Global carbon abatement and carbon markets

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17 Gt of reductions below the reference pathway in 2020 are required to stay limit global warming to 2 degrees

Global GHG emissions, Gt CO2e per year



Opportunities to achieve a 450ppm pathway exist at under €60/t

Global abatement cost curve, 2020 (up to costs of €60/t)



Offset market is a critical component in the global abatement picture

Required abatement in 2020, Gt



The outline of the carbon finance system is becoming clear

2020 snapshot; Based on currently announced or proposed targets



Based on current (proposed) regulation, some of the future market dynamics are becoming visible

2020 snapshot; Based on currently announced or proposed targets



The traded market is multiple times the size of the physical market

ROUGH ESTIMATES



Key assumptions: Only includes EU and US ETS and offsets related to those 2 markets. Velocity assumed to approach that of the current oil market (5x) after 2012

Traded market

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US ETS – The share of domestic abatement increases over time

ANNOUNCED SCENARIO





Emissions in US ETS, Gt CO2e

Demand for offsets comes from several sources, including (EU) ETS, Kyoto member governments and the voluntary markets

	Description	Comments	Potential 2020 demand (Gt)
Kyoto member governments	 Annex-I countries can offset domestic abatement requirement with offsets 	 "Soft" demand because countries remain sovereign and could choose not to purchase CERs or meet their Kyoto commitments at all (e.g., Canada) 	 Potentially 1 GT, or more depending on Copenhagen targets
ETS	 Companies covered by the ETS can offset their oblidations with offsets 	 ETS demand is "hard" demand: there are real penalties for noncompliance There is a cap on the amount of CERs that individual companies can import 	 EU 0.2 GT US 1.0 GT
Voluntary consumers	 Consumers (e.g., companies, governments, individuals) that are not legally required to offset emissions can choose to buy offsets to reduce their carbon footprint 	 "Softest" form of demand, as consumption depends on preferences rather than legal obligations 	 Likely low

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