



Information Exchange Group (IEG) under the CCS Directive (Directive 2009/31/EC, Art. 27.2)

Report

On 12 April 2023, the European Commission services organized an online meeting of the Information Exchange Group (IEG) under the CCS Directive (Directive 2009/31/EC, Art. 27.2), bringing together the Competent Authorities from Member States and the EEA countries. The objective of the meeting was an exchange of information on recent developments in the Member States and on the part of the Commission, in particular regarding:

- The **Review of the 2010 Guidance Documents of the CCS Directive** for which the contractor DNV reported the results of the stocktaking of the current use of the Guidance Documents by competent authorities and storage operators. The DNV team also informed about the assessment of the needs/scope for the update of the Documents. The next step will be the discussion of a first draft of the revised Guidance Documents in a public stakeholder workshop on 11. July 2023 in Brussels. More information about the review is available here:

https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/carbon-capture-use-and-storage/implementation-ccs-directive_en#guidance-documents

- The **EU target for annual CO₂ storage capacity by 2030**. The Commission services informed about CCUS provisions in the Commission Proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act (COM(2023)161) and the role that Member States will have in recognising CO₂ storage sites as Net-Zero Strategic Projects.
- **EU funding tools for CCS projects**. The Commission services informed about forthcoming calls for supporting CCS developments with Standard Action Projects (SAPs) or with Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) under the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme of the EU's LIFE Programme. In addition, representatives received updates of the ongoing support for CCS projects under the ETS Innovation Fund.

- The **Commission Expert Group**. The Commission Services informed about the ongoing work to establish the Information Exchange Group under Art. 27(2) as Commission Expert Group on the Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.

During the tour de table, Member States updated the group on their work on the CCS related reporting work in 2023, regarding the national reports on the Implementation of Directive (DK, FI, FR, IS, PT); the CCS chapter in forthcoming draft updated National Energy and Climate Plans (DK, FI, PT); national support programmes and policy discussions (BE, DK, FI); as well as meetings with prospective storage operators and upcoming storage permits (FR, IS).

The Commission services concluded the meeting by underlining that in 2023 a number of important activities on CCUS are foreseen on the EU level, including in particular the development of a Commission Communication on Industrial carbon management, for which a public consultation was launched in June that will end on 31. August 2023. More information about the review is available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13848-Industrial-carbon-management-carbon-capture-utilisation-and-storage-deployment_en

Participants:

- Member States Representatives
- Commission services, EFTA secretariat.
- DNV Netherlands B.V.