

Amendment 29

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Framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)
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Proposal for a regulation**Recital 14***Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) A key bottleneck for carbon capture investments that are today increasingly economically viable is the availability of operating CO₂ storage sites in **Europe**, which underpin the incentives from Directive 2003/87/EC. To scale up the technology and expand its leading manufacturing capacities, the **EU** needs to develop a forward-looking supply of permanent geological CO₂ storage sites permitted in accordance with Directive 2009/31/EU³⁶. By defining a Union target of 50 million tonnes of annual operational CO₂ injection capacity by 2030, in line with the expected capacities needed in 2030, the relevant sectors can coordinate their investments towards a **European** Net-Zero CO₂ transport and storage value chain that industries can use to decarbonise their operations. This initial deployment will also support further CO₂ storage in a 2050 perspective. According to the Commission's estimates, the Union could need to capture up to 550 million tonnes of CO₂ annually by 2050 to meet the net zero objective³⁷, including for carbon removals. Such a first industrial-scale storage capacity will de-risk investments into the capturing of CO₂ emissions as important tool to reach climate neutrality. When this regulation is incorporated into the EEA Agreement, the Union target of **50 million tonnes of** annual operational CO₂ injection

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(14) A key bottleneck for carbon capture investments that are today increasingly economically viable is the availability of operating CO₂ storage sites in **the Union**, which underpin the incentives from Directive 2003/87/EC **of the European Parliament and the Council**^{35a}. To scale up the technology and expand its leading manufacturing capacities, the **Union** needs to develop a forward-looking supply of permanent geological CO₂ storage sites permitted in accordance with Directive 2009/31/EU **of the European Parliament and of the Council**³⁶, **which prioritises the storage of unavoidable industrial process emissions from large-scale industrial installations**. By defining a Union target of 50 million tonnes of annual operational CO₂ injection capacity by 2030, in line with the expected capacities needed in 2030, the relevant sectors can coordinate their investments towards a **Union** Net-Zero CO₂ transport and storage value chain that industries can use to decarbonise their operations. This initial deployment will also support further CO₂ storage in a 2050 perspective. According to the Commission's estimates, the Union could need to capture up to 550 million tonnes of CO₂ annually by 2050 to meet the net zero objective, including for carbon removals. Such a first industrial-scale storage capacity will de-risk investments

capacity *by 2030* will be adjusted accordingly.

into the capturing of CO₂ emissions as important tool to reach climate neutrality. ***In view of the expected storage requirements in 2050, the Union's CO₂ storage market will have to be complemented by a market that covers third countries in Europe with large storage potential.*** When this regulation is incorporated into the EEA Agreement, the Union target of annual operational CO₂ injection capacity will be adjusted accordingly. ***To ensure the achievement of Union's target, Member States should take the necessary measures to facilitate and incentivize the deployment of carbon capture and storage projects. Such measures should be able to include measures incentivising emitters to capture emissions with priority for unavoidable industrial process emissions from large-scale industrial installations, funding support for investors for needed infrastructure to transport CO₂ to the storage site and direct funding of CO₂ storage projects.***

³⁶ Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 (Text with EEA relevance), (OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 114).

³⁷ In depth analysis in support of the Commission Communication (2018/773) A Clean Planet for all. A European long-term strategic vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy.

^{35a} ***Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).***

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(44 a) The Commission shall publish and update regularly an aggregate and disaggregated overview of all European funds disbursed, as well of grants, loans and guarantees effectively offered to companies.

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Recital 44 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(44 b) The provision of public subsidies must be transparent and proportionate. When public support is granted, it shall be incompatible with extraordinary dividend payments and share buybacks.

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Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point s a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(s a) 'quality jobs' means work providing good wages, ensuring work security via standard employment contract and access to social protection, giving access to good quality lifelong learning opportunities, securing good working conditions in safe and healthy workplaces, including a reasonable working time with good work-life balance, while ensuring trade union representation and bargaining rights;

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Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv a (new)

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(iv a) its workers are covered by a collective agreement negotiated with trade unions;

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Article 13 – paragraph 4

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4. National competent authorities shall ensure that the lack of reply of the relevant administrative bodies within the applicable time limits referred to in this Article results in the specific intermediary steps to be considered as approved, except where the specific project is subject to an environmental impact assessment pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC or Directive 2000/60/EC, Directive 2008/98/EC, Directive 2009/147/EC, Directive 2010/75/EU, 2011/92/EU or Directive 2012/18/EU or a determination of whether such environmental impact assessment is necessary and the relevant assessments concerned have not yet been carried out, or where the principle of administrative tacit approval does not exist in the national legal system. This provision shall not apply to final decisions on the outcome of the process, which are to be explicit. All decisions shall be made publicly available. **deleted**

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Article 16 – paragraph 1

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An annual injection capacity of at least 50 million tonnes of CO₂ shall be achieved by 2030, in storage sites located in the territory of the European Union, its exclusive economic zones or on its continental shelf within the meaning of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (*UNCLOS*) and which are not combined with Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery (EHR).

An annual injection capacity of at least 50 million tonnes of CO₂, ***with priority access for unavoidable industrial process emissions***, shall be achieved by 2030, in storage sites, ***meaning geological storage sites permitted under Directive 2009/31/EC including depleted oil and gas fields and saline aquifers***, located in the territory of the European Union, its exclusive economic zones or on its continental shelf within the meaning of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and which are not combined with Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery (EHR).

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