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# Region prioritization for development of CCU technologies

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#### Introduction:

- European Union aim to reduce the levels of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) at least by 80-95% below the values from 1990 by 2050 (European Roadmap for 2050);
- Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) has been rapidly developing worldwide during the last decade from pilot and demonstration plants to full scale projects;
- CCU can play an important role in the future not only to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions but also to create valuable products.

#### <u>Gap:</u>

Necessary to identify and prioritize regions to develop CCU technologies. The last can be done by identifying regions where both CO<sub>2</sub> sources and industries already co-exist.

### **Methodological framework**





### CO<sub>2</sub> Availability

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Figure 1: CO<sub>2</sub> availability

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Figure 2: CO<sub>2</sub> availability at regional level

### **How CCU Technologies were selected?**







### **Nine selected technologies:**

| Industrial Process                   | Type of use   | TRL | Conversion Factor   |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|---|
| Lignin Production                    | CO <sub>2</sub> used in black Liquor pH regulation                    | 8-9 | $0.22 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{ per t of lignin produced (Manninen 2010); (Tomani et al. 2011)}$ |
| Methanol Production                  | Electrochemical reduction of CO <sub>2</sub> .                        | 7-9 | 1.3 tCO $_2$ per t of methanol produced (Van-Dal and Bouallou 2012)                         |
| Polyurethane Production              | CO <sub>2</sub> used as raw material to produce plastics and fibers   | 7-9 | 0.1-0.3 tCO2 per t of polyols (Stute, 2015)   |
| Polycarbonate Production             | CO <sub>2</sub> used as raw material to produce plastics and fibers   | 7-9 | 0.43 tCO <sub>2</sub> per t of PPC produced (Demire 2015)                                   |
| Concrete Curing<br>(Concrete blocks) | CO <sub>2</sub> used for precast concrete curing                      | 7-8 | 0.03 tCO <sub>2</sub> per t of block produced   |
|                                      |   |     | 0.12 tCO <sub>2</sub> per t of precast concrete (El-Hassan and Shao<br>2014)                |
| Mineral Carbonation                  | CO <sub>2</sub> reacted with calcium or magnesium containing minerals | 7-8 | $0.25 \text{ tCO}_2$ per t of steel slag (Huijgen et al. 2005)                              |
| Bauxite Residue Carbonation          | CO <sub>2</sub> is used to neutralize bauxite residues                | 9   | $0.053 \text{ tCO}_2$ per t of red mud (Yadav et al. 2010)                                  |
| Horticulture Production              | CO2 supplementation on plant growth                                   | 9   | 0.5–0.6 kgCO <sub>2</sub> /hr/100m <sup>2</sup> (Blom et. al, 2009)                         |
|                                      |   |     | 160 tCO <sub>2</sub> per ha (for tomatoes in Sweden) (Jordbruksverket, 2007)                |
| Urea production                      | Urea production from ammonia<br>and CO <sub>2</sub>                   | 9   | 0.46 tCO <sub>2</sub> per t of precast urea (Hignett 1985)                                  |



### **Example:**



#### \*Source:Van-Dal and Bouallou 2012

### **CCU in European Union 28 at country Level**





Figure 3: CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation at country level

| Industrial Process          | CO <sub>2</sub> Utilization (Mtpa) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Concrete curing             | 22.5                               |
| Horticulture production     | 22.0                               |
| Lignin production           | 8.4                                |
| Mineral carbonation         | 5.3                                |
| Polyurethane                | 4.7                                |
| Polycarbonate Production    | 4.3                                |
| Urea                        | 3.9                                |
| Methanol                    | 1.5                                |
| Bauxite Residue Carbonation | 0.2                                |

TOTAL: 68.4 MtCO<sub>2</sub> 3.6% of total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

### **Countries Prioritization:**

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- The amount of available  $CO_2$  is greater than the potential for  $CO_2$  utilization in all countries.
- Germany, UK, France, Belgium, Poland, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Norway are the countries with more potential for the development of CCU partnerships.

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### **Regions prioritization**





- Six most promising regions: Dusseldorf and Cologne (Germany), Antwerp Province and East Flanders (Belgium), Cataluña (Spain) and Śląskie (Poland).
- Other promising regions: Łódzkie (Poland), Etelä-Suomi and Helsinki-Uusimaa (Finland), Lombardia (Italy) and Södra Sverige (Sweden).

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- The annual amount of CO<sub>2</sub> released by industrial sources in Europe was approximately 1,900 MtCO<sub>2</sub> while the potential utilization could reach 68 MtCO<sub>2</sub>, based on nine selected technologies, which represents 3.6% of the total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> available.
- The study has shown that the countries with the largest emissions also have the highest potential for utilizing the CO<sub>2</sub>, with Germany, United Kingdom and France being the most promising followed by Spain, Italy and Poland.
- A more detailed analysis has also revealed several regions where CO<sub>2</sub> reuse schemes could be developed. The majority of them are located in Central Europe (Germany, Belgium and Poland) and Scandinavia (Sweden and Finland).
- These regions may take advantage of the available resources as well as technologies to increase the industrial production and decrease the dependence on fossil fuels based materials while simultaneously decreasing the net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, by recycling CO<sub>2</sub> in the same region.

### Future work at regional level



#### **Regions Prioritization**



Top down approach

**Statistical Data** 

Total amounts



### Future work at regional level

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### **Example – Obtained results Algae production**



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### **Questions?**

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