



Your guide to the Trade & Climate Nexus

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This June, ENTICE continued its dialogue with international partners on the intersection of trade, climate and industry, through a dedicated webinar that brought together researchers and policymakers, and at major scientific conferences across Europe and Asia.

ENTICE works to deepen understanding of how trade, climate and industrial policies interact and how better evidence can support smarter policymaking.

This edition highlights our latest webinar on the EU CBAM's Implications for China, ENTICE's presence at important scientific conferences, three new project deliverables, recent scientific publications, and information about our "ENTICE on the Mic" video series, where researchers explain key trade-climate terms in a few short minutes each.

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1. Spotlight: Webinar on the EU CBAM's Implications for China

On 10 June 2026, ENTICE and the EU-CHINA BRIDGE project jointly hosted the webinar "[From Trade Frictions to Green Cooperation: Unpacking the EU CBAM's Implications for China](#)", bringing together more than 60 participants from academia, policymaking, industry, and civil society.

Researchers from both regions presented on the Chinese industrial context, how expanding carbon pricing could affect China and India, the structural impacts of a potential CBAM expansion, and China's possible response strategies. The analysis and discussion of the panelists prompted new questions but also showed that CBAM's effects can extend beyond the sectors it directly covers, and that the economic impacts found so far remain relatively modest compared to the political attention CBAM continues to receive.

The event closed with a Q&A drawing on questions submitted by attendees, addressing how models can better capture regional heterogeneity within large exporters like China, how to avoid regulatory fragmentation as more countries adopt CBAM-style policies, and how CBAM's design could be made fairer for developing economies.

Read the full recap, including all presentations and the Q&A [here](#).

2. ENTICE at International Conferences

ENTICE researchers travelled to Kyoto on 17–19 June for the [29th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis \(GTAP 2026\)](#), one of the leading gatherings for trade policy and CGE modelling research. ENTICE contributed six presentations across three sessions, two of which were dedicated to the project, covering trade theory, the environmental effects of protectionism, and CBAM's expansion across countries and sectors.

The project was also represented at the [32nd International Input-Output Association \(IIOA\) Conference](#) in Seville, from 22–26 June, where partners contributed as both presenters and session organisers. ENTICE colleagues presented their work on enhancing the GTAP database with finer sectoral detail for green and emissions-intensive industries, alongside further contributions across the conference programme.

ENTICE had a dynamic presence at the [7th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists \(WCERE 2026\)](#) in Lisbon from 29 June to 3 July, one of the largest global gatherings in environmental economics. The project organised a dedicated thematic session featuring five presentations on trade, climate, and industrial policy.

Finally, ENTICE was also present at the [6th Swiss Social Sciences and Humanities Energy Research Workshop \(SSH Energy 2026\)](#) in Zurich on 16–17 June, in synergy with Horizon Europe project [TRANSCIENCE](#). The project's contribution focused on a narrative analysis perspective to discuss the Trade–Climate–Industry nexus across five EU countries (Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Poland, and Greece), drawing primarily on national media narratives.



3. New Deliverables

Public Perception

ENTICE has published a new deliverable on how trade and climate policy are perceived across Europe. The report "[Public perception of trade and its environmental and economic impacts](#)" reveals a deeply fragmented European media landscape, where the trade-climate-industry nexus is shaped by domestic economic and political structures rather than a unified EU consensus. Germany's discourse is torn between industrial continuity and green transformation; Poland frames the EU as a top-down rule-maker amid competitiveness anxieties; Greece's sparse coverage centres on energy resilience and shipping security; the Netherlands reads EU regulation as a necessary shield against volatile energy prices and trade pressure; and Sweden champions strict climate benchmarks as a competitive opportunity. Taken together, the five case studies show that the

EU is increasingly perceived not as a pioneering global standard-setter, but as a continuously renegotiated regulatory framework, reinterpreted through each country's domestic vulnerabilities and geopolitical challenges.

Modelling Progress

ENTICE has also published two new deliverables advancing its modelling work. The report "[Enhanced GTAP Database](#)" presents the first release of sectoral inventories, required to extend the GTAP multi-regional input-output (MRIO) database in support of the modelling activities undertaken within the ENTICE project.

The report "[Progress in model improvements](#)" reports the mid-term progress under the ENTICE project's WP3 tasks on extending and improving the modelling of trade and its environmental impacts, following the roadmap established in deliverable "[Mapping of model improvements: what, why, how](#)".

4. Scientific Publications – Latest Additions

The Equity and Efficiency of Carbon Taxation: A Multi-Model, Multi-Country Analysis

This study, published in *Climate Change Economics*, uses four macroeconomic models to compare how carbon pricing affects inequality within countries when revenues are recycled through lump-sum transfers versus labour tax cuts. It finds that accounting for labour income narrows the gap between the two approaches, and that carbon pricing with revenue recycling can reduce inequality and even raise consumption for the poorest households.

Linking Global Integrated Assessment and Hybrid Input–Output Models to Support Steel Decarbonization Policies in Europe

Published in *Environmental Science & Technology*, this study links the GCAM model with the MRIO input-output framework to trace EU steel production, trade, and emissions under different policy scenarios. It finds that CBAM promotes low-emissions steel technologies and reduces

embedded emissions in EU steel consumption by up to 46% in 2030 and 23% in 2050.

[Capturing System Complexity in Maritime Decarbonization: A Multilayer Modeling Perspective](#)

This paper proposes a new multilayer modelling framework that combines existing maritime decarbonisation tools to better capture the sector's global-to-local-to-global dynamics, published in *Environmental Research Letters*.

[The Challenge with Climate-Energy-Economy Models in Constructing Fair and Equitable Climate Futures](#)

Published in *Futures*, this article examines how integrated assessment models can better address climate equity, just transitions, climate finance, and Global South perspectives in scenario construction.

[Trade War to Cooperation: Scrutinizing China's Strategies to the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism](#)

This paper examines CBAM's anticipated impact on China's iron, steel, and aluminium sectors, finding it could deepen EU-China trade imbalances, and explores China's possible responses, including resource shuffling. It's published in *Review of World Economics*.

You can explore all our publications [here](#).

5. ENTICE On the Mic campaign

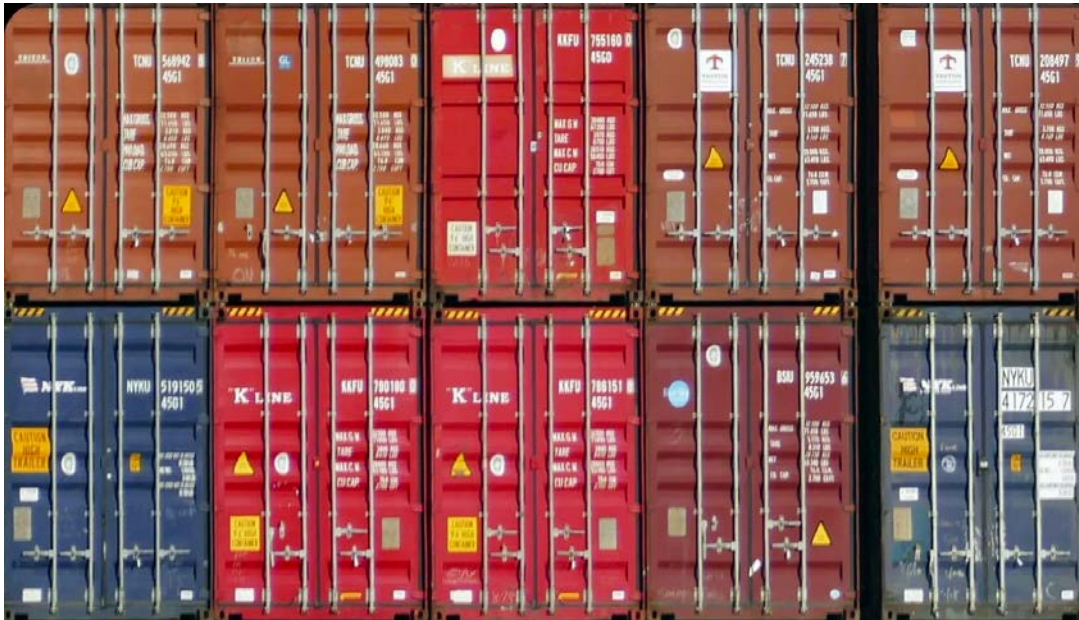
ENTICE recently launched a new video campaign, "[ENTICE on the Mic](#)," breaking down key terms from the trade-climate-industry world — CBAM, the EU ETS, carbon leakage, and more — in short, accessible episodes featuring researchers from across the consortium. All episodes are also available on the project's [youtube channel](#).



Looking Ahead

In the coming months, ENTICE will continue advancing its modelling toolbox, refine its trade-climate-industry scenarios, and deepen its analysis

of how these issues are perceived across Europe — alongside ongoing engagement in international research and policy circles.



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