

Credit for carbon capture and storage/utilisation

Overview and calculation

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Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Carbon Capture and Use (CCU)

- Some projects in the energy intensive industries or renewable energy categories may include elements of carbon capture and storage or utilisation
- Credit for CCS (in accordance with the CCS Directive) may be given when:
 - CO₂ generated within the system boundary of a project is captured and will be transferred to a storage site
 - A project does not include carbon capture from a process but involves the development of CO₂ transport infrastructure and/or CO₂ storage sites
- Under IF23 if applicants from different parts of a single CO₂ storage chain may apply and are no longer required to divide the CO₂ avoidance between themselves
 - E.g., three projects could apply to capture, transport and store a single CO₂ stream, and would be treated as independent projects

New

CCS/U sectors

- Projects that capture CO₂ within the system boundary and transfer it for storage
 - Sector and category determined by the principal product
 - The CO₂ stream that is subject to capture should be included as a project emission under processes (EII methodology) or the Proj_{bio/geo} term (RE methodology) (biogenic CO₂ would be zero rated)
- Projects that transport or store CO₂ that is captured outside the system boundary
 - Sector 'other', product 'CO₂ transport' / 'CO₂ storage'
 - The amount of CO₂ entering the system boundary should be included as a project emission under processes (it is not relevant whether the original source was biogenic)
- EII projects that capture CO₂ within the system boundary and transfer it for utilisation
 - Sector determined by the principal product
 - The CO₂ stream that is subject to capture should be included as a project emission under processes (EII methodology) (biogenic CO₂ would be zero rated)
 - The CO₂ utilisation may be by a third party (i.e. outside the system boundary)
 - The CO₂ utilisation must be additional (e.g. it cannot be for an existing CO₂-utilising facility)
- EII projects that utilise captured CO₂
 - Sector determined by the principal product
 - The CO₂ may be utilised in producing principal and/or non-principal products
- **A CCS/U credit should be calculated following the rules in Chapter 3 of the GHG methodology**

Calculating a carbon capture credit (CC_{credit})

$$CC_{\text{credit},y} = CC_{\text{storage},y} + CC_{\text{use},y} - (CC_{\text{capture},y} + CC_{\text{pipeline},y} + CC_{\text{transport},y} + CC_{\text{injection},y} + CC_{\text{EHR},y})$$

The diagram illustrates the components of the carbon capture credit calculation. The equation is shown with arrows pointing from each term to a box describing it. The transport term is further broken down into road, rail, and maritime projections.

$CC_{\text{storage},y}$: CO₂ permanently stored

$CC_{\text{use},y}$: CO₂ incorporated into products

$CC_{\text{capture},y}$: emissions from the CO₂ capture activities

$CC_{\text{pipeline},y}$: emissions from transport of CO₂ by pipelines

$CC_{\text{transport},y}$: = Proj_{transport,road,y} + Proj_{transport,rail,y} + Proj_{transport,maritime,y}

$CC_{\text{injection},y}$: emissions from injection at the geological storage site

$CC_{\text{EHR},y}$: emissions when storage is associated with EHR

- Note: the $CC_{\text{storage},y}$ and $CC_{\text{use},y}$ terms should already exclude CO₂ lost to leakage
- It is therefore not obligatory to explicitly characterise leakage at each step
- You should still justify your assumptions, including as they relate to leakage rates

CC_{transport,y} calculation

Parameter	=	Equation
CC _{transport,y}	=	CC _{transport,road,y} + CC _{transport,rail,y} + CC _{transport,maritime,y}
CC _{transport,road,y}	=	$\sum_{L=1}^T (K_{road,L} * CO_{2road,L} * EF_{road} * 10^{-3})$
CC _{transport,rail,y}	=	$\sum_{L=1}^T (K_{rail,L} * CO_{2rail,L} * EF_{rail} * 10^{-3})$
CC _{transport,maritime,y}	=	$\sum_{L=1}^T (K_{maritime,L} * CO_{2maritime,L} * EF_{maritime} * 10^{-3})$

Reference emissions for DACCS and BECCS

- Where a project consists solely of the installation of a direct air capture facility or of a carbon capture unit at a biomass power facility, with the captured CO₂ sent for permanent storage, then the reference scenario emissions shall be set to zero
- For these cases, the relative emission saving cannot be calculated in the normal way, and therefore it shall be declared as 200%
- This makes DACCS and BECCS projects eligible to record bonus points for net carbon removal

Net carbon removals

- Applicable if total project emissions are negative...
 - ...excluding any credit for timed operation
 - ...and where non-principal products are not the only source of negative emissions

$$\widehat{\Delta\text{GHG}}_{\text{rel}} = \frac{\Delta\text{GHG}_{\text{abs}} + \sum_{y=1}^{10}(\text{TO}_y)}{\sum_{y=1}^{10}(\text{Ref}_y)} (> 100\%)$$

