

Green Recovery: CCUS to support green jobs in industry (8 Dec 2020)

Speaker biographies



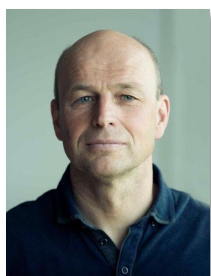
Peter Horvath, DG ENER

Peter Horvath works at the Directorate General (DG) for Energy of the European Commission, mostly on issues related to R&D for carbon capture and storage, as well as international cooperation on energy technology innovation. He previously worked at the Research DG of the Commission, also on international climate and energy topics. Before moving to Brussels, he held various jobs in Hungarian higher education and public administration.



Bram Sommer, PORTHOS

Since 2019 Bram works as a Public and Regulatory Affairs advisor for the Rotterdam CCUS project Porthos. Bram is active in all public affairs, including government relations, both at EU and national level.



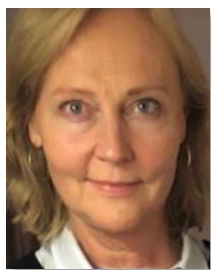
Per Sandberg, Northern Lights

Dr Per Sandberg is senior advisor in Equinor Low Carbon Solutions. He leads business development in the Northern Lights project, in which Equinor, Shell and Total together develop an open source transport and storage solution for European CO₂. He also leads Equinor's business development on hydrogen for the maritime sector. In 2015-16, Sandberg had leave of absence from Statoil to lead the secretariat for the Norwegian government's expert commission on *Green Competitiveness*, which delivered its report to the prime minister in October 2016. Before that he was Statoil's Chief of Innovation. Per has also been managing director at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), leading and delivering the seminal projects *Vision 2050* (2010) and *Sustainable Mobility* (2004). Sandberg has a MScEng in chemical engineering and a PhD on ethical issues of biotechnology, both from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).



Gearoid FitzGerald, Ervia

Gearóid FitzGerald is the commercial manager on the CCS project for Ervia. He is responsible for business modelling across sectors, funding and industry stakeholder engagement. Gearóid has worked in the energy industry for the past 15 years.



Helena Sundblad-Schäfer, DG REGIO

Helena Sundblad-Schäfer is the lead for the Swedish European Rural Development Fund programmes at DG REGIO. In post for six years, she and her team manage the ERDF in Sweden through programming planning, negotiation and implementation control. The fund supports projects within research and innovation in Sweden - many within green innovation. Before that, she worked as a manager within the private sector in Germany for many years, leading a small company selling products within the HoReCa sector to international customers.



Ian Phillips, Pale Blue Dot Energy

Ian Phillips has over 30 years' experience in the upstream oil and gas industry, including 18 years with oil operating companies and 6 years with a major service company. In 2007 he became a founding Director of CO2DeepStore Limited, the first company specifically seeking to deliver CCS. He is currently Development Director for Pale Blue Dot Energy Limited, the lead developer of the Acorn Hydrogen and CCS Projects. He holds an M.Eng. in Petroleum Engineering and an MBA. He is part chair of the SPE Aberdeen Section, a Fellow of the UK Energy Institute and a Chartered Petroleum Engineer.



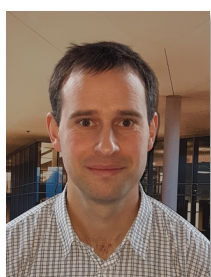
Eric Kreft, EBN

Eric Kreft is EBN's interim program manager CCUS. He is involved in projects Porthos and Athos as EBN's joint venture representative, specifically regarding the development of the future CO₂ transport and storage system in the Dutch part of the North Sea. Eric has a 25-year international career in the E&P industry. Previous assignments were with the Geological Survey of the Netherlands, HOT Engineering in Austria, Staatsolie Maatschappij in Suriname, South America, and TNO - Advisory group for the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands. Eric joined EBN in 2006.



Dennis Krämer, DECHEMA

Dennis Krämer is a Project Coordinator with DECHEMA, and is responsible for the scientific coordination of the German funding measure **CO₂-WIN** - *CO₂ as a sustainable source of carbon – Pathways to industrial application*. An environmental engineer by training, he wrote his thesis at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, USA, and received his Dipl.-Ing. from the RheinMain University Wiesbaden, Germany. Dennis has been with DECHEMA since 2008.



Dr. Jan Skocek, Heidelberg Cement

Dr. Jan Skocek is the R&D Program Manager for Carbonation Technologies at Heidelberg Cement Global R&D, where he manages R&D projects on CO₂ reduction by concrete recycling, enforced carbonation and CO₂ mineralisation. A Senior Scientist previously, Jan has worked at Heidelberg Cement Global R&D since 2012. Before joining industry, he pursued an academic career in the field of material science related to concrete and cement (2006-2012, DTU, Copenhagen) and of numerical methods and modelling (2003-2006, CTU, Prague).