



Following another successful three-year programme from 2009 to 2011, CO₂NET[®] network plans to continue with a two-year programme, from 2012 to 2013, focussing on dissemination and community capacity building. We offer you the opportunity of joining the follow-on network programme.

CO₂NET[®] was the first CCS network started in 1999 with EU funding. It was through CO₂NET[®] that the oil and power industries were first brought together to commence discussions. CO₂NET[®] covers the whole CCS supply chain. Many successful projects and partner collaborations have begun through CO₂NET[®].

CO₂NET[®] members, European and international, are proactive in and developing CCS and related business. All can contribute as well as learn from each other. CO₂NET[®] is a recognised brand; neutral, visible, credible and the brand, now established for 12 years, is European trade marked.

For the last two years, CO₂NET[®] with industry sponsorship and EC CCS conferences with EC grant funding through EU projects: DeCarbit, CAESAR and CESAR have together delivered a substantial CCS conference and networking event to disseminate the results of EC, international and national projects as well as offering the networking opportunities to develop new partnerships and proposals. Until now, there were no plans or funds for a similar collaborative effort after 2011 (although each new EU FP7 project has a contracted dissemination activity).

CO₂NET[®] proposes to provide the ongoing collaborative effort and formalises this initiative as the "CO₂NET[®] Conference series", to create a technical forum in Europe for the whole CCS value chain. In addition, CO₂NET[®] has been asked by the researchers to continue to support 2nd and 3rd generation technologies as this is the only network that caters for them, remaining at the forefront of new CCS technology developments, which aligns with EU DG Research projects.

CO₂NET[®] initial plans are to develop and organise 1) a "CO₂NET[®] Conference Series" biennially and 2) a smaller one-day networking seminar every other year (probably linked to another CCS activity), which concentrates on 2nd and 3rd generation CCS technologies and associated issues.

1) Current FP7 projects are encouraged to participate. By teaming up together, the projects are able to maximise dissemination within their existing allowances and attract a credible number of attendees. The projects would decide the technical content of the programme, as previously. This collective dissemination already has support from several current EU projects.

2) For the smaller one-day networking seminar, again the projects would decide the technical content within a topical theme for discussion/debate, as the "CO₂NET[®] Discussion series". We have already received 2 invitations to hold a CO₂NET[®] Discussion series event in 2012.

The events themselves should become self-funding in time but funding is needed to continue the networking activities, website and for each event's upfront costs:- initial preparation and 100% payment for any venue. CO₂NET[®] has always been funded in advance to provide the foundation for event up-front expenditure. Membership subscription + UK VAT is payable in advance. 10% discount is available on subscriptions, where two years are paid in advance.

You are invited to participate in CO₂NET[®] networking activities in 2012 and 2013. Please reply to cutlerab@t-i.co.uk, indicating the level of membership required. Thank you.

CO ₂ NET [®] Membership Subscriptions 2012 – 2013 (in euros)	Delegate places for "CO ₂ NET [®] Conference Series"	Delegate places for "CO ₂ NET [®] Discussion Series"	Annual Subscription, paid in advance.	Total Cost over 2 years
LARGE COMPANY membership and sponsor - Turnover > €10 million	Up to 6	3	€ 14,000	€28,000
MEDIUM COMPANY membership and sponsor - Turnover €5 - €10 million	Up to 3	2	€ 11,000	€22,000
SMALL COMPANY membership - Turnover < €5 million	Up to 2	1	€ 2,000	€4,000
RESEARCH ORGANISATION / UNIVERSITY PRIORITY membership	Up to 3	2	€ 3,200	€6,400
RESEARCH ORGANISATION / UNIVERSITY BASIC membership	Up to 2	1	€ 1,600	€3,200

Lower fees may be possible, if critical mass is exceeded. Payment is by bank transfer or credit/debit card.

In addition, this proposal summarises below the wider impact of the CO₂NET[®] network, as CO₂NET[®] has a lot more facets than “conference sponsorship” as part of a longer term CCS business strategy.

Membership also provides the following benefits:

- Networks CCS practitioners ***across the whole value chain*** drawn from a wide range of organisations, end-users and disciplines, that is deemed a valuable “one-stop-shop”
- Enables CCS research / technology experience exchange at the `worker` level.
- Offers participation, currently free, for up to a specified number of staff in an annual knowledge sharing conference or seminar that provides updates across aspects of all CCS technologies and soft issues and covers national projects, FP7 projects including integrated projects as well as other commercial projects. Places are determined by venue capacity and level of membership including lunches and refreshments. The activities are end user led and bring together workers in CCS from member organisations to meet and discuss with fellow workers to:
 - determine future actions and developments
 - discuss lessons learned, problem-solving – theoretical and operational, results, technology options
 - build people capacity
- Provides opportunities of looking beyond the “low-hanging fruit” of the first generation of demonstrator projects towards second and third generation CCS technologies and technologies to convert CO₂ from waste product to by-product
- Provides a route to solving collective problems through technical discussion, such as the COMET initiative for the western Mediterranean
- Assists in keeping a “level playing field” to avoid a two tier system across Europe in terms of CCS implementation and public appreciation of CCS
- Addresses community capacity building, across the whole CCS supply chain including both freshly incoming personnel and existing staff that are transferring in to work in the CCS field
- Links a dispersed community of researchers working on the next generation of carbon utilisation technologies
- Provides a technical vehicle for promotional public relations between sponsors and their peers in a non-commercial setting
- Gives access to all of the presentations, material and information produced by CO₂NET[®] since 1999.
- Gives CO₂NET[®] website access to contact details of the member organisations, member network
- Provides network services, support and participants administration

Existing and new members are invited to participate for a further two years to December 2013.

Should you wish to enhance your involvement in CCS dissemination and capacity building by becoming a member of this long-standing network, please register your intent to do so for your company or organisation by emailing to cutlerab@t-i.co.uk having reviewed the details above. Please indicate the level of membership in your reply.

We hope that this opportunity is attractive to you and we look forward to your participation in CO₂NET[®] – the Next Generation.

As CO₂NET[®]'s focus is on networking, continuation is dependent on maintaining critical mass with its membership.