

ANNEX 1: Recommendations on the role of CCS in draft NECPs

Country	Recommendation
Belgium	<p>Belgium could highlight current CCS developments and policies in support of CCS deployment in the Belgian NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flemish government has approved a long-term plan to allocate €400m over the next 20 years on CO₂ management, including CCS and CCU technologies¹. • In the Port of Antwerp, a feasibility study of solutions for capturing CO₂ from industry in the port, transporting it by pipeline or ship for utilisation or storage is ongoing². • LEILAC³ is an ongoing Horizon 2020 supported CCS pilot project, aimed at enabling cement and lime industries to reduce CO₂ emissions dramatically. • Carbon2Value⁴ is a new pilot installation that will separate CO₂ from the gases resulting from steel production and concentrate it for storage or utilisation. • As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, Belgium has committed⁵ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
Croatia	<p>Croatia could further assess national opportunities for CCS and low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas with CCS in the Croatian NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croatia plans to elaborate a national action plan for preparatory activities for CCS projects⁶. As a natural gas producing Member State with geological and gas technology experience, Croatia should consider the production and use of low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas with CCS among national decarbonisation options.
Denmark	<p>Denmark could highlight current CCS developments and policies in support of CCS deployment in the Danish NECP:</p>

¹ Brussels Times (2019). Article available from: <http://brusselstimes.com/business/technology/14629/flanders-to-spend-400-million-euros-on-co-package>

² Port of Antwerp project information available from: <https://www.portofantwerp.com/en/news/energy-transition-port-antwerp-and-fluxys-team-co2-capture>

³ LEILAC project information available from: <https://www.project-leilac.eu/>

⁴ Carbon2Value project information available from: <https://en.northseaport.com/innovative-partnership-arcelormittal-and-dow-for-co2-reduction-in-north-sea-port>

⁵ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

⁶ Croatian draft NECP available from: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/croatia_draftnecp_en.pdf

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Danish Energy Agreement earmarks 240m DKK annually over a 20-year period to expand the use of biogas and other green gases⁷. As a natural gas producing Member State with geological and gas technology experience, Denmark should consider the production and use of low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas with CCS among decarbonisation options. In 2018, the Danish government set aside 100m DKK for CO₂ storage research⁸. The Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) contends that the Danish underground can store the equivalent of 500 years of Danish CO₂ emissions. Denmark as part of the Nordic Council of Ministers has declared⁹ to catalyse the scaling up of Nordic sustainable solutions by, inter alia, contributing to further development and deployment of CCS, CCU and BECCS technologies.
Finland	<p>Finland could highlight current CCS developments policies in support of CCS in the Finnish NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Finnish draft NECP¹⁰ highlights the flagship Nordic research project Negative CO₂, which can be clarified as a project aimed to enable negative CO₂ emissions through BECCS¹¹. Finland as part of the Nordic Council of Ministers has declared¹² to catalyse the scaling up of Nordic sustainable solutions by, inter alia, contributing to further development and deployment of CCS, CCU and BECCS technologies. As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU member, Finland has committed¹³ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
France	<p>France should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the French NECP in order to meet its ambitions:</p>

⁷ Danish Energy Agreement (2018) available from: <https://en.efkm.dk/media/12307/energy-agreement-2018.pdf>

⁸ CPH Post (2019). Article available from: <http://cphpost.dk/news/denmarks-dirt-could-hold-key-to-climate-change-solution.html>

⁹ Nordic Council of Ministers (2019). Declaration on Nordic Carbon Neutrality. Available from:

<https://valtioneuvosto.fi/documents/10616/1457318/Declaration+on+Nordic+climate+neutrality.pdf/807e0601-0001-e209-00a9-f3fe5ab14a07>

¹⁰ Finnish draft NECP available from: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/finland_draftnecp.pdf

¹¹ Negative CO₂ project information available from: <https://www.nordicenergy.org/flagship/negative-co2/about-negative-co2/>

¹² Nordic Council of Ministers (2019). Declaration on Nordic Carbon Neutrality. Available from:

<https://valtioneuvosto.fi/documents/10616/1457318/Declaration+on+Nordic+climate+neutrality.pdf/807e0601-0001-e209-00a9-f3fe5ab14a07>

¹³ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France recognises the necessity of CCS to achieve climate neutrality in the French draft NECP,¹⁴ and has experience with CCS technology through the Lacq¹⁵ CCS demonstration site. As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, France has committed¹⁶ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
Germany	<p>Germany should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the German NECP in order to broaden decarbonisation options and meet its ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German Chancellor Angela Merkel has reiterated her aim for Germany to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, and that this can only be done if Germany is willing to capture and store CO₂.¹⁷ As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, Germany has committed¹⁸ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
Italy	<p>Italy should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the Italian NECP in order to meet its ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italy highlights the potential use of low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas in the Italian draft NECP¹⁹. Considering CCS is an essential component to its production, Italy should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the Italian NECP in order to meet ambitions in the area. As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, Italy has committed²⁰ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.

¹⁴ French draft NECP available from: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/france_draftnecp.pdf

¹⁵ Lacq project information available from: <http://www.zeroco2.no/projects/total2019s-project-in-lacq>

¹⁶ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

¹⁷ Article available from The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/may/15/angela-merkel-interview-europe-eu-unite-challenge-us-russia-china>

¹⁸ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

¹⁹ Italian draft NECP available from: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/ec_courtesy_translation_it_necp.pdf

²⁰ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

Romania	<p>Romania could further assess national opportunities for CCS and low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas with CCS in the Romanian NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a natural gas producing Member State with geological and gas technology experience, Romania should consider the production and use of low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas with CCS among decarbonisation options. As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, Romania has committed²¹ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
Slovakia	<p>Slovakia should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the Slovakian NECP in order to meet its ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slovakia highlights the potential use of low-carbon hydrogen from natural gas in the Slovakian draft NECP²². Considering CCS is an essential component to its production, Slovakia should consider policies in support of CCS deployment and/or cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage in the Slovakian NECP in order to meet ambitions in the area.
Spain	<p>Spain could highlight current CCS developments and further assess national opportunities for CCS in the Spanish NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a SET-Plan TWG9 CCS and CCU country, Spain has committed²³ to deliver on 8 key CCS and CCU research and innovation activities required to achieve 2020 targets agreed by the European Commission and to identify actions required to meet the key performance indicators set for 2030.
Sweden	<p>Sweden could highlight current CCS developments, cross-border cooperation on CO₂ storage and policies in support of CCS deployment in the Swedish NECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019, the Swedish government allocated 100m SEK to pilot projects aimed at accelerating the deployment of CCS and BECCS²⁴. The ongoing Preem CCS project²⁵ aims to build a full-scale CCS facility at a Swedish refinery by 2025, reducing emissions CO₂ emissions from the refinery by one third. A bilateral agreement between Sweden and Norway

²¹ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

²² Slovakian draft NECP available from: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/ec_courtesy_translation_sk_necp.pdf

²³ SET-Plan Declaration of Intent available from: https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/integrated_set-plan/setplan_doi_ccus-final.pdf

²⁴ Article available from Dagens industri: <https://www.di.se/hallbart-naringsliv/100-miljoner-till-ccs-i-varandringsbudgeten/>

²⁵ Preem CCS project information available from: <https://news.cision.com/preem-ab/r/full-scale-ccs-plant-reduces-co2-emissions-by-one-third,c2663877>

	<p>will allow for the cross-border transport of CO₂ to an offshore storage location. The project is supported by the Swedish Energy Agency through its Industrial Leap strategy²⁶ in support of breakthrough technologies mitigating process-related industrial emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweden as part of the Nordic Council of Ministers has declared²⁷ to catalyse the scaling up of Nordic sustainable solutions by, inter alia, contributing to further development and deployment of CCS, CCU and BECCS technologies.
Additional notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States with potential for CO₂ storage or cross-border CO₂ transport which do not currently take CCS into consideration in their NECPs could be encouraged to assess national potential for CCS in order to broaden decarbonisation options in support of EU climate objectives. Member States could be encouraged to develop CO₂ storage atlases of suitable storage complexes as well as promote relevant geological and infrastructure information sharing to help determine CO₂ storage capacity and thereby increase CCS potential in Europe. Member States with mature and developing gas hubs located across Europe could be encouraged to further assess potential for low-carbon hydrogen and the transport of CO₂ for storage purposes.

²⁶ Information on the Industrial Leap strategy available from: <http://www.energimyndigheten.se/forskning-och-innovation/forskning/industri/industriklivet/>

²⁷ Nordic Council of Ministers (2019). Declaration on Nordic Carbon Neutrality. Available from: <https://valtioneuvosto.fi/documents/10616/1457318/Declaration+on+Nordic+climate+neutrality.pdf/807e0601-0001-e209-00a9-f3fe5ab14a07>