



PRESS STATEMENT

EU Long-Term Strategy Highlights Important Role of CCS

Brussels, November 28 – The European Zero Emissions Technology & Innovation Platform (ZEP) welcomes today’s publication of the EU Long-Term Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction. The Strategy, which can be found [here](#), sets out a number of options to deliver long-term emissions reductions, including options to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of 1.5°C (net-zero emissions).

Commenting on the announcement, Dr. Graeme Sweeney, Chairman of ZEP, said:

“We welcome the European Commission ambition to set a target for delivering net-zero emissions across Europe. With the next global climate change conference about to start in Poland next week, this ambition could not be more timely.

We are delighted to see that the Commission has recognised the importance of CCS – a critical technology for delivering net-zero emissions across industry, heat and power. Indeed, all scenarios in the Strategy include CCS, and those that achieve the Paris Agreement 1.5°C goal, rely heavily on CCS – in particular to enable deep decarbonisation across industry and to unlock negative emissions. This is consistent with the recent IPCC report on delivering 1.5°C, which concludes that industry will be unable to achieve the Paris Agreement goal without CCS.

Whilst today’s Strategy and ambition are a welcome and important step towards meeting Europe’s contribution to the Paris Agreement, it is now vital that this ambition is translated into reality – particularly as we transition to a new Commission next year.

To enable CCS to fulfil its role in delivering this long-term Strategy, action must begin now. Support mechanisms such as the Innovation Fund, Connecting Europe Facility and InvestEU programme, will all be critical for delivering the first EU CCS clusters. It is therefore extremely important that these mechanisms are consistent and appropriately designed to support CCS, particularly to enable the development of CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure, which will provide the backbone for low-carbon industrial hubs across Europe”.

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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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