



# **Necessity to Activate Derivatives of Carbon Emission Allowances**

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# **Role of ETS(Emission Trading System) for Reducing Carbon Emissions**

# Necessity to Reduce Carbon Emissions

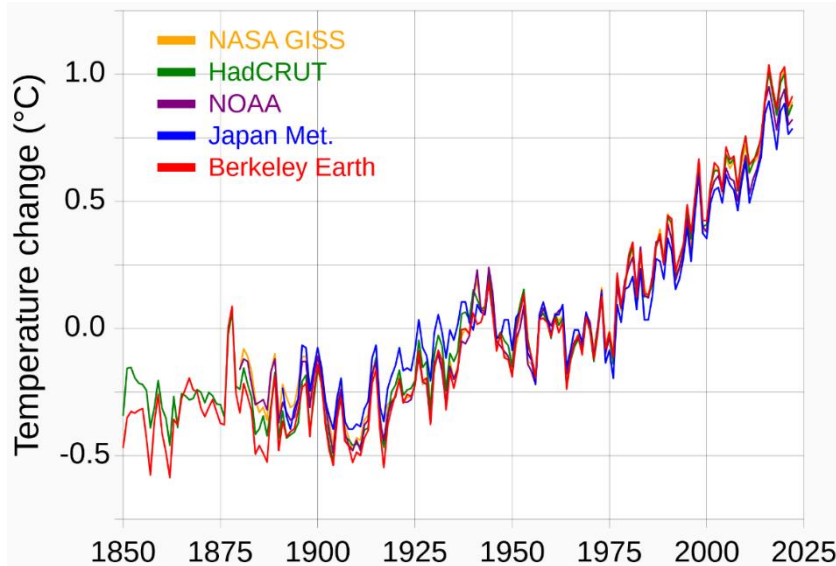
## ❖ Global warming is serious

- Since the Industrial Revolution, global temperatures have increased by more than 1.5°C

## ❖ Main cause of global warming is **CO2 Emissions**

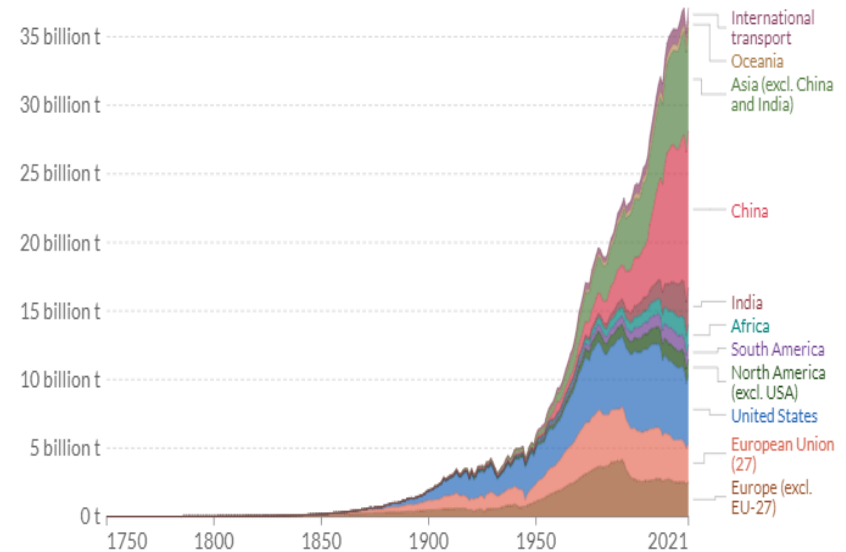
- In 1990, annual CO2 emissions were only 2 billion tons
- But in 2020, annual CO2 emissions increased to 36 billion tons

Global average temperature change



Source: NCDC(National Climate Data Center)

Trends in CO2 emissions by region

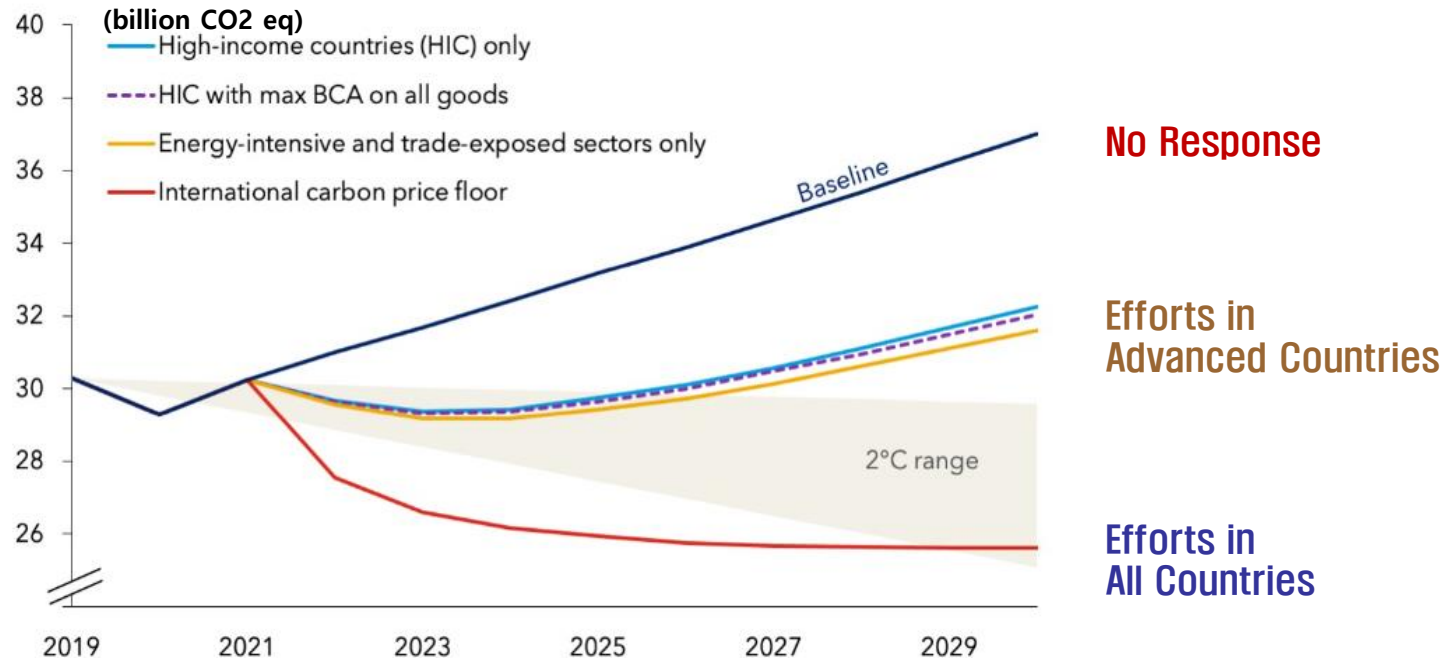


Source: Ourworldindata.org

# Carbon Reduction is the key to respond to Climate Crisis

- ❖ **To respond to the climate crisis, reducing carbon emission is the only solution**
  - IMF(2020) argue that it could not promote carbon emission reduction without strong measures such as setting a carbon price floor
- ❖ **Emission Trading System is the most efficient way to reduce carbon emissions**
  - In order for the emission trading system to function well, both the spot and derivatives markets need to be vitalized

Carbon Emission Reduction by Climate Response Scenario



Source: IMF(2020)

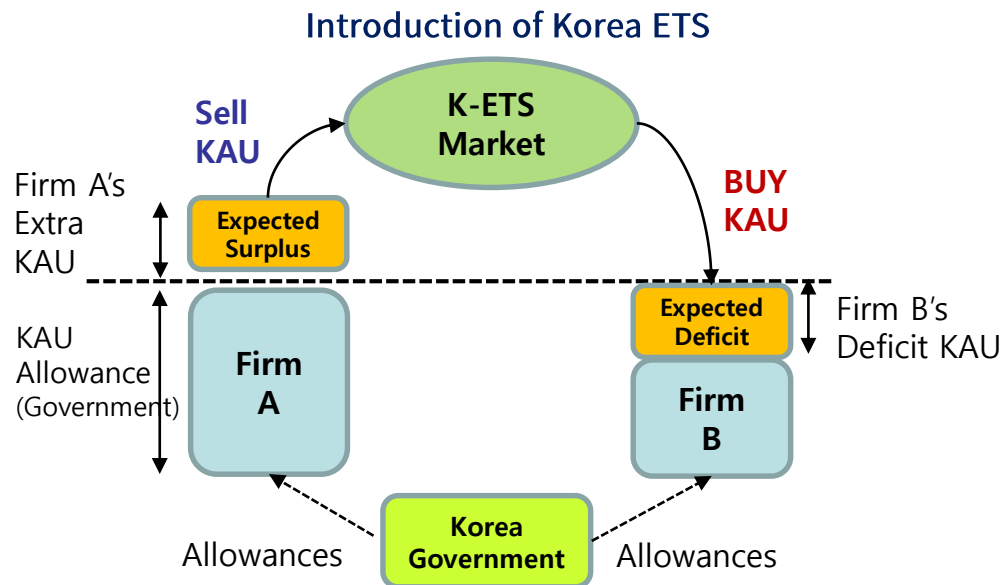
# Advantages of Emissions Trading System

## ❖ Various advantages of ETS

- Accurately control GHS reduction targets
- Provide flexibility in carbon reduction with market-based approach
- Promote the development of carbon reduction technologies
- Provide opportunity to generate revenue
- Increase the transparency of corporate accounting

## ❖ Some concerns about ETS

- Volatility of carbon emission price → Carbon Derivatives provide hedging needs
- ETS operation is complex and costly → Carbon Derivatives can replace the role of spot market

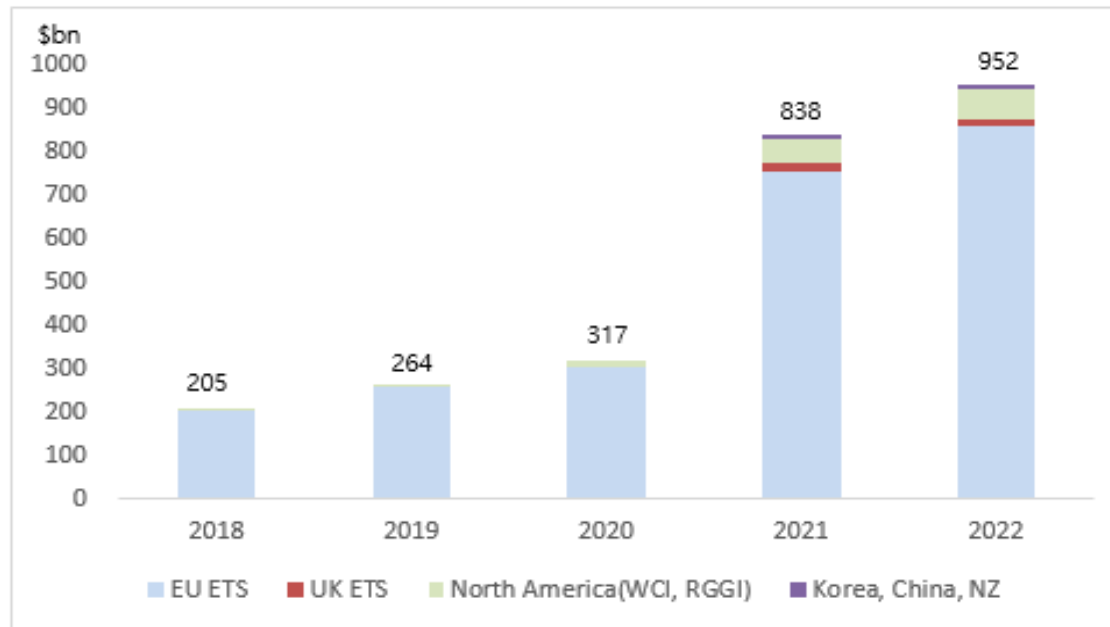


# Global ETS market is growing fast

## ❖ Trading volume of global ETS hits new record

- In 2022, global ETS trading volume is \$952, which has increased by 4.6 times compared to 2018
- EU ETS accounts for about 90% of global ETS market
  - EU ETS derivatives trading amount is about 10 times the spot EU ETS trading volume
- South Korea's ETS account for about 1% of global ETS market
  - There is no ETS derivatives market in Korea

Trends of Global ETS turnover by region



Source: refinitive

# Korea ETS market is also growing fast and promising

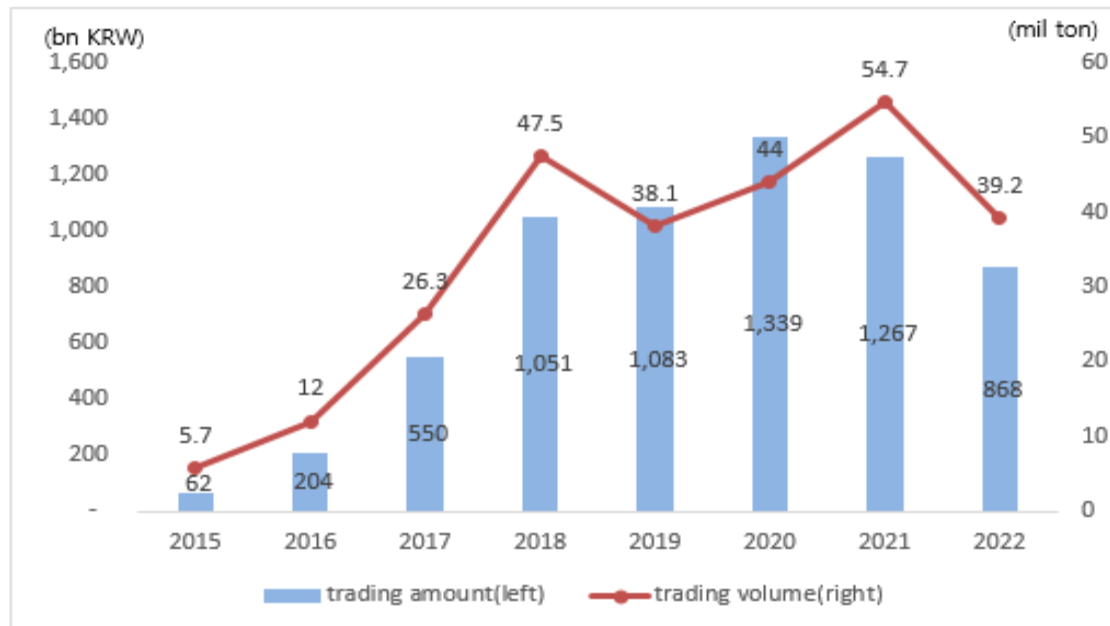
## ❖ Korea ETS market has grown fast

- Total trading amount has increased by 14 times: 62 bn KRW('15) → 868 bn KRW('22)
- Total trading volume has increased by 7 times: 5.7 million ton('15) → 39.2 million ton('22)

## ❖ Korea ETS market is promising

- Korea government announced that we will decrease NDC of 2030 by 40% compared to 2018
- Korea government plans to expand participants and introduce carbon derivatives by 2025

Trends of Korea ETS's trading amount and volume



Source: Korea Ministry of Environment



# Europe Carbon Derivatives Market is fast growing

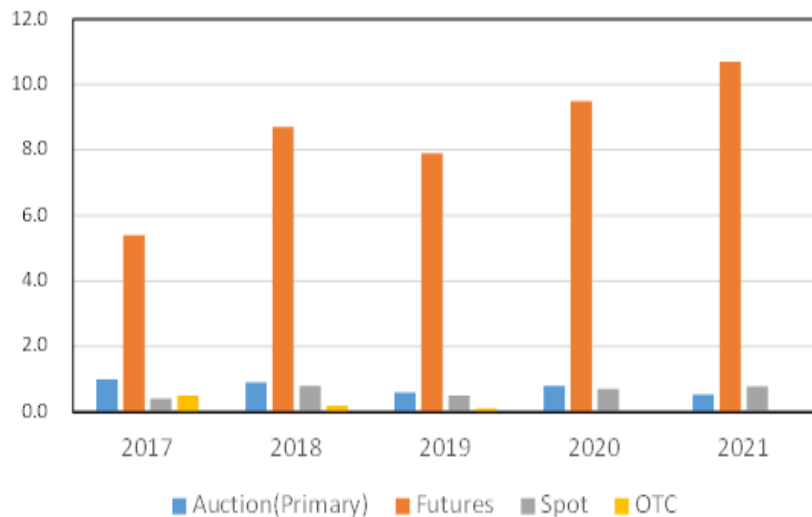
## ❖ Europe carbon emission futures market is very active

- The average monthly trading volume in 2021 has increased by 2 times compared to 2017

## ❖ European carbon futures market is about 10 times the size of carbon spot market

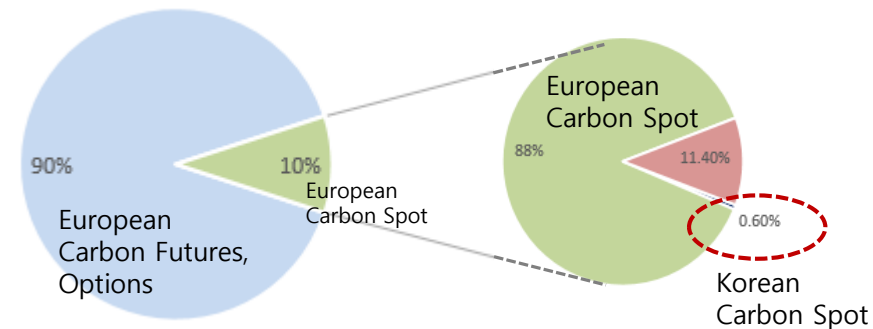
- Europe carbon futures market : Europe carbon spot market  $\approx$  9 : 1
- Europe carbon spot market : Korean carbon spot market  $\approx$  150 : 1

Trading Volume of EU Carbon Market



Source: German Auctioning of Emission Allowances Periodic Report

Comparison of carbon market in Europe & Korea



# North America's Carbon Derivatives Market is growing

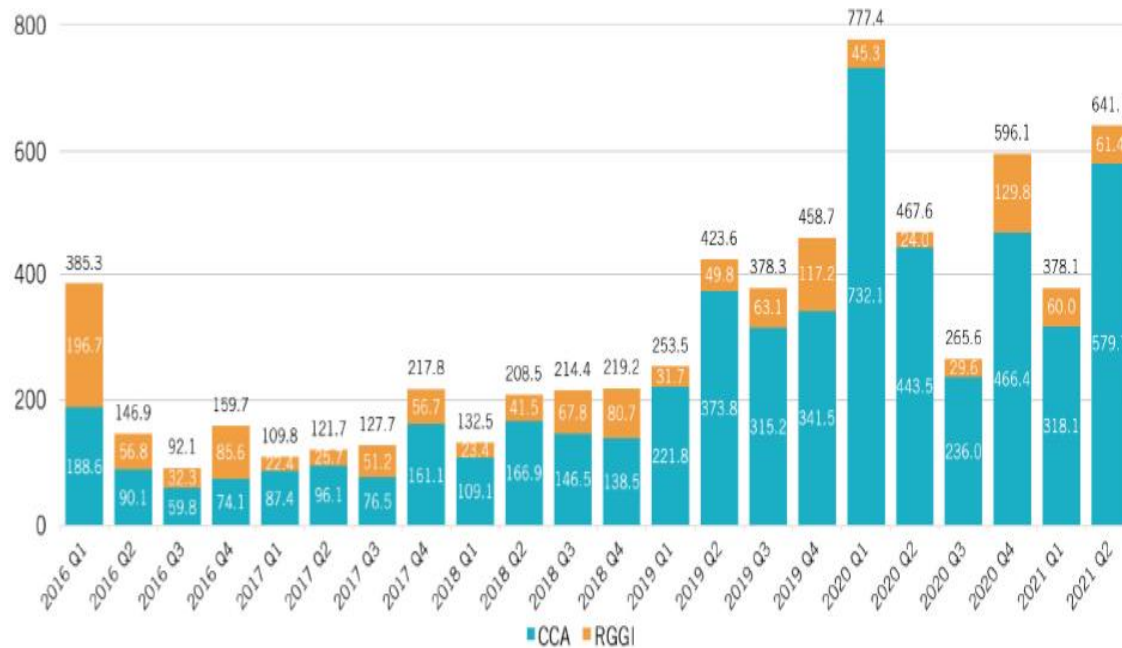
## ❖ CCA (California) trading volume is fast growing

- In 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021, CCA futures and options volume was 579.7 thousand lots, which had increased by 6 times compared to 2016

## ❖ RGGI (Northeast US) trading volume is steadily growing

- In 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021, RGGI futures and options volume was 61.4 thousand lots

North America's CCA & RGGI's Derivatives Volume



Source: ICE, ISDA

# Why K-ETS, Carbon Derivatives are promising? – NDC

## ❖ Enhanced NDC(National Determined Contribution) Target(26.3% → 40%)

- Korea Government decided to reduce GHG emissions by 40% by 2030 compared to 2018

**Adjusted Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets in Korea** (million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>)

Category	2018	2030
Transition	259.6	145.9(△45.9%)
Industry	260.5	230.7(△11.4%)
Building	52.1	35.0(△32.8%)
Transportation	98.1	61.0(△37.8%)
Agriculture etc.	24.7	18.0(△27.1%)
Hydrogen	-	8.4
Carbon Sinks	-41.3	-26.7
CCUS	-	-11.2
Overseas Carbon Offset Programs	-	-37.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>686.3</b>	<b>436.6(40%)</b>

Source: Korea Government

# Why K-ETS, Carbon Derivatives are promising? Regulation

## ❖ EU: CBAM(Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism)

- EU Importers are required to purchase a CBAM Certificate based on GHG emission inherent in the imported goods
- It's scheduled to be piloted at the end of 2023, and will be fully expanded by 2026

## ❖ US: SEC's obligation to disclose carbon emissions

- Listed companies are required to disclose GHG emissions from 2024
  - Mandatory: Scope1, Scope2
  - Voluntary: Scope3
- To reduce carbon emissions, listed companies in US will purchase carbon emission products

## ❖ Global: ISSB under IFRS

- ISSB plans to mandate emissions disclosure for Scope1 & Scope2
- ISSB will consider requiring Scope3 disclosure for companies that meet certain criteria
- Financial Institutions are required to disclose the carbon emissions of companies that have provided loans or invested in (transition) industry

# **Economic Benefits of Carbon Derivatives Market**

# Overview of Global Carbon ETD Products

## ❖ Carbon Emission Allowances Futures & Options are mainly listed

- EUA, CCA, RGGI futures & options are listed and actively traded on major exchanges in Europe and US such as ICE, EEA, NYMEX, NASDAQ
- EUA, CCA, RGGI futures & options account for more than 95% of total transaction of carbon derivatives products

### Global Carbon ETD Products

Exchange	Listed Products
ICE Europe(EU)	<a href="#">EUA Futures</a> , CER Futures, UKA Futures, EUAA Futures <a href="#">EUA Options</a> , EUA Futures Options, CER Options
EEA(EU)	<a href="#">EUA Futures</a> , EUAA Futures, <a href="#">EUAAOptions</a>
NASDAQ Oslo (EU)	EUA Futures, EUA Options
ICE U.S.	<a href="#">CCA Futures</a> , <a href="#">RGGI Futures</a> , CCA Options, RGGI Options
NYMEX (EU & U.S.)	EUA Futures, RGGI Futures, CCA Futures, GEO Futures EUA Options, RGGI Options

Source: ICE, ISDA

# Overview of Global Carbon Emission Futures Market

## ❖ Carbon ETD market outperforms the carbon spot market

- EU & US carbon futures and options trading amount are significantly outperforming carbon spot trading amount
- EU('21): futures market(80~85%), options market(5~10%), spot market(6%), auction(5%)

### Overview of Global Carbon Emission Futures Market

	EUA futures	CCA futures	RGGI futures
Trading number ('23.3)	977,381 Lots (1Lots=1,000EUA)	165,033 Lots (1Lots=1,000CCA)	31,282 Lots (1Lots=1,000RGGI)
Trading ratio to spot market	About 15 times	About 2~3 times	
price ('23.5)	90~95\$(US)	28.5\$(US)	13\$(US)
Global share of spot market	About 90%	About 5~6%	

# Economic Benefits of Carbon Derivatives





# Price Discovery

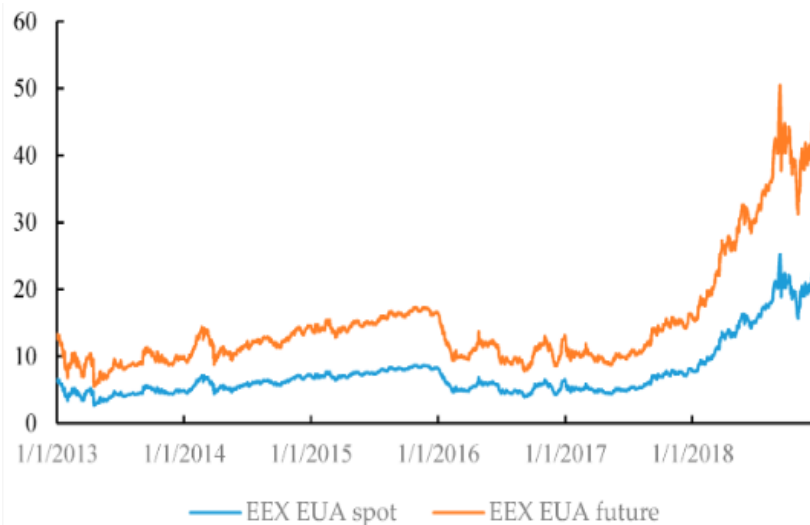
## ❖ **EUA futures & options contribute to price discovery of EUA spot market**

- Many empirical studies have shown that current EUA futures prices are statistically significant in predicting tomorrow's EUA spot prices
  - Stenfan & Wellenreuther(2020), G. Ibikundle et al. (2016)

## ❖ **EUA futures prices show 'contango'**

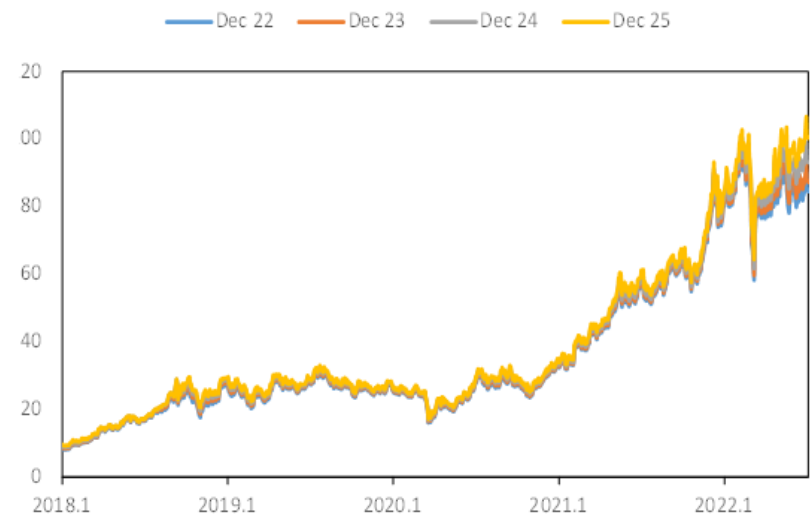
- It was observed that the longer the maturity, the higher the EUA futures price
- When this contango occurs, the long-term EUA futures prices and spot prices tend to rise

**Trend of EUA futures price and spot price**



Source: ECX, H. Chen et al. (2020), "The Linkages of Carbon Spot-Futures: Evidence from EU-ETS in the Third Phase"

**Trend of EUA futures price by maturity**

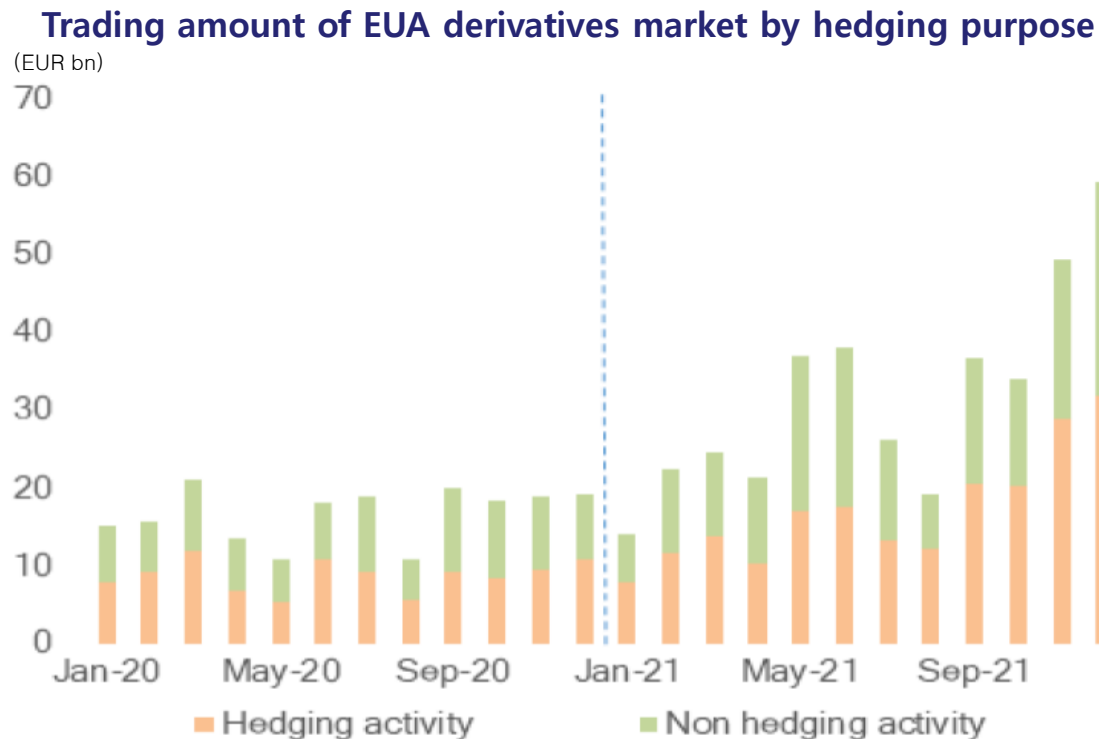


Source: ICE, Korea Capital Market Institute

# Risk Management

## ❖ Hedging demands for carbon derivatives are increasing

- The trading activity of hedging in EUA carbon derivatives markets is steadily increasing
  - Buying Futures Strategy: Companies with insufficient EUA can hedge the risk of rising carbon price by buying EUA futures
  - Selling Futures Strategy: Companies with remaining EUA can hedge the risk of a decline in carbon price by selling EUA futures



# Contribution to Market Efficiency

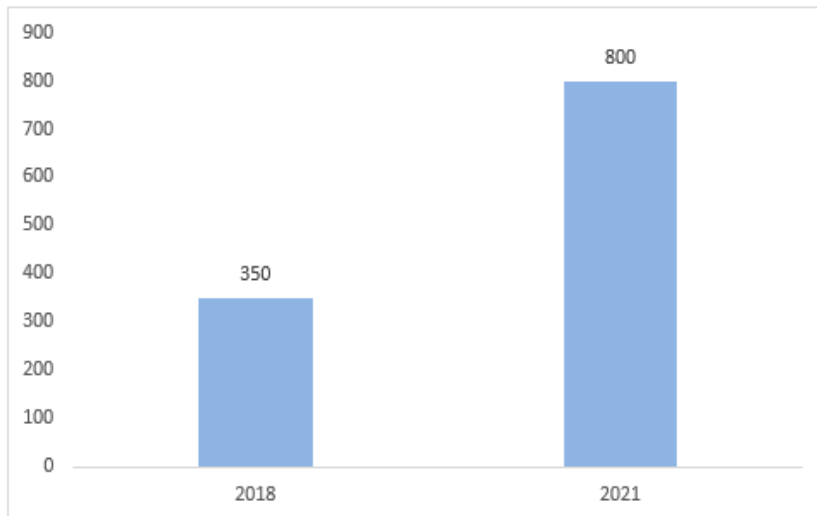
## ❖ **EUA futures help carbon information to be priced quickly**

- As speculative, arbitrage, and hedging purpose participants participate in the EUA futures market, carbon information is quickly reflected in prices
- Actually, the number of participants in EUA futures market has increased from 350 in 2018 to 800 in 2021

## ❖ **Significant decrease in bid-ask spread**

- As EUA futures market are actively traded, the bid-ask spread decreased from 0.2% in 2018 to 0.02% on 2021

**Number of Participants in EUA futures market**



Source: Korea Capital Market Institute

**Bid-Ask Spread of EUA futures market**

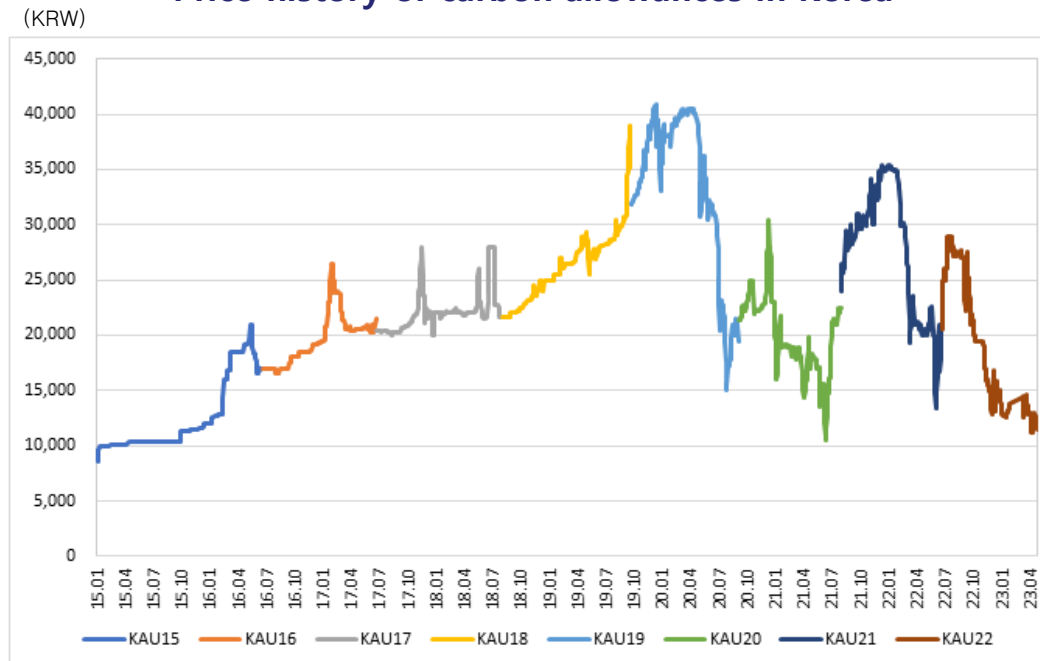


Source: Oxera(2022), Korea Capital Market Institute

# Volatility Mitigation

- ❖ **Carbon ETD derivatives can mitigate the volatility of spot price**
  - When futures are actively traded, we can facilitate two-way(long/short) transactions between different participants, which can help reduce price volatility
- ❖ **The volatility of K-ETS market is higher than EU-ETS, WCI & RGGI**
  - Annualized volatility: K-ETS(about 50%) / EUA(35~40%) / RGGI(40~45%)

Price history of carbon allowances in Korea

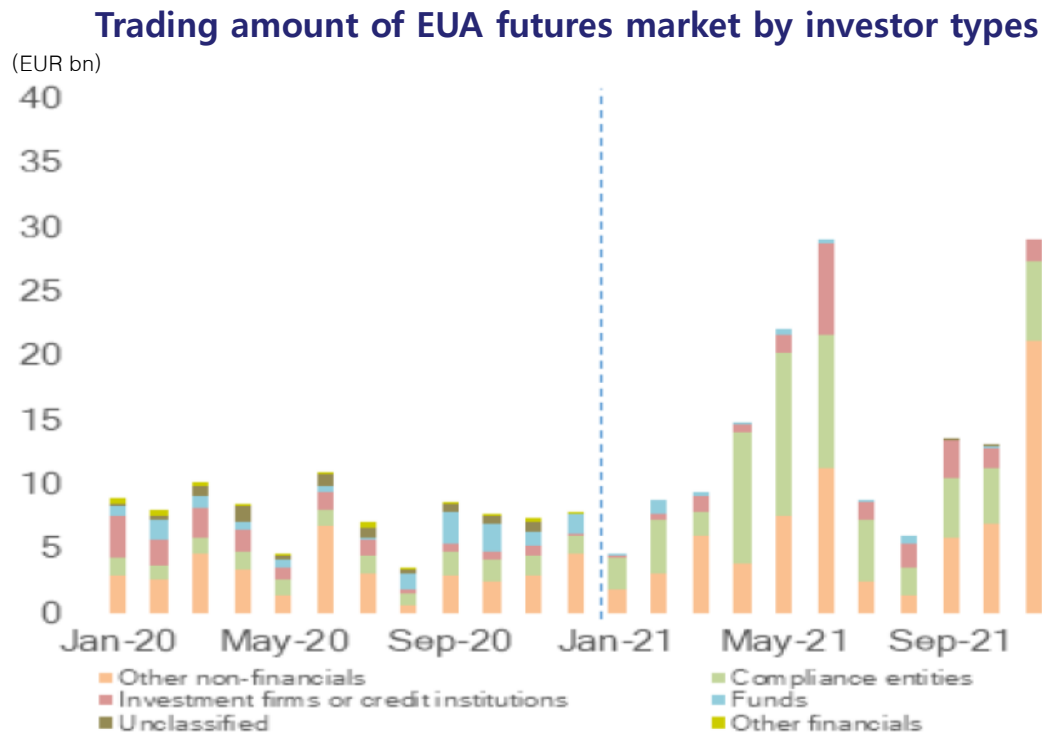


Source: KRX

# Increased Liquidity

## ❖ Positive feedback effect of liquidity

- As the number of participants in EUA futures market increase, EUA futures market is getting more liquidity and efficiency
- Improved liquidity and efficiency induce more heterogeneous participants in EUA futures market
- Ordinary(ex: non compliance entities, individuals) investor's trading amount accounts for 70% of all trading amount of EUA futures



# **Necessity to Activate Derivatives of Carbon Emission Allowances**

# Contribution to GHG Reduction

## Activate Carbon Derivatives Market

### Introducing Carbon Derivatives

- List KAU Futures by '24~25
- List KAU Options
- CCP clearing for KAU swaps

### Introducing Carbon Products

- List KAU ETFs
- List KAU ETNs
- List KAU linked ELS, ELD

### Regulatory Improvement

- Enhance Financial Stability
- Restrict Unfair Trading
- Improve Market Stabilization
- Meet Global Standards

# Introducing Various Carbon Derivatives Products



..... ✓ List KAU Futures with different maturities by '24~25



..... ✓ List KAU Options for complete carbon market



..... ✓ Induce OTC KAU swaps to be cleared through KRX-CCP



# Policy Recommendations for specification of KAU futures

	<b>EUA Futures</b>	<b>KAU Futures</b>
Underlying Asset	EUA	KAU
Unit of Trading	Allowances	Allowances
Contract Size	1,000 EUA	1) 100 KAU 2) 1,000 KAU
Minimum Trading Size	1 Lot	1 Lot
Settlement	Physical Delivery	1) Physical Delivery 2) Cash Settlement
Contract Series	Up to 7 December, Up to 9 quarterly & 2 month contracts	Quarterly covering all KAU vintages
Trading Hours	08:00~18:00 (CET), Mon-Fri	09:00 ~ 12:15, Mon-Fri
Minimum Price Fluctuation	0.01 Euro per ton	Same to K-ETS
Maximum Price Fluctuation	No Limits	No Limits

# Introducing Various Carbon Financial Products



.....✓ Expand demands for carbon emissions to investors



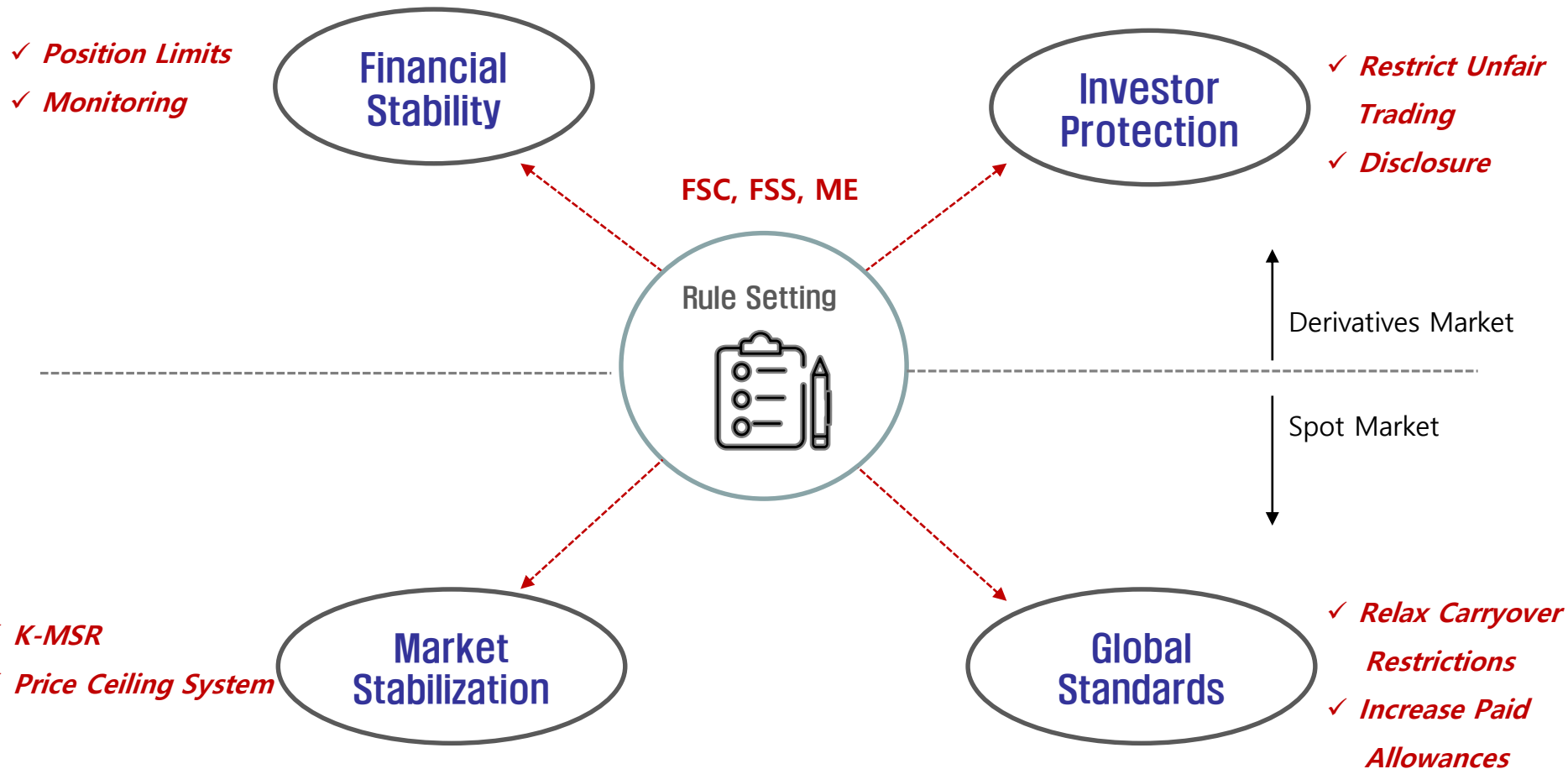
.....✓ Give investment strategies without tracking error



.....✓ Provide innovative carbon products linked to KAU

Contribute  
To Net Zero  
Portfolio

# Improve Regulatory Framework



**Thank you very much.**