

The EU GeoCapacity project End-User Advisory Group

The End-User Advisory Group initially comprised Vattenfall (the power company active in Sweden, Germany, Poland and Denmark), EniTecnologie (the major Italian energy company active in oil, gas and much more), and Endesa (one of the main Spanish power companies). It was soon recognised that an expansion of this group would be advantageous to the project as well as providing additional potential end-users an opportunity to follow and participate in the project. It was thus agreed to extend the invitation to join the End-User Advisory Group to a number of interested companies. These companies were invited to participate in the two project meetings held during late 2006 and early 2007. So far the following entities have joined or indicated a desire to join: Gassnova (a major Norwegian Research Programme), Schlumberger, Statoil, BP, Norsk Hydro and RWE. More formal agreements will be entered late 2006.

Benefits from joining End-user Advisory Group

The entities who join the EU GeoCapacity project as part of the End-User Advisory Group will a. o. have full access to:

- Project progress meetings;
- Internal project documents as they become available;
- Participation in the planning of future work activities, including the planned work on standards;
- Discussion of relevant issues with individual research partners, other end-users and associated organisations (IEA Greenhouse Gas Programme, etc.);
- The dedicated project website (soon to be hosted at www.GeoCapacity.eu), including the password protected section of the site.

It is anticipated that end-user participants will be willing to provide data sets and information to the project on areas of special expertise, such as specific geological/technical data, cost data on relevant activities (drilling cost, infrastructure, gas storage development etc.), and experience on handling of legal and public acceptance.

Constraints

It is a fundamental purpose of the project contract with the EU, that all results are intended to be made publicly available as publications, programme code or at the project website. This, however, must be made to happen in a structured and controlled manner.

The following terms apply:

- Ownership of all results from work within the EU GeoCapacity Project will remain with the project research partners. Excepted is such data and information, which becomes publicly known from other sources or was in prior possession or developed by receiving from independent data.
- End-users may use project information within their own organisation including affiliated and subsidiary companies but may not publish or pass this on to third parties without the written consent of the EU GeoCapacity Project partnership.
- Information and data sets provided to the project by an end-user shall be kept confidential unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Research partners and end-users may agree to define a time limit for the above constraints.