

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CLIMATE POLICY OF THE
NETHERLANDS
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE, ENERGY AND UTILITIES
OF DENMARK
ON COOPERATION ON CARBON CAPTURE UTILISATION AND STORAGE (CCUS)

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities of Denmark (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”);

Underlining the objective of climate neutrality in the European Union by 2050, and emphasising CCUS as an important technology for achieving the objective.

Emphasising the need for reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement, and the obligation to deliver on the Participants' respective Nationally Determined Contributions.

Recognizing the emphasis by amongst others the UN International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) on the role of CCUS in achieving climate goals.

Noting the commitment to cooperate in the development and deployment of CCUS technologies within the existing MoU agreed between the Participants on cooperation in the energy transition.

Emphasising the important role of CCUS in meeting national Dutch and Danish climate targets, CCUS technology can help reduce emissions that are otherwise difficult to reduce and where no other viable options exist.

Acknowledging that the importance of CCUS technology in the fulfilment of national climate policy goals is not an expression of diminished ambitions in relation to the green transition.

Wishing to promote mutually beneficial cooperation on the development of CCUS. Noting in that respect the decision in the Danish Roadmap for CO₂ storage from June 2021 to work towards establishing the possibility of transporting and storing CO₂ across countries through bilateral agreements.

Supporting the integration of CO₂ removals from negative emission technologies into EU climate policy and to further incentivise the development and deployment of these technologies.

Recognizing the importance of regional cooperation in supporting cross-border CCUS infrastructure.

Acknowledging the importance of science in the promotion and development of CCUS, and the shared aim of strengthening international cooperation on CCUS innovation, research and technology development.

Bearing in mind that this MoU provides a general framework for cooperation between the Participants and expresses the mutual intent of the Participants to advance bilateral relations and support CCUS development and deployment, including cost reductions and facilitating cross-border CCUS solutions.

Have accepted the following:

Section 1 – Objective

The objective of this MoU is to promote the development of CCUS and the Participants' cooperation in this field by creating a framework for cooperation between the Participants to facilitate their sharing of technical knowledge, advice, skills and expertise in the field of CCUS.

Section 2 – Cooperation

The cooperation between the Participants under this MoU will be operationalized through a Joint Working Group established and presided by the ministries, and further consisting of representatives of the energy authorities.

The Joint Working Group will in particular work on the following topics:

- a. Sharing knowledge on latest technologies, geological infrastructure, transport systems, safe storage, and other relevant experiences relating to CCUS.
- b. Considering and exploring the need for, technical and legal aspects, concerning a bilateral agreement or arrangement between the Participants enabling cross-border transportation and storage of CO₂.
- c. Collaborate in identifying and evaluating possible policy mechanisms and funding sources to support the deployment of CCUS infrastructure and projects.
- d. Exchanging information and data about the security, environmental and natural impact of CCUS.
- e. Other subject areas as the Participants may jointly decide.

The Joint Working Group will meet at regular intervals as decided by the Participants and, as appropriate, alternately in the Netherlands and Denmark.

Section 3 – Arrangements of the Participants

This MoU does not create any rights and obligations under international law and does not impose any financial obligations on the Participants.

All costs resulting from cooperation under this MoU are to be borne by the Participant that incurs them, unless otherwise mutually decided.

Each Participant intends to conduct the cooperation under this MoU subject to all applicable laws and regulations and subject to availability and deployment of resources and personnel.

The designated authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU will be the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy on behalf of the Netherlands, and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities on behalf of Denmark. Each Participant will designate a primary point of contact to coordinate the overall cooperation between the Participants for the areas described in Section 2.

Section 4 – Amendment Procedures and Dispute Resolution

This MoU may be amended at any time by jointly written consent of the Participants.

At any time, the Participants will consult, at the request of any of them, on any matter relating to this MoU, in the spirit of cooperation, good faith and mutual trust, to resolve quickly any difficulties or misunderstanding that may arise.

Section 5 – Final Provisions

This MoU will come into effect upon signature and remain effective for a period of 4 (four) years. The MoU may continue to have effect after this initial period if the Participants so jointly decide at least three (3) months prior to the end of the initial period.

This MoU will be jointly reviewed upon written request of one of the Participants.

This MoU may be terminated by either Participant giving three (3) month's written notice to the other Participant. The termination of this MoU will not affect any on-going activities under this MoU, unless otherwise decided by the Participants.

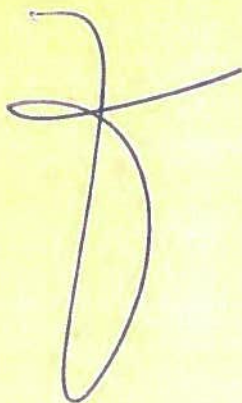
Signed in duplicate in Copenhagen and The Hague on the 18th of August 2022 each in the English language.

*The State Secretary for Economic Affairs and
Climate Policy of the Netherlands*

*The Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities of
Denmark*

Hans Vijlbrief

Dan Jørgensen

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