ZEP Advisory Council 50

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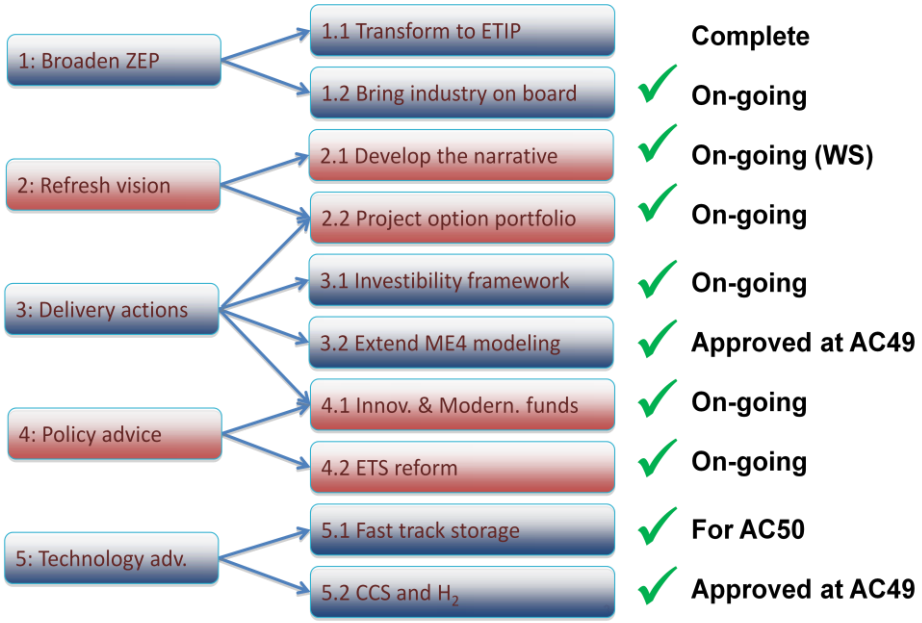
Agenda Item 7: ZEP 2017 Priorities

In June 2016 ZEP agreed a set of priorities for the remainder of the year and early 2017. Many of these priorities, referenced below, have either been completed or remain areas of on-going work.



Early discussions have taken place within the ACEC and it has been proposed that the 2016 priorities are updated to reflect on-going and new activities identified by the various Networks and Temporary Working Groups.

Whilst this approach would allow for continuation of on-going pieces of work and deliver against more recent requests from the European Commission and other stakeholders, it is recognised that the current set of priorities does not necessarily reflect the evolving strategic interests of the Platform or deliver a renewed sense of urgency to CCS in Europe. A two-stage approach is therefore proposed:

(1) The Advisory Council should an updated set of priorities and activities to be completed over the remainder of 2017. These activities are outlined below.

(2) The ACEC and various Network co-chairs could convene for an Away Day in the summer of 2017. This would provide an opportunity to consider the future of the Platform from a more-strategic perspective as well as a possible new approach to increasing the urgency of European activities on CCS.

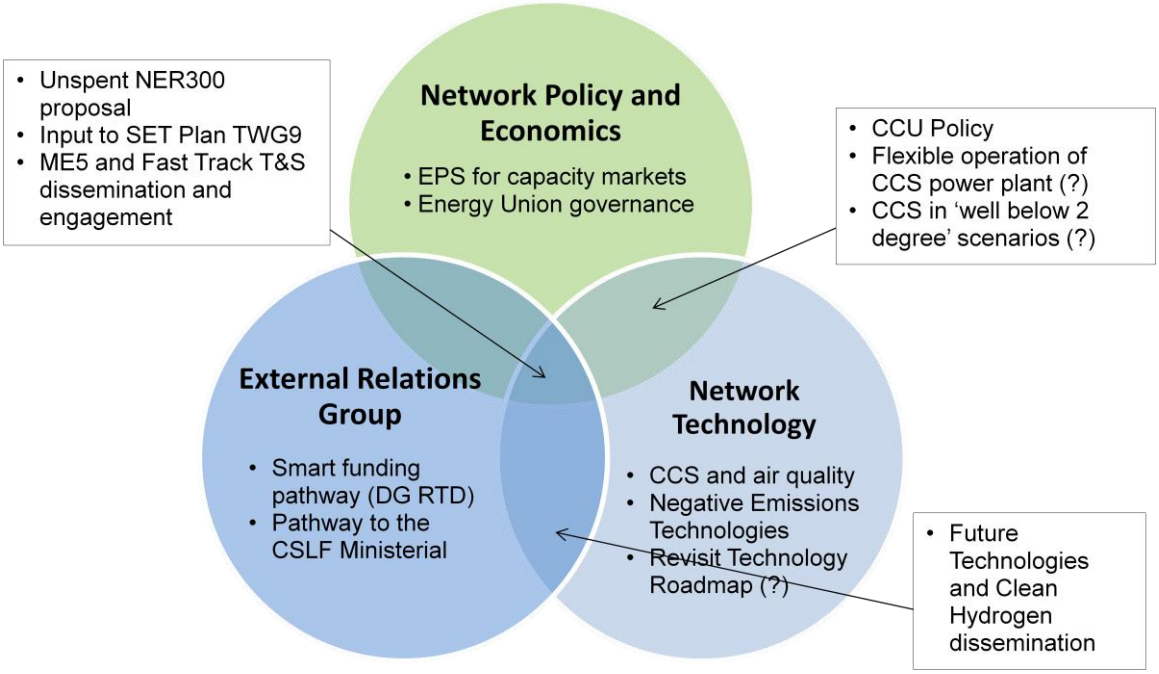
Proposed priorities for 2017

The Networks and various Temporary Working Groups have identified a number of new areas of work, which have either been initiated since the 2016 priorities were agreed, or have been identified as new areas of work.

Potential new areas of work already identified

- Unspent NER300 funds – continued engagement around the future of the unspent funds
- Smart funding pathway as requested by DG Research Cabinet – as discussed in the NWPE update
- ZEP opinion and recommendations regarding EPS proposals
- Input to SET Plan Temporary Working Group 9 CCUS and on-going support in terms of monitoring progress against delivery of the Implementation Plan
- Energy Intensive Industries and CCU Policy
- CCS and Air Quality
- ZEP input and advice to EU institutions regarding Energy Union Governance proposals
- Revisiting the CCS Technology Roadmap and providing support to the European Commission on the Carbon Capture Challenge under Mission Innovation
- Providing support to the IEA and IPCC on 'well below 2 degrees' scenarios
- Flexible operation of CCS power plant and associated policy recommendations
- Continued input and engagement around the new Innovation Fund

In terms of where the various activities might sit within the ZEP Networks and Temporary Working Groups, the secretariat has developed an initial overview:



The proposal put to the AC for approval is therefore that:

- The 2017 work programme has evolved naturally, with clear deliverables between now and the end of the year;
- Further discussions should take place with the ACEC and Network Co-Chairs on the longer-term strategic future for the Platform. Following an Away Day in summer 2017 a further proposal will be developed and put to the Advisory Council for consideration and approval at AC51/52.

Action: Members of the AC are invited to approve the proposed approach to setting ZEP's priorities for 2017 and beyond.