

## Chair's Update

### ZEP Advisory Council 48, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### *Meeting with Artur Runge-Metzger, Director, DG CLIMA*

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On the 25th of July ZEP Chair, Graham Sweeney, participated in a call with Artur Runge-Metzger, Director DG CLIMA. Discussion involved the future role of the UK as a promoter of CCS in Europe, particularly its participation in the EU internal energy market. Mr Runge-Metzger discussed the potential benefits for CCS in the UK arising from the recent reorganisation of DECC, allowing for a potential reassessment of CCS policy. It was also acknowledged that, considering its significant presence within ZEP, storage opportunities, and possible connections with various European emissions sources, Norway can be expected to play an important role in shaping future CCS policy.

Mr Runge-Metzger indicated that following an initial conversation with Member States the Commission is reflecting internally on the future of White Rose NER300 funding, considering the implications of the UK referendum outcome, with further discussions planned for September. Also discussed was the intention of ZEP to diversify the nationalities of membership and leadership positions, leaning less on British nationals, with a letter to be drafted to ZEP's Government Group.

#### *One North Sea conference, Stavanger, Norway*

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Graeme was invited to speak at the ONS conference in Norway in August 2016, presenting as part of a session on "energy game changers". This was the only CCS presentation in this session, with other talks focusing on the role of renewables in the future energy system; particularly offshore wind and solar PV. During the session Bloomberg New Energy Finance was particularly optimistic about future cost reductions for solar, which provided an opportunity to discuss the key findings of the ME4 report; namely, that even in modelling scenarios with very ambitious cost reductions for renewable technologies, CCS remains a critical part of the lowest cost decarbonisation pathway.

As well as speaking in the main conference, Graeme also participated in a breakout session event called "Capture. Store. Repeat. Where are we on CCS?", moderated by Marie Bysveen, Sintef. Other participants included the Norwegian Government, Gassnova and Aker Solutions.

Attendance at the conference also provided an opportunity to meet with Gassnova – to discuss CCS prospects in Norway – and the British Ambassador to Norway. This latter conversation touched on how the UK can support Norwegian CCS efforts moving forward and a recommendation that ZEP should seek engage with the new UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) at a senior level.

#### *Meeting with the Mayor of Rotterdam*

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Following earlier outreach by Weber Shandwick, the secretariat held a conference call with Hans Verdonk, EU Advisor to the Mayor of Rotterdam, on 7<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that two meetings would be arranged:

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- A face-to-face catch up with Mr Verdonk to discuss progress on CCS within the EU, including the ROAD project and the current political climate towards CCS in the Netherlands; and,
- A meeting between the ZEP Chair and the Mayor of Rotterdam to take place when an appropriate date and time can be arranged.

The secretariat has begun the process of arranging the meeting between the Chair and the Mayor.

### ***Meeting with Marie Donnelly, Director, DG ENERGY***

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A meeting has been scheduled between the Chair and Marie Donnelly, Director in DG ENERGY, for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Topics for discussion include UK CCS policy and the NER300 funding awarded to White Rose.

The Chair will provide feedback on the discussions at the AC meeting.