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# First Co2fokus newsletter



CO<sub>2</sub>Fokus aims to develop cutting-edge technology to **convert industrial CO<sub>2</sub> into DME (Dimethyl Ether)**, a valuable gas extensively used in the chemical and energy sectors, providing an **alternative to fossil fuel-derived feedstock**.

This newsletter provides a snapshot of some of the activities carried out over the first six months of the project.

## 4th Workshop of H2020 Carbon Capture Storage/Use (CCS/CCU) and Alternative Fuels projects

CO2Fokus has taken part in the **4th Workshop of H2020 Carbon Capture Storage/Use (CCS/CCU) and Alternative Fuels projects**, held in Brussels on the 17th September 2019.

The event has provided the opportunity to promote the project, explaining its **goals and technologies** it is developing. The presentation focused on the **barriers that are being overcome** and the **solutions identified**, but also on the specific **communication and dissemination strategies** selected to promote the project in order to increase its opportunities, and to spread the word to companies and other stakeholders in the selected industrial sectors.

The workshop has also allowed the participants to improve their knowledge of several of the other European projects working on these matters, **thereby creating and extending the networks** that

- TECNALIA presented CO2Fokus at “Bringing Value to CO2” organised by the Spanish Technological Platform for CO2, PTECO2, and the Spanish Technological and Innovation Platform for Sustainable Chemistry, SusChem-Spain taking place on 2 October 2019 in Madrid.
- VITO took the opportunity to outline the project’s scope and innovative solutions at an RSC workshop on ‘Heterogeneous Catalysts for Sustainable Industry’ on 25 November 2019 in London aimed at providing a platform for collaboration between industrial and academic minded scientists.
- **LGI**, a CO2Fokus project partner, attended **the 25th COP held in Madrid** from the 2nd to the 13th December 2019, representing the project at this relevant event, allowing them to meet people working on initiatives and projects dealing with **climate change, including CCU**, worldwide.



The UN Climate Change Conference aims to take the next crucial steps in the UN climate change process, thrashing out an agreement between all 197 signatory countries of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The conference has been an excellent opportunity to **set ambitious goals ahead of 2020**, the year in which countries have committed themselves to submitting new and updated national climate action plans. **Crucial climate action work** has been carried out in areas including finance, the transparency of climate action, forests and agriculture, technology, capacity building, loss and damage, indigenous peoples, cities, oceans and gender.

The scope of the UN conference was climate change action, **including all the cross-cutting themes and issues at all levels** (political, businesses, NGOs, individual, media...). At the conference, a number of workshops and exhibit booths were dedicated to carbon capture storage and utilization, which was of direct interest to the CO2Fokus project, enabling it to participate in the discussion.

The project has been represented at COP25 for several purposes: **project clustering, market analysis and business development**.

**chosen key stakeholders:** CCUS networks and practitioners, CCUS project implementors and businesses and large corporations who could benefit from CO2Fokus technology and potential funders of the integration of the technology for businesses.

Targeted individual presentations were held at the booths and during the networking sessions. Of all the topics that were covered at COP25, CCUS was one of the least well known areas of knowledge, which allowed the project partners to disseminate their expertise.

The event also allowed us to **gauge the interest of large corporate representatives** who shared our enthusiasm in the technology being developed and showed willingness to be informed about the project development, leading to opportunities for further dissemination, clustering and business development.

CO2Fokus has been invited to several events in the following months and was offered the opportunity to help organise a **joint event at the next COP26 in Glasgow**, joining several CCUS networks of professionals.

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## Second Consortium Meeting – Turin

On the 14th and 15th of January 2020 the second consortium meeting of CO2Fokus project took place in Turin. . The project partners met to share updates and align project goals during the start-up phase. The meeting, hosted by LCE, has been an excellent opportunity to strengthen ties among partners and firm up on the details of the activities that ...

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