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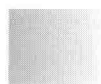


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Preface

EU climate law is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing areas of EU law. The Groningen Centre of Energy Law (GCEL) has therefore taken the initiative to prepare a textbook on EU Climate Law. All authors of this book are members or fellows of GCEL, located in the Netherlands.

The purpose of our book is to provide an introduction to EU climate mitigation law and to review some of the main challenges affecting climate law in the European context. After presenting a definition of climate law, we discuss the main climate targets and instruments of the EU, such as emissions trading, the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency mechanisms. We also expand upon their impact on energy network management, competitiveness and multi-level governance. The latter issues are important for understanding the broader picture of EU climate law.

The book is organised according to a specific format. Each chapter not only addresses the relevant directives and regulations, but also analyses their implementation and how it affects current policy and academic debate. This combination is what makes our introduction into a comprehensive one, describing, analysing and reviewing the main features and issues of EU climate law.

Content-wise, therefore, our book is unique: until this publication, an up-to-date and easily accessible volume presenting and critically reflecting upon EU climate law was missing. Process-wise, our book is unique too. Most of the chapters have been actively reviewed by students of the 2014 course on Climate Law at the University of Groningen. They provided valuable referee reports to us. This led to various questions and suggestions on the basis of which we have been able to improve the chapters in our textbook.

We hope that you will enjoy our exposition of the ‘essence’ of EU climate law.

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Abbreviations

AAUs	assigned amount units
ACER	Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
AEAs	annual emission allocations
AUS CPM	Australia Carbon Pricing Mechanism
AVR	Accreditation and Verification Regulation
CBA	cost-benefit analysis
CBDR	common but differentiated responsibilities
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CEN	European Committee for Standardisation (Comité Européen de Normalisation)
CENLEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation
CERs	Certified Emission Reduction credits
CFCs	chlorofluorocarbons
CH ₄	methane
CITL	Community Independent Transaction Log
CMP	Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
COP	Conference of the Parties
CSLF	Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum
DENA	German Energy Regulator
DSO	distribution system operator
ECCP	European Climate Change Programme
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EEC	European Economic Community
EEX	European Energy Exchange
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIF	European Investment Fund
EITE	Energy Intensive Trade Exposed
ENTSOE	European National transmission system operators for electricity
ENTSOG	European National transmission system operators for gas
ERUs	Emission Reduction Units
ESD	Effort Sharing Decision

ESTI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
EU	European Union
EU ETS	European Union Emissions Trading Scheme
EUTL	European Union Transaction Log
EWEA	European Wind Energy Association
FIT	feed-in tariff
GCEL	Groningen Centre of Energy Law
GDP	gross domestic product
GHGs	greenhouse gases
GOs	Guarantees of Origin
GWP	global warming potential
HCFCs	hydrochlorofluorocarbons
HFCs	hydrofluorocarbons
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICE	Intercontinental Exchange Futures Europe
ICT	information and communication technology
IEA	International Energy Agency
IETA	International Emissions Trading Association
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ITO	Independent Transmission Operator
JI	Joint Implementation
MAC	Mobile Air-Conditioning
MAD	Market Abuse Directive
MBM	market-based mechanism
MiFID	Markets in Financial Instruments Directive
MRR	Monitoring and Reporting Regulation
MRV	monitoring, reporting and verification
MSR	market stability reserve
Mt	megatonne
Mtoe	million tonnes of oil equivalent
N ₂ O	nitrous oxide
NAPs	National Allocation Plans
NEEAPs	National Energy Efficiency Action Plans
NF ₃	nitrogen trifluoride
NIMs	National Implementation Measures
NRA	national regulatory authority
NZ ETS	New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme
ODS	ozone-depleting substances
OFTO	offshore transmission owner
PCI	project of common interest

PFCs	perfluorocarbons
QELRO	Quantified Emission Limitation or Reduction Objective
RES	renewable energy sources
REZ	renewable energy zone
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
RMUs	removal units
SAVE	Specific Actions for Vigorous Energy Efficiency
SF ₆	sulphur hexafluoride
SM-CG	Smart Meters Coordination Group
STEK	Stichting Emissiepreventie Koudetechniek
TEN	trans-European networks
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
THT	Tetrahydrothiophene
TSO	transmission system operator
UCPTE	Union for the Coordination of Production and Transmission of Electricity
UKDECC	UK Department of Energy and Climate Change
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VAT	value-added tax
WCI	Western Climate Initiative
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
ZEP	Zero Emissions Platform

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