

Statement of the Republic of Malta on the revision of Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading (ETS) - Extension of the ETS to the Buildings and Road Transport (BRT) Sector

Malta acknowledges that, in the framework of the EU's collective transition towards climate neutrality and meeting the 2030 climate objectives enshrined in EU law, the ETS-BRT is designed to direct EU citizens towards making greener choices.

However, Malta maintains that the impact of the ETS-BRT, and more specifically, the road transport element is negative on the population of Malta as it does not account for its realities; namely its level of urbanisation, that it has no viable mass transport alternatives and the highest population density across the EU. It will therefore not lead to significant emission reductions, which is ultimately the objective of the ETS-BRT.

It is evident that the particular situation Malta faces in terms of infiltration of electric vehicles onto its highly particular market will require further support in the coming weeks and months if it is to actually have a timely effect in terms of emission reductions from the road transport sector by 2030.

In this context, Malta looks forward to the upcoming triologue negotiations on this file, and trusts that the final result of this negotiation will ensure that the realities on the ground for all the different Member States, including Malta, are taken into account.