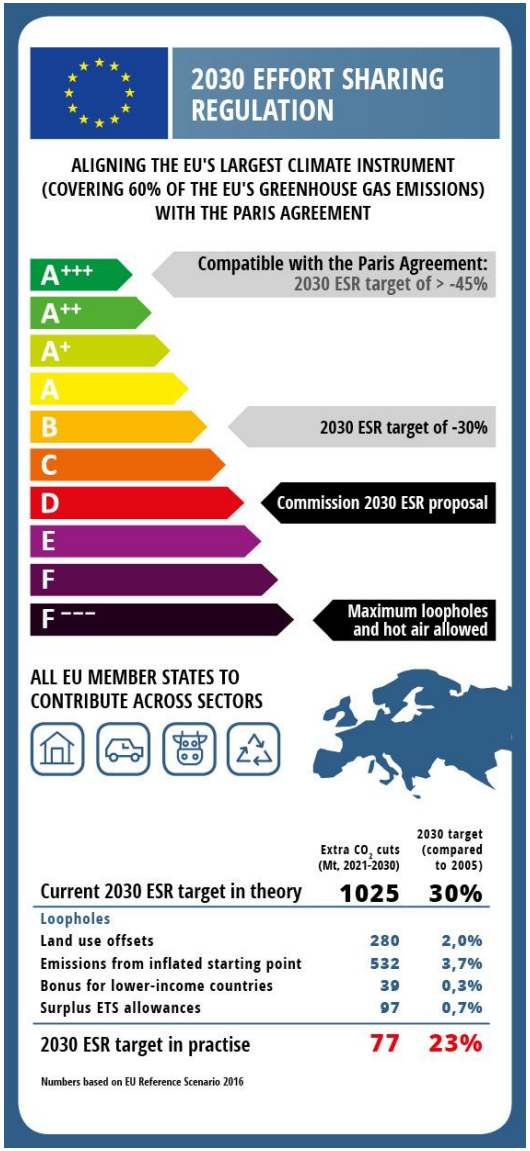

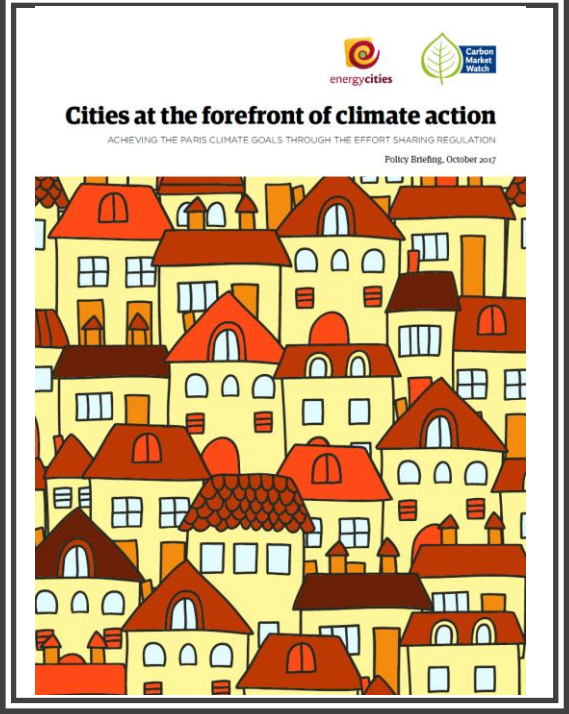



Closing policy loopholes in EU's key climate law

Approach: developing the evidence base, accessible communication tools and building coalitions to bring the attention to loopholes that could negatively impact those affected and raise their voice in the decision making process

Closing policy loopholes in EU's key climate law

Bringing more visibility on the positioning of EU Member States on the EU's largest climate tool - by ranking countries and providing materials for national civil society groups

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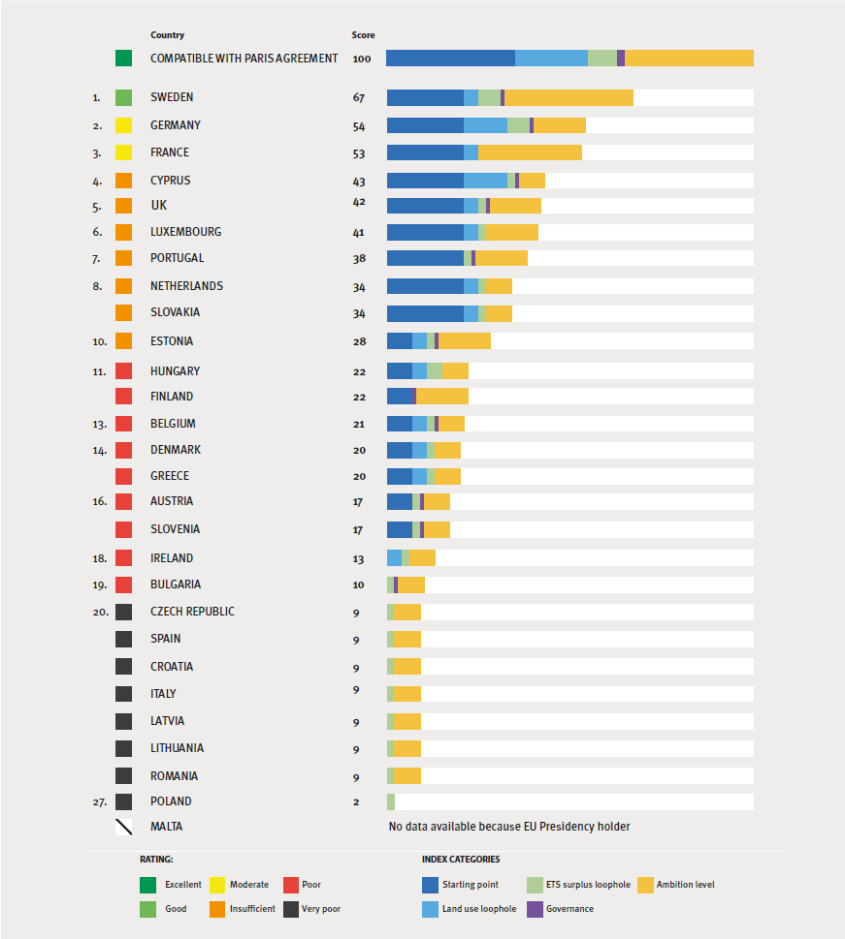
WHERE COUNTRIES STAND ON THE EFFORT SHARING REGULATION – EUROPE'S LARGEST CLIMATE TOOL

Policy Briefing, March 2017



Looking ahead …

Implementation of the EU's 2030 climate and energy package - challenges:

- Lack of industrial emission cuts
- Potential of negative land use emissions not fully unlocked
- Insufficient coordinate between local, national and EU efforts – room to scale up good practice solutions to tackle climate change
- Synergies between carbon pricing and energy policies (i.e. coal phase outs) can be improved

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