CCS Directive – Knowledge sharing workshop

Innovation Fund and Projects of Common Interest (PCIs)

On February 15, 2022, the European Commission services organised an online knowledge-sharing workshop entitled "Enabling cross-border CO₂ transport and storage for the Innovation Fund and TEN-E PCI projects". The objective was to foster an exchange of practical information between different parties involved in realizing relevant projects funded from the EU ETS Innovations fund and those included in the 5th PCI List¹ as established under the TEN-E Regulation, and also with Member States authorities.

The presentations and discussions focused on:

- Ensuring provision of transport and storage services at fair conditions (prices, openaccess, no obligation to bundle transport and storage) for the CO₂ that will be captured by the projects.
- Accelerating readiness of storage sites across the EU to increase the offer and meet the demand that is expected by CO₂ transport projects.
- The international framework for CO₂ export, in particular as regards the ratification and application of the 2009 Amendment of Art.6 of the <u>London Protocol</u>² and bilateral agreements.
- The new relevant provisions for CO₂ transport and storage projects under the revised TEN-E Regulation.

The Commission services concluded the workshop by underlining that a swift and full implementation of 2009 Amendment of the London Protocol in the Member States

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/default/files/fifth pci list 19 november 2021 annex.pdf

 $^{^2\ \}underline{https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/Pages/London-Convention-Protocol.aspx\#}$

concerned is the prerequisite for ensuring open and non-discriminatory access to CO₂ transport networks and storage sites in line with the Directive 2009/31/EC (CCS Directive)³ and in particular Article 21 thereof.

In order to speed up the implementation of the relevant projects, the Commission services will support Member States in applying the CCS Directive and will continue to host knowledge-sharing meetings for projects and/or Member States.

In addition, the Commission services will launch a study on the CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure, in line with the Sustainable Carbon Cycles Communication and other policy needs, to which all Member States and stakeholders will be invited to contribute.

Participants:

- Member States Representatives
- Representatives of the Innovation Fund and PCI projects
- Commission services, EFTA secretariat, IMO secretariat

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³ Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)