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The Emissions Trading System for buildings, road transport and additional sectors (ETS2)¹ will help Member States meet their emission reduction targets. It will address the emissions from fuel combustion in buildings, road transport and industries not covered by the existing EU ETS.

Agricultural fuel is not in the scope of application of ETS2. Member States have the option to request the Commission to include additional sectors under the scope of the ETS2 Directive². Greece has not submitted such a request. Agricultural fuel prices will thus not change in Greece because of ETS2.

Electricity prices are not affected by the introduction of the ETS2 as electricity production is already covered by the existing ETS system. The Commission's impact assessment for the ETS2 Directive³ provided a detailed analysis of the socio-economic impact of ETS2, showing that its effects on households' annual expenditures are limited. Recent analysis under the Technical Support Instrument in the context of the preparation of the Social Climate Plans in several Member States confirms this finding.

Concerning the social impacts of the ETS2 the Social Climate Fund (SCF)⁴ was created alongside the ETS2. The SCF provides support to vulnerable households, micro-enterprises and transport users. The SCF is expected to mobilise EUR 86.7 billion in public funding. Greece is a net beneficiary of the SCF. The SCF will make a significant contribution to a socially fair transition in both the transport and buildings sector.

¹ Established under Directive (EU) 2023/959 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

² Article 30j of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

³ SWD(2021) 601 final, see part 1/4, Section 6.3.3.2.

⁴ Established under Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council.