

Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with CEMEX representatives
Date	31-03-2023
Participants	EXT: ██████████ (CEMEX EMEA), ██████████ (CEMEX Europe), ██████████ (Logos) COM: Ruud Kempener, ██████████ (ENER.C2)
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Issues raised & follow-up	<p>CEMEX operates in 7 MS and the UK, 11k jobs. Target of 55% CO2 reduction in 2030 (1990 baseline), and fully decarbonised by 2050. Between 7-7,5 Mt CO2 today.</p> <p>Currently, they have reduced CO2 emissions with around 40% due to fuel switching and reduction of clinker ratio compared to cement. They also are looking for alternatives for clinker (steel ash, calcinated clay).</p> <p>CEMEX is doing a project near Berlin where their biogenic CO2 is used for production of SAF.</p> <p>For additional CO2 reduction, they are looking at CCUS. Their positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU ETS. Support phase out of free allowances. Concern about EU certified storage as there are options to use storage outside of EU. - CRAM. Critical as 10% of cement is already imported and share is increasing. - Hydrogen DA/REDIII. The fact that allowances have to be surrendered makes the use of CO2 for the production of e-fuels not attractive. OK with regards to biogenic CO2. Biomethane important alternative. - Carbon accounting. It is important to have full-fledged carbon accounting for biogenic CO2. - NZIA is important milestone as it will require MS to map out CO2 storage sites. - Industrial emissions directive. Removal of CO2 in waste stream will make concentrations of other emissions higher. This needs to be recognized. <p>COM explained the upcoming public consultation on the carbon accounting strategy.</p>