

CCS in a crossborder European context

NEKST implementation forum for CCS

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CONTEXT: WHY A CARBON MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE?

Lack of a clear legal framework

- Federal Climate Protection Act (KSG)
 aims for net zero emissions by 2045,
 but until now, there is no clear
 regulatory framework enabling the use
 of CCS
- Traffic light coalition opened way for use of CCS by developing a Carbon Manage-ment Strategy which needs to be further developed under new government
- Bill to amend the Carbon Dioxide Storage Act (KSpTG), allowing for the use of CCS, still pending, due to be adopted by parliament after Feb 25 elections
- Funding instruments for carbon management technologies still to be defined

Controversial political debate

- Controversial political debate in Germany with the SPD and Greens only supporting a limited use of CCS for hard to abate emissions, e.g. in the cement and lime industry, basic chemicals and waste incineration.
- Controversial discussion as to whether CCS should also be used for gas-fired power plants (for which green hydrogen is not available in the foreseeable future)
- First indications show that new government (CDU/SPD) will focus the use of CCS on hard-to-abate sectors

A big opportunity for industry

- Creation of a new industrial sector that can be successfully organized only on a cross-sector basis
- Opportunity for participation and codesign, be it for new legal regulations or for the implementation and optimization of the CM strategy, which explicitly provides for industry participation
- Low level of information on CCS among policymakers and society requires industry to act as a source of expertise
- Need to develop the framework conditions in a cross-cluster design





OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIANCE

Mission

- Help create a clear and transparent regulatory framework to provide for planning and investment security
- Promote the dialogue between policymakers, society, academia and NGOs to find joint solutions
- Enhance the awareness and acceptance for the role of carbon management technologies for Germany as a high-tech nation

Short-term goals (2025)

- Definition of a clear regulatory framework: Implementation of the Carbon Storage and Transport Act (KSpTG), and ratification of London Protocol Amendment 6.
- Integration of negative emissions into the EU ETS.
- Infrastructure expansion: planning and promotion of a CO₂ corridor for greater scalability.
- Focus on hard-to-abate sectors: support energy-intensive industries to enable initial investments in carbon management.
- Involvement of partners (e.g. Austria and Denmark)

Medium-term goals (until 2030)

- Ensure economic viability: Establish a viable business model for carbon management.
- Regulatory development: Harmonization of monitoring for biogenic CO₂, linking with the EU Industrial Carbon Management Strategy.
- Flexibility in sector demarcation: creating opportunities to integrate additional industrial sectors.
- Ramp-up of a carbon market in the sense of establishing a circular economy

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KEY MEMBERS: COVERING THE WHOLE CCS VALUE-CHAIN

























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OUTLOOK: PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Preparation and Foundation Q4 2024 (completed)

- Launch website with basic information
- Creation of key content, FAQs, graphics, one-pagers, press releases etc. regarding the concept and benefits of Carbon Management
- Development of a social media profile and continuous use, possibly several channels
- Formal foundation of the association

Initial activities and coordination Q4/Q1

- Campaign: 'KSpTG now' with member companies and other supporters (press conference, etc.)
- Workshop with founding members to anchor 'core objectives' in the roadmap
- Open dialogue with NGOs
- Approach political and social stakeholders
- Call for the KSpTG to be adopted immediately after the election, inclusion in the '100-day programme'

Establishing the alliance in 2025

- Positioning in the relevant Federal States (opt-in)
- Accompanying the formation of political positions in the democratic parliamentary groups in the Bundestag
- Co-operation with existing initiatives and associations
- Gaining support and high-level supporters
- Establishment as key contact and coordinator for Federal Ministries

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Lobby register at the German Bundestag-register number: R007209





Questions?

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The CCS value chain in an ETS perspective

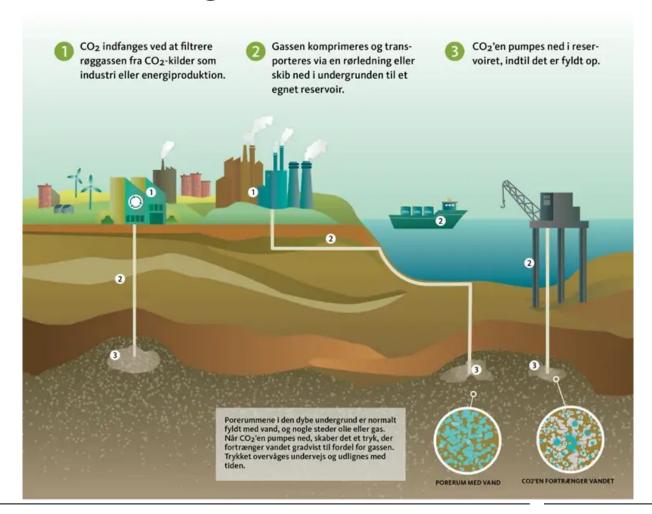
Reductions and removals

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Carbon Capture & Storage

- CCS: Capture, transport & storage of CO₂
- **CCU:** Capture and reuse of CO₂ in specific products
 - "Negative emissions"
- **BECCS:** Capture and storage of CO₂ originating from sustainable sources (biomass/RFNBO's etc.)
- **DACCS:** Direct air capture
- Carbon farming: biological storage (not part of the EU ETS)



CCS in the EU ETS

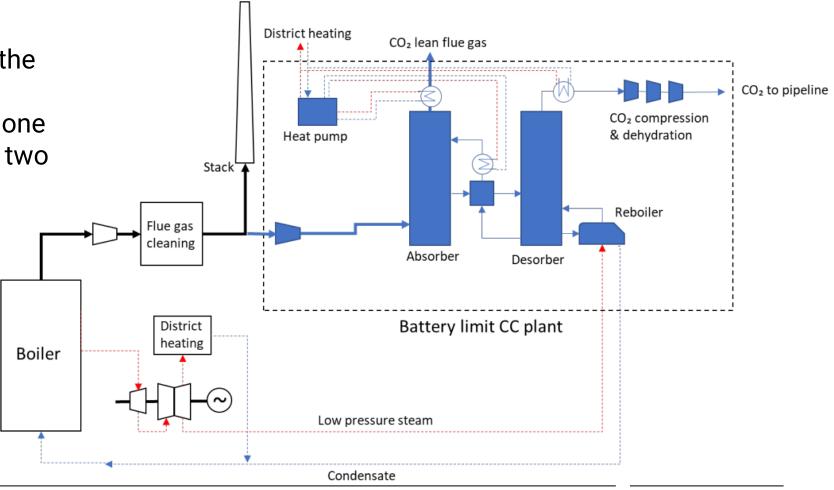
- Transport og geological storage of greenhouse gasses are ETS covered activities: annex I in the ETS directive
- Capturing of CO₂ is only covered by the ETS if the activity is carried out on installations already covered by the directive
- Operators of ETS installations must ensure compliance with the MR-regulation and monitor CO₂ source streams

Activities	Greenhouse gases
Capture of greenhouse gases from installations covered by this Directive for the purpose of transport and geological storage in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC	Carbon dioxide
Transport of greenhouse gases by pipelines for geological storage in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC	Carbon dioxide
Geological storage of greenhouse gases in a storage site permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC	Carbon dioxide

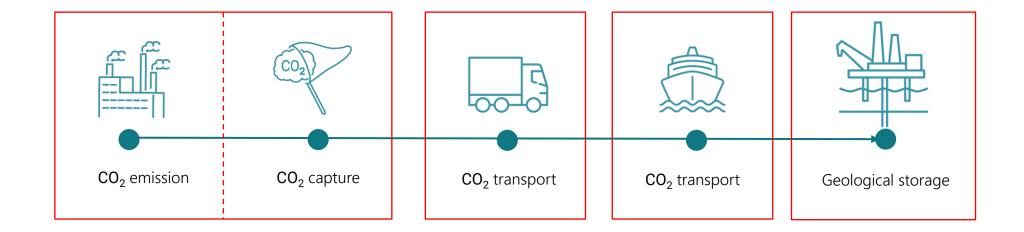
Delimitation of carbon capturing plants

The CO₂ capture facility and the CO₂-emitting facility can be considered in the EU ETS as one combined production unit or two separate units (stand-alone capture facilities).

 Delimitation depends on the distribution of ownership etc.



The CCS-chain

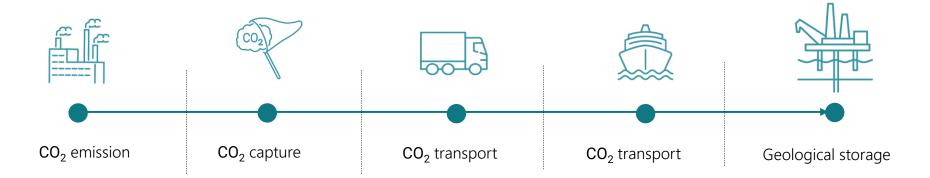


 Individual ETS installations with separate monitoring plans and emission permits

CO₂ accounting and responsibility allocation

- All "non-zero-rated" CO₂ emissions (fossil/unsustainable) results in an obligation to surrender CO₂ allowances
- There is no obligation to surrender allowances for captured CO₂ transported to storage
- Zero-rated (sustainable) CO₂ is already "free" to emit no extra benefits from storing sustainable CO₂

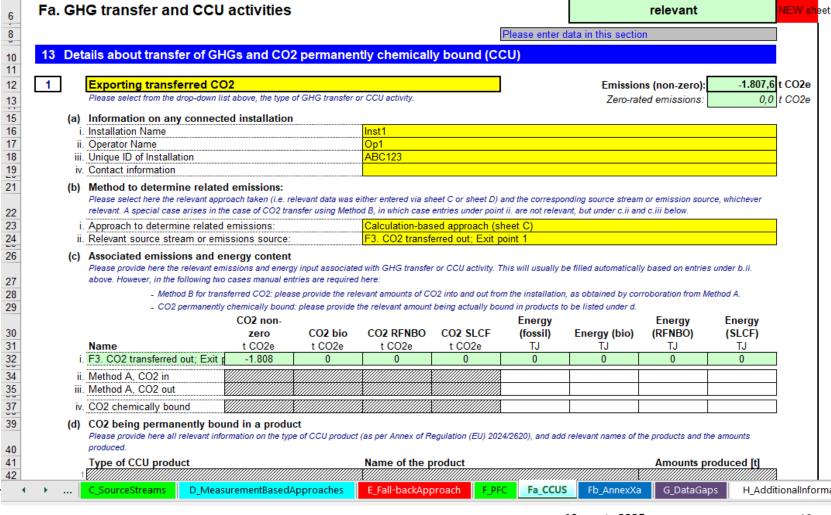
CO₂ accounting and responsibility allocation



- The delimitation of responsibility, including start and end points and the installations or CO₂ transport infrastructure to which they are connected, is determined in the greenhouse gas emission permit
- Each link in the CCS chain has a defined boundary --> no unmonitored "links" in the chain
- Leaks and seepage are detected by measurements at each "link" the responsible operator pays CO₂ allowances for leaks, including for leaked sustainable CO₂
- The storage facility are obliged to monitor and report leakage during and after CO₂ storage.

CO₂ reporting

- CCS plants must complete an annual CO₂ emissions report and be verified by a 3rd party
- Includes data on amounts of CO₂ transferred, received and recipient plant ID
- Functions as a mass balance (CO₂ in/ CO₂



Storage in products (CCU)

- CCU is monitored and reported in the same manner as CCS activities
- CCU is only allowed within the EU ETS if the emissions are stored in approved products
- Requirement that CO₂ remains chemically bound in a product so that it is not released into the atmosphere during normal use of the product or after disposal
- Approved products and criteria are stated in the CCU regulation (2024/2620): https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R262

ANNEX

PRODUCTS CONSIDERED TO PERMANENTLY CHEMICALLY BIND CO2

Mineral carbonates used in the following construction products:

- (a) carbonated aggregates used unbound or bound in mineral based construction products;
- (b) carbonated constituents of cement, lime, or other hydraulic binders used in construction products;
- (c) carbonated concrete, including precast blocks, pavers or aerated concrete;
- (d) carbonated bricks, tiles, or other masonry units.

Known issues

CCS and mixed CO₂-streams

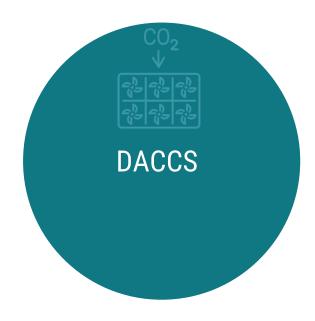
- Captured CO₂ from mixed fuels cannot be split up in after capture
- 50/50 distribution of a sustainable and fossil CO₂ stream, will remain a 50/50 distribution throughout the entire CCS chain
- It is not possible to assume a mass balance distribution of CO₂ streams: "we only store the fossil share of CO2 and resell the sustainable CO₂ to the other side"
- Leaks of sustainable CO₂ are treated as fossil CO2
- Streamlining across member states when sharing responsibility for CCS in cross-border transport
- Can complicate the CCS business case for some companies



Negative emissions



Capture, transport and storage of sustainable CO₂ are activities covered by the EU ETS



Capture of CO₂ directly from the atmosphere – only the transport to storage is covered by the EU ETS



Land use planning to optimize CO₂ absorption in crops and vegetation
- Not covered by the EU ETS

Negative emissions in the EU ETS

Can negative emissions be includeded in the EU ETS?

- The EU ETS is a cap & trade scheme that sets a ceiling on positive fossil emissions with the ultimate goal of reducing (limiting) the number of emissions (allowances).
- Negative emissions, on the other hand, are certified as climate credits, and these are not intended to be limited as a general rule.
- It is not possible to introduce climate credits directly into a cap & trade system without compromising the ETS "cap" system
- ETS Directive: by 31 July 2026, the EU Kommission must submit a report, possibly with legislative proposals and impact assessment, to the EU Parliament and the Council on how to take into account the integration of negative emissions into the EU ETS

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