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to the Commission**

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Subject: Public consultations on the review of the auction time profile for the EU Emissions Trading System

The Commission has carried out public consultations, which concluded on 16 October 2012, on the review of the auction time profile for the EU Emissions Trading System.

1. What are the preliminary results of these consultations?
2. Were differences noted between the responses received from individual EU Member States? If so, what were these differences?
3. When will the Commission submit an appropriate assessment setting out solutions to the problems reported by the Member States?
4. On 15 November 2012, the Climate Change Committee will meet to discuss the issue of amending the proposal for a regulation on 'backloading'. Will a full report setting out the results of public consultations be made available by this time?
5. Will the Commission include an assessment of the current situation on the emissions allowances market in the report, and will it put forward solutions that take into account the economic situation of individual Member States – an issue that will be of key importance in overcoming the current crisis?
6. To what extent will consideration be given in the report to the overriding aim – as clearly set out in the directive – of introducing the emissions trading system: reducing emissions at the lowest possible cost?