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## **European Union Emission Trading System**

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#### The EU-Emissions Trading Scheme: Status

- EU ETS is a market-based mechanism to incentivise reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- The EU ETS is based on the "cap and trade" principle.
- Allocation processes: National allocations Plans (NAP) and auctions
- EU ETS periods:
  - Trial period (2005-2007): Covers 50% of all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (aprox. 40% of total annual GHG emissions) and industries related to combustion and process emissions from electricity generation and selected industries, 95% of allowances must be allocated freely, 5% can be auctioned, penalties 40 euros per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Kyoto Commitment Period (2008-2012). Cap 13% below first period, 90% of allowances must be allocated freely, 10% can be auctioned, penalties 100 euros per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>. Airlines will join the squeme 2012.
  - Third period (2013-2020). A single EU-wide cap on emissions allowances will apply from 2013 and will be cut annually. In 2020 emissions will be 21% lower than in 2005. Sector and gases covered by EU-ETS will be expanded. At least 50% allowances are expected to be auctioned.

#### The EU-Emissions Trading Scheme: Vision

- The cost of controllling emissions
- Distribution of allowances: Harmonization
- Free allocation: perverse effect of providing more free allocation to the highest emitting instalation.
- Benchmarks for free allocation
- Uses of the Goverment revenue obtained by auctioning
- Adjustement of allowances: If too many allowances are issued there would be no scarcity so no market would develop
- Long-term certainty for investment planning
- Allowances price volatily can be dampened by incluiding allowances banking and borrowing.
- Carbon taxes vs EU ETS
- Sectors not covered by the EU ETS especially transportation and buildings
- Intensitive energy industries. Potentially damage competitiveness and jobs of countries
- The effect of EU-ETS on electricity prices



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### PANEL DISCUSSION

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## **District Level Sustainable Infrastructure**

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# **GXI** integration with building design

BUILDING FEATURES: slab edge insulation increased levels of wall and roof insulation double glazing shaded facades large ceiling fans natural ventilation daylighting building management system rainwater harvesting for toilet flushing

pipes in floor slab circulate chilled or heated water

> heat pumps provide cooling in summer and heating in winter to water flowing into floor slab

> > ground heat exchanger: 100m deep ground loops @ 10m centres

heat rejected from building absorbed by ground

image: Taylor Oppenheim Architects





#### Business Model Generation Framework For Sustainable Development

KEY PARTNERS GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY FINACIAL INSTITUTION COMMUNITY	KEY ACTIVITIES•ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION•RATING SYSTEMS•FUNDING MODELS•KEY REOURCES•WATER ENERGY•MATERIALS ECOLOGY	<ul> <li>VALUE PROPOSITION</li> <li>QUALITY OF LIVING</li> <li>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY</li> <li>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</li> <li>SOCIAL EQUITY</li> </ul>	CUSTOMER RELATIONS         COMMUNITY         ENGAGEMENT         COMMUNITY         EDUCATION         DISTRIBUTION         CHANELLS         SUSTAINABLE         DISTRICT         INFRASTRUCTURE         COMMERCIAL         MODELS OF         DEVELOPMENT	<ul> <li>CUSTOMER SEGMENTS</li> <li>COMMUNITY</li> <li>FAMILIES</li> <li>INDIVIDUALS</li> </ul>
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# Interacting fields of knowledge for future sustainable energy systems

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# **Panel: Advances on Sustainable Energy**

# Aspects of environmental compatibility for energy production

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## Energy: actual scenario

- increase in energy production and use, difficulty in de-coupling of development and energy increase;
- strong dependence on thermoelectric strategies;
- large use of fossil fuels;
- important effect on GHG production;
- critical local conditions (North Italy, central Europe) for fine dusts and ozone penetration;
- limited use of sustainable local energy vectors (biomasses, manure, organic sludges);
- technological maturity for co generation and atmospheric emissions reduction





# Prospects for improvement in compatibility

- containment in energy use, best policies for industrial and civil operations;
- efficiency in energy production;
- efficiency in use: co-generation, total use of thermal energy;
- exploitation of existing renewable resources (biomasses, organic fraction, residues);
- evaluation of total result in terms of GHG limitation;
- best available technologies for pollutant emission diminishment (NOx removal, dust filtration, micro-pollutants abatement);
- territorial planning of production facilities