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II. Panel - Carbon-trading and other market-based mechanisms

**Statement by Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Chair of the Task Force on Access to Information**

Thanks a lot for the presentation offered by the representative of the EU; it is very comprehensive. I want to emphasize the importance of applying the principles of the Aarhus Convention regarding the CBAM and ETS. Understanding how the system will work and how these principles will be applied is crucial, especially for candidate countries. Establishing a cap-and-trade system will require new approaches for countries like Moldova and Ukraine. Authorities must learn how to implement this system, ensure transparency, and make modifications when necessary. In this regard, it is necessary to have a clear connection between the ETS system and the permitting system, especially in applying the national and regional registers. Additionally, it is important to analyze how the Aarhus Convention principles will be applied if a regional ETS system is created. It's also essential to ensure that companies are transparent at the national level and that data validation issues remain open. So, the mechanism of MRV and PRTR should be applied to ensure transparency, accountability, and trust in data.