

## Press release

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## For the first time, CO<sub>2</sub>-based products and technologies will be honoured – Apply now

**nova-Institute and the material manufacturer Covestro will award innovative technologies and products in the Carbon Capture & Utilisation (CCU) area with the “Best CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation 2019”.**

Carbon Capture & Utilisation (CCU) allows the approach to CO<sub>2</sub> as a novel versatile feedstock for fuels, chemicals and polymers. At least 90 projects/companies are known that are involved in carbon capture and/or carbon dioxide utilization worldwide. Beside a large number of lab scale and demonstration scale projects, also first commercial CO<sub>2</sub> capture plants and productions of CO<sub>2</sub>-based fuels and polymers have been launched. More and more stakeholders are interested in CCU's fast-moving, industry-driven innovation area.

nova-Institute together with the material manufacturer Covestro as the award sponsor will give innovators in the CCU area the unique opportunity to market their CO<sub>2</sub> capture or conversion technology, their CO<sub>2</sub>-based material or a corresponding product which was launched to the market in 2018 or will be launched in 2019.

The producers and inventors are invited to hand over their free of charge application by 21 January 2019.

The first time Innovation Award for the “Best CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation 2019” will be granted at the “7<sup>th</sup> Conference on Carbon Dioxide as Feedstock for Fuels, Chemistry and Polymers” which will take place on 20 and 21 March 2019 at the Maternushaus in Cologne, Germany – a well-established meeting point for companies working in the field of CCU-based chemicals and materials.

An independent expert jury will select and nominate the "Top 6" candidates. Those will get one free 2-day ticket for the conference and will be supported by the award sponsor Covestro with professional coaching at the conference to be able to achieve the best performance possible within their ten-minute pitch of their CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation.

After all pitches of the nominated “Top 6” candidates, the participants of the conference select the winners of the Innovation Award “Best CO<sub>2</sub> Utilisation 2019”. The winners will be launched at the conference dinner of the first evening on 20 March. After the conference, nova-Institute will issue an international press release and use all communication channel for publicity of the winning companies.

Apply and find more information at:  
<http://co2-chemistry.eu/award-application/>

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