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- 1) Need to take into account ETS costs embedded in input costs for products in non-listed sectors (e.g. industrial gases);
- 2) Steel has high GVA because of high employment, this can penalise labour-intensive industries; there should be a corrective factor to the 75% aid intensity to reflect this (comparison aluminium & steel);
- 3) Conditionality: draft GL foresee increase in adaptation requirements.
Alternatives: energy efficiency, onsite renewables or renewables purchase >50%, aid reinvestment in direct emissions reduction.
Eurofer notes that most plants are not yet at the benchmark efficiency levels, so there are still incentives to upgrade.
- 4) Regional breakdown: price heterogeneity between countries has been growing, due to varying levels of deployment of renewables.
- 5) Certain sub-sectors outside the steel NACE code should also be considered (ore mining upstream; seamless tubes downstream).