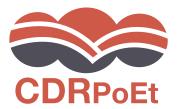


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# The CDR-PoEt Research Project



- 1. Stakeholder engagement
- 2. Governance principles
- 3. Fair distribution of responsibility
- 4. Policy evaluation criteria
- Case studies(Agroforestry, BECCS; DACS)

Empirically consolidated feasible CDR-specific policy design















# The Research Program



#### What is "carbon dioxide removal"?

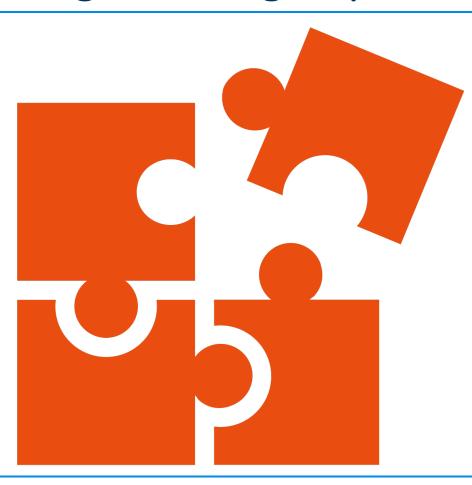


Anthropogenic activities removing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere and durably storing it in geological, terrestrial, or ocean reservoirs, or in products.

It includes existing and potential anthropogenic enhancement of biological or geochemical CO<sub>2</sub> sinks and direct air carbon dioxide capture and storage (DACCS), but excludes natural CO<sub>2</sub> uptake not directly caused by human activities.

# Devising meaningful policies





Multiple social objectives to be achieved.

# Embedding in existing governance



# Governance contexts & literatures:

- Int. Environmental Governance
- Int. Climate Governance
- Specific CDR Governance



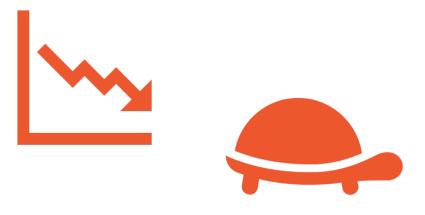
### Mitigation Ambition



a. CDR should be considered in NDCs.

b. CDR policies should **not weaken** other mitigation efforts.

c. CDR policies efforts should be commensurate with the **long-term** collective mitigation **ambition**.





### Equity and fair-share efforts



- i. CDR policies should fulfill certain principles of inter- and intragenerational **equity** like Polluter Pays or Ability to Pay for example.
- j. CDR policies should fulfill the principle of **Common-but-differentiated** responsibilities.
- k. CDR policies should **differentiate** by capacities and (national) circumstances.



# Article 6.4 guidance on Removals



Preliminary! (Link)

- Recommended guidance formulated by the Supervisory Body through a dedicated working group on removals
- COP is to adopt guidance (based on recommendations)
- Contains: A list of additional requirements (beyond those applicable to other mitigation activities under 6.4)
  - On monitoring, reporting and verification
  - Particularly information required on possible reversals
  - Further provisions incl. avoidance of negative environmental & social impacts

#### **EU Carbon Removal Certification**



- Legislative proposal for carbon removal certification currently under developed
- Expected shortly (Q4 of 2022).
- Several problems may arise
  - Definitions
  - What function?

**Apparently form does not follow function** 



LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL ON CARBON REMOVAL CERTIFICATION / BEFORE 2023-

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#### CONTENT

In the letter of intent accompanying the State of the Union 2021, the Commission announced key new initiatives for 2022. One of these initiatives is a legislative proposal on carbon removal certification, as part of the European Green Deal.

On 19 October the European Commission adopted its work programme for 2022. The legislative proposal for carbon removal certification is expected in the final quarter (Q4) of 2022. An impact assessment will accompany the proposal. The need to scale up sustainable carbon removals in view of climate targets drive the proposal, which according to the Commission aim to deliver a common EU standard and a reliable certification framework with high environmental integrity.

On 15 December 2021, the Commission adopted the communication on sustainable carbon cycles, which addresses the need for a regulatory framework for the certification of carbon removals.

In the short term the focus is on actions to:

- · upscale carbon farming as a business model incentivising practices on ecosystems that increase carbon sequestration
- foster new industrial value chains for the sustainable capture, recycling, transport and storage of carbon

The Commission launched a call for evidence on 7 February 2022, to further inform the process towards adoption of such a framework within the EU. The public consultation took place simultaneously and both processes closed on 2 May 2022.

The idea of a carbon removal certification scheme was first mentioned by the Commission in the 2020 New Circular Economy Action Plan (see separate file). In the LULIUCF revision proposal (see separate file), carbon removal certification is proposed as a potential preamble to establishing a carbon trading system for land sector removals, from 2030.

In Parliament, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ERVII) is preparing an own-initiative resolution (2022/2053(NI)) on the topic of sustainable carbon cycles. The draft report by rapporteur MEP Alexander Bernhuber (EPP, Austria)

# Summary



- All public policy decisions include normative choices
- Research at science-policy interface can help unpack
- Governance of CO<sub>2</sub> removal needs careful deliberation
- Balance across governance principles trade-offs

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