

## **EU Industrial Carbon Management Strategy – ECGA Call for Coordinated Action and Timelines**

The European Advanced Carbon and Graphite Materials Association (ECGA) has officially voiced its support for the European Commission’s target of reducing emissions by 90% by the year 2040. This endorsement comes alongside the release of the Communication on Industrial Carbon Management, marking a major step towards meeting the EU's ambitious climate objectives. ECGA is keenly anticipating the roll-out of effective carbon management strategies that balance ambitious climate action with the preservation of the industry's long-term viability and global competitiveness.

### **Highlighting the Path to Carbon Neutrality**

As a sector that faces significant challenges in reducing emissions, ECGA acknowledges the indispensable role of Carbon Capture, Storage, and Utilization (CCS/U) technologies. These innovations are essential in complementing the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, contributing to the overarching goal of emission reduction. In light of this, ECGA calls on the EU and its Member States to implement a series of strategic measures:

- Develop a clear and stable regulatory framework for future CO<sub>2</sub> transport infrastructure, encouraging investment and ensuring accessibility and technical standardization.
- Establish policies that address liability, set standards, define CO<sub>2</sub> accounting rules, and facilitate the exploration of geological formations for CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- Promote the integration of carbon management strategies within the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs), reinforcing Europe’s commitment to a sustainable future.

### **Ensuring a Competitive Edge in the Green Economy**

The ECGA emphasizes the necessity of policy alignment with the principles of technology neutrality, to foster a conducive environment for securing investments.

It is essential that:

- Policies are designed to be effective and conducive to innovation, ensuring the industry's resilience and competitiveness.
- Financial, logistical, and market support mechanisms are in place, guarding against investment and innovation leakage and supporting efficient carbon management.

ECGA advocates for synchronizing the timelines of climate objectives with the development and deployment of carbon management technologies. This coordinated approach is crucial for fostering innovation and ensuring a smooth transition to a low-carbon economy.

### **About ECGA**

Representing Europe’s leading carbon and graphite producers, the European Advanced Carbon and Graphite Materials Association (ECGA) is at the forefront of supplying essential materials for diverse applications, from steel production to modern battery technologies. ECGA’s members are committed to advancing sustainable practices within the industry, contributing to Europe’s green transition.