

Ratings Event on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme

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11:30 – 13:45

Reception Lunch and Keynote Address

- ❖ Dr. Artur Runge-Metzger,
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13:45 – 15:15

Impact of ETS on equity and credit ratings

- ❖ Sectorial Impact of the ETS
- ❖ Carbon Credits and Corporate Liquidity
- ❖ Strategic Corporate Moves



15:30 – 17:00

Future Ratings and Climate Related Regulation

- ❖ The ETS and Corporate Ratings
- ❖ Risk Management Strategies
- ❖ Future Regulation and Ratings Recommendations

Key Discussion Points

- Climate change regulation and relevance for financial sector
- EU ETS progress and National Allocation Plans
- Reaction of equity and credit analysts to ETS
- ETS and discount rate
- Sectorial impact of ETS on credit ratings
- Risk management strategies for corporate sector
- Price of credits and impact on corporate liquidity
- Risk of junk bond status
- Companies/sectors at greater risk of being downgraded
- Consideration of other climate related regulation