

**CCSA Cross-border group meeting minutes**

**12 June 2025**

Online Meeting – recording [here](#).

No.	Item	Action
	<p><b>Attendees</b>            Ayan Bhattacharji, Interconnector (chair)            Els Jooris, Shell            Thomas Vanhauwaert,            Andy Brown, Progressive            Aaron Wu, Slaughter and May            Frederic Vidal, Total            Faisal Bachlani, Equinor            Olivia Ryan, SSE            Federico Cecchetti, Eni            Marion Wurzel, ExxonMobil            Szebasztian Csernik-Tihn, Uniper            CCSA: Stefano Miriello, Sophie Deijkers, Ariadna Lungulescu, Harry McWilliams, Ethan Drake, Denis Janampa Ramos, Francesco D’Apolito,            Thierry Grauwels</p>	
1	<p><b>Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New WG structure</li> <li>• EU-UK Summit summary</li> <li>• CCSA ETS explainer</li> <li>• Advocacy strategy next steps</li> <li>• AOB</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>New WG structure</b>            SM gave an overview of the CCSA’s new WG structure and CRM system. Encouraged members to provide feedback and reach out if they have not received relevant updates.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to check for updated communications and share feedback with the CCSA team.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>EU-UK Summit summary</b>            SM gave an update in the 19 May Reset Summit which announced plans for EU-UK ETS linkage which,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included reference to cooperation on CCS and hydrogen.</li> <li>• Linkage is likely to be a full package under the TCA, not piecemeal.</li> <li>• “Dynamic alignment” mentioned, its meaning and implications requires clarification.</li> </ul> <p>ET queried whether linkage is narrow (practical) or broader.</p>	All

	<p>EJ highlighted the unresolved issue of CO<sub>2</sub> recognition under ETS despite potential linkage.</p> <p>Members emphasised need to ensure full legal clarity, especially around the right of subtraction and inclusion of CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage.</p> <p>AL provided a precedent of dynamic alignment from the Northern Ireland Protocol.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify the scope and legal meaning of “dynamic alignment” and “full linkage”.</li> <li>• Seek assurance that CCS and CO<sub>2</sub> storage are within scope.</li> <li>• Engage both UK and EU officials to get clearer political and technical timelines.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>CCSA ETS explainer</b></p> <p>SD presented the CCSA’s ETS explainer based on the previous cross-border report.</p> <p>Four key recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral agreement under TCA covering CCS regimes.</li> <li>• Legal amendments to recognise cross-border storage.</li> <li>• Update UK law to reflect recent EU CCS amendments.</li> <li>• Reinstatement of EU CCS Directive reference in UK law.</li> </ul> <p>There is broad support for keeping recommendations but interest in assessing them in light of the Summit outcomes. Members suggested further analysis, potentially a second legal opinion.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to assess if explainer needs updating based on evolving political context.</li> <li>• Consider commissioning a legal gap analysis.</li> </ul>	<p><i>CCSA team</i></p>
5	<p><b>Advocacy strategy next steps</b></p> <p>SM outlined two key advocacy aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure cross-border CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage is included in ETS linkage discussions.</li> <li>2. Establish a formal CO<sub>2</sub> Working Group under the Specialised Committee on Energy (TCA).</li> </ol> <p>Proposed tactics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft industry letter to EU and UK governments requesting formal working group creation.</li> </ul>	<p><i>CCSA team / Members</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider inviting policymakers to future WG meetings for dialogue.</li> </ul> <p>Members supported the letter but also pushed for more proactive steps (e.g. direct invites to policymakers). There is broad agreement that a working group must be formally created to enable technical discussions.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCSA to draft industry letter (exploring both trade association and company signatories).</li> <li>• Organise meetings with relevant UK and EU officials to present industry asks and seek clarity on process and scope.</li> <li>• Develop and circulate a timeline for these next steps.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>EJ suggested testing boundaries of the letter’s support, including whether national authorities could co-sign or be referenced.</p> <p>CCSA confirmed focus on industry-led letter; engagement with institutional stakeholders to follow separately.</p> <p>AB emphasised urgency; requested CCSA circulate a follow-up with key actions and timelines.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to circulate action summary and timeline.</li> <li>• Plan for a follow-up meeting in July to review the draft letter and update on political engagement.</li> </ul>	