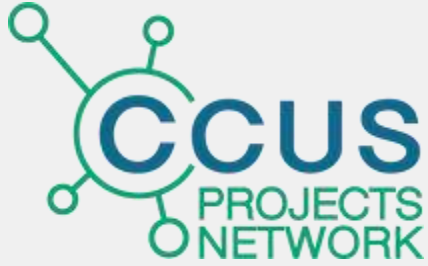# The CCUS projects network – supporting implementation of CCUS in Europe

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What is the CCUS Projects Network?

- The Network aims to foster knowledge sharing among **existing and emerging major CCUS projects**.

- The Network objectives are:

- Support successful deployment of CCUS technologies;

- Increasing public support of CCUS;

- Substantially contribute to positive climate outcomes

- The Network seeks to maximize support to CCUS through cooperation with ZEP and SET-Plan IWG9, IMPACTS9 project
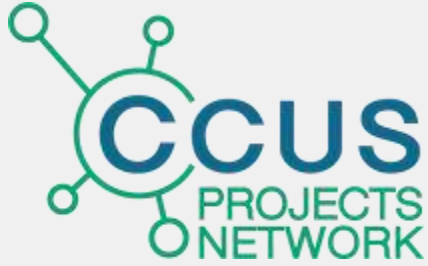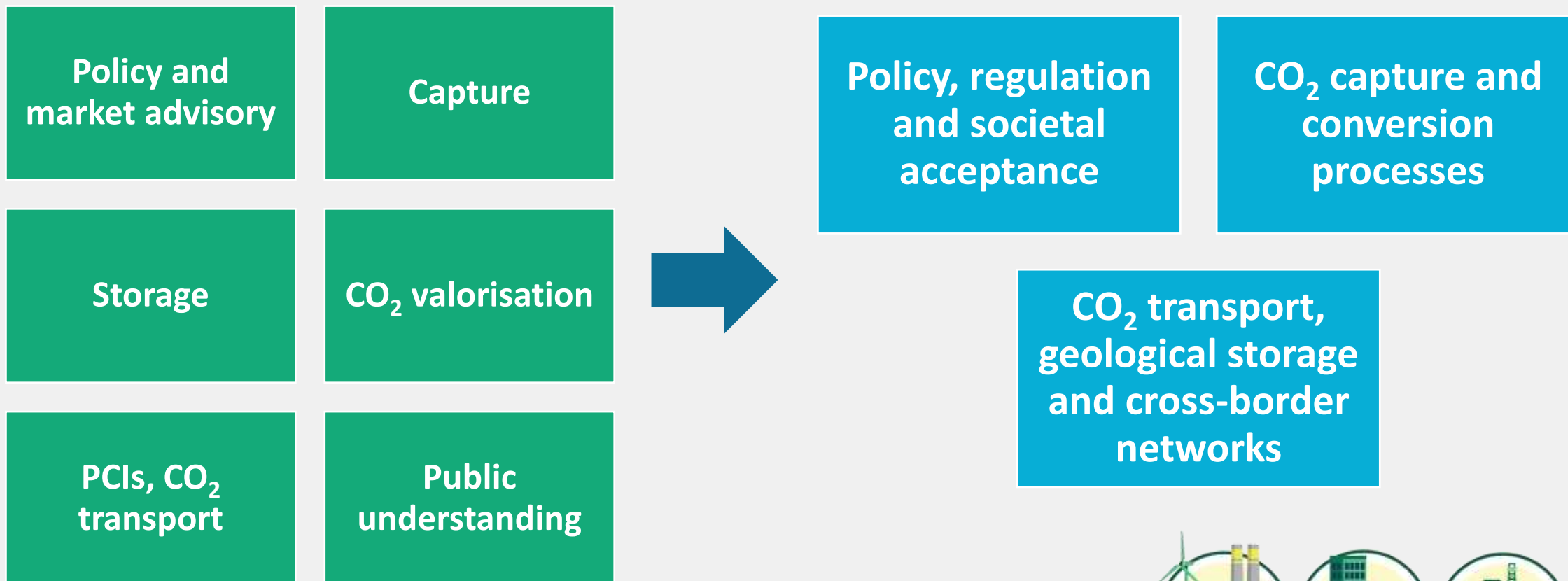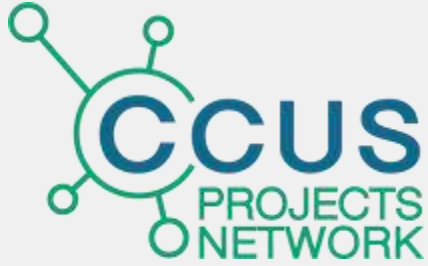
Guiding principles for network

- Maximise knowledge sharing through **thematic groups**

- Provide a **secure setting** to allow the exchange of information not-currently in the public domain

- Minimise the burden on network members through efficient information gathering and taking responsibilities for all network outputs

Thematic groups

Policy and market advisory

Capture

Storage

CO$_2$ valorisation

PCIs, CO$_2$ transport

Public understanding

Policy, regulation and societal acceptance

CO$_2$ capture and conversion processes

**CO$_2$ transport, geological storage and cross-border networks**

Network actors and stakeholders

- **Network secretariat** - Establish and manage network, chairing steering committee, organising events, gather, analyse and disseminate knowledge

- **Steering committee** - Comprised of EC and network member representatives, chaired by network PM. Defining network activities, providing strategic guidance

- **Network members** - CCUS projects that meet the eligibility guidance

- **European Commission** - Provides overall strategic direction both through Steering Committee but also regular project meetings with the network secretariat

- **Wider CCS and CCU community** - Including ETP ZEP, IEA, CSLF, CEM, and particularly the IMPACTS9 project. Acts as both useful input in shaping network focus but also as a key target audience for network outputs

- **General public** – Another primary target audience of the network. Dissemination and educational events will be undertaken to increase awareness and acceptance for CCUS
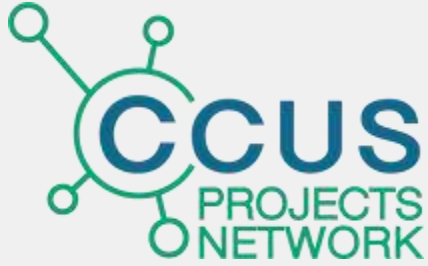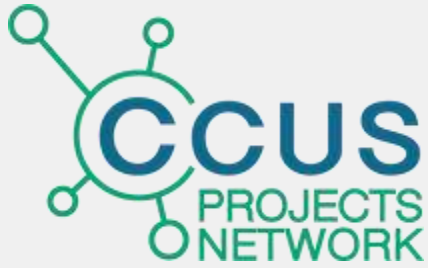
Membership benefits

- Sharing best practice

- Sharing permitting and regulatory experiences

- Access to dissemination & knowledge exchange expertise

- Advice on public engagement & shared experience

- Engaging with EU officials during knowledge exchange

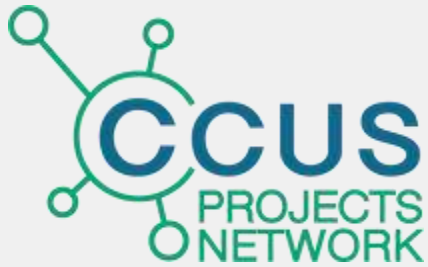- Developing solutions to common problems

- Members-access knowledge hub

1st Knowledge Sharing Event May 27

- Positive first event, 8 projects

- General enthusiasm for the Network, agreement on need for cooperation among projects in Europe

- Interesting perspectives on main topics of interest (under thematic groups)
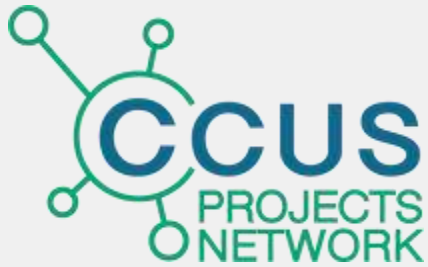
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Project eligibility

- The previous EU CCS Demonstration Project Network had stringent eligibility criteria. The focus was on CCS on coal-fired power plants.

- The new network's focus needs to reflect the current CCUS project developments:
  - Shift from CCS on coal-fired power to a broad range of industrial applications
  - No full-scale projects currently receiving direct EU funding support
  - Hence, participation in the network will be on a **voluntary basis**
  - SET-Plan objectives on capture, transport, storage and utilization

- Eligibility guidance has been significantly altered to allow a broader range of projects at stages of development to participate, however industry backing and scale-up potential remain paramount.
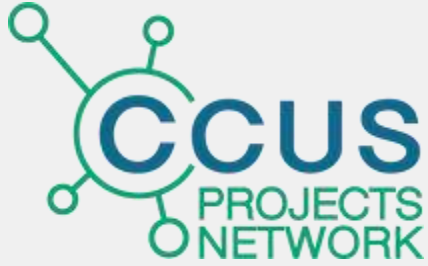
Network Projects requirements

Projects in the Network should:

- have a clear objective of deploying a **substantial CCUS facility**;

- have potential to **progress** at least one of the targets, R&I or flagship activities of **the SET-plan**;

- have a dedicated project owner, and **explicit support from industry** when an industry is not the project owner;

- can show environmentally beneficial impacts, and large **CO_2 emission reduction targets**;

- be committed to strengthening European CCUS industry though **sharing and absorbing knowledge**;

- have a **commitment to public engagement** and to improve awareness and acceptance of CCUS in general

Membership process

1. a) Pre-selection by network secretariat
   b) Voluntary application

2. Completion of Expression of Interest

3. Positive approval? Completion of Project Questionnaire

4. 2-page project Inception Report completed by Secretariat

5. Approval of Inception Report by network member

Website

News and events
Knowledge hub
Thematic reports
Annual reports

Social media (LinkedIn & Twitter)

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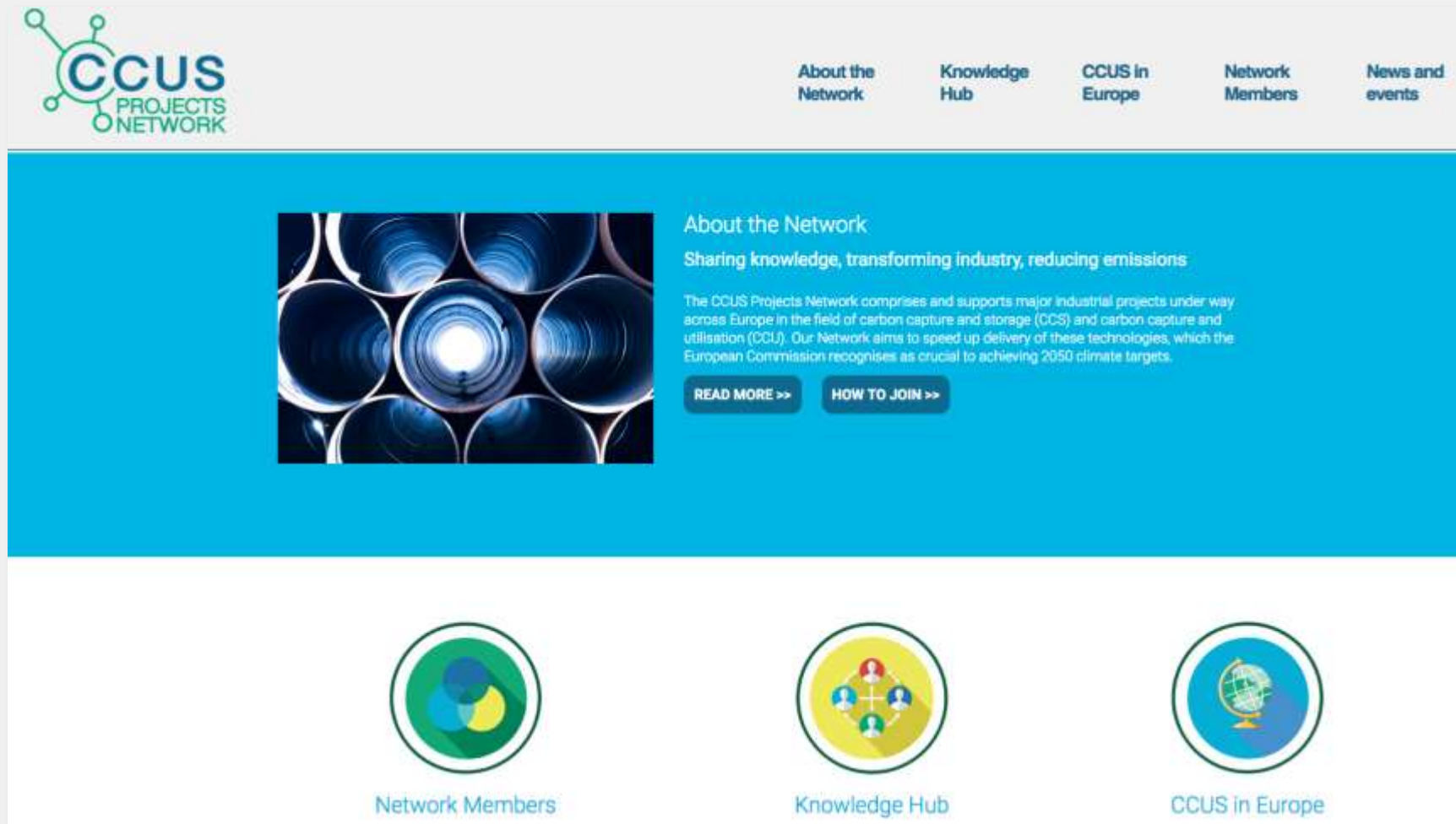
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Backup

Thematic groups

- **Policy, regulation and societal acceptance**
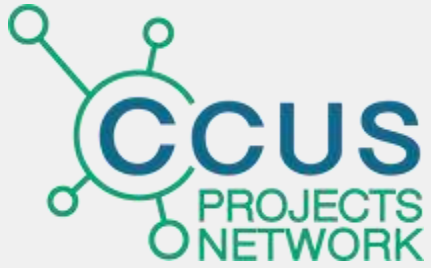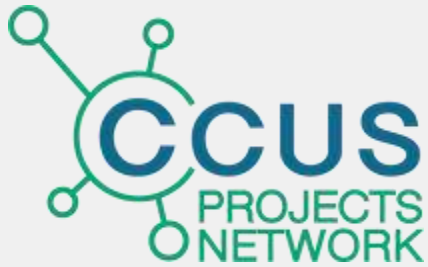 - These topics are combined in order to provide a platform to address the majority of non-technical challenges facing large-scale CCUS projects. Policy and regulation are interrelated, and social acceptance can influence policy developments.

- **CO_2 capture and conversion processes**
  - CO_2 utilisation processes are expected to be developed in the close vicinity to capture sources. There are a number of overlaps in the chemical engineering domain between CO_2 capture and conversion (utilisation) processes, such as process design and catalysis.

- **CO_2 transport, geological storage and cross-border networks**
  - CO_2 transport and storage development are to a large extent dependent on one another – the storage site characteristics will determine the transport conditions of the CO_2. Some Member States have no access to geological storage sites and therefore cross-border networks (incl. PCIs) are highly relevant here.
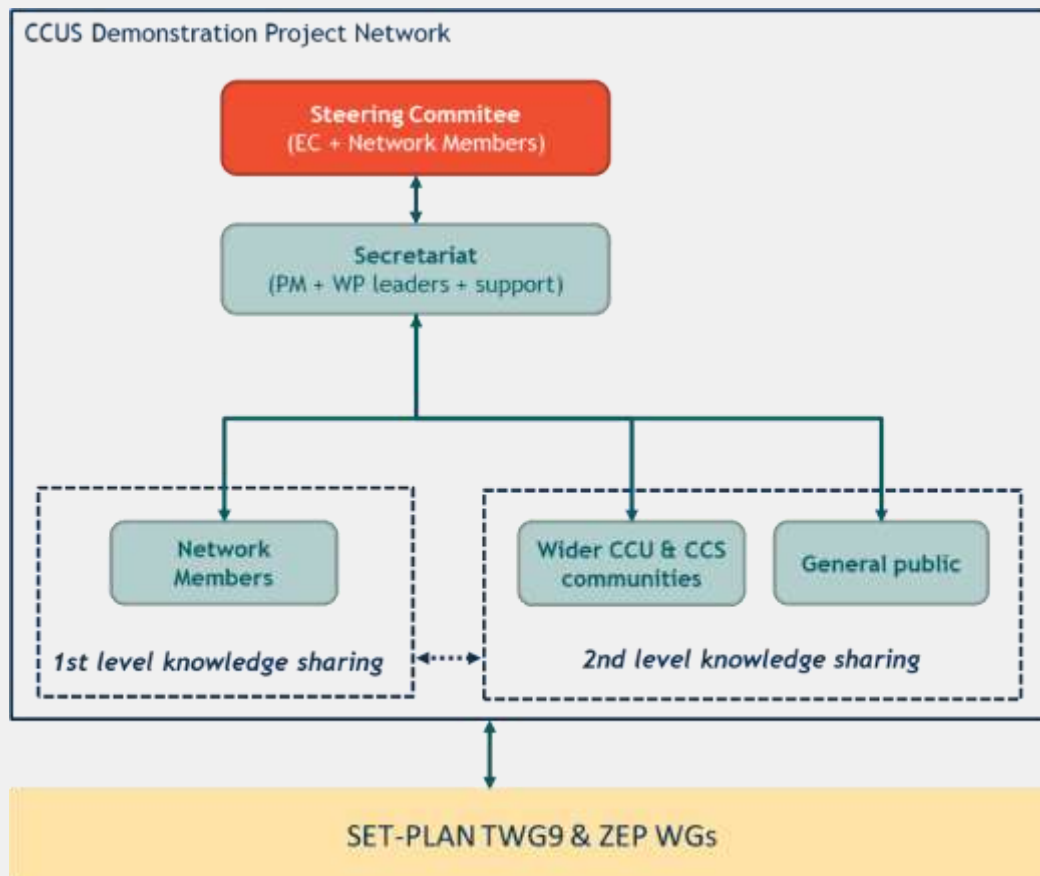
Project specific criteria

- **Capture** technologies in the network should demonstrate a technology readiness level of 5 or above.

- **Storage** projects in the network should involve clearly defined storage formations, which have either completed site characterisation and assessment or are in the process of doing so.

- **Transport** projects in the network should have a clearly defined CO_2 source and sink.

- For **Projects of Common Interest** (PCIs), the project should be approved by the European Commission, or awaiting notification following a submission. PCIs in preparation may be considered for inclusion if plans are deemed to be at a sufficiently advanced stage by the Secretariat.

- These principles may be developed or added to through discussion between Network members, Secretariat and the Commission.

Network structure and themes

CCUS Demonstration Project Network

- Steering Commitee (EC + Network Members)
- Secretariat (PM + WP leaders + support)
- Network Members — 1st level knowledge sharing
- Wider CCU & CCS communities — General public — 2nd level knowledge sharing
- SET-PLAN TWG9 & ZEP WGs

- **Level 1 knowledge sharing** - only available to network members. If requested arrangements can be made for further restrictions, for example by restricting information to thematic groups.

- **Level 2 knowledge sharing** – Open knowledge, focused on external stakeholders.

- All knowledge outputs derived from network members to require formal sign-off.

Network knowledge sharing WP

Work Package 3: Knowledge Sharing

Internal information gathering
Questionnaires
Project inception reports

Information analysis and knowledge creation
Project briefings
Technical thematic studies
High level annual report

Knowledge sharing within Network
7 onsite events
Thematic working groups
6 webinars

Knowledge sharing beyond Network
3 onsite events
Presentations at outside events