**Actor Paper**

The purpose of the actor paper (Assignment #1) is to:

* describe the actor as relevant to the permissibility of carbon removals to count towards reaching the 2040 EU net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goal(s),
* briefly describe the actor’s relations with other actors on the abovementioned issue,
* locate the actor on the position scale as reprinted below, incl. justification of your scoring,
* develop a scale for assessing the potential influence of your actor vis-à-vis other actors and position your actor on this scale (explain both briefly), and
* score the actor chosen with respect to salience and flexibility (see presentation files for guidance) as well as whether the actor has veto status (explain each entry briefly).

Assume that the European Commission’s proposal for union-wide remaining EU GHG emissions in 20240 of less than 850 Mt CO2eq will be approved.

The predictions shall answer the following question:

*To which degree will the 2040 EU GHG net emission reduction goals be allowed to be met by carbon removals?*

**Position Scale**

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| Scale | Contents |
| 0 | 0 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 45 | 225 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 50 | 250 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 55 | 275 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 62 | 310 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 90 | 400 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |
| 110 | 450 Mt CO2eq (land-based and industrial carbon removals) |

Simplification: We treat all carbon removals as interchangeable and sum them up.

**Potential Influence Scale**

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| t.b.d. | European Commission |
| 100 | European Parliament |
| 100 | European Council |
| t.b.d. | other actors |

Note: Assume qualified majority voting in the European Council.

Assess other actors and actor groups in relation to the European Parliament and the European Council.

This paper reflects *individual* work by each student and is not a group exercise. All instructions from the actual assignment apply (⟶Assignment #1). Please also consult the syllabus for general rules.

The deadline for submission for the actor paper is **18 Dec. 2024, 14:00h,** via Open.UP. The presentation file is due on **18 Dec. 2024, 20:00h**, via Open.UP. Late submissions are discouraged.

Please submit the paper in MS Word *as well as* a PDF file.

Before you submit Assignment #1, please delete these two cover pages.

**Assignment #1**

Student Name:

Student ID:

Actor:

Submission Date:

Word Count:

**How is the actor relevant to the permissibility of carbon removals to count towards reaching the 2040 EU net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goal(s)?**

**Describe the actor’s relations with other actors on the abovementioned issue.**

**Where can the actor be found on the position scale? Justify.**

**Which potential influence does the actor have on these negotiations? Develop a general scale/index for all actors and score your particular actor. Justify.**

**What is the actor’s salience and flexibility regarding the position scale? Do they have veto status? Justify.**

*References*