**Finding common ground:**

**A debate on the role of ICM technologies in decarbonisation pathways**

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**\*\*\*** Draft Agenda –speakers are being confirmed **\*\*\***

**Date**: 24 October 2024

**Time**: 15:00 – 16:30

**Location**: Hybrid

* For participants based in Brussels: **In person** (Rue Archimède 61, 1000 Brussels, Belgium)
* For participants based in other locations: **Online** (Zoom).

Public sentiment and acceptance of Industrial Carbon Management (ICM) technologies – namely Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) and Carbon Dioxide Removals (CDRs) – are crucial for the overall EU approach to climate action and for having them deployed on time to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. Various factors, including the negative perceptions held by environmental advocacy groups, significantly influence public opinion. These groups often view these technologies as unsafe, untested, and a hindrance to the energy transition, potentially jeopardizing the global net zero goals set by the Paris Agreement.

Recently, however, there has been a shift in public opinion. The ongoing energy crisis, rising energy costs, and the visible challenges of achieving the Paris Agreement's goals have led to a reluctant but growing acceptance of ICM technologies. However, communication between different stakeholders seems not to exist, as they often have different views on how decarbonization and the Paris Agreement’s goals should be achieved, and which technologies are more ‘legit’ than others.

In this roundtable, various stakeholders with (opposing) views are gathered together, intending to find common ground to move forward with developing and deploying ICM technologies and their role in decarbonisation models and achieving climate neutrality.

**15:00 Welcome and introduction**

* Andrei Marcu, Director of ERCST

**15:10 Initial inputs**

* Marino Varricchio, ERCST

**15:30 Roundtable discussion**

* Rob van der Meer, Cembureau
* Liv Rathe, Norsk Hydro
* Martijn Smit, Equinor
* Stephanie La Hoz Theuer, ICAP
* Greg Van Elsen, CAN Europe
* Alex Mason, WWF Europe

**16:30 End of meeting**