

CCSA Cross-border group meeting minutes

3 April 2025

Online Meeting – recording [here](#).

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Attendees</p> <p>Els Jooris, Shell (chair) Ayan Bhattacharji, Interconnector Thomas Vanhauwaert, Andy Brown, Progressive Marx Janssens, Gasunie Aaron Wu, Slaughter and May Frederic Vidal, Total Faisal Bachlani, Equinor David Tutill, Perenco Katie Mutch, Harbour Energy Tanisha Beebee, Harbour Energy Jared Pearl, Stanlow Terminals Ross Brown, Shell Olivia Ryan, SSE Stuart Testar, Baker Hughes Andrea Girotti, Snam Naila Risso, Eni Matt Wilson, Navigator Terminals Peteris Rabsa, Navigator Gas Benjamin Willis, RWE CCSA: Stefano Miriello, Sophie Deijkers, Ariadna Lungulescu, Harry McWilliams, Ethan Drake, William Druet, Denis Janampa Ramos, Francesco D’Apolito</p>	
1	<p>Introduction & housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy: draft strategy and next steps • Projects update 	
2	<p>Advocacy Strategy</p> <p>Stefano Miriello (CCSA) gave an overview of the advocacy activities since December, including the EU Report Launch: European Parliament, the UK Report Launch: Ministerial roundtable, and past meetings and events in the UK and EU.</p> <p>Key dates for the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly: Date: 17–18 March 2025 Participants: Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič; Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office • UK-EU Summit: Date: 19 May 2025 Participants: UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council President António Costa • TCA Partnership Council: 	

Date: tbc

- Specialised Committee on Energy:

Expected: June 2025

Advocacy aims: (1) ensure CCUS is included and remains on the agenda for the 19 May UK-EU Summit; and (2) advocate for a supplementary agreement under the TCA to mutually recognise CO₂ storage.

Members asked what the likelihood is there will be some references in the TCA to CCS and cross-border CO₂. There are positive signals coming from EU and UK in terms of willingness to cooperate on x-border topics but there are still some barriers.

Members asked what extent the CCSA could influence the agenda of 19/5 summit, and if there is a preview of agenda topics? The CCSA has not seen a draft agenda, but security and defence have a lot of attention. CCSA has been speaking with DESNZ/DBT on how to influence agenda. Many rumours that EU and UK ETS will be included.

Members asked whether the CCSA has an idea of what format the meeting with Minister Symonds will take? The roundtable organised with Minister Jones at Westminster was an effective format. The CCSA has written to Minister Symonds asking what he prefers. Would like to have similar setting as with Minister Jones (roundtable). Members suggest contacting Jess Asato MP, who may be able to help get in front of Minister Symonds.

Regarding the letter, members suggest emphasising the point of manufacturing in EU and UK for entire supply chain, job growth, etc.

Actions:

- The European Parliament's position ahead of the 5th EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly was influenced between 10–14 March, with a proposal successfully made to include cooperation on CCUS as a matter of primary interest. **(Completed)**
- A meeting is being arranged with Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, facilitated via Sarah Jones MP. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 30 April. **(In progress)**
- A letter to President Ursula von der Leyen and Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič is being drafted, with the aim of sending it during the week commencing 14 April, ahead of the 19 May UK-EU Summit. **(Proposed)**
- A meeting with President von der Leyen's cabinet is scheduled for 24 April. **(Planned)**
- A session is being organised with a MEP from the Delegation for relations with the United Kingdom (D-UK) to present the report. **(In progress)**

- Engagement is ongoing with UK civil servants involved in international CCS policy, specifically Steven Hutt and Andy Russell at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). **(In progress)**
- The one-page briefing is currently under review and is being tailored to suit particular audiences to support targeted advocacy. **(In progress)**
- The process and timescale for making a supplementary agreement under the TCA are being assessed. **(To be done)**
- Work is underway to identify the members of the Specialised Committee on Energy. **(In progress)**
- The report Accelerating a Europe-wide CO₂ storage market will be shared with relevant stakeholders, along with an offer to provide a dedicated meeting or briefing. **(To be done)**
- An inquiry has been made into how the CCSA can join the Civil Society Forum and the Domestic Advisory Group (DAG), and DESNZ is currently looking into this. **(In progress)**
- Parliamentary Questions will be drafted and lodged to maintain political pressure on the UK Government regarding CCUS cooperation under the TCA. **(To be done)**

Main amendments to legislation

The primary objective is to amend EU and UK legislation in line with the recommendations set out in the report Accelerating a Europe-wide CO₂ Storage Market, with a particular focus on enabling cross-border infrastructure and regulatory coherence for CO₂ storage.

Actions

- A one-page summary on mutual recognition of EU ETS and UK ETS in the cross-border report is currently being drafted. **(In progress)**
- The process for amending relevant UK and EU legislation is being investigated. Draft proposals for legislative amendments will be prepared based on this research. **(To be initiated)**
- Key stakeholders who can support and carry forward proposed amendments are being identified, both within UK institutions and the EU. **(To be initiated)**
- An effort will be made to add this topic as a discussion point during the next ICM Forum, specifically under EU-UK cross-border cooperation. **(To be initiated)**

Key Stakeholders

ETS-related legislation:

- UK Government officials involved in carbon market policy
- Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), European Commission
- Key contact: Beatriz Yordi – Director of CLIMA Directorate B

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant units: B.1 (ETS Policy Development and Coordination) and B.2 (Carbon Removals & Land Sector) <p>Infrastructure-related legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Government departments dealing with CO₂ infrastructure • Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER), European Commission • Relevant unit: Unit C.2 (Cross-border and Regional Infrastructure) <p>Standardisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) – Technical Committee on CO₂ (CEN/TC 474) • UK representation through the British Standards Institution (BSI) • CCSA holds liaison status with CEN/TC 474 <p>London Protocol</p> <p>The objective is to make notifications and establish agreements or arrangements under the London Protocol with key Member States to enable the cross-border transport and storage of CO₂.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on target Member States. (Completed) • Identify key stakeholders and share the cross-border report. (Completed) • Meetings with key EEA countries are being arranged across Q2–Q4 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Germany: done. ○ France: done. ○ Denmark: done. ○ Belgium/Flanders: done. ○ Netherlands: in progress. ○ Poland: in progress. <p>Key Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Kingdom: Civil servants in DESNZ • Germany: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK); Contact: Malte Bornkamm – Head of Division IVE2, Market framework for industrial decarbonisation and international cooperation • France: French Ministry for Energy; Contact: Carol Paquier – CCS team • Denmark: Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities; Contact: Katrine Thomsen – Head of Division, CCS • Norway: Norwegian Ministry of Energy; Contact: Alexander Engh – Deputy Director General • Other Key Countries: BE, NL, PL 	<p><i>CCSA team / Members</i></p> <p><i>CCSA team</i></p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Projects Update</p> <p>Colin Laing (XODUS) presented an update on the CSR supplementary submission projects. In the CCSA’s Spring CSR Submission 2025, it was recommended that the UK Government should continue efforts to address barriers to establishing a cross-border carbon market with Europe. This recommendation builds on findings from the CCSA’s earlier cross-border report, which identified that up to 44Mtpa, or approximately 17% of the EU’s projected CO₂ volumes, could potentially be stored in UK geological storage sites. A forthcoming report will present quantified economic benefits for the UK of importing CO₂ from the EU, effectively exporting CO₂ storage services to EU emitters.</p> <p>The CSR complementary submission research will be finalised in a few weeks so that it can be presented to Treasury to inform and influence the comprehensive spending review - latest second half of April.</p>	<p><i>Members</i></p> <p><i>CCSA team</i></p> <p><i>CCSA team / Members</i></p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Actions ahead of 19 May EU-UK Summit</i> • <i>ETS one-pager</i> • <i>Engagement with Member States</i> 	<p><i>CCSA team / convenors</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Next meeting date</p> <p>TBC</p>	