

The Importance of Irish Carbon Pricing Today

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The carbon budget will test the Coalition's mettle – so what happens next?

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POTENTIAL FOR CARBON PRICING GROWING



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- ▶ As our economist friends might say, if the costs of an action threaten to harm society, they should be **internalized to align incentives**

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Abstract

The three main types of policies for addressing climate change are command and control regulation, carbon taxes (or price instruments), and cap and trade (or quantity instruments). The first question in the ethics of carbon pricing is whether the latter two (price and quantity instruments) are preferable to command and control regulation. The second question is, if so, how should we evaluate the relative merits of price and quantity

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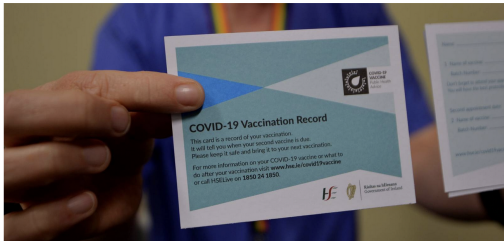
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Yesterday Ryan spoke about how easy it can be to get overwhelmed by all the information emerging about Climate Change. This morning Dr Kian Mintz-Woo from UCC, who is currently at COP26 in Glasgow, joined Ryan on the line to help lay out the facts and what we can do to help.



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POLICY ANALYSIS ARTICLE



Carbon pricing and COVID-19

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A question arising from the COVID-19 crisis is whether the merits of cases for climate policies have been affected. This article focuses on carbon pricing, in the form of either carbon taxes or emissions trading. It discusses the extent to which relative costs and benefits of introducing carbon pricing may have changed in the context of COVID-19, during both the crisis and the recovery period to follow. In several ways, the case for introducing a carbon price is stronger during the COVID-19 crisis than under normal conditions. Oil costs are lower than normal, so we would expect less harm to consumers compared to normal conditions. Governments have

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 4. It gives the right signals as we **recover from the COVID period**