

PRESS STATEMENT

MEPs endorse the EU ETS Innovation Fund, vital funding mechanism for CCS

Brussels, December 15 - The European Parliament Environment Committee (ENVI) have voted today on aspects regarding the reform of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS). The vote sets out the position of the Committee on the policies needed to deliver cost-effective emissions reductions and investments in low-carbon technologies across Europe. The vote comes ahead of negotiations with the Council and a Plenary vote in the European Parliament next year.

Commenting on the vote, Dr. Graeme Sweeney, Chairman of the Zero Emissions Platform (ZEP), said:

"The debate around the EU ETS reform is important for the future of Carbon Capture and Storage in Europe, as the EU ETS remains a core funding mechanism to incentivise projects. The CO₂ price is however too low and will likely remain so throughout the 2020s. Even with the increased ambition in the adopted text, transitional support measures are vital to cover the incremental costs of CCS demonstration and early deployment projects.

Today's vote is therefore especially important for the introduction of the new Innovation Fund, which will help support a number of CCS projects across Europe. MEPs voted to increase the size of the Fund to 600 million allowances – a strong signal of support for low-carbon technologies including CCS.

We urge both the Parliament and the Council to ensure that the Innovation as well as the Modernisation funds are designed to enable 'part-chain' CCS projects, including the development of CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure."

CCS is critical for mitigating CO₂ emissions and must play a role towards European decarbonisation goals and therefore also contributing to achieve the ambitious 1.5°C target set by the Paris Agreement.

Notes to Editors:

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Founded in 2005, the European Zero Emission Technology and Innovation Platform (ZEP) is a unique coalition of European oil and gas companies, equipment suppliers, scientists, academics and environmental NGOs united in their support for CO₂ Capture and Storage (CCS) as a key technology for combating climate change. ZEP serves as advisor to the European Commission on the research, demonstration and deployment of CCS.

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