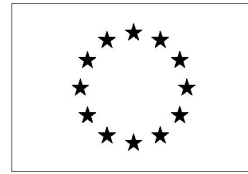
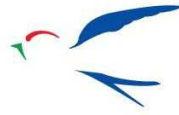




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The European Union and its Member States welcome the conclusions of SBSTA at its fortieth session ([FCCC/SBSTA/2014/2](http://unfccc.int/secretariat/2014/session40/sbstastatement.html), paragraphs 173-182) and the invitation to submit views on experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of non-market-based approaches.

The EU is interested in new information, experiences and good practices about cost-effective mitigation action which the Secretariat will compile and make publicly available.

We underline the importance of all different approaches under the UNFCCC that help to combat climate change and delivers real, permanent, additional and verified mitigation outcomes, avoids double counting of effort, achieves a net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to safe and sustainable development and social well-being and preserve biodiversity.

As stated already in previous submissions, non -market based mitigation approaches are prevailing and the default method under the UNFCCC and documented on the website.

We would like to highlight that there is already a lot of information about different approaches on climate policies and measures on the UNFCCC website available, e.g.:

- National actions on mitigation in the context of the Bali Roadmap
<http://unfccc.int/focus/mitigation/items/7169.php>
- National Reports
http://unfccc.int/national_reports/items/1408.php
- REDD information sharing web platform
http://unfccc.int/methods/redd/redd_web_platform/items/4531.php
- Technology Portal
http://unfccc.int/ttclear/pages/tech_portal.html
- Work under Article 6 of the Convention
http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/education_and_outreach/items/2529.php

- Capacity-building Portal
http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/capacity_building/items/7204.php
- Portal on cooperative initiatives
<http://unfccc.int/focus/mitigation/items/7785.php>

Therefore further information sharing would add most value by focusing on filling any gaps in information and/or organising existing information in new ways that facilitate accessibility of key lessons and experiences from showcased (existing or potential) approaches.

Most successful mitigation approaches are reinforced and/or accompanied with valuable co-benefits, depending on the implemented policy or measure and the concrete circumstances of a Party. These co-benefits should in no case be ignored but as a mitigation approach the focus of such NMA will be on net decrease and/or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions.

Recalling the importance of non-market mitigation actions to tackle climate change and the importance of existing institutions and fora under the UNFCCC and recognizing synergies between Conventions (in particular with the [Convention on Biodiversity](#) and the [Montreal Protocol](#)), the EU is of the view that we need to avoid duplications of discussions taking place elsewhere under the UNFCCC or under other Conventions.

In addition to contributing to the financing and implementation of many mitigation approaches which do not comprise market elements under the umbrella of the UNFCCC, the European Union also implements a large range of NMAs internally through its domestic legislations. Detailed information can be found in the respective National Communication of the European Community and its Member States on the [UNFCCC website](#).