



The Word of the President

Exactly six months after the founding assembly of our Association on 30 Nov 2017, I am pleased to share with you this first news update. You will see that quite a lot has been accomplished already: we have attracted significant visibility and gained legitimacy towards EU policy makers as being THE organization representing the CCU community, and our membership is growing. We issued our first Position Paper on REDII and are engaged in partnership discussions with several

other organizations involved in CCU activities. On the internal front, I am impressed by the enthusiasm of the members contributing to our Working Groups and Task Forces. The synergies and collaborations which are starting to emerge reinforce my conviction that the Association has great potential to drive the development of a real new industry around CCU, making CO₂ recycling a significant pillar in the battle against climate change. In this context, the Board of Directors recently initiated a strategic reflection about the positioning of CO₂ Value Europe and its value proposition to different stakeholders, including the ambition to jointly work on creating the CCU industry - more synergetically and faster than each of us could ever do on its own. Members will soon be invited to contribute their opinion and this will be one of the main topics of discussion for our General Assembly on October 16.

I hope that you will enjoy the reading. Do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat's staff or one of the members of the Board if you have reactions or suggestions.

Stefanie Kesting
President of CO₂ Value Europe

Attracting visibility

Since its creation, CO₂ Value Europe seized all possible opportunities to gain visibility both for CCU as a key contributor to a defossilized European economy, and for the Association itself. In particular, CO₂ Value Europe was present at the following events:

- 29 January: Presentation to the European Chemical Regions Network www.ecrn.net
- 7 February: Information booth at the kickoff conference of the LEILAC (Low Emissions Intensity Lime & Cement) H2020 project in Liège www.project-leilac.eu
- 14 March: Presentation to the Advisory Council of ZEP (Zero Emission Platform) which gathers key European stakeholders involved in CCS www.zeroemissionsplatform.eu
- 15 March: Keynote speech at the 6th International Conference on CO₂ as a Feedstock, organized by our member nova-Institute in Cologne www.co2-chemistry.eu/programme
- 22 March: Participation in Frankfurt to the stakeholders' workshop of the Phoenix Initiative (www.phoenix-co2-valorisation.eu), which aims to mobilize Member States in support of CCU demonstration projects
- 15 May: Keynote speech at the CO₂ Reuse Summit in Zurich www.reuseco2.com

We have a brand new web site!

Check it out at www.co2value.eu

Save the date for our General Assembly

on 16 October in Belgium. This will include a big interactive session to gather input from all members.

First position paper on REDII

In close cooperation with Hydrogen Europe, our Working Group 2 produced a Position Paper defining how the text of the revised Renewable Energy Directive should be modified to provide a favorable framework for CCU fuels. Thanks to active advocacy actions by many of our members, the final decision of the Trilogue is likely to be favorable on most key issues, but we count on all members to maintain the pressure!

Working Groups updates

Although often only visible to those members involved, our Working Groups are making good progress! For example, WG1 initiated the creation of a data sharing platform for power-to-fuels conversion technologies; WG4 is creating a global inventory of CCU R&I projects and of demo/pilot infrastructures available for CCU projects; and Task Force 5 is finalising our first White Paper on the benefits of CCU.

Strategic partnerships - Stronger together!

Through cooperation with other relevant organizations involved in CCU and related topics, we want to generate more impact for the efficient development of the CCU sector. First partnership discussions are therefore engaged with SPIRE (on R&I projects and funding), with Hydrogen Europe (e.g. on RED II), with CCSA and ZEP (on carbon capture and on CCUS clusters) and with BBI (on biological conversion routes).

Gaining credibility in EU circles

Over the last year, CCU has become a hot issue within European institutions. Besides the discussions on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive and of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), CCU has been added (next to CCS) in the scope of the new version of the Innovation Fund and of the SET Plan.

CO₂ Value Europe is increasingly recognized by the European Commission as the legitimate representative organisation for all issues related to CCU. More specifically, CO₂ Value Europe was invited to contribute to the following EC initiatives:

- SET Plan – Coordination of the CCU activities of Working Group 9 on CCUS
- P4P (Projects for Policy) study by DG Research & Innovation, that lead to the publication in January 2018 of a report on the role of CCU towards Low Carbon Process Industries: www.tinyurl.com/P4Pstudy
- Public consultation by the Commission on key societal mission for Europe under FP9 (in April 2018) and on the design of the ETS Innovation Fund (May 2018)
- Participation to the ETS Innovation Fund Advisory Committee as representative of the “CCU subsector”
- Report on the climate mitigation potential of CCU technologies, published in May 2018 under the Scientific Advice Mechanism: https://ec.europa.eu/research/sam/pdf/sam_ccu_report.pdf
- Study commissioned by DG CLIMA on the “Identification and analysis of promising CCU technologies” (ongoing)

CO₂ Value Europe now officially registered!

On 11 May, CO₂ Value Europe received from the Belgian Ministry of Justice its official registration number as International Non-Profit Organization, headquartered in Brussels.

Membership fees

Now that it has obtained its official registration number, the Association can issue invoices for membership fees. It will be highly appreciated if members do their utmost to pay promptly (max 30 days as per the statutes of our association).

Internal governance

Our Board of Directors convenes once a month to define the strategic orientations of the Association. A Board Sponsor has been appointed to supervise each of the Working Groups. In between the full Board meetings, the Bureau (composed of the President and two Vice-Presidents) takes operational decisions together with the Secretariat.



Board of Directors (from left to right): Walter Eevers (Vice-President, VITO), Stefanie Kesting (President, Uniper), Carl Berninghausen (Sunfire), Landry Cochard (Secretariat - Senior Advisor), Eric Trodoux (Treasurer, Suez), Zanna McFerson (Avantium), Jean-Yves Tilquin (Vice-President, Carmeuse), Damien Dallemagne (Secretary General - acting) + Ines Hurtado (Solvay, not shown on the photograph)

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Fundraising

Besides membership fees, CO₂ Value Europe is looking for other sources of funding:

- Together with CCSA and EERA, we are preparing a joint submission (in Sept 2018) to the H2020 Coordinated & Support Action (CSA) call in support of the implementation of the SET Plan (Secretariat of WG9 on CCUS).
- Together with Nova Institute, CO₂ Value Europe will position itself as a potential partner for all consortia interested to respond to the H2020 RIA call topics on CCU technologies, to take care of non-technical Work Packages related to environmental and economic assessments, societal acceptance, dissemination and external communication with stakeholders.
- Contacts will be initiated soon with international foundations willing to support our Association in its mission to contribute to the mitigation of climate change by developing the CCU industry sector. Any recommendations regarding funding institutions which should be approached would be highly appreciated!

Growing membership

Since 30 Nov, we have grown from 40 to 55 members.

Please help us recruit further to increase our representativeness and impact!



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