



EAUC Carbon Coalition Advisory Board Terms of Reference

The EAUC Carbon Coalition

The EAUC Carbon Coalition (“the Coalition”) is a consortium of UK and Ireland higher and further education institutions that have joined together to offset their emissions leveraging their combined buying power and knowledge. The offsetting process will be achieved using a portfolio of credits provided by an Appointed Fund Manager (for the purposes of the initial pilot this will be MyCarbon) and selected by an Advisory Board made up of experts, practitioners and scientists from the education sector and stakeholders. The goal is to provide the Coalition members with a simple, robust offsetting menu of products that provides maximum value for money. The EAUC Carbon Coalition is managed by EAUC, which is a registered charity.

Purpose of the Advisory Board

The purpose of the Coalition’s Advisory Board is to use their expertise to provide a rigorous scoring methodology which will be used by the Appointed Fund Manager to review available carbon credits. The Appointed Fund Manager will build a dynamic portfolio of credits to offset providing a diverse selection with the best cost to scoring ratio for the Carbon Coalition institutions to purchase.

The Advisory Board has three tasks:

1. The Advisory Board assists the Coalition in developing a scoring methodology and criteria to identify and evaluate the most sustainable, robust and cost-effective projects available which will become the Carbon Coalition portfolio. These will include a variety of nature-based and permanent carbon storage/capture, along with additionality aspects such as research opportunities and provide both UK and Ireland and global options. The scoring



methodology is to be based on the [Offsetting Briefing](#) written by the COP26 Universities Network and EAUC.

2. The Advisory Board is to regularly review the scoring methodology that is used for the Coalition in accordance with the latest scientific research.
3. The Advisory Board will provide the Coalition with the latest expertise and scientific research on carbon capture.

The Advisory Board has solely an advisory role to the best of their knowledge and expertise and EAUC and the Appointed Fund Manager(s) are responsible for choosing the most appropriate projects based on the scoring methodology provided by the Advisory Board.

Structure of the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is chaired by the EAUC Deputy Chair, John French, to ensure all decisions are in line with EAUC principles and governance.

The Advisory Board will consist of a minimum of 5 members. Secretariat is provided by the EAUC Director of Operations & Planning. The Advisory Board will consist of experts, scientists and practitioners from the education sector with expertise relating to carbon offsetting and environmental science. Members of the Advisory Board can also be invited from outside the sector at the discretion of the EAUC. The Advisory Board may also consult with other experts when deemed necessary. These ad hoc experts will support the work of the Advisory Board on a pro bono basis.

Advisory Board members are to serve for a period of three years, with the option to extend for a further three years. The EAUC have the right to terminate any Advisory Board member if they no longer support the spirit of the Coalition.

The Advisory Board will meet at least once a year, virtually, depending on new developments in the offsetting sector. Advisory Board members provide their time on a voluntary basis and shall



not be remunerated. The Coalition shall reimburse any travel and material expenses incurred by the Advisory Board members that are related solely to the work of the Advisory Board. As meetings are held virtually this is not expected and any expenses are to be pre-approved by EAUC.

Communication should flow between MyCarbon, the EAUC and the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall not communicate with institution practitioners who are involved with the Coalition as this is outside of the scope of the Advisory Board.

Accountability

The Advisory Board shall act as an advisory scientific body to the Coalition. It is the responsibility of the Advisory Board to ensure their recommendations and advice to the Coalition are consistent with current scientific information.

The Advisory Board membership and these Terms of Reference are public. The Advisory Board only exists as long as the Coalition exists. The EAUC have the right to terminate the Advisory Board, if deemed necessary.

The Advisory Board and Coalition agree to adhere to these Terms of Reference and may jointly revise as necessary.

The Advisory Board are to treat non-public documents of the Coalition as confidential.

This version of the Terms of Reference was agreed by the Coalition and the Advisory Board on 25/02/2021



Current Members of the Advisory Board

Prof John French, EAUC Deputy Chair

Chair

Fiona Goodwin, EAUC Director of Operations & Planning

Secretary

Emily Lewis-Brown, Imperial College London

Prof Dave Reay, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), The University of Edinburgh

Charles Joly, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Cat Scott - Institute for Climate and Atmospheric Science (ICAS), University of Leeds

Dr Rachael Rothman, Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures, University of Sheffield

Dave Gorman, University of Edinburgh

Prof Piers Foster, Priestley International Centre for Climate, University of Leeds

Prof Myles Allen, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford

Eli Mitchell-Larson, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford

Emily Budgen, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge

Invited Guest: Toby Green, MyCarbon