

CCSA Comms & External Affairs Working Group Meeting

11 December 2025

10:00-11:15AM GMT



Agenda

	Time	Topic	Speaker
1.	10:00	Introduction & CCSA competition law policy notice	Miles Waistle (Chair)
2.	10:05	UK external affairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Market update- Political engagement- Legislation- Media (opportunity for open discussion)- Campaigning (opportunity for open discussion)	Mark Sommerfeld, Sara Price, Harry McWilliams, Olivia Trimborn
3.	10:40	CCSA events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of CCSA events in 2025- CCUS 2025 Conference – Outcomes- CCUS 2026- COP30 – CCSA Activities- CCUS NGO Forum- Forward CCSA UK events programme- Member engagement opportunities	Judith Shapiro, Ethan Drake
4.	11:10	AOB	Miles Waistle (Chair)



House Keeping & Introductions

- Meeting is being recorded for internal note taking purposes
- Slides and recording will be available for members after the meeting
- CCSA Competition Law Policy notice is attached to the meeting invite
- If you are not speaking, please mute your microphone
- Please **raise your hand** if you wish to comment, you will be invited to come off mute, if you can also turn on your camera
- Please also pose any **comments in the chat** and these will be picked up by the secretariat
- **Introductions** of any new members joining the call

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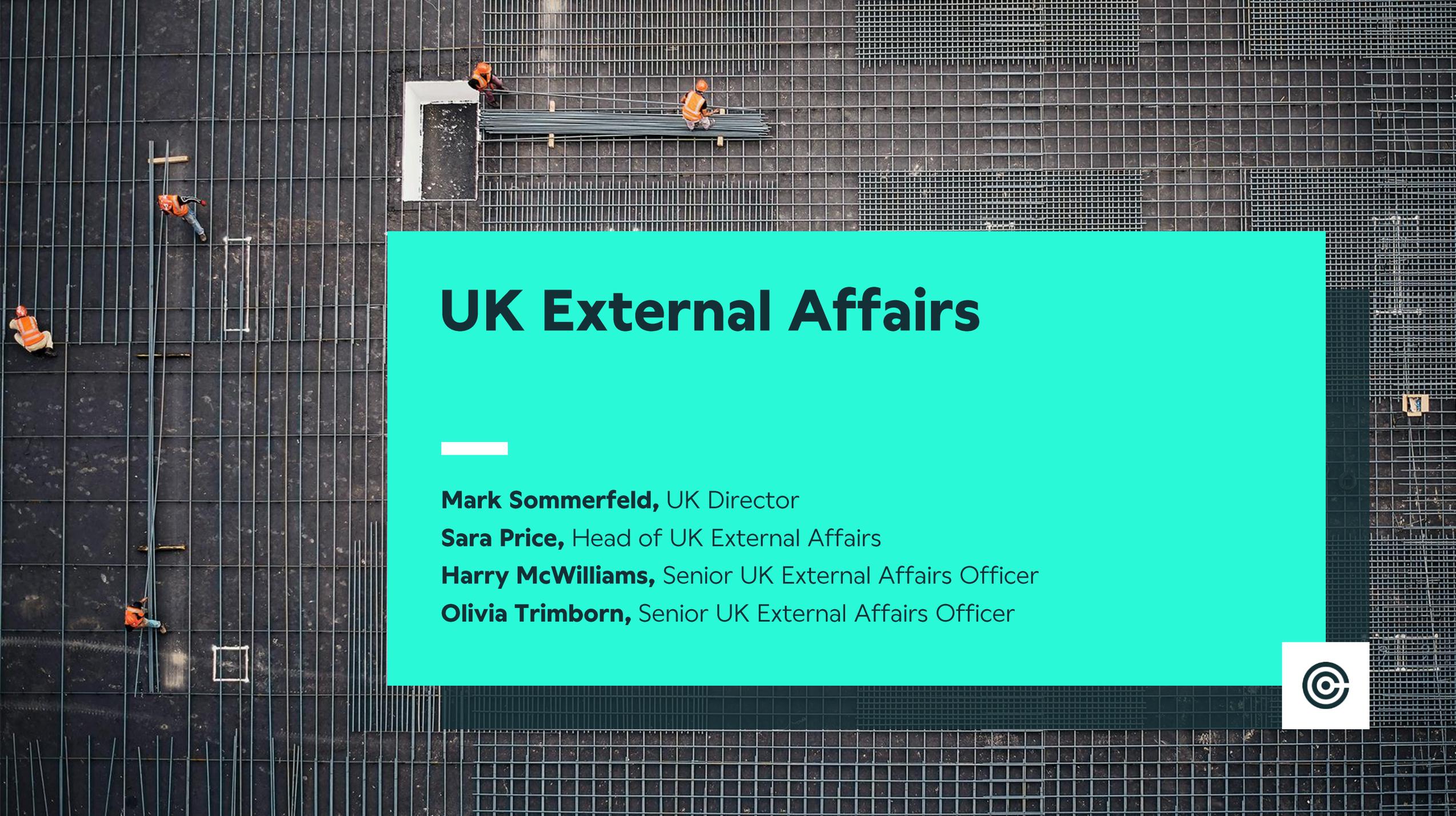
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Status of UK CCUS

✓ Recent developments

- Oct 24: £21.7 billion, over 25 years, to support Hynet and East Coast Cluster.
- FIDs: Northern Endurance Partnership & Net Zero Teesside, & Eni Liverpool Bay, Heidelberg Materials' Padeswood cement works, & Encyclis' Protos Energy Recovery Facility (ERF)
- Hynet PNL published: 5 Priority and 5 Standby announced.
- bp withdrawal from H2Teesside after material change to project conditions

✓ Viking Project and Acorn CCS – Committed Development Funding

- Next steps being agreed in bilateral discussions For allocation of devex support.
- Lessons learnt process from Track 1 being developed to streamline process.
- Storegga announce intention to sell their stake in Acorn Project.

✓ Peak Cluster

- National Wealth Fund invested £28.6 million in equity to support development of Peak Cluster's CO₂ pipeline to Morecambe Net Zero.

✓ Other UK Clusters and Projects

- Need route to market (allocation round and accompanying funding envelope)
- Non-Pipeline Transport consultations expected imminently, CCSA pushing for urgency
- Third-party access consultation published.
- CCSA focus on development of supportive markets – cross border CO₂, GGR, Low Carbon product, carbon markets.

Immediate Next steps

Hynet: PNL review stage anticipated 2026

ECC: Delivery of ECC Teesside Selection Process (expected Q1 26);

Stores: Existing licenses for stores expire 2027; NSTA launches UK's second carbon storage licensing round – closes March 2026 with awards expected in 2027

Market Update – Autumn Budget

North Sea Future Plan:

- Confirmed focus on offshore wind, CCUS and hydrogen;
- Noted intention to work with EU on cross-border CO₂ transport rules.
- New oil & gas exploration licensing to end but introduction of Transitional Energy Certificates for existing fields.

Refineries & CBAM: Intention to launch CfE on seeing refined products enter UK CBAM.

Energy Profits Levy: Windfall Tax retained until 2030.

Skills:

- £820m Youth Guarantee and £725m Growth & Skills Levy;
- Full SME apprenticeship funding for under-25s.

Grangemouth: £14.5m for industrial projects.

Energy Bills: £150 bill reduction via cuts to renewables levies on bills; Government indicates tighter scrutiny of all future levies.



CCUS Council and Wider Market Movements

CCUS Council

❖ **Clear Challenges to industry from Minister Shanks and DESNZ:**

- Demonstrate cost reduction and possibility for risk reallocation
- Demonstrate the benefits of investing in CCUS – regional jobs and supply chain investment



Two council working groups being established:

- **Supply Chain & Skills:** Explore policies for supporting supply chains and skills growth.
- **Deployment Pathways:** Focus on demonstrating cost reduction, managing risk in future allocation frameworks, developing supportive revenue markets/insurance, and ensuring streamlined regulation & long-term policy certainty

Market Developments

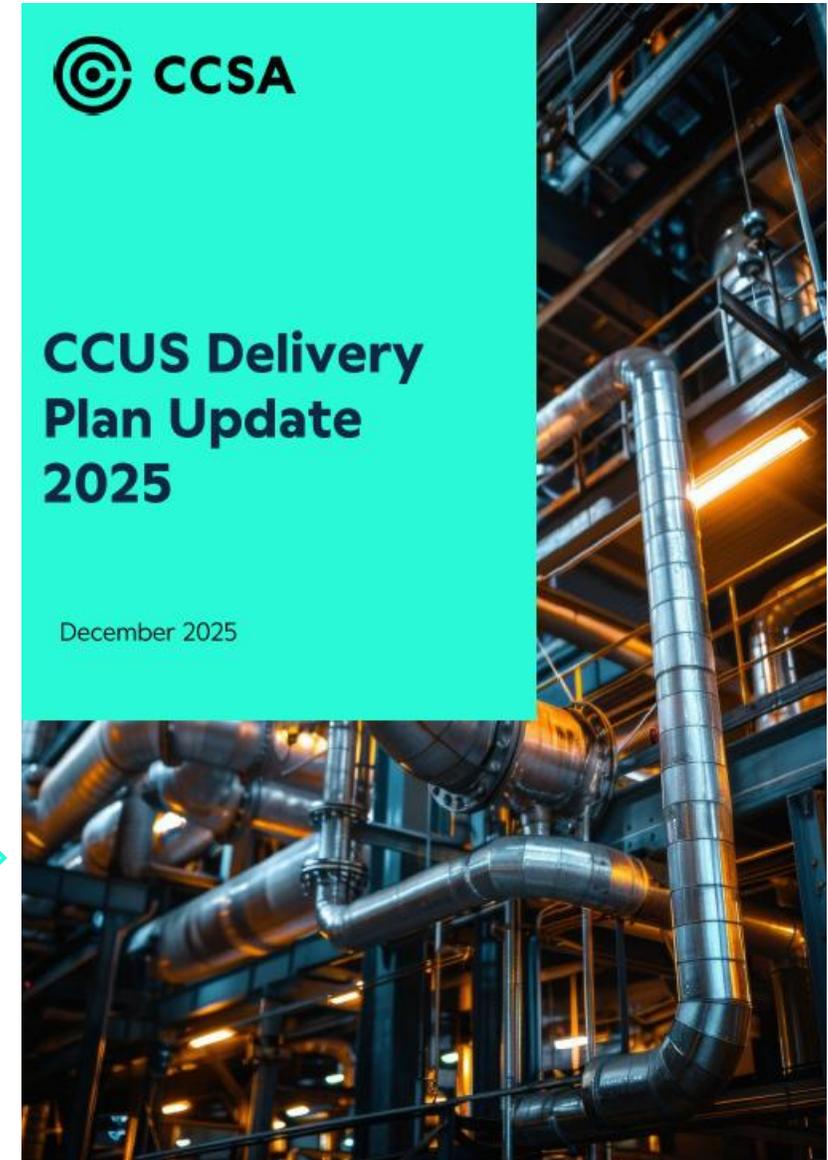
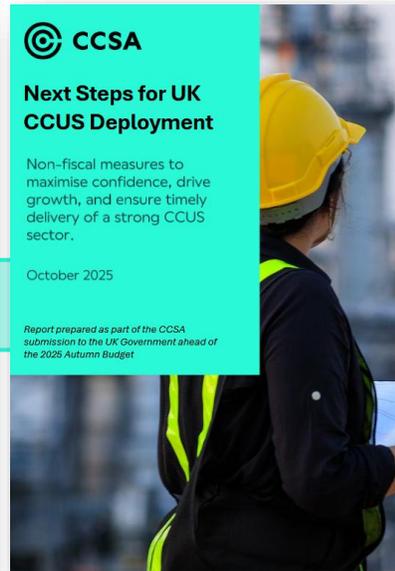
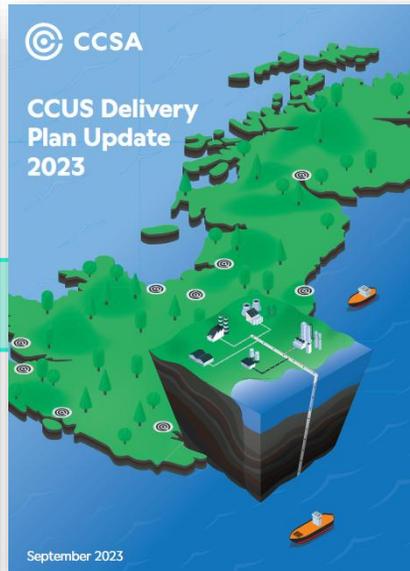
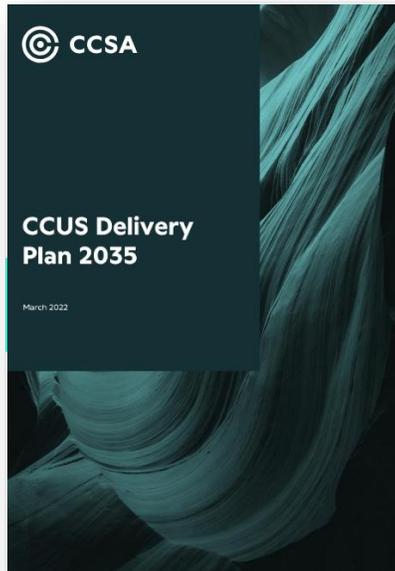
Recognition of recent announcements in the industry impacting wider industry certainty.

UK Delivery Plan Update (2025)

Latest CCSA publication in series of 'CCUS Delivery Plan Updates.'

Gathering data from across the CCUS sector – from members and non-members – to assess the status of the UK pipeline of projects and clusters.

The report also builds on key messages from our Autumn Budget submission and sets the foundations for responding to the 2027 Spending Review.



CCUS Delivery Plan 2025 Key Recommendations

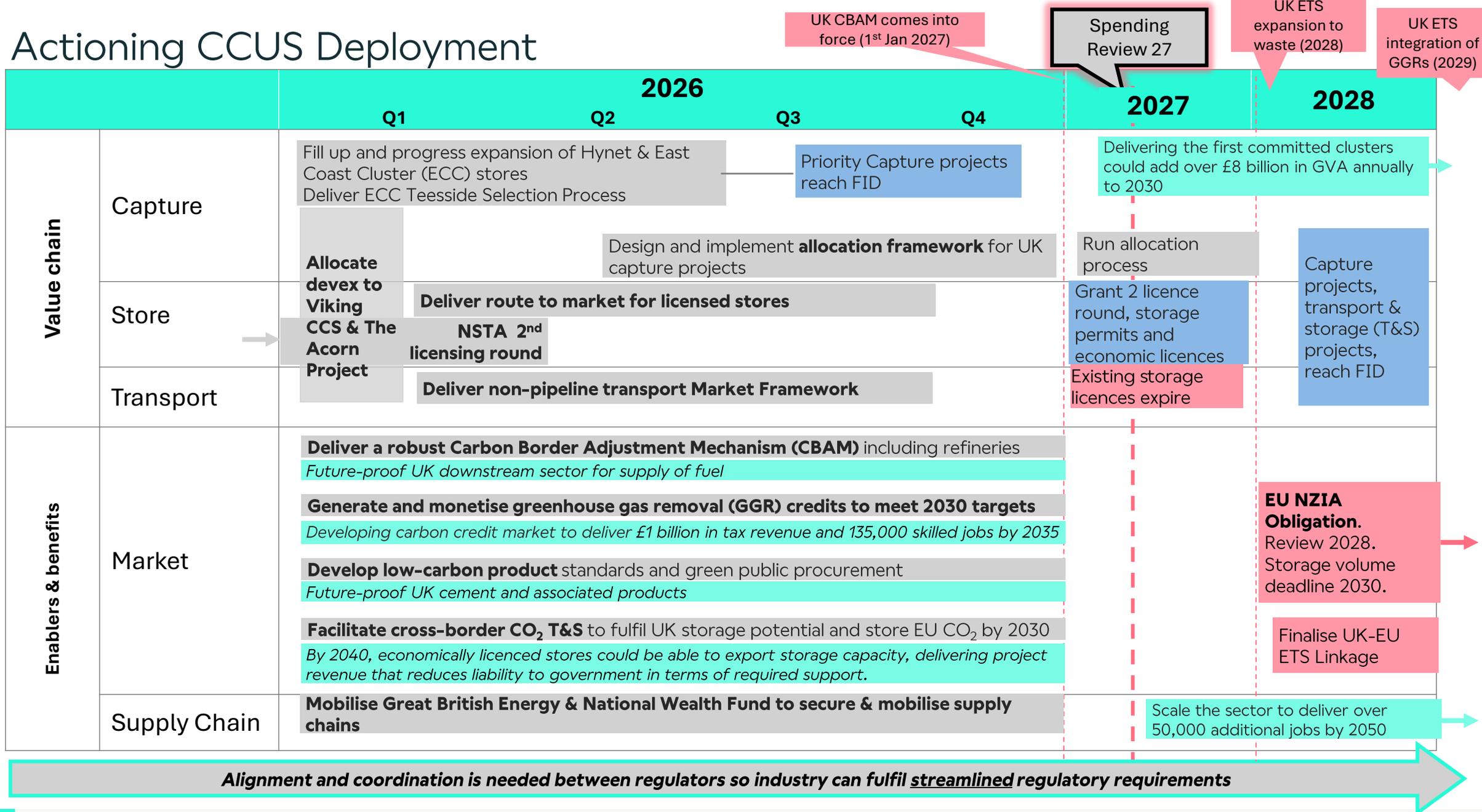
Deliver the actions required to progress the **build-out of the East Coast Cluster and HyNet**, as well as confirm the **allocation of the development funding** committed to Viking CCS and The Acorn Project.

Provide an **allocation framework for government support contracts** in the 2027 Spending Review and clear nationwide route to market for CCUS deployment. This should include enabling Viking CCS, The Acorn Project, ECC Humber Expansion and MNZ | Peak Cluster to reach FID within this Parliament, and support other projects and clusters to deploy, including those using CO₂ transport by ship, road, and rail.

Implement policies and regulations to stimulate **low-carbon product, carbon removal and European-wide CO₂ storage markets** to enable the transition to a self-sustaining market.

2026: a crucial year for maintaining momentum

Actioning CCUS Deployment



UK CBAM comes into force (1st Jan 2027)

Spending Review 27

UK ETS expansion to waste (2028)

UK ETS integration of GGRs (2029)



Key: Action Milestone Deadline Benefit to UK PLC

Policy Look Forward – the CCUS “Market Transition”

Call for Evidence: CCUS Future Networks (DESNZ)

- Network market transition
- Steps needed to advance network development towards a self-sustaining CCUS sector
- Challenges for future progression of CCUS networks

✓ *Published, awaiting outcome*

Consultation: CCUS Third Party Access (DESNZ)

- Amendments to *Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Access to Infrastructure) Regulations*
- Amendments to ensure fit for purpose regulations to enable CO₂ T&S networks
- Provide long-term sustainability access to CCUS infrastructure

✓ **Published, active**

Publication: The Consenting Lifecycle of Marine Geological CO₂ Stores (DESNZ)

- For information purposes
- Outline the roles and responsibilities of organisations involved in the consenting lifecycle of marine geological carbon dioxide storage in the UK

✓ *Published*

Call for Evidence: Evolution of economic regulation for CO₂ storage (DESNZ & Ofgem)

- Long-term use of the Regulated Asset Base model of economic regulation for storage
- Evidence on natural monopolies for CCUS, storage competition and costs, and equity and debt investment considerations

✓ *Published, awaiting outcome*

Consultation: NPT (DESNZ)

- Will set out policy proposals to support NPT deployment
- Aims to provide NPT projects with information on key commercial areas to focus on
- Policy proposals to support NPT costs, risk allocation and economic licensing

-> *Awaiting publication*

Report: Post Implementation Review of the Storage of Carbon Dioxide Regulations (DESNZ)

- For information purposes
- Will answer the questions set out in their review provisions and will provide the analysis to support decisions about the next steps with the regulations

-> *Awaiting publication*

Political Engagement

In review

Government:

- **Budget engagement on non-fiscal asks, laying the ground for our SR17 work.** Challenging year for the Govt, economic challenges compounded by infighting & policy U-turns. **Impact:** CCSA is actively framing CCUS as a driver of economic growth and job creation
- **Engagement:**
 - **Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy:** 121 meeting, Co-Chair of the CCUS Council and delivered keynote at our conference
 - **Chris McDonald, Minister for Industry:** Spoke at Winter Reception, Olivia participated in industry roundtables, & will attend the CCSA/Energy UK skills roundtable in Jan
 - **Ed Miliband, Energy Secretary:** Engaged at COP30, and seeking in-person parliamentary event in the New Year
 - **Katie White, Minister for Climate:** Engaged at COP30, alongside Rachel Kyte (UK Special Representative for Climate)
 - **Jim O'Neill, Second Perm Sec HMT:** 121 meeting with Olivia and Beth
 - **Anna Valero, Industrial Strategy Adviser to the Chancellor:** 121 meeting with Olivia

Political & Parliamentary

- **Conservatives:** 'Cheap Power Plan' - axe the carbon tax, repeal the Climate Change Act, scrap net zero by 2050, maximise North Sea oil and gas extraction
- **Reform:** Meeting with Matthew Mackinnon & monitoring
- Pitched for DESNZ Parliamentary Questions
- 2x ESNZ Sel Com inquiry submissions
- Increased team representation at industry and parliamentary events
- Updated factsheets that will be issued in the New Year



Forward look

- 2026 important year: momentum must be maintained to maximise the impact of existing financial commitments
- CCSA is continuing to build support in Parliament ready for SR27
- Continue political engagement on the Delivery Plan – planning for Parliamentary event with Ed Miliband TBC
- CCUS APPG AGM in the New Year
- Advocating for progress on cross-border CO₂

Discussion topic



1. How are you engaging with the Conservatives, Reform, Lib Dems and Greens?
2. What messages are landing?



Legislation

Planning and Infrastructure Bill

Stage: Completed its parliamentary passage. Royal Assent expected very shortly (before end of December)

CCSA ask: Enable timely and consistent planning consent for CCUS infrastructure (pipelines and capture facilities)

CCSA Engagement:

- Previously met with DESNZ to discuss CCUS-specific amendments
- DESNZ open to broader CCUS planning discussions
- Third Party Access consultation opportunity for industry input (deadline 6 Feb)
- 15th January 10:30-11:30 stakeholder call
- CCSA will now continue to engage with DESNZ, Natural England and the Environment Agency on implementation of the Bill

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (Revenue Support Mechanism) Bill

Stage: Committee Stage in House of Lords, next sitting 10 December

CCSA ask: Promote CCUS in SAF production for emissions reduction

CCSA Engagement:

- SAF Bill Briefing sent to friendly Peers (Earl Russel - Report stage)
- Positive mentions around CCUS & DAC based SAF in previous readings

Finance Bill

Stage: 1st Reading in Commons

- CBAM legislation within the Bill - *CCSA is currently reviewing*



Looking ahead:

Following Bills still to be introduced:

1. **National Wealth Fund Bill**
2. **Skills England Bill**

CCSA has requested updated forward look of secondary legislation to the Energy Act from DESNZ:

CCUS LEGISLATION STRATEGY FORWARD LOOK			
Regulation (Indicate title)	Objective	Consultation required?	Proposed Laying (Subject to parliamentary timetable)
Special Administration Rules	The Energy Act 2023 (the Act) makes provision for a Special Administration Regime for CCUS Transport and Storage (T&S). To give effect to Special Administration Orders made under the relevant clauses of the Act, secondary legislation is needed to set out company insolvency rules for T&S.	No	Q3 2025
Decommissioning fund design and requirements	Regulations made under sections 92 and 93 of the Act will set out further detail on the provision of security for decommissioning costs, including by way of decommissioning funds. This is expected to include, for example, provision on estimating decommissioning costs, and the establishment and monitoring of decommissioning funds. This may also require consequential modifications to Part 4 of the Petroleum Act 1998 in its application to carbon storage installations, in light of the new funded decommissioning regime for CCUS.	No	Q4 2025
North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) - Disclosure within specified period	Part 2, Chapter 5, paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Act: This power enables the Secretary of State to make regulations specifying a period after which the OGA may disclose (e.g. publish) information and samples they have obtained from carbon storage licensees.	Yes - closed on 12 April 2024	Q4 2025
Change of Use Relief	Change of Use relief provision and information sharing in relation to Change of Use relief have been merged. The single SI will make	No	Q1 2026

Media

Responses to negative media and reports:

- FT [letter](#) to editor rebutting Greg Jackson's calls to stop investing in CCUS
- Telegraph [letter](#) to editor, highlighting CCUS as proven, critical infrastructure
- [Response](#) to the Tony Blair Institute's **'Cheaper Power 2030, Net Zero 2050'** report

Positive coverage:

- Regional & national coverage in [New Statesman](#), [Carbon Herald](#), [Gas in Transition](#), [Gasworld](#), [Energy Voice](#), [ENDS Waste & Bioenergy](#)
- Features in Politico's Energy & Climate Newsletter
- Q&A with Olivia by [Key Facts Energy](#), published in Geoscience Energy Society of Great Britain's Members' Magazine

Video and podcast content:

- FT & Equinor [video](#) on CCUS rollout in Teesside
- ARD London Radio
- Greener UK TV Series
- **Podcasts:** Energy Sector Heroes, Energy Revolutions, Smart Society Show, Carbon Brief, New Statesman



Open discussion:

- Addressing negative narratives: CCUS costs & impact on energy bills
- More pick-up in the press of projects, how can CCSA support?



Remember to share your media with us so we can promote, both on our website and LinkedIn



Campaigning

Polling

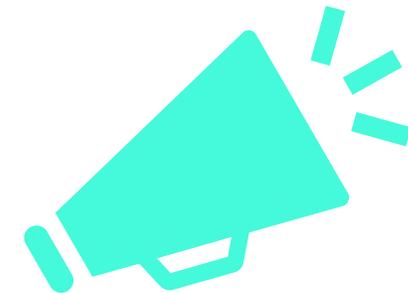
- **Joint trade association polling:** This is being undertaken with Energy UK, ADE, REA, Hydrogen UK, Solar Energy UK, Renewable UK, NIA UK, BEAMA, Scottish Renewables. Aim is to build a comprehensive understanding of public attitudes toward the energy transition, to inform effective communications and a unified narrative for the sector
- **CCSA Polling:** The plan is to conduct dedicated CCUS polling in the new year to inform our messaging and engagement activities

Campaign footing

- We are moving more towards a campaigning footing in our advocacy
- It is important that across the industry, we are using similar messages and narratives, as this will help create cut through
- **What narratives are working in your comms?**

Case studies

Our ask: To help us in our political and media, please share with us your case studies on jobs and skills. This will help us craft human interest narratives that are more compelling with targeted stakeholders rather than large numbers which are not always tangible





CCSA Events

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Overview of CCSA events in 2025

Date	Event
January	
22	CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – CO ₂ Transport and Storage
23	CCSA Member Discussion Forum hosted by Shell
April	
2	CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – CCUS funding
May	
20	CCSA Member Discussion Forum hosted by Arup
July	
1	CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – How enabling cross-border CO ₂ transport and storage is critical for reducing emissions
16	CCSA President's Reception 2025 [<i>London</i>]
September	
10	CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – Open Forum on CCUS: Perspectives from NGOs
16	ABP & CCSA Event - CO ₂ Shipping: Expert insights on delivering the growth potential
October	
13	CCUS 2025 Conference Dinner [<i>London</i>]
14-15	CCUS 2025: Real Projects, Real Impact – Delivering Net Zero [<i>London</i>]
November	
10-21	CCSA presence at COP 30 [<i>Belem</i>]
December	
3	CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – Carbon Markets and CCUS/CDR
4	CCSA AGM & UK Winter Reception [<i>London</i>]



CCUS 2025 Conference – Outcomes

Reflections on CCUS 2025

- In October we hosted our most successful annual conference – **CCUS 2025: Real Projects, Real Impact – Delivering Net Zero.**
- Held at the QEII Centre in Westminster, the two-day event brought together over **700 delegates** from governments, industry, academia and the global CCUS community.
- **Over 100 speakers contributed across 30 different sessions** - the overarching theme connecting the conference sessions was how to build a self-sustaining CCUS sector.
- Keynote speakers included **Michael Shanks MP**, UK Minister for Energy, and **Lars-Jakob Alveberg** from Norway's Ministry of Petroleum and Energy + many more. Full list of speakers can be found [here](#).
- **The 2025 conference performed well financially.** Support came from across the sector – thank you to all of our sponsors, in particular our Platinum Sponsor Perenco.
- **Data from post-event surveys reflected record satisfaction scores across venue, content, networking and overall experience.**
 - Delegates feedback suggested the conference offered practical insights on policy, technology, and financing, plus strong opportunities for networking and cross-sector collaboration.
- **We also held a conference dinner the night before the conference and again presented awards:**
 - Lifetime Achievement Award: Andy Brown, Progressive Energy and Jonathan Briggs, VPI
 - Rising Star Award: Laura Gillions, Carbon Clean



CCUS 2026

The CCSA are currently planning the CCUS 2026 Conference in London.

- **Dates:** 13-14 October tbc
- **Venue:** Central London tbc

We are currently asking members to join the reformed **CCUS 2026 Conference Advisory Group** – the first meeting will take place in late January. This gives members a unique opportunity to shape the conference programme from the start, providing invaluable input on topics and speakers.

If you would like to join this group, please contact judith.shapiro@ccsassociation.org



COP30 – CCSA Activities

- The CCSA yet again sent an official delegation to COP30 in Belém, made up of a number of members as well as Olivia Powis, CEO and Stefano Miriello, EU Deputy Director.
- In terms of events, CCSA co-hosted a number of events at COP30:
 - **Official side event “What is the Role of Non-State Actors in Delivering CCS, including for LATAM Countries?”**, together with partners IEA GHG, University of Texas at Austin, International CCS Knowledge Centre and Bellona.
 - **Official exhibit showcasing information about CCUS**, together with the same partners as above.
 - **Norwegian Pavilion event “Unlocking Large-Scale CCS: Lessons from Europe’s First-Mover Projects”**, together with Equinor
 - **WGEO Pavilion event “Unlocking the Green Economy through Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage – Emerging Global Markets”**, together with the World Green Economy Organisation (WGEO).
- The CCSA also had numerous other speaking opportunities.



CCUS NGO Forum

The CCSA established this forum in August 2022 with the aim of facilitating discussion with NGOs on Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) – the CCSA has now hosted sixteen meetings of the CCUS NGO Forum.

NGOs that have attended (both UK and EU):

- Aldersgate Group, Bellona, CAN Europe, Carbon Gap, Carbon Market Watch, Carbon Tracker, Clean Air Task Force, Concito, E3G, Environmental Coalition on Standards, European Climate Foundation, Food & Water Action Europe, Generation Climate Europe, Green Alliance, Greenpeace, MCS Charitable Foundation, Natural Resources Defence Council, Sandbag, Seas at Risk, Transport & Environment, WWF, RSPB

Last meeting – 3 December:

- This was the fifth joint UK-EU NGO forum – it was held as a hybrid meeting with attendees online and in-person in both the London office and Brussels office.
- The meeting topic was carbon markets and their relevance to CCUS – including voluntary and compliance markets, as well as Greenhouse Gas Removals (GGRs).
- The session included presentations from industry experts and an NGO who offered a detailed explanation and analysis of carbon markets.
- Issues discussed included biomass sustainability, the integrity of carbon credits and cost comparisons between GGR technologies.
- Over 25 attendees – including CCSA staff, representatives from UK and EU environmental and climate NGOs, regulatory bodies, government, and industry.

Next meeting – TBC in February:

- This will be held as a hybrid meeting, with attendees in both offices and online.
- The focus of this meeting is still to be decided.



Forward CCSA UK events programme

Date	Event
January TBC	Member Discussion Forum – details to be confirmed in due course
February TBC	NGO Forum – details to be confirmed in due course
May TBC	NGO Forum – details to be confirmed in due course
June TBC	Member Discussion Forum – details to be confirmed in due course
July 7	CCSA President's Reception 2026
August TBC	NGO Forum – details to be confirmed in due course
October TBC	CCUS 2026 Conference
November TBC	NGO Forum – details to be confirmed in due course

Changes to our routine events:

- CCUS NGO Forum meeting (EU & UK) – these are being changed from bi-monthly to quarterly

Available opportunities to support these events:

- Join the CCUS 2026 Conference Advisory Group
- Sponsorship opportunities (CCUS 2026 Conference and other events)

Member Engagement Opportunities

Member Showcases:

- Member-only **online** events, which feature presentations by members and offer the opportunity for members to showcase their company and activities to the wider CCSA membership
- Held monthly (excluding August)
- **If interested, please email abby.wright-parkes@ccsassociation.org**

Member Discussion Forums:

- Member-only **in person** evening events hosted by a member, featuring a panel discussion followed by networking
- The member host will pick a relevant CCUS discussion topic for the panel discussion– a great opportunity to showcase your industry and activities in the space
- Previous Forums have all been hosted in London – but we are keen to expand out across the UK as well as Brussels
- Slots available for 2026 (approx. every 2-3 months)
- **If interested, please email judith.shapiro@ccsassociation.org**



Newsletter Update



The Monday *look ahead* and Friday *look back* newsletters will pause over the festive break

The final Monday *look ahead* will be issued on **15 December** and the final Friday *look back* will be sent on **19 December**

We will resume newsletters on **Monday 5 January**



FRIDAY
Look back



Round: Comms, External Affairs and Membership Activity Throughout 2025!



Any other business & conclusions

- The dates for 2026 working group meetings will be finalised in due course
- Please send any comms & external affairs actions to Olivia.Trimborn@ccsassociation.org



Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday season!



There is also a **Comms & External Affairs WG for the EU**. If you'd like to join the mailing list, please contact francesco.dapolito@ccsassociation.org

