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## EU carbon Emission Trading Scheme

### Member states work on their national allocation plans

Draft national plans are starting to emerge for this second phase of the EU carbon emission trading scheme (ETS). **A number of member states are under pressure to cut the number of allowances** compared with the 2005-2007 first phase if they are to meet their Kyoto protocol emission commitments.

**Early signs** of how governments are approaching the task **have emerged from Sweden and Finland.**

On 22nd March, the Swedish government submitted an outline of its second phase national allocation plan (NAP) to national parliament. **Numbers of emission allowances should be lower than what the trading sector is expected to emit**, according to the document. However, it does not propose concrete numbers.

**In Finland, the emissions cap will be set "well below" the current level**, according to an official from the ministry of industry and trade quoted by analyst Point Carbon. The country faces a significant challenge to bring national emissions back to 1990 levels by 2010-2012.

**The deadline for all states to submit their national allocation plans is 30 June 2006.**

The success and environmental effectiveness of the Emissions Trading Directive depends critically on the integrity of the national allocation plans. **These plans must set caps that produce real emission cuts!**

**The Greens** intend to scrutinise the proposals for the next period 2008-2012 and participate actively in the debate to **ensure the NAPs are consistent with our international obligations** and set the tone for future reductions needed to play our part in avoiding dangerous climate change.

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