

Accounts in the CO2 registry (2021)

Anyone who wants to trade in emission allowances needs to have an account in the CO2 registry. The CO2 registry works in the same way as internet banking. After logging in, users have access to their account(s) and they can transfer their emission allowances to other accounts via transactions.

The companies and aircraft operators that are required to participate in the European Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) also need their account for three other purposes: 1) to receive allowances that they have been allocated; 2) to enter their CO2 emissions figures; and 3) to surrender allowances.

The CO2 registry has several account types. These are the aircraft or other operator holding account ([A]OHA), the trading account (TA) and the Kyoto account (KA). This background document shows all the relevant information about the options and restrictions of the various accounts in a table.

	(A)OHA	TA	KA
Target group			
Parties for which participation in the EU ETS is mandatory	Yes ¹	No	No
Organisations that trade in allowances on a voluntary basis	No	Yes	Yes
Options			
- Transfer emission allowances - Cancel emission allowances	Yes	Yes	Yes
- Receive allocated emission allowances - Enter emissions figures - Surrender emission allowances	Yes	No	No
Emission allowances that may be held			
EUAs and AEUAs	Yes	Yes	No
CERs and ERUs that may be used in the EU ETS ²	Yes	Yes	Yes
CERs and ERUs that may not be used in the EU ETS ³	No	No	Yes

¹ Stationary installations must hold an OHA; aircraft operators must hold an AOHA.

² CERs and ERUs may be held in ETS accounts until 1 July 2023.

³ Ditto.

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Security measures			
- Log in with an email address, password and QR code - Initiate and approve transactions with a QR code - Transactions are only processed during the day - Approval of transactions by an approver if associated with your account (optional)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transfers made only to accounts included in the trusted account list ⁴	Yes, unless ⁵	No	Yes
Fees			
Fixed annual fee of €400	No, free of charge	Yes	Yes
Additional services available (Premium Account): €1,350	Yes	Yes	Yes

⁴ Transfers to accounts included in the trusted account list will be processed immediately if they are presented between 10:00 and 16:00 CET on working days.

⁵ Account holders must indicate themselves that transfers from their account to accounts that are not included in the trusted account list may be carried out.