

UNCTAD/Earth Council Workshop to Support the Emerging GHG Markets in Countries with Economies in Transition (EITs)
Organized in partnership with the European Commission and the International Emissions Trading Association
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Brief Description:

The integration of EITs in the emerging GHG emissions trading system in the European Community (EC) and elsewhere is a high priority for both industry as well as governments. As part of its UNF-funded project, UNCTAD and its partners are proposing to organize a workshop in May 2002 in Zagreb, Croatia that brought together EITs with other stakeholders (business, key Annex II Parties, IGOs, etc.) to develop a common programme of action to promote the emerging GHG market in EITs. As suggested by some stakeholders, the workshop discussed relevant issues including reporting and monitoring and attempt to identify comprehensive programmes that would promote the GHG market in EITs. This workshop was a follow-up to the [Regional Workshop on GHG Emissions Trading for EITs \(Moscow, September 19-24, 1999\)](#). As such, it built on previous knowledge and proposals.

A [consultative meeting](#) was held at COP6 bis in Bonn, 24 July 2001.

Objectives:

- Appreciate the current state of the GHG market - provide a policy forum to move emissions trading forward in EITs
- Take stock of what is taking place in EITs in terms of emissions trading · Identify barriers, capacity constraints
- Help develop a concrete program (e.g. by building on the support programme on national inventory systems)
- Provide a venue for advancing bilateral agreements among EITs

Stakeholders/Participants:

The workshop attracted between 50-75 participants from the following:

- Public sector (EIT Central Group 11) - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
- Non-CG11 - Belarus, Russia, Ukraine
- Public sector EC/Annex 1 - Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, UK, USA, European Commission
- IGOs - UNFCCC Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP, IEA, OECD Non-Annex I expert group, GEF, UNF
- NGOs - IETA, Center for Clean Air Policy, Environmental Defense
- Private Sector and Business from EITs