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Demonstration and Upscaling of CARbon dioxide MAnagement solutions for a net-zero Switzerland

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1 Background

According to Long-Term Climate Strategy for Switzerland published by The Federal Council (2021) CO₂ capture and storage shall play a key role to achieve the Swiss goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

2 Project objectives



"Countries' net-zero emissions pledges must urgently be translated into strong near-term policies and action"

(United Nations Environmental Program – Emissions Gap Report 2020 - Dec. 2020)

Total emissions (fossil and biogenic) from Swiss CO_2 point sources (2018/2019): Waste-to-Energy (30 plants) 4.5 Mt CO₂/y **Mineral industry** (7 plants) $2.6 \text{ Mt CO}_2/\text{y}$ **Chemical industry** (9 plants) 1.1 Mt CO₂/y



3 Demonstration of CO₂ Management Solutions

International solution: CO₂ transport and permanent



- To demonstrate the technical feasibility of using and storing CO_2 captured at a Swiss emitter and of generating **negative emissions** by:
 - Utilizing and storing CO₂ in concrete, thus realizing a domestic carbon capture, utilisation and storage (**CCUS**) value chain;
 - Implementing a carbon capture, transport and storage (**CCTS**) value chain based on CO_2 transport and permanent storage in a geological reservoir abroad.
- To investigate the potential of creating a CO_2 network linking clusters of Swiss CO₂ sources and storage sites, and its optimal design with respect to **techno-economic**, environmental, and reliability performance.
- To address policy, legal, regulatory and acceptance challenges to verify and ensure the financial and overall feasibility of CCTS and CCUS value chains.

4 Upscaling of CO₂ Management Solutions



Capture

Jura cement plant, Wildegg, 500 kt CO_2/y (70% process, 30% fuel)

ERZ waste-to-energy plant, Zürich $400 \text{ kt CO}_2/\text{y}$



No waste heat available Limited content of biogenic CO_2 in flue gas Limited space for CO_2 capture unit Private sector/market competition **Covered by the Emissions Trading Scheme**

Heat for CO₂ capture vs. energy sale Biogenic CO_2 content in flue gas 50% Limited space for CO₂ transport logistics Public sector



 CO_2 is dissolved in seawater, injected in basalt reservoirs and stored permanently via mineralization up to 1000 tCO₂ in 2022/2023

Domestic solution: CO₂ utilization and storage in concrete - CCUS

CO₂ is stored permanently in concrete used for building or road construction up to 500 tCO₂ in 2022/2023



City net-zero goal by 2035



5 Consortium

23 partners dedicated to solving the CO₂ emissions problem

Research institutions

ETH Zürich (5 depts. and centers) **Swiss Federal Laboratory for Materials** Science and Technology **Paul Scherrer Institute** Università della Svizzera Italiana

National organizations

Kästli Casale South Pole Jura Cement Entsorgung+Recycling Zürich SBB Cargo/Chemoil **Stiftung Risiko-Dialog** Lonza

Arxada scienceindustries Salzmann Transporte Sulzer Chemtech Ara Region Bern Perspectives Swiss Association of Waste Incinerators

International organizations

Carbfix Northern Lights

ETH spin-offs

Climeworks Neustark

CO2SeaStone, 2021-2024, www.carbfix.com/co2-seastone

Field injection, monitoring and validation of CO₂ dissolved in seawater Carbfix, ISOR, University of Iceland, University College London, ETH

DemoUpStorage, 2022-2024

Demonstrating the safe storage of CO_2 in Icelandic basalt via novel dense geophysical and geochemical monitoring techniques ETH, EPFL, University of Geneva, Eawag

ACCSESS, 2021-2025, www.projectaccsess.eu

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