**Focus Group**

**Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS): Balancing Land Use and CDR Potential**

***This meeting is under Chatham House Rule***

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

**Date**: February 13, 2025

**Time**: 15-16:30

**Location**: Online

Achieving negative emissions is crucial for the European Union to meet its climate neutrality targets by 2050, and Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) plays a vital role in this effort. However, deploying BECCS must be carefully managed to harmonize with sustainable land use, ensuring minimal impacts on food security, biodiversity, and competition for land resources.

The event will delve into sustainable biomass sourcing methods, including the establishment of certification schemes for sustainable biomass. The recent EU policy developments supporting sustainable biomass supply chains will also be reviewed, providing insights into regulatory frameworks and incentives that facilitate sustainable sourcing and utilization of biomass.

Furthermore, the event will address grid integration challenges associated with BECCS technologies and explore potential solutions to effectively incorporate BECCS into the existing energy infrastructure.

The speakers will evaluate the economic viability and market opportunities for BECCS technologies, examining cost factors, funding mechanisms, and potential revenue streams. This includes assessing market readiness, investment opportunities, and financial models that can support large-scale deployment of BECCS.

By convening industry experts, policymakers, and stakeholders, we aim to address the challenges and opportunities associated with BECCS deployment within the EU context. Join us to engage in meaningful dialogue, share knowledge, and collaborate on advancing negative emissions technologies to contribute to the EU's 2050 climate neutrality goals.

**15:00 Welcome and introduction**

* Andrei Marcu, Director of ERCST

**15:10 Initial inputs**

* Marino Varricchio, ERCST

**15:20 Panel discussion**

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| Panelists will have ten minutes each to address the following two questions:   * **What policy measures and incentives are needed to ensure sustainable biomass sourcing for BECCS in the EU?** * **What are the policy requirements to effectively incorporate BECCS into the EU energy framework?**   This will be followed by Q&A with the audience. |

* Ennio Prizzi, Bioenergy Europe
* Kasia Wilk, Drax
* Johan Borje, Exergi
* Chris Sherwood, Negative Emissions Platform

**16:30 End of meeting**