

The ETS Post Reform:

Impacts of the adopted changes until 2030

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Objectives of our study (from March 2018)



- Quantify the reduction of supply induced by the reform and the MSR, and the corresponding impacts on price and emissions trajectories
- Testing the stabilizing capacity of the MSR in two scenarios of demand shock similar to those encountered since 2008
- Note: The study was done before the adoption of the new 32% target for renewables... (but we are in the process of publishing an update)



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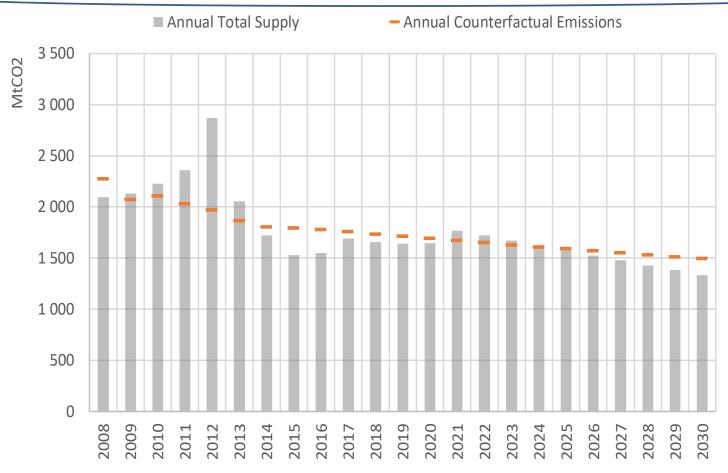
The Zephyr model



- Simulation model, on an annual basis from 2008 to 2050
- Representation of supply and demand
 - Demand: evolution of counterfactual emissions depending on observed and projected industrial production, renewables, EE
 - Supply:
 - Ex-post : observed free allocation, auctions and offsets
 - Ex ante : as written in adopted texts
 - Implementation of the reeinforced « Market Stability Reserve » (MSR)
- Compliance costs minimization over a time horizon, revised every year as anticipations (may) change
- Representation of participants anticipations over different horizons
 - Compliance in the current year(« physical » supply-demand equilibrium)
 - Hedging (supply-demand equilibrium over three years)
 - Long term anticipation (supply-demand equilibrium over 15 years)

Annual supply and counterfactual emissions

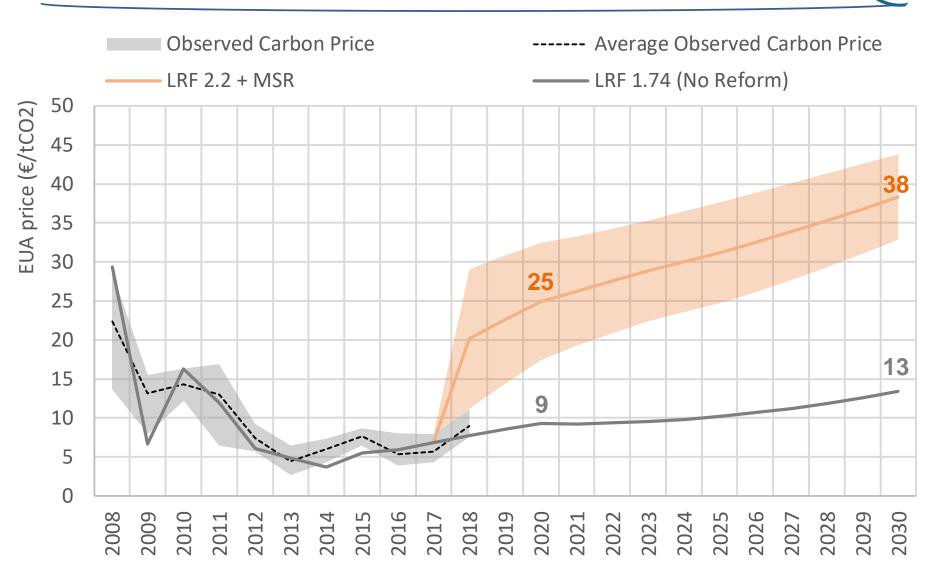




- Given « surplus » allowances already in the market, one needs to anticipate a shortage after 2030 to have a non-zero price today
- The effect of the new LRF and of the MSR is to create this expected scarcity, inducing a higher price equilibrium

Impacts of LRF 2.2 and MSR on the CO₂ price

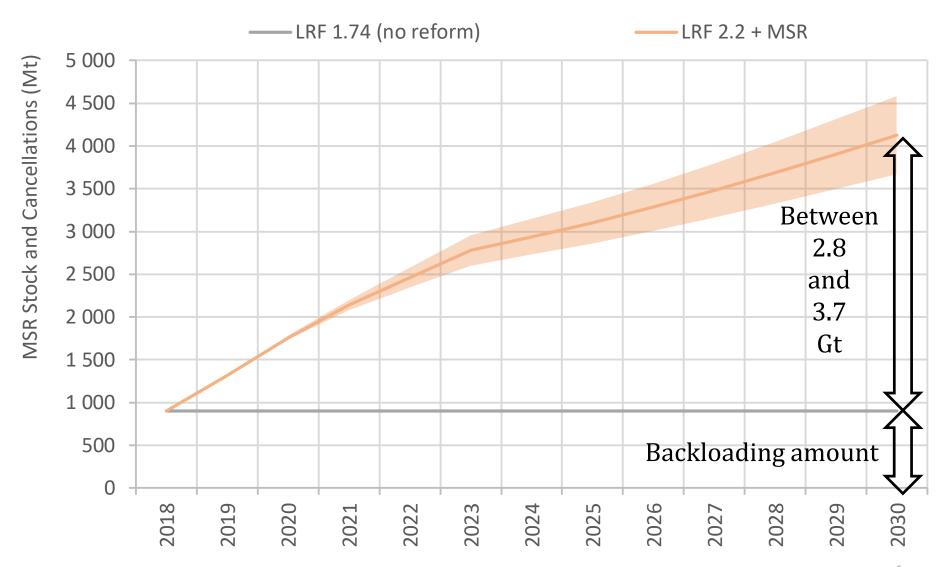




• Emissions decrease by 50% in 2030 compared to 2005

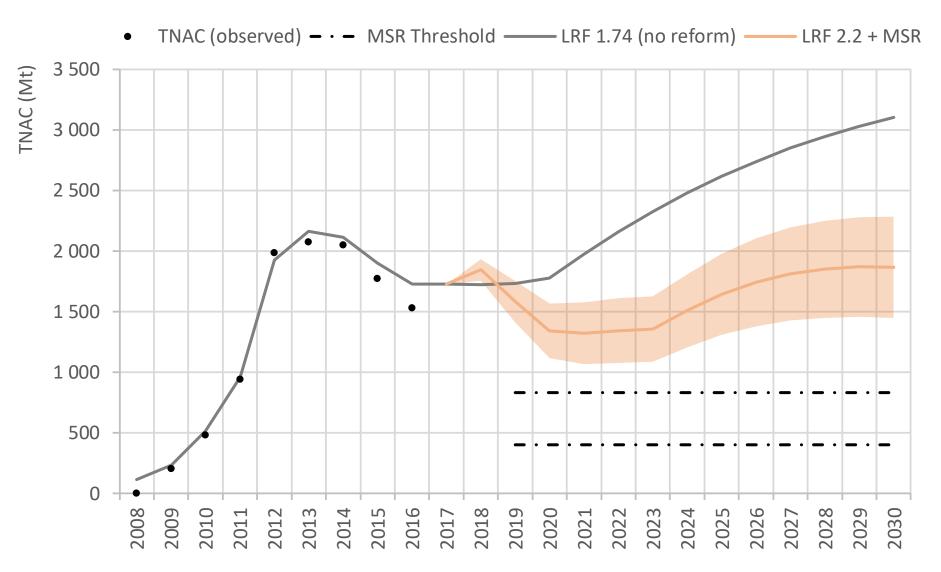
MSR stock and cancellations





The effect of LRF 2.2 and MSR on « surplus »





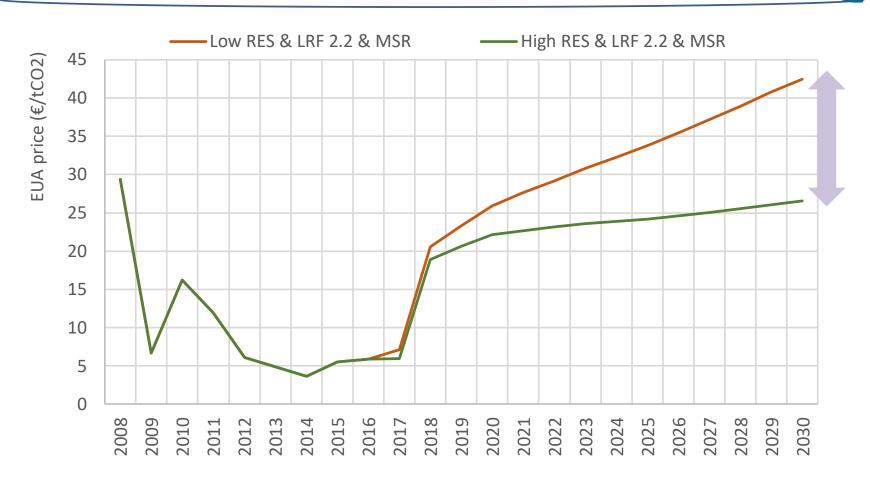
The effect of LRF 2.2 and MSR



- Without any unexpected shocks and all things remaining constant, it seems that the adopted reforms are sufficient to put the price back on a 25-40 €/t range up to 2030
- But the main lesson from the EU ETS past is that there will be unexpected shocks that will disrupt the market in the future. The EC seems to think that the « stability » reserve would be able to deal with such future disruptions
- We tried to test with our model two kinds of shocks similar to those encountered by the market since 2008
 - A higher/lower share of RES impacting emissions independently of the carbon price
 - A economic crisis similar to that of 2008 affecting growth and industrial production over a number of years

Testing the MSR stabilizing capacity (1/2)

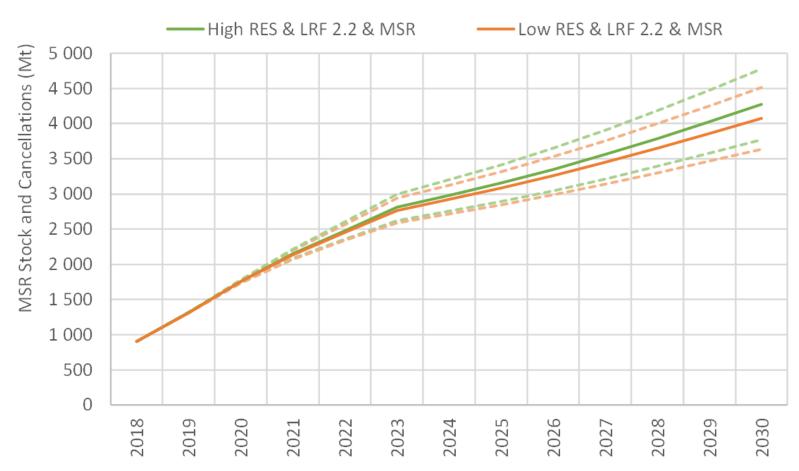




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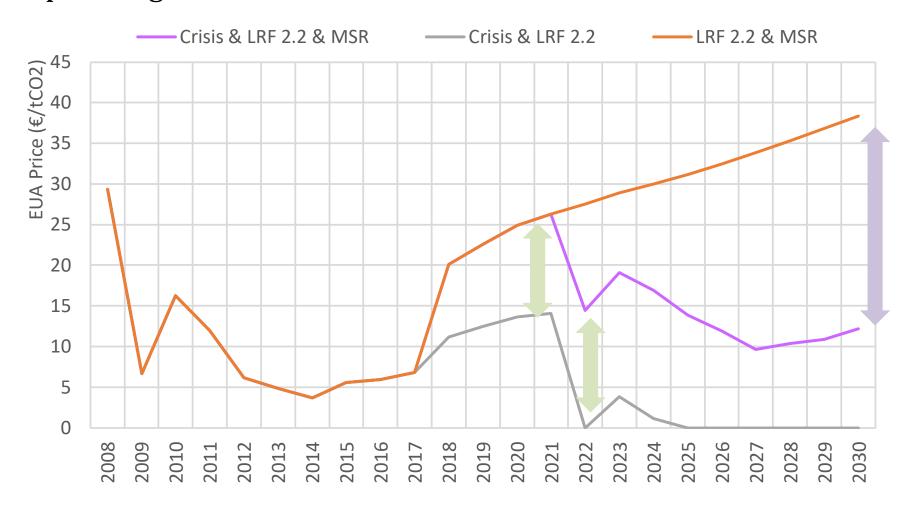


- In the presence of the MSR, two different renewables development scenarios give almost the same cancellation amounts
- It means that the MSR is not able to « neutralize » this kind of external shock (whether it might be desirable or not)

Testing the MSR stabilizing capacity (2/2)



Replicating the 2008 crisis in 2022...



Conclusion



- Up to 2030 and even more up to 2050, the market will have to deal with new disruptions such as policy interactions, economic cycles... Some future adjustment of the supply (down, or maybe up) will seem desirable/needed
- Contrary to what its name implies, the market « stability » reserve **does** not stabilize the market
- If one wants to introduce a « price stabilizer », then the right way to do it would be to have a uniform price floor for all sectors and all countries (as is the case for example in the US)
 - The option of having a **partial price floor** on some countries/sectors instead of entire ETS perimeter seems like an additional destabilizing **factor**. The kind of factor the MSR will not be able to deal with
- Even with a uniform ETS price floor (and ceiling), the **temptation/necessity to « reform »** the price levels over time would still exist



Thank you for your attention

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