

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON STRENGTHENING BILATERAL  
COOPERATION ON HYDROGEN, AND CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS)**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE POLICY AND GREEN GROWTH OF THE  
NETHERLANDS**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF NORWAY**

The Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth of the Netherlands and the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Energy (hereinafter referred to individually as 'Participant' and collectively as 'the Participants'),

Appreciating the long-standing ties of friendship, energy cooperation and trade between Norway and the Netherlands;

Acknowledging the shared commitment of Norway and the Netherlands to the energy transition as a cornerstone of achieving a balance between anthropogenic emissions by source and removals by sinks, the low-carbon society, and the common interests of the Participants on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of the Global Stocktake;

Recognising the important role of both low-carbon and renewable hydrogen as a key energy carrier and feedstock in realising the emission reductions required to reach the objectives of the Paris Agreement, and as an enabler of a reliable, affordable and secure energy system;

Acknowledging the shared commitment to establishing a well-functioning hydrogen market in Europe which has the potential to create economic opportunities, thereby supporting sustainable growth;

Recognising the benefits of exchanging information related to the development of the hydrogen market, including carbon capture and storage, and acknowledging the importance of wider regional coordination in the North Sea to facilitate this;

Recognising the cooperation between the Participants of the North Seas Energy Cooperation, North Sea Basin Task Force, the Zero Emissions Platform Government Group, the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum and the Clean Energy Ministerial Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Initiative;

Recalling existing cooperation, especially the Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral cooperation in the field of carbon capture and storage (CCS) and areas of energy cooperation related to the North Sea signed on 11 November 2021;

Bearing in mind that this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to provide a general framework for cooperation and to express the cooperative intent of the Participants,

Have come to the following arrangement:

## **Objective**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish strengthened, mutually beneficial cooperation between the Participants in the areas of hydrogen and carbon capture and storage (CCS).

## **Areas of knowledge exchange and cooperation**

The Participants have identified the following topics as priority areas for knowledge exchange and cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding. This list is not exhaustive:

- a. Market development
- b. Policy frameworks, regulation and standards
- c. Technology and innovation

## **Implementation**

The Participants commit to encouraging cooperation between the two countries, to enhance coordination and explore mutually beneficial opportunities in the areas of hydrogen and CCS. The Participants recognise the importance of involving relevant stakeholders, including industry, academia, non-governmental organisations and civil society.

The Participants aim to make use of their regular bilateral consultations in the field of energy and CCS and leverage existing forums in order to monitor the progress of this MoU, address challenges and suggest follow-up action.

## **Costs**

Each Participant will bear its own costs associated with the implementation of this MoU, unless otherwise decided in regard to specific projects or initiatives. Joint funding opportunities may be explored in regard to mutually beneficial projects.

## **Non-binding instrument**

This MoU is not meant to constitute a treaty or create any legal rights or obligations under international or any national law.

## **Final provisions**

This MoU will remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of signature, unless terminated earlier as mutually decided by the Participants. Any amendments must be made in writing and accepted by both Participants. Either Participant may terminate this MoU by providing three months' written notice to the other Participant.

*Signed in duplicate in Bergen, Norway, on 13 November 2024, in English only.*

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Norway

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