

Dynamis - SP6 Societal anchorage of a HYPOGEN plant

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Objectives

- Explore the market environment, the financial options, the legal and regulatory environment and the public perception of a future HYPOGEN plant.
- Develop strategies for a successful societal anchorage of a demonstration of hydrogen and electricity production from decarbonised fossil fuels.





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Structure and responsibilities

- WP 6.1: Strategic market issues of HYPOGEN Lead: Clemens Cremer, Fraunhofer-ISI
- WP 6.2: Financial structures of a HYPOGEN plant Lead: David Hanstock, Progressive Energy
- WP 6.3: Legal implications of a HYPOGEN plant Lead: Chris Hendriks, Ecofys
- WP 6.4: Professional and Public perception Lead: Edelgard Gruber, Fraunhofer ISI





WP 6.1 Strategic market issues of HYPOGEN

Results from market modelling (preliminary):

- Electricity markets will allow financially viable operation of a HYPOGEN plant given a sensible cap on CO₂ emissions.
- The evolution of hydrogen markets can only be projected and modelled as a high risk stream of income for HYPOGEN.
- The expected high volume of capacity replacement creates a tendency to assimilate market conditions.





WP 6.1 Strategic market issues of HYPOGEN

Main results - markets:

- There will be no market for hydrogen for transport vehicles by 2012.
- The US FutureGen Initiative is a quite strong competitor to the HYPOGEN programme, also because it involves international partners from future technology markets (China, Australia).





WP 6.2 Financial structures for HYPOGEN Main results:

- Principally, a HYOGEN plant could be capable of achieving debt finance, if there is support from the contractual parties and the risk of the project is mitigated.
- Achieving financing of a HYPOGEN plant will have to rely on guarantees of technology providers. The companies behind the technologies are in a position to give guarantees accepted by lenders.
- The most important factor influencing the risk profile of a HYPOGEN plant is the continuity and firmness of CO₂ policies





WP 6.3 Legal implications of a HYPOGEN demonstration facility

Main results on the position in ETS:

- A considerable need for regulation related to the EU-ETS to make CCS accountable can be observed
 - Risk management and liability of storage
 - Criteria for acceptable methods of CO₂ containment
 - Chain of custody of CO₂ including monitoring and verification rules
- The regulation of CCS under the EU-ETS will influence the conditions for a HYPOGEN plant significantly. The draft directive is to be published today January 23rd 2008





WP 6.3 Legal implications of a HYPOGEN demonstration facility

Main results related to general legal implications:

- Direct subsidies could become better feasible under revised DG-Competition rules
- Cohesion funds and regional funds of the EU are mostly committed until 2013 probably no money from there....
- EU-Commission creates a proposal for a EU-CCS regulatory framework for the issues outside the emissions trade. EU-Commission proposes to regulate CO_2 -storage not under the waste-directive but create separate legislation The draft directive is published today 23.1.2008

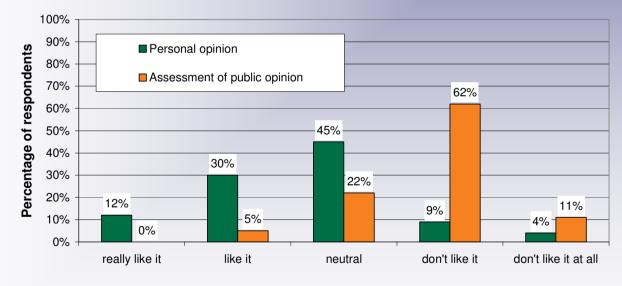




WP6.4 Professional and public acceptance for CCS

Main results:

• Professionals are sceptical about the public opinion on CCS



What is your personal opinion on carbon capture and storage? What do you think the public's opinion is?

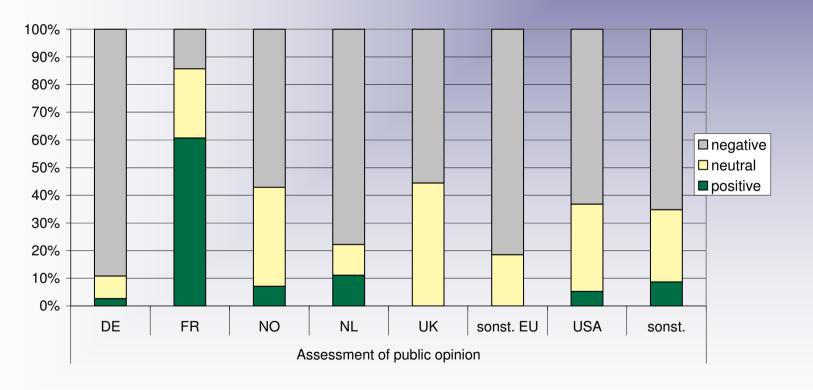




WP6.4 Professional and public acceptance for CCS

Main results:

• There are significant differences how, professionals see the public perception in different member states







WP6.4 Professional and public acceptance for CCS

Main results – communication strategies

- Avoid a contradiction between the development of CCS and the further promotion of renewable energies or energy efficiency.
- Support CCS as bridging technology until renewables are competitive
- Clarify risks of CCS and avoid that risks will be identified by the public with risks of nuclear waste disposal
- Avoid portraying an overly optimistic view of the role of CCS.



