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Frequently Asked Questions

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EIC Pathfinder Challenge 1: Carbon dioxide and nitrogen management and valorisation

1. IS THE CO₂ CAPTURE STEP MANDATORY? AND THE CO₂ STORAGE ONE?

The different possibilities like CO₂ capture, N capture or CO₂ storage are by themselves not mandatory, however, a system-integrated approach of a subset of these possibilities is sought for to respond to the challenge.

2. IS A PROPOSAL ADDRESSING CO₂ AND N VALORISATION AT THE SAME TIME, EXPLOITING A SINGLE PROCESS A PLUS?

A single step is not a plus per se. And note that it is not a requirement to address both CO₂ and N valorisation in the same proposal.

3. OUR PROCESS: CO₂ -> BIOMASS/WASTE -> NATURAL GAS (RNG) -> SOLID CARBON -> CARBON CEMENT. THE FIRST STEP CO₂ -> BIOMASS IS PERFORMED BY NATURE. ARE WE IN SCOPE?

This proposed process is in scope if it relates to a system integrated approach which means that the CO₂ or N management and valorization process is fully integrated along the process chain/steps. The whole process can include many different steps such a CO₂ and N capture, CO₂ and N conversion, etc.. To be in scope, it should consider a net zero carbon process involving conversion of CO₂/N from various sources and streams into renewable fuels or chemicals or net zero materials (including food, leather, etc..) and renewable energy as input.

4. IS SOIL CARBON SEQUESTRATION IN SCOPE FOR THIS CALL ALONG WITH N MANAGEMENT?

It is in scope as long as it refers to carbon farming and sustainable land management.

5. IS SUSTAINABLE POWER PRODUCTION FROM ABANDONED OIL & GAS WELLS USING CO₂ IN A CLOSED LOOP AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY FROM THE WELL WITHIN THE SCOPE?

The proposal is in scope as long as it refers to a system integrated approach and it considers a net zero carbon process involving conversion of CO₂/N from various sources and streams into renewable fuels or chemicals or net zero materials (including food, leather, etc..) and renewable energy as input.

6. IS CO₂ CAPTURED FROM THE OCEAN WITH THE PHOTOLYSIS AND THEN CONVERTED INTO THE CARBONATE PLATFORM FOR IMPROVED OCEAN DIVERSITY, IN SCOPE?

Yes, if it considers a net zero carbon process involving conversion of CO₂/N from various sources and streams into renewable fuels or chemicals or net zero materials (including food, leather, etc..) and renewable energy as input.