

Press Release

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Launch of the German Carbon Management Initiative – Businesses Join Forces for Climate-Neutral Industry

- **Cross-industry alliance to promote Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCU/S) in Germany.**
- **Initiative calls for political support for framework conditions for an efficient CO₂ infrastructure, as well as low-emission industrial processes and hydrogen production.**
- **Focus on achieving public acceptance and market development for CCU/S technologies.**

With the founding of the German Carbon Management Initiative, leading companies in the gas and hydrogen industry are sending a strong signal in favor of the use and storage of CO₂ as a climate protection solution. The aim of the initiative is to promote a socio-economically viable carbon management strategy in Germany and to improve the political and economic framework conditions for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCU/S).

The decarbonization of the industry is one of the greatest challenges of our time. We have to use all available technologies to reduce difficult and unavoidable CO₂ emissions while ensuring the competitiveness of the German economy. Carbon management is an important building block in this,” emphasizes Dr. Timm Kehler, CEO of Gas- und Wasserstoffwirtschaft e. V. (The Gas and Hydrogen Industry).

The founding members SEFE, OGE, Gasunie, Uniper and Höegh Evi contribute their extensive experience in the areas of infrastructure, trade and storage. Together, they want to promote the development of an efficient CO₂ value chain in Germany – from CO₂ capture and transport to permanent and safe geological storage and export or use. One of the initiative's key tasks is to raise public awareness of CCU/S as a clean-tech solution and to reduce regulatory hurdles. While other European countries such as Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands are already implementing comprehensive carbon management programs, Germany still lacks a unified legal framework.

In addition to the political work, the initiative will establish a platform for the exchange between emitters, infrastructure operators, climate protection and environmental associations, politics and science. “Only with carbon capture, storage and utilization can Germany achieve its climate targets while maintaining its energy-intensive industry. We now need to strengthen acceptance of this topic in a dialogue with all stakeholders. The outgoing government has prepared important groundwork. We welcome the fact that the topic of CCU/S has also been taken into account in the exploratory paper of the CDU/CSU and SPD and, as an initiative, we want to actively and knowledgeably support the upcoming coalition negotiations,” Kehler continued.

Die Gas- und Wasserstoffwirtschaft is taking on the role of coordinating the initiative. The operational implementation and communication will be carried out by the subsidiary GW Wirtschafts GmbH. Among other things, the initiative plans to establish it's own information platform <http://www.carbon-management-initiative.de/en/> and provide examples of best practice for a successful CO₂ economy.

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Die Deutsche Carbon Management Initiative (DCMI) ist die zentrale Plattform für Unternehmen der CO₂-Wertschöpfungskette in Deutschland. Sie bündelt Fachwissen entlang der gesamten CO₂-Wertschöpfungskette – von Emittenten über Transport und Speicherung bis zur Nutzung von CO₂, um Carbon Management in Deutschland voranzutreiben. Die Initiative fördert den Dialog zwischen Industrie, Wissenschaft, Umweltverbänden und Politik. Ziel ist es, Carbon Management als wirksames Klimaschutzinstrument zu etablieren und die politischen sowie wirtschaftlichen Rahmenbedingungen für den Markthochlauf zu schaffen. Die Initiative wird getragen von Die Gas- und Wasserstoffwirtschaft e.V..