

## Sandbag's new stronger team marks a new stage in the battle for effective EU climate policy

Climate policy think-tank Sandbag is pleased to announce the employment of three new members of staff, boosting our team and enabling us to work more effectively to reform the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and Effort Sharing Decision(ESD); to accelerate the coal phase-out; and to trigger deep industrial decarbonisation, including with Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS).

### **Debbie Stockwell is Sandbag's new Managing Director.**

Debbie is an experienced senior leader in the climate change field, with 15 years' experience in Government, most recently at the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). As a Government official, Debbie has been deeply involved in the delivery of policies in the UK (the Review of the UK Climate Change Programme, smart meters rollout) and the EU (EU ETS review and Energy Efficiency Directive). She also secured significant international action and commitments on carbon capture and storage through establishing the Clean Energy Ministerial CCUS group and the UK-China Near Zero Emissions Coal Initiative. Debbie was also seconded to the Victoria State Government in Australia to contribute to the development of their climate change strategy. Most recently she has overseen the award of £billions to renewable projects in the UK through early Contracts for Difference (CFDs) and led the team managing negotiations for bespoke CFDs including for Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the State aid process for Drax's conversion to biomass.

### **Adam Whitmore is Sandbag's new Head of Policy.**

Adam has nearly 20 years' experience of working on climate change issues in both consultancy and industry, and has worked on climate change full time for the last eight years. He had several consulting roles, working mainly on energy, including as a Director responsible for Energy Economics Consulting at Deloitte. He left consulting to join Hydrogen Energy, a company looking to build CCS projects, where he was Chief Economist working on policy support for CCS. He then spent five years as Chief Advisor, Energy and Climate Change Policy for Rio Tinto. Adam is a member of the supervisory board of the British Institute of Energy Economics, and a guest lecturer on MSc courses at several universities.

### **Boris Lagadinov is Sandbag's new Climate Policy Advocate.**

Boris has over 12 years of experience in international carbon markets. He was part of the negotiating team of one of the first ever emission reduction transactions back in 2002 and later worked with one of the first companies set up specifically to trade EU allowances and international credits. Subsequently, Boris spent over 9 years at the trading arm of a major European electricity generator and energy trader. His role focused primarily on carbon - both in fundamental analysis of the European and global carbon markets and policy analysis, particularly at the European level. Boris holds an MSc in Economics from Sofia University and an MBA from IESE Business School.

**Baroness Bryony Worthington, Sandbag's Founder and Non-Executive Director,** commented:

*"Sandbag's new team will allow it to dive even deeper into the data surrounding Europe's most important climate policies and to develop and advocate solutions."*

*"It's a strong, experienced team and represents possibly the strongest not-for-profit analytical capacity on carbon pricing in Europe. The window of opportunity post Paris is open and civil society needs strong voices like Sandbag to win reforms."*

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