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13:05−16:25 (Main Session) Green Hydrogen Production, Biogenic CO₂ Sources and Carbon Capture

13:05–14:40 (Parallel Session) CO₂ Utilisation Technologies (Part 1)

16:25–16:45 (Main Session) Poster Pitch Session

16:45-18:15 (Main Session) Innovation Award "Best CO₂ Utilisation 2025" **DAY 2** 30 April 2025, 9:00-16:30 (CET)



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Dear Participants,

The story of Carbon Capture & Utilisation (CCU) continues to unfold and there have been some interesting and significant steps in recent years. Following the introduction of stimulating policy frameworks in the US and China, the European policy framework for CCU looks promising. A milestone for the implementation of CCU was reached in June 2024, when the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament published the Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA) in their Official Journal. The Act finally recognises CO₂ utilisation as an eligible strategic net-zero technology, providing an official reference and basis to support and encourage the deployment of clean technologies such as CCU across Europe.

CCU is much more than just a CO_2 removal technology, it is one of the three pillars of a sustainable and defossilised chemical industry for the future. 70% of GHG emissions come from additional fossil carbon from the ground used for energy and materials. For the energy sector, there is a good strategy for decarbonisation with renewable energy, but this will not work for chemicals and materials because most of them are based on carbon and there is a continuing and even increasing demand for carbon for these chemicals and materials. The key challenge is to meet the demand for carbon with alternative sources of carbon, and these alternative sources of carbon are biomass, CO_2 and the recycling of carbon-containing waste streams (bio and plastic waste) – all of which together are needed to replace fossil carbon as renewable sources of carbon. So, the equivalent of decarbonisation in the energy sector is a transition to renewable carbon in the chemical and materials industries, and both mean defossilisation.

Several future scenarios for a net-zero chemical industry in 2050 show that 25-30% of the demand for chemicals and materials will come from the use of CO_2 . The potential of CCU has been recognised by several global brands that are already expanding their feedstock portfolio. Collaboration along the value chain is key to getting the costs and benefits right.

So how is the CCU landscape evolving and what else is happening in the world of CCU? The use of CO₂ as a feedstock for chemicals and polymers has been intensively diversified. There are several successful commercial-scale technologies and many more in the laboratory and pilot phase. With a current capacity of over 1.5 million tonnes of CO₂-based products and steadily growing demand, CCU technologies are helping to establish CO₂ as a renewable carbon feedstock, highlighting the urgency for investment and innovation in this area. In addition, the use of CO₂ for the production of synthetic aviation fuels is being driven by policy incentives: According to the EU's ReFuel Aviation proposal, by 2030, 5% of kerosene demand in the European Union would have to be met by sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), including a minimum 0.7% share of synthetic aviation fuels. By 2035, the mandate would increase to 20% SAF with a minimum 5% synthetic fuel sub-quota.

To reap the full benefits of CCU, the industry needs a long-term supply of CO_2 from persistent biogenic point CO_2 sources, efficient capture technologies and a constant supply of renewable energy and renewable hydrogen. Worldwide, more than 300 million tonnes of biogenic CO_2 are emitted from point sources annually, and more than 70 companies worldwide and a total of 110 EU-funded projects are involved in CO_2 capture. Although green hydrogen production in the EU is far below the 6 GW of installed electrolyser capacity targeted for 2024, current and future national and transnational European hydrogen infrastructure projects aim to bridge the current gap between green hydrogen production and its sufficient and efficient transport by combining renewable hydrogen production with its storage and transmission.

Over the next two days you will have the opportunity to discuss with new and leading players the developments in CCU and the need to create the right framework to promote it. Learn more about the latest technical and political developments and discuss future strategies in numerous panel discussions. It's all about communication and networking!

We wish all participants new insights, great ideas and lots of inspiration.

The future belongs to the use of CO_2 and we have the chance to actively shape this path together.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister Mona Neubaur,

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia Dear guests of the "CO2-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference" 2025,

Transitioning to a net-zero industry remains one of our greatest challenges. Being competitive and being climate-neutral go hand in hand. Through the transition to renewable energy, decarbonised processes and an intensified use of secondary raw materials, we can make industries future-proof. The challenges for the chemical industries are especially diverse.

Decarbonising through the use of renewable energies or hydrogen can already lower emissions. However, in the foreseeable future of the chemical industry, carbon continues to play an indispensable role. That is why we need sustainable solutions for the carbon demand in the chemical industry. Defossilisation, that is, finding non-fossil carbon sources, is the way to go.

This is where CCU unfolds its potential. Capturing and using CO_2 enables us to close the carbon loop. By using CO_2 from industries such as cement and lime or thermal waste treatment, where the formation of CO_2 is unavoidable, and binding it permanently, we can ensure a climate-neutral supply of carbon. By using biogenic or atmospheric CO_2 sources, we can even achieve negative emissions. Conferences like these make it possible to develop the solutions today that we will so urgently need in the near future.

Getting there is not easy. We do see that the current framework conditions for CCU are not ideal. We need stronger incentives to stimulate investment in CCU and to recognise its contribution to climate neutrality. We need funding, so we can pilot holistic CCU concepts and get them ready for large-scale rollout.

We also see that things are in motion. For instance, we have just concluded an innovation competition for "CCU model regions" in North Rhine-Westphalia. We will support the winners in developing regional concepts for CCU, following the credo: "Think global, act local."

Although this may look like a small step, it is the number of many small steps that will lead us to our goal. That said, I am grateful that this conference contributes to reaching our common goal and to developing smart solutions for a sustainable use of carbon through CCU.

I wish all participants a productive, inspiring conference with plenty of food for thought for the future.

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Biogenic CO₂ Sources and Carbon Capture – Key-Requirements for Carbon Capture & Utilisation

Securing Long-term Supply and Utilising Biogenic Sources

To drive the successful implementation of Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU), industry requires long-term and secure CO_2 -supply. CO_2 can be sourced from various means, including direct capture from air and oceans, persistent biogenic CO_2 sources, and efficient industrial point sources utilising advanced carbon capture technologies. The sector is rapidly expanding, as evidenced by more than 70 companies globally engaging in CO_2 capture initiatives. In the European Union, this momentum is further amplified by 110 EU-funded projects dedicated to advancing carbon capture technologies. This growing ecosystem of innovation and investment underscores the increasing importance and viability of CCU as a key strategy in the transition to a circular carbon economy.

Among these diverse CO_2 sources, biogenic CO_2 presents a particularly promising avenue for sustainable carbon capture. With its roots in the natural carbon cycle, biogenic CO_2 offers unique advantages in terms of environmental impact and potential for achieving negative emissions. Specific characteristics and sources of biogenic CO_2 make it a crucial component in the CCU landscape.

Biogenic CO₂ Sources

The term "biogenic CO_2 " refers to any CO_2 derived from biomass or bio-based products. In the context of CCU, biogenic CO_2 must be the waste product of an industry whose main product results from transforming biomass to CO_2 . Biogenic CO_2 streams may be almost fully or partially biogenic and can also include fossil CO_2 to some extent. Industries supplying biogenic CO_2 include bioethanol plants, biogas plants, biomass and bioenergy plants, biorefineries, food, feed and beverage production, pulp, paper and board, wood and forestry products and waste incineration plants. Each year, over 130 million tonnes of biogenic CO_2 are emitted in Europe. The pulp, paper and board, wood and forest products industries account for the largest share of these emissions, exceeding 60%, followed by biomass and bioenergy, food, feed and beverage production, and bioethanol plants.

The Costs of Carbon Capture

Industrial point sources of biogenic CO_2 are characterised by relatively high CO_2 concentrations, ranging from 7 to 99% CO_2 . This is significantly higher than the concentrations found for direct air capture (0.04%) or direct ocean capture (4%). Generally, the cost of CO_2 capture are influenced by two key factors: the concentration of CO_2 and the amount and type of impurities. Higher CO_2 concentration and fewer impurities result in lower costs. The CO_2 capture process can be divided into two main aspects: capture methods and capture technologies. Capture methods are defined based on how CO_2 is generated and captured. These include Direct Air Capture, Direct Ocean Capture, Post-Combustion Capture, Pre-Combustion Capture, and Oxyfuel Combustion Capture. Capture technologies, on the other hand, can be used for different capture methods. The selection and efficiency of the CO_2 capture technology depend primarily on the CO_2 concentration, the concentration of impurities (such as nitrogen or dust) and the flue gas pressure.

In most cases, a combination of two or more capture technologies is used to achieve the highest possible capture efficiency. These technologies include chemical absorption, physical absorption, adsorption, membrane separation, enzyme-based separation, cryogenic fractionation, hydrate-based separation, and electrochemical methods such as electro-deionization, electrodialysis, and electrochemical pH swing systems, specifically for Direct Ocean Capture.

Carbon Capture Technologies

The various capture technologies encompass a range of specific techniques. For instance, the chemical absorption group includes six different technologies, such as amine scrubbing, ammonia scrubbing, use of amino acid salts, calcium oxide or alkali carbonate scrubbing. Among these, amine scrubbing stands out as the longest-established and most-widely used technology, capable of capturing 1,000–2,000 tonnes of CO₂ per day.

In conclusion, it is not feasible to make a generalised statement about which CO₂ source and capture technology is more profitable and efficient from either a technical or economic perspective. This is because both technical implementation and economic efficiency are contingent upon several specific factors, CO₂ concentration and amount of impurities.

Firstly, the CO_2 concentration and the amount of impurities play a crucial role. Secondly, specific plant conditions significantly influence the process, including factors such as flue gas temperature and pressure, water required for cooling, the size of the capture plant, heat integration, and the quantity of captured emissions. Lastly, the intended subsequent use of the captured CO_2 must be taken into account, as this can affect the choice of capture method and technology.

Interview

CCU Pioneers – Keeping Carbon Circular: Holcim

1. Innovation & Sustainability

With the concrete sector being one of the biggest emitters of CO_2 , how does Holcim integrate Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) into its sustainability strategy to achieve carbon neutrality in cement and concrete production?

Florian Kleinwächter: Holcim's pathway to Net Zero is clear. There are different ways to reduce CO_2 emissions in cement production and we will pursue them all to reach our commitments, we will reduce our clinker factor, use alternative fuels and raw materials, and increase our use of renewable energy.

Around two thirds of the cement industry's CO₂ emissions come from the raw materials themselves and are emitted during the burning process. These emissions are inevitable and would persist even if cement kilns were operated entirely with renewable energy.

However, concrete serves as the foundation of the world. From houses, roads, and bridges to factories, it is utilised almost everywhere. Additionally, the transition to sustainable energy needs to be built – railway lines, tunnels or bridges for trains, foundations and towers for wind turbines. The world requires innovative solutions to continue utilising this indispensable building material without jeopardising our future. A technological leap is imperative for environmentally friendly cement production.

That is why we are scaling up advanced technologies such as carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS), which will make an increased contribution in terms of reaching our targets post-2030.

The ambitious plan that we are pursuing at all three of our cement plants in Germany is to develop the captured greenhouse gas CO_2 into a valuable raw material, for example as a basic material in the chemical industry for the production of plastics. When their first life cycle ends after as much equivalent recycling as possible, they can be utilised again in the cement plant, whereby the CO_2 is captured again and used as a raw material. This creates a CO_2 cycle in which the gas does not escape into the atmosphere.



Florian Kleinwächter Senior Business Development Manager CCU/S

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2. Breakthrough Technology

Holcim is currently building the first carbon neutral cement plant in Laegerdorf. How does your Carbon2Business project address the unique challenges of carbon capture in the cement industry?

Florian Kleinwächter: With its decarbonisation strategy and the steps that have been taken, Holcim is a first mover in this area. The capturing technologies necessary for the sustainable transformation of cement plants are in different early development stages and need to be tested. That is why we chose to run a widespread approach testing different technologies at different plant sites in Germany.

First in line is our plant in Lägerdorf, where we are planning a climateneutral cement plant using 2^{nd} generation oxyfuel technology, which can capture CO₂ almost completely.

Lägerdorf as a site for carbon capture offers the additional advantage of a strategically favorable geographical location. This includes excellent access to sustainable energy sources and close proximity to Brunsbüttel, which presents potential CO_2 offtakers within the ChemCoast Park, as well as a port for onward transportation of the captured CO_2 .

In Höver, Holcim is testing a CO_2 capture plant based on membrane technology with the aim to demonstrate the efficiency of this technology on an industrial scale in order to potentially capture 90 per cent of CO_2 emissions. In addition we are looking at pressure swing absorption (PSA) technology.

At the Beckum cement plant, we are using amine scrubbing technology to capture CO_2 and also test a separate oxyfuel calciner with a subsequent carbon purification unit (CPU).

With all these projects we are well prepared for the challenges the way to Net Zero brings. In addition there is a regular exchange within the Holcim Group to benefit from all insights that are won by the activities on an international level.

3. Challenges & Opportunities

What are the biggest challenges Holcim faces with regard to CO₂-based products, and what opportunities do you see for these solutions to transform the cement sector in the future?

Florian Kleinwächter: Many manufacturers already offer climatefriendly cements. For example, the Holcim ECOPlanet series reduces the carbon footprint by over 50 percent compared to standard cement. Key factors here are the substitution of fossil fuels and optimised formulations. Their market share of Holcim Germany's sales volume rose from 2.9 to 16.9 percent. We see the same trend in concrete.



In addition to the decarbonisation of our products, the circular economy is at the heart of our corporate philosophy. Building materials should never become waste, and the most important raw material sources of the future should no longer be exclusively sand and gravel pits, and quarries, but rather existing buildings in cities.

As a consequence, when it comes to CCUS, Holcim's strategy is based on the belief that CO_2 is a valuable raw material. Thus, we are taking into consideration all options the CO_2 use case market has to offer. One important prerequisite for the development of the CO_2 market is clarity in terms of regulations and laws such as the KSpTG. That has been a challenge over the last months and we hope to move into a safer and more plannable situation now.

As for the CO_2 based products, we are working in an environment that is still evolving on many levels. Many of the promising product developments in this area are still in relatively early development stages, so it is not easy to create realistic business cases right now. A good example are materials that result from a mineralisation process that binds CO_2 permanently. These materials can be used as additives in the cement production - thus creating a circular CO_2 process. The testing process necessary to get the material certified for construction, however, is very complex and time consuming. At the same time projects in this area can contribute enormously to the decarbonisation of cement production.

In general we see a lot of movement in the area. Many start-ups develop solutions to bind and/or use CO_2 in various products. It is important that the emitting industries join in these activities, support them and search for solutions within their own production environments in order to drive the economy towards a sustainable future – from an ecological and economical perspective.

4. Collaboration & Industry Dynamics

How does Holcim collaborate with industry partners, research institutions, and policymakers to accelerate the adoption of CCU technologies?

Florian Kleinwächter: Collaboration is a key to a carbon free economy. Holcim pursues that on all levels. We have recently started a project that represents a truly circular CO2 value chain. Part of the project are three start-up companies, two industry representatives and a university. The value chain combines a capturing technology with a direct air capturing process and leads to two different use cases - one mineralisation process and one chemical process.

This initiative demonstrates a practical model for a closed CO₂ loop, providing startups with a vital testing ground for their technologies. Furthermore, it serves as a critical foundation for engaging with regulatory bodies, accelerating the recognition of diverse processes as permanent CO_{2} binding solutions, and thus advancing their eligibility within the EU ETS.

At Holcim, we firmly believe that the future of the economy lies in sustainable and innovative solutions. Therefore, we are extremely open to exchanging with companies and experts who are engaged in CO₂ utilisation scenarios.

We are particularly interested in contacts and ideas from the chemical industry. The chemical sector has extensive expertise in the conversion of substances and can make crucial contributions to the development and scaling of CO₂-based products. We are convinced that only through cross-industry collaboration and the exchange of knowledge and experience can real change be achieved.

To foster this collaboration and advance the development of CO₂ utilisation technologies, we at Holcim have established a specialised CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage) team. This team is dedicated to researching and implementing innovative solutions and is available to answer your questions and exchange ideas.

We warmly invite you to get in touch with us and work together towards a sustainable future. Your ideas and expertise are invaluable to us. Let's explore together the opportunities that CO₂ utilisation offers.





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Green Hydrogen Production – A Key Element for Maximising Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) Benefits

To realise the full potential of Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU), the industry requires long-term supply of CO₂ from persistent biogenic CO₂ sources, efficient capture technologies and a consistent supply of renewable energy and green hydrogen.

Green hydrogen is essential as it serves as an energy-rich reactant converting inert CO_2 into valuable chemicals, polymers, materials, and fuels. To ensure an environmental advantage over other carbon sources and external energy carriers, it is crucial that the energy supply for hydrogen production, as well as the conversion and utilisation of CO_2 as a feedstock comes exclusively from renewable sources.



Renewable Hydrogen

In addition to green hydrogen, which is produced by electrolysis of water using only electricity generated from renewable sources like wind, hydro, and solar, there is also orange hydrogen. The EU defines orange hydrogen as renewable hydrogen produced from biomass or, on a transitional basis, using electricity from waste-to-energy plants. This classification highlights alternative methods of renewable hydrogen production that contribute to sustainability efforts.

The EU Hydrogen Strategy, published in 2020, introduced a definition of renewable hydrogen along with ambitious production targets for 2024 and 2030. This strategy outlines the EU's vision for leveraging renewable hydrogen as a key solution to decarbonise various sectors over time.

1. By 2024:

At least 6 GW of renewable hydrogen electrolysers in the EU

2. By 2030:

40 GW of renewable hydrogen electrolysers

These targets demonstrate the EU's commitment to developing renewable hydrogen as a strategic pathway for reducing carbon emissions across multiple sectors.

This € 400 billion strategy aims for a comprehensive energy transition to renewables and expanded use of hydrogen in innovations and technologies. It includes large-scale production of synthetic fuels and chemicals. As a result, numerous European cross-sector projects for hydrogen production using large-scale electrolysers were announced for 2021 and 2022. These projects span multiple industries and demonstrate the growing momentum behind hydrogen as a key element of Europe's energy future.

EU-Hydrogen-Capacities, Infrastructure and Outlook

Despite setting ambitious goals, the EU only reached 0.385 GW of installed electrolyser capacity in 2024. This is significantly lower than the 6 GW target, representing a 16-fold difference. The primary reason for this discrepancy is the cancellation or postponement of several announced large-scale (over 100 MW) electrolyser projects. However, technological hurdles are not the issue, as alkaline, anion exchange, proton exchange, and solid oxide electrolysis technologies are already commercially available. Instead, stakeholders identify regulatory, infrastructure, and price-related challenges as the main factors hindering the growth of the EU hydrogen economy.

Hydrogen Infrastructure

Acknowledging the necessity of developing national and transnational European hydrogen infrastructure, the EU has recently addressed this issue though EU-funded transnational hydrogen network projects such as H2Med and by the initiatives of individual Member States. Countries like the Netherlands, Spain, Denmark, and Germany are planning to establish national hydrogen backbones by 2029.

These backbones will be composed of both new hydrogen pipelines and converted natural gas pipelines for the efficient transport of green hydrogen. Infrastructure projects of this sort aim to bridge the current gap between green hydrogen production and its sufficient transport by integrating renewable hydrogen production with its storage and transmission. In doing so, they will help to increase and stabilise renewable hydrogen production within the EU.

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9.30 **Michael Carus**

nova-Institute (DE) **Conference Opening**

Minister Mona Neubaur

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (DE) Video Message



Innovation, Strategy and Policy Grand Hall

Chairpersons: Lara Dammer & Christopher vom Berg, nova-Institute



Progress of CCU Deployment

Certifying Sustainability: Frameworks for CO₂-based

NRW.Energy4Climate (DE) Meta-Analysis of Current Scenarios on the Future Role of CCU

13:05 - 14:40

Green Hydrogen Production, **Biogenic CO₂ Sources and Carbon Capture** Grand Hall

Chairpersons: Lars Börger & Pia Skoczinski, nova-Institute



Eric Rambech

Endrava (NO) Sourcing Biogenic CO₂ - Opportunities and Challenges



Álvaro Ramirez Santos InnoEnergy (SE) CarbFlex



Jarkko Toropainen

Fortum (FI) Harnessing the Power of the Nordics: Fortum's Unique Position for Boosting Electrification and Use of Sustainable Carbon Sources



Revcoo (FR)

Juliette Poupeney

CarbonCloud: The Revcoo Solution

14:25

Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers

13:05 – 14:40 Parallel Session

CO₂ Utilisation Technologies (Part 1)

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Guillermo Diaz-Sainz University of Cantabria (ES)

Electrochemical Pathways for CO₂ Conversion: Toward Sustainable Formic Acid Production in the Cement Industry



Monalisa Goswami TNO (NL)

CO₂ Electrolysis for Manufacturing of Materials: It All Circles Back to Energy!



David Soane Carbogenesis (US)

Scalable and Profitable Carbon Utilisation Technology by Carbogenesis

14:05



Dorinde Kleinegris

NORCE Norwegian Research Centre (NO)

ALGAESOL: Sustainable Aviation and Shipping Fuels from Microalgae and Direct Solar BES Technologies

14:25

Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers

14:40 **Coffee Break & Networking**



Green Hydrogen Production, Biogenic CO₂ Sources and Carbon Capture

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Cristhian Molina Fernández University of Liège (BE) A Mobile CO₂ Capture Pilot Plant

Maurice Ernst Sypox (DE) CO₂-negative H₂ from Biogas

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at Liège, Belgium

RWE Generation (DE) RWE's Hydrogen Activities: Enabling the Clean Energy Transition

16:10

15:50

Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers



Poster Pitch Session Grand Hall



Lukas Horndasch PtX Lab Lausitz (DE)

Crack the Crackers – Thinking Beyond a Crackercentered Chemical Production in Europe

TLK Energy (DE) From Hydrogen Production to Synthetic Fuels: Modeling and Simulation Along the Process Chain





16:40

Alexandros Symillidis

Centre for Research & Technology Hellas (GR)

Catalytic Production of BTEX from Biogenic CO_2 and Green H_2 : Reactor Modelling and Process Integration

Leyla Khani Politecnico Di Milano (IT)

Techno-Economic Assessment of Electro-Fuel Production via Fischer-Tropsch Process: Comparative Analysis of Configurations



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Innovation Award "Best CO₂ Utilisation 2025"

Grand Hall

Chairpersons: Michael Carus & Asta Partanen, nova-Institute



18:10 -



Martin Lindmeyer YNCORIS (DE) Innovation Award Ceremony

> 18:15 Networking with Local Beer & Poster Session

20:00 **Gala Dinner**



22:00 Bowling - Get Together in the Party Room beneath Maternushaus

CCU Pioneers – Keeping Carbon Circular: YNCORIS

1. Innovation & Sustainability

For many years, YNCORIS has been the sponsor of the "Best CO₂ Utilisation 2025" award. What is YNCORIS motivation in supporting and facilitating the development of innovative CCU technologies within the chemical industry?

Dr. Martin Lindmeyer: The chemical industry is currently facing a key challenge: on the one hand, emissions need to be reduced and, on the other, economically viable ways are needed to make sensible use of CO_2 as a resource. This is precisely where our commitment as sponsor of the "Best CO_2 Utilisation 2025" award comes in. We want to help establish CO_2 utilisation as an integral part of a sustainable chemical industry - and not just on paper, but in concrete industrial practice.

As an industrial service provider with in-depth experience in the fields of engineering, site operations and plant services, we see it as our responsibility to support companies in their transformation towards more climate-friendly production methods. In our view, the conversion of CO_2 into value-adding products – whether for chemicals, fuels or plastics – is not only a technological innovation path, but also an economic opportunity to rewrite existing business models or develop new ones.

What is particularly important to us is that we take a **holistic approach to technology** integration. This means that we support our customers in integrating CCU processes safely, efficiently and economically into existing plant structures – or even in setting up completely new value chains.

As the site operator of a chemical park, we also understand how crucial it is to integrate sustainable solutions into existing site structures – because this is the only way to **make industrial parks** future-proof and competitive.

Last but not least, **exchange and networking is important to us:** through our commitment in the form of networks, events and targeted partnerships, we want to bring together industry, research and start-ups in order to jointly develop and promote viable, practical solutions for CO_2 use.



Dr. Martin Lindmeyer Process Engineering



2. Breakthrough Technology

As an industrial service provider with extensive experience, how does YNCORIS assist chemical companies in implementing and optimising CCU technologies in order to enhance plant efficiency and sustainability?

Dr. Martin Lindmeyer: Our support begins with **workshops**, **consultations and feasibility studies**. Together with the customer, we evaluate technically and economically which new value chains can be established or integrated into existing processes using CCU technologies. In other words, we analyse mass and energy flows, examine the scalability and identify synergies with existing systems.

As soon as the first fundamental decisions have been made, we take over **the project engineering** – from basic to detailed engineering. We develop process diagrams, plant layouts, and consider all safety and environmental requirements with the customer to ensure the necessary **regulatory compliance** with our approval management.

Looking beyond the planning horizon, we always have the operation of the future plant in mind. Because with our own chemical site, we not only plan, but also offer our site customers all the necessary **maintenance and optimisation** work and also ensure smooth **site operations**. This means that we provide the necessary energy, media supply and logistics, including for CCU-relevant processes. Thus, the integration into an existing "Stoffverbund" is a decisive factor, especially for companies that want to realise CCU pilot plants or large-scale technical implementations.

Consequently, YNCORIS and its approx. 1200 employees support chemical companies along the entire process plant life cycle – from concept development to long-term safe operation.

3. Challenges & Opportunities

What are the main challenges YNCORIS has identified in scaling up CCU technologies in unique chemical plants, and what opportunities do you see for the industry to overcome these hurdles?

Dr. Martin Lindmeyer: The implementation of CCU technologies brings challenges that are both technical and economic in nature.

Firstly, the technology aspect: Many chemical plants have grown over decades and are geared towards specific production processes and have been continuously optimised in their environment. Since each production location is unique in terms of infrastructure and application, the implementation of CCU requires an individual process design. The challenge is to integrate CCU technologies into existing plants in such a way that they continue to operate efficiently and smoothly. The purity of the CO_2 is a particularly critical factor, as not every source is suitable for every type of further processing.

The purification technologies must be individually adapted to the further processing of the CCU process. By working together with the customer and their specific requirements and environmental conditions at an early stage, the feasibility, including the prospects for integration and scaling, can be determined as part of conceptual process and process engineering development.

Secondly, the economic viability and scalability: CCU technologies are often associated with high investment costs, while economic viability essentially depends on energy prices, but also on the product price and market acceptance in the long term.

The industry needs a stable regulatory framework in the long term, e.g. fixed quotas and/or tax advantages, in order to create investment security. Networks must be created and formed in order to develop new value chains through cooperation and replace existing ones with defossilised counterparts.



4. Collaboration & Industry Dynamics

How does YNCORIS leverage its position as both a service provider and innovation award sponsor to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing in the field of CCU across the chemical sector and its actors?

Dr. Martin Lindmeyer: YNCORIS sees itself not only as a service provider, but also as an active shaper of industrial transformation. We use our position as sponsor of the "Best CO₂ Utilisation" award to drive innovation in the field of CCU and create a platform for the exchange of knowledge between industry, research and start-ups.

Networking the relevant players: Through our work as an industrial service provider, we have direct access to companies that develop CCU technologies and to users in the chemical industry. In this way, we bring technology providers and production facilities together to create new solutions and applications.

Knowledge transfer through practical relevance: YNCORIS has decades of experience in the planning, operation and maintenance of chemical plants. We pass on this knowledge in a targeted manner – by publishing technical papers or the involvement of our experts in strategic discussions. In intensive exchanges with companies, we provide support through practical expertise that combines technical feasibility, economic efficiency and regulatory aspects.

Promotion of innovative technologies: In addition to current industrial collaborations and projects in the areas of PtG and PtX, we are also involved in funding projects to advance promising CCU technologies, among other things - accompanying them from laboratory scale to industrial production. In addition, together with industry representatives, we are driving forward a model region that evaluates CO_2 value chains and aims to replace fossil resource-based fields of application

As a bridge builder between research, technology providers and industry, as a multiplier of knowledge and as an active partner, YNCORIS supports the implementation of innovative CCU solutions in industrial practice. Only through collaboration and targeted knowledge transfer can CCU become an integral part of a climateneutral chemical industry – and that is exactly what we at YNCORIS are driving forward.



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Innovation Award "Best CO₂ Utilisation 2025"

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Innovation in CCU is key to transforming CO_2 into a valuable resource for the chemicals and materials sector, supporting a circular carbon economy. By converting CO_2 into renewable carbon products, these technologies reduce dependence on fossil resources and create new business opportunities.



















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More information: www.skytree.eu

TNO (NL) Sorption Enhanced DME Synthesis, SEDMES 6

UP Catalyst (EE) Battery-grade Graphite from CO₂





More information: www.tno.nl/en



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More information: www.upcatalyst.com

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Interview

CCU Pioneers – Keeping Carbon Circular: PtX Lab Lausitz

1. Innovation & Sustainability

How does PtX Lab Lausitz integrate green hydrogen production with CCU technologies to create sustainable Power-to-X (PtX) products for hard-to-abate sectors like aviation and maritime transport?

Dr. Irina Akhmetova & Lukas Horndasch: PtX Lab Lausitz is a competence center that aims to accelerate the fast and sustainable market ramp-up of Power-to X (PtX) products based on green hydrogen. Located in Cottbus, Brandenburg (Germany), we serve as a knowledge platform, initiator and central point of contact for industry, policymakers, science and the public.

By using renewable electricity to produce green hydrogen via electrolysis, and then combining this hydrogen with captured CO₂, the synthesis of fuels and chemicals (PtX products) becomes sustainable. We advocate for a supportive policy framework to enable the fast and sustainable market ramp-up of PtX products in hard-to-abate sectors like aviation, shipping, and the chemical industry.

2. Breakthrough Technology

What specific CCU technologies is PtX Lab Lausitz developing or promoting that utilise green hydrogen, and how do these address the challenges of carbon neutrality in industries like chemicals and transportation?

Dr. Irina Akhmetova & Lukas Horndasch: We are working to ensure that PtX become rapidly and sustainably available for aviation, shipping, and the chemical industry – sectors, where direct electrification is often impractical or ineffective. PtX solutions are urgently needed to enable and unlock the transition to climate neutrality in these areas.

To support this, we are assisting the construction of a power-toliquid (PtL) demonstration plant in Lausitz (Germany). This will be developed together with industrial partners and funded by the Coal Region Investment Act (InvKG) to meet the highest sustainability standards.



Dr. Irina Akhmetova Referent



Lukas Horndasch Referent



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We are aware, that the availability of affordable and sustainable CO_2 for PtX fuels and chemicals will be a major challenge for a fast rampup of production capacities. To overcome this barrier, we promote and engage in accelerating the development of innovative DAC-processes in collaboration with Fraunhofer IEG and other stakeholders.

3. Challenges & Opportunities

As PtX Lab Lausitz works towards promoting the market rampup of green hydrogen-based CCU technologies, what are the main technical and economic challenges you've identified, and what special opportunities do you see for the Lausitz region you are located in?

Dr. Irina Akhmetova & Lukas Horndasch: The production of PtX products requires large amounts of renewable energy and sustainable CO_2 (biogenic sources or DAC). Furthermore, an access to infrastructure, technology, and specialised know-how is needed.

The Net Zero Valley Lausitz is an emerging hub for infrastructure and Net Zero technologies, providing the necessary foundation for PtX development. It offers easy access to needed infrastructure, technology, and know-how while also enabling faster permitting processes.

Lusatia offers suitable conditions as a location for the plant. The high proportion of renewable energies and the geographical proximity to companies in the aviation industry already make Lusatia a pioneer of the energy transition, which is currently undergoing a transformation from a former coal-based to a post-fossil energy region. The construction of a pilot plant to produce PtL fuels on an industrial scale will equip the industrial region for the future, secure jobs, and support the structural change.

4. Collaboration & Industry Dynamics

PtX Lab Lausitz is well known for its interdisciplinary and crosssectoral dialogue approach. How does PtX Lab Lausitz foster collaboration between green hydrogen producers, CCU technology developers, and end-users, especially in the logistics sector, to accelerate the adoption of sustainable PtX products?

Dr. Irina Akhmetova & Lukas Horndasch: PtX Lab Lausitz participates in various networks to help shape targeted and efficient policy frameworks, establish facilitating standards and certification systems for PtX, and strengthen a just transition in the Lausitz region. We are part of the Cluster Dekarbonisierung der Industrie (CDI), the Lausitz Science Network, the hydrogen network durchH2atmen Lausitz. Additionally, we support the NetZero Vallely Lausitz in Brandenburg.

By hosting expert discussions, conferences, and workshops, we promote cross-sectoral dialogue and transfer of expertise.

We shape the future of sustainable aviation policy, ensuring that E-SAF (sustainable aviation fuel produced with renewable energy) unfolds its potential. Our engagement includes membership in aireg (Aviation Initiative for Renewable Energy in Germany e.V.), the Arbeitskreis klimaneutrale Luftfahrt (AKkL), and the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Value Chain Industrial Alliance (RLCF).

We contribute to the development of standards and certification systems. As a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) and the DIN working group on sustainability, we are involved in defining sustainability criteria for hydrogen and its derivatives through the on-going development of DIN 35809.



Is CO₂ the Key to a More Sustainable Chemical and Fuel Industry?

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is often viewed solely as a major contributor to climate change and global warming, but it also holds significant potential as a valuable resource. Utilising CO_2 as a feedstock in chemical and fuel production could play a key role in transitioning to a more sustainable chemical sector and global economy. Innovative approaches focus on converting captured CO_2 into value-added products, such as fuels, chemicals, and materials, through various technical methods.

The chemical industry is a significant consumer of carbon, which to date has traditionally been generated from fossil sources such as oil, coal and natural gas. Alternative sources of carbon include biomass and CO_2 in particular, which offer more sustainable solutions. Innovative Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) technologies can convert captured CO_2 from industrial point sources and direct air capture into chemical base materials such as methanol, ethanol, ethylene or even polyols and other polymer building blocks. These substances serve as the foundation for a wide range of products, including solvents, plastics, adhesives, paints and textiles.

Reduction of CO₂ to Syngas and Other Products

The production of base chemicals and fuels through CO₂ reduction involves converting carbon dioxide using external energy sources, primarily green hydrogen or direct electricity. When hydrogen is used, it is generated through water electrolysis powered by renewable energy (e.g., wind, solar), splitting water into hydrogen (H₂) and oxygen (O₂). Modern electrolysers achieve approximately 70% efficiency in converting renewable electricity into hydrogen, which can then be utilised to reduce CO2 into a reactive mixture of CO and hydrogen, known as syngas. Syngas can undergo further processing through thermochemical conversion technologies that use heat, pressure, and catalysts to drive chemical reactions transforming captured CO2 into valuable products. Common reactions include methanation, methanol synthesis and Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, which produce sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), alternative naphtha and other hydrocarbons. Catalysts such as nickel or cobalt are employed to enhance reaction rates and selectivity.

Direct use of electricity in electrochemical CO_2 reduction bypasses the need for hydrogen as an energy carrier, eliminating energy losses from water electrolysis. The process begins when CO_2 molecules attach to catalytic surfaces like copper-based electrodes, where electron transfer disrupts the CO_2 structure. This breaks C=0 bonds, producing adsorbed intermediates such as *CO and *COOH, which are essential for forming multi-carbon compounds. In the next step, these intermediates can combine via carbon-carbon coupling to form multi-carbon products like ethylene (C_2H_4) and ethanol (C_2H_5OH) or form again a syngas. Catalysts such as copper, palladium, or nickel enhance reaction efficiency by guiding these pathways.

Biotechnological Utilisation of CO₂

Biotechnological utilisation of CO_2 involves the use of microorganisms and bioengineered systems to convert carbon dioxide into valuable products, such as biomass, fuels and chemicals, by using CO_2 as a carbon source instead of sugars. These processes often integrate renewable energy and biological pathways to create sustainable carbon cycles. While additional energy carriers are needed for CO_2 reduction, these are incorporated into microorganisms' metabolic pathways. This enables the production of different molecules, including alcohols, organic acids and others.

Some methods combine CO_2 capture with microbial conversion in a single system to minimise energy demands, while others use renewable electricity to directly supply electrons for CO_2 reduction through microbial electrosynthesis. Photosynthetic organisms like microalgae and cyanobacteria utilise sunlight to convert CO_2 into biomass, such as lipids, carbohydrates, and proteins, via photosynthesis. These biomaterials can then be harvested for biofuels (e.g., biodiesel, ethanol) or high-value chemicals (e.g., carotenoids).

Emission Reduction by CCU

The production of petrochemical raw materials is associated with high emissions. However, using CO₂ from these emissions as a feedstock can support the circular economy by closing carbon cycles and preventing additional emissions from entering the atmosphere. In this way, utilising CO₂ as a raw material not only reduces the carbon footprint of many products but also replaces fossil-based materials.

Carbon-based fuels such as kerosene are essential in mobility, particularly in aviation, due to their high energy density. Despite their importance, their fossil origins result in considerable CO_2 emissions. Synthetic fuels made from captured CO_2 , often referred to as e-fuels or sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), offer a viable alternative. These fuels are produced by combining captured CO_2 with green hydrogen, typically using synthesis gas as an intermediate product. Synthetic fuels are virtually free of sulphur components and can be used in existing combustion engines without major modifications, making them particularly interesting for long-distance transportation and aviation, where electrification remains limited. However, their production is energy-intensive, underscoring the importance of renewable energy sources for ensuring sustainable production.

DAY 2 30 April 2025, 9:00–16:30 (CET)

9:00 Lars Börger nova-Institute (DE) Day Opening

9:10 - 10:30

CO₂ to Chemicals and Fuels

Grand Hall

Chairpersons: Achim Raschka & Pia Skoczinski, nova-Institute



Peter Nieuwenhuizen

Synata Bio (US) Turning Waste Carbon into Low-Carbon Fuel and Circular Chemicals

Francesca Di Bartolomeo SINTEF (NO)



Pioneering Sustainable CO_2 Conversion to C_3 Chemicals and High-Value Lipids for Feed and Food Applications



Henning Friege

N3 Nachhaltigkeitsberatung Dr. Friege & Partner (DE) Defossilizing the Feedstock of the Chemical Industry - Necessary Framework Conditions as Part of Germany's Contribution to the "Global Framework on Chemicals"

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Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers

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11:00 - 13:00

CO₂ to Chemicals, Fuels, Polymers and Materials

Grand Hall

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11:00



Vincent Peña

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Saving and Valorizing CO₂ with the Lurgi Methanol[™] Technologies by Air Liquide



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Celanese (DE) Low Carbon Intensity Methanol from Industrial CCU



Volker Sick

Global CO₂ Initiative (US)

A Life Cycle Assessment of Potential Pathways to Increase Sustainable Aviation Fuel Yields Through CO2 Upgrading Co-located with Corn Ethanol Production



Andreas Hartwig

Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials IFAM (DE)

NIPU and NIPUH: Polyurethanes made from Carbon Dioxide instead of Isocyanates





Sebastian Pohlmann

UP Catalyst (EE) Critical Raw Materials from CO2: Sustainable

Synthesis of Nanotubes and Graphite

12:40 Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers

11:00 – 13:00 Parallel Session

Advanced Research in CCU

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11:00



María Romero Ángel AIMPLAS (ES)

Sustainable Formulations from CO₂ and Orange Peel Waste



Achim Schaadt

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DME as a Promising Platform Molecule for Fuels



Cristian Torri

Università di Bologna (IT)

Isopropyl Alcohol Production from CO₂ with a new Direct Air Carbon Capture and Fixation (DACF) Approach: Results from Early Proof-of-Concept Investigation

Xin Tu



12:00

University of Liverpool (UK)

Plasma Catalysis for CO₂ Hydrogenation to Methanol

12:20

Mohamad Kanso

Toulouse Biotechnology Institute (FR)

Technical and Environmental Comparison of Diverse Valorization Routes of CO2 as Ethanol under a Simulation Approach



Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers



30 APRIL 2025, 9:00-16:30 (CET)



CO₂ Utilisation Technologies (Part 2)

Grand Hall

Chairpersons: Achim Raschka & Pia Skoczinski, nova-Institute

14:50



Mohammad Rezaei

GIG Karasek (AT) Exploring the Functions of Electrocatalysts and Membranes in Advanced Technologies for Green Synthesis of Carbon Monoxide from Carbon Dioxide





Pierre Calleja

SYKLEA (FR) SYKLEA No Water Technology CO₂ Capture and Valorisation Based on Algae Tech



15:30 Philipp Arbter Colipi (DE) en-Oxidizing Bacteria as Platform for Production of Chemicals from CO₂



Tom Wirtanen VTT (FI)

Novel Electrosynthetic Pathways to Ethylene Glycol, Acrylic, Adipic and Glycolic Acids: CO₂-based C2-C6 Building Blocks for Sustainable Polymers

- 16:10

Panel Discussion with all Session Speakers

16:25 Final Words

16:30 End of the Conference



Valuable Quotes

Maria Romero Ángel

AIMPLAS (ES)

"I am excited to attend the CO2-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 to explore groundbreaking innovations and gain valuable insights into sustainable, carbon-neutral technologies."

Vincent Peña

AirLiquide (DE)

"The CO_2 -based Fuels and Chemicals Conference brings together people from manifold industries, organisations and disciplines with a common goal: unlocking CO₂ valorisation and its integration into our value chains."

David Soane

Carbogenesis (US)

"Development and deployment of profitable and scalable utilisation technologies will be a game-changer for mitigating climate change caused by CO2; this conference brings worldclass teams and like-minded individuals to exchange important ideas."

Oliver Kuisle

Celanese (DE)

"Celanese is honored to be part of the CO2-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 to exchange on cutting-edge solutions for a low-carbon future like our 'Low Carbon Intensity Methanol from Industrial CCU' on Day 2."

Anastasios Perimenis

CO₂ Value (BE)

"The nova Conference on CO2-based Fuels and Chemicals is a lighthouse event for the CCU community with rich networking opportunities and knowledge sharing activities."

Philipp Arbter COLIPI (DE)

"We are looking forward to presenting our innovative CCU technology at the CO2-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 and engaging in valuable exchanges with experts from industry and academia to drive the future of sustainable chemical production."

Tamás Födi

eChemicles (HU)

"I'm looking forward to attending the CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference, where I'll be sharing insights on our efforts to scale up low-temperature CO₂ electrolysis and engaging with key industry players to drive innovation forward."

Balázs Hepp

eChemicles (HU)

"I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in CO_2 -based Fuels and Chemicals conference engaging with industry leaders and exchanging insights that drive innovation forward."

João Oliviera

EIT InnoEnergy (PT)

"At the 2025 CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference, I'll introduce CarbFlex - the first pan-European aggregator of biogenic CO₂ - highlighting collaboration as the key to advancing CCU and BECCS projects."

Doris Hafenbradl

Electrochaea (DE)

"As CTO and Managing Director of Electrochaea, I'm excited to join the CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 to share insights and discuss transformative solutions for RNG and green methane."

Eric Rambech

Endrava (NO)

"Finding sustainable utilisation pathways for CO₂ is a key enabler for net-zero - this conference brings the best together to push the envelope."

Anja Fink

NRW.Energy4Climate (DE)

"Hot Spot to learn about the latest CCU technologies and to connect with companies and organisations working in the field."

Jarkko Toropainen

Fortum (FI)

"CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference offers a good opportunity to showcase the possibilities to build more sustainable future for our industry."

Andreas Hartwig

Fraunhofer Institute (DE)

"I am looking forward to learn more about carbon dioxide utilisation to be inspired for my research and hope that others will learn from my work on polyurethanes made from carbon dioxide."

Mohammad Rezaei

GIG Karasek (AT)

"This conference accelerates the vital transition from carbon capture research to scalable industrial applications, bridging electrochemistry with Power-to-X strategies to redefine sustainable manufacturing."

Florian Kleinwächter

HOLCIM (DE)

"With our expertise as one of the decarbonisation pioneers in the heavy industry, we can surely contribute an interesting perspective to the conference participants and, at the same time, widen our network and gain new insights on the CO₂ market."

Dorinde Kleinegris

NORCE (NO)

"The CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference gives us an excellent opportunity to present our EU project ALGAESOL, where we work on developing sustainable aviation and shipping fuels from microalgae and direct solar BES technologies. I'm very much looking forward to sharing insights and learning about the latest developments in the CCUS field."

Juliette Poupeney

Revcoo (FR) "Unlocking CO₂ Capture to Accelerate Access to CCUS."

Esther Hegel

RSB Foundation – Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (CH)

"The conference enables knowledge sharing and collaborative discussions among key stakeholders, fostering insights that drive the advancement of sustainable CO₂-based fuels and chemicals."

Liv Reinecke

RWE (DE)

"The conference offers a unique chance to network across the value chain, fostering collaborations and innovations for a zero-carbon hydrogen economy."

Francesca Di Bartolomeo SINTEF (NO)

"This conference is a key event for staying at the forefront of Carbon Capture and Utilisation advancements and fostering essential collaborations."

Pierre Calleja

SYKLEA (FR)

"SYKLEA First solution of CCV (Carbon Capture Valorisation)."

Peter Nieuwenhuizen

Sybata Bio (US)

"This conference is a great opportunity to get together, reflect on our progress so far and conceive of ways to accelerate the development of CO₂-based fuels & chemicals and a circular economy."

Mohamad Kanso

TBI (FR)

"The CO₂-Based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 is a premier event dedicated to advancements in technologies and innovations for transforming captured CO₂ into sustainable fuels and valuable chemicals, fostering a circular carbon economy."

Cristian Torri

University of Bologna (IT)

"A valuable opportunity to learn about the latest technical updates and a pleasant networking event to meet people working on this challenging topic."

Cristhian Molina-Fernández

University of Liège (BE)

"Driving innovation towards a sustainable future, the CO₂-based Fuels and Chemicals Conference 2025 unites global researchers to advance the circular carbon economy."

Volker Sick

University of Michigan (US)

"This is the go-to event to learn about the latest in fuels and chemicals made from carbon dioxide."

Sebastian Pohlmann UP Catalyst (EE)

"This conference is an absolute go-to event for staying up to date on the latest CCU-related policies and learning about cutting-edge technological advancements in CCU from the industry's leading companies."



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WHY JOIN RCI?

RCI is an organisation for all companies working in and on renewable chemicals and materials – plastics, composites, fibres and other products can be produced either from biomass, CCU or recycling. RCI members profit from a unique network of pioneers in the sustainable chemical industry, creating a common voice for the renewable carbon economy.

To officially represent the RCI in Brussels, the RCI is registered in the EU's transparency register under the number 683033243622-34.

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RCI is at the forefront of advocating for the transition from fossil to renewable carbon. As a member, you'll actively contribute to shaping future policy and driving the transition, ensuring your voice is heard in the movement towards defossilisation.

Contribute to leading scientific reports and positions

RCI's publications are instrumental in advocating for renewable carbon. As a member, you contribute your knowledge and insights, shaping the discourse and decisions that are transforming our economy.

A Connect with a vibrant network

Joining RCI means connecting with a diverse network spanning the entire value chain, fostering collaboration and innovation. Supported by our partners, you'll be at the heart of a growing community that drives positive change in the renewable carbon landscape.

Shape the future of the RCI

Your membership gives you the opportunity to shape the direction of RCI, by proposing new ideas, participating in ongoing projects or joining the board. Your membership funds RCI's activities, actively enabling collaboration towards a sustainable future.

223 Join specialised working groups

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Increase your visibility

As an RCI member, you'll be recognised as a leader in the transition to renewable carbon. Benefit from increased visibility through our communications activities and share your own successes to build credibility on your path to sustainability.

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THE AIM

The aim of the Renewable Carbon Initiative (RCI) is to support and speed up the transition from fossil carbon to renewable carbon for all organic chemicals and materials.

RCI addresses the core problem of climate change, which is extracting and using additional fossil carbon from the ground that will eventually end up in the atmosphere. Companies are encouraged to focus on phasing out fossil resources and to use renewable carbon instead.

The initiative wants to drive this message, initiating further actions by bringing stakeholders together, providing information and shaping policy to strive for a climate-neutral circular economy.

THE VISION

Fossil carbon shall be completely substituted by renewable carbon, which is carbon from alternative sources: biomass, CO_2 and recycling.

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The Who's Who of Renewable Carbon

Find Sustainable Alternatives for Fossil Based Chemicals and Materials

The business directory "Renewable Carbon Companies (ReCaCo)" has established itself as the primary source of information on renewable and sustainable material solutions. Innovative companies in the field of renewable carbon present their products, intermediates and services. ReCaCo began as a directory for bio-based businesses in 2009, the service provided by nova-Institute has evolved to include CO₂-based and recycling enterprises as well. Today, more than 20,000 company profiles are downloaded every year. They represent large and small corporations, trade associations, agencies, engineering and research institutions as well as certification bodies.

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