

# From Production to Consumption: Legal and Policy Challenges for a New Approach to Climate Change

ERRG has developed this project together with the Surrey European Law Unit and the Centre for Environmental Strategy (including some members of the RESOLVE consortium). A workshop has been organised at the University of Surrey on Friday May 30, 2008. The event was endorsed by the Institute of Advanced Studies and the School of Law of the University of Surrey.

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## The Project

In December 2007 the international community has begun a two year negotiation process in which the foundations of the future international climate regime will be laid. Europe has been a frontrunner in the development of trading regimes but now it must develop new and innovative proposals that will be able to deal in a meaningful way with climate change as well as facilitating widespread acceptance. Within this greater framework, sustainable consumption has become not just an option, but an imperative for a successful climate strategy. Production focused policies are not enough and they must be complemented by new approaches that take into account the role that consumption has to play when dealing with climate change.

A consumption based approach implies a proposal to move towards an allocation of national responsibility for emissions and emissions reduction based on the emissions associated with the complete supply chain of goods consumed within a country, rather than the emissions occurring within that country's own borders. This project aims to explore possible legal and policy challenges to this on-going effort from production to consumption as the basis for responsibility for emissions and their reduction.

## Milestones

A workshop has been organised at the University of Surrey on Friday May 30, 2008. Speakers included UK and international leading experts coming from a wide range of different scientific backgrounds. A workshop report has been published as a Surrey Law Working Paper.

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