**Focus Group**

**Circular Carbon Economy: CO₂ as a Valuable Resource**

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

**Date**: March 12, 2025

**Time**: 15-16:30

**Location**: Online

As the European Union strives to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, utilizing CO₂ as a resource within a Circular Carbon Economy (CCE) has emerged as a critical strategy. Recent EU policy developments, notably the European Commission's Industrial Carbon Management Strategy, underscore the importance of CO₂ utilization technologies. These technologies not only play a vital role in reducing emissions but also open up new economic opportunities by transforming CO₂ into valuable products.

This focus groups aims to examine the EU regulatory framework in CO₂ utilization, and identify business opportunities that align with EU climate objectives. The discussion will address the economic viability of CO₂-derived products and examine the crucial role of public-private partnerships in scaling up CO₂ utilization projects. This event will evaluate the impact of the European Commission's Industrial Carbon Management Strategy and explore the challenges and opportunities in aligning CO₂ utilization with the EU Green Deal objectives.

**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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| Speakers will have ten minutes each to address the following two questions:1. **What are the key technical innovations and regulatory frameworks needed to advance CO₂ utilization in the EU?**
2. **How can we develop a robust business case for CO₂ utilization in the EU, and what are the main market opportunities?**

Q&A with the audience will follow.  |

* Rob van der Meer, Cembureau
* Tudy Bernier, CO2 Value Europe
* Malgosia Rybak, CEPI

**16:30 End of meeting**