

Conference on evidence-based climate policy

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Refectory - Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Fiesole, Florence)

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Introduction

This conference on evidence-based climate policy marks the conclusion of two major European research projects: LIFE COASE and CAPABLE.

LIFE COASE has established an observatory dedicated to assessing the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), providing a reference point for research and policy development in this area. CAPABLE has examined the economic, social, and political dimensions of climate policy design, with a focus on improving policy acceptability and feasibility.

The conference will present key findings from both projects, covering topics such as the effectiveness and global impact of the EU ETS, the distributional effects of carbon pricing, and the conditions under which climate policies can gain broader societal acceptance. The event will bring together researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders to reflect on the outcomes of three years of work and to foster dialogue on future directions for climate policy in Europe.

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Programme

LIFE COASE Final Conference

- 09:30-09:40 **Opening and introduction**
- 9:40-10:25 **20 years of EU ETS data: limits and prospects**
Chair: **Simone Borghesi** | European University Institute, University of Siena
Maire Raude | EUI, Climate Economics Chair, Paris Nanterre University
Jan Abrell | University of Basel
- 10:25-10:55 *Coffee break*
- 10:55-11:55 **Two decades of EU ETS: are we witnessing a domino effect on carbon markets?**
Chair: **Lea Heinrich** | European University Institute
Hannah Lewis | UK Department of Energy Security and Net Zero
Ruben Vermeeren | European Commission, DG Climate Action
Theresa Wildgrube | adelphi
- 11:55-12:55 **Distributional impacts of carbon pricing: what can be done?**
Chair: **Albert Ferrari** | European University Institute
Lidia Tamellini | Carbon Market Watch
Jan Nill | European Commission, DG ECFIN
Iva Zvěřinová | Charles University
- 12:55-13:05 **Conclusions** of LIFE COASE Conference
Simone Borghesi | European University Institute, University of Siena
- 13:05-14:15 *Lunch*

CAPABLE Final Conference

- 14:15-14:30 **Opening and Introduction**
Johannes Emmerling | Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici – CMCC
- 14:30-15:40 **Social acceptability and feasibility of climate policies: insights and implications**
Chair: **Milan Ščasný** | Charles University
Keith Smith | ETH Zurich
Mary Sanford | Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici – CMCC **Gregor Erbach** | European Parliamentary Research Service – EPRS
- Coffee break*
- 15:40-16:10 **Is carbon pricing effective and credible? Evidence from recent studies**
Chair: **Simone Borghesi** | European University Institute, University of Siena
Kai Lessmann | Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research – PIK
Misato Sato | London School of Economics
Maria Garrone | European Commission, DG GROW
Alienor Cameron | European University Institute, OECD
- 16:10-17:20 **Conclusions**
- 17:20-17:35 **Massimo Tavoni** | Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici – CMCC
Simone Borghesi | EUI, University of Siena

17:35-18:20	Networking session on future research avenues (in presence only)
18:45-19:20	Transfer by private shuttle from Badia Fiesolana to city centre
19:30	Dinner at B-Roof