Webinar: The CBAM's real impact on India

Date: 4 August 2026	Time: 2pm CET	Location: online

Background

Globally, the EU's CBAM has raised concerns about its fairness for international trade. India has raised objections in WTO discussions, pointing to inconsistencies with the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) under the Paris Agreement.

However, Indian political opposition to the EU's CBAM has been increasingly accompanied by pragmatic engagement. In the context of EU–India free trade negotiations, both sides have agreed to advance technical cooperation on the CBAM's implementation, including exchanges on reporting requirements and methodological aspects. CBAM duties are not comprised and must be paid for this quota as well. Despite technical collaboration, the mechanism itself remains unchanged.

India's exposure to the CBAM is substantial with regards to the size of its exports of iron and steel goods to the EU and the high emission intensity of its steelmaking industry. Our new report makes a granular assessment of India's ability to keep its competitiveness in the EU market under the CBAM, considering the types of goods exported, the capacity available of each production route, their suitability for exports based on geographical location, and their likely ability to meet MRV requirements.

The webinar aims to:

- Briefly present key findings of our report 'The CBAM's real impact on India'
- Briefly provide an introduction to our updated CBAM simulator
- Facilitate a dialogue among European and Indian stakeholders

Discussion points

- From theory to practice: how hard is it for Indian steelmakers to adjust to the CBAM and minimise its impact?
- Considering the changes caused by the CBAM to India's supply chains, can we say that the mechanism is functioning exactly as intended?
- Could India's possible recourse to resource shuffling undermine the "Brussels effect" by which deeper transformation and policies are expected in the country?

Programme

2 pm	**Welcome remarks** by Adrien Assous
2:05 pm	**Opening remarks**
2:10 pm	**Report presentation**
2:25 pm	**CBAM simulator presentation** by Chloé Barré
2:35 pm	**Panel discussion** • Carolyn Fischer, Lead Economist at the World Bank • Darshna Singh, Programme Associate at CEEW • Sangeeth Selvaraju, Policy Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute at LSE
3:15 pm	**Q&A**
3:25 pm	**Closing remarks** by Adrien Assous