

Mr Mauro Petriccione  
Director-General DG Climate Action  
European Commission

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Dear Director-General Petriccione,

Referring to your letter to the Ambassador of Norway to the European Union on “Legal issues regarding Carbon Capture and Storage”, on behalf of the Zero Emissions Platform (ZEP), I would first like to congratulate you on a much welcome and needed decision on CO<sub>2</sub> transportation. Allowing for the possibility to use ships, trains and trucks as means of CO<sub>2</sub> transport to the Northern Lights project in the EU ETS is critical.

This decision is crucial for the development of CCS in Europe, and a necessary basis for the cross-border CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage projects that are presently on the European Commission TEN-E list of Projects of Common Interest. ZEP believes that this important outcome will also have a positive effect for other upcoming CCS projects in Europe, paving the way for other European CO<sub>2</sub> emitters to connect to storage sites.

In order for projects and member states across Europe to be able to take this possibility into account, I would like to highlight the importance of a clear, public announcement by the European Commission regarding this.

In the above mentioned letter, you are also clarifying that the Commission does not share the view that captured CO<sub>2</sub> from biological origin may be subtracted from the emissions of the installation. Here I would like to highlight the vital importance of carbon dioxide removals, which can be delivered at a large-scale by the deployment of CCS and CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure. Removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere should be incentivised and verified upon rigorous carbon accounting. As several modelling scenarios show, CDR will be needed for Europe to reach net-zero by 2050.

I would be pleased to expand on the answers and engage further in the discussion and would therefore appreciate the possibility to meet with you at a time of your convenience.

Kind regards,



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Chairman of the Zero Emissions Platform