CO₂ GeoNet

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1. Project Location

Western Europe

2. Project Lead

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3. Project Objectives

- Focus is R&D into geological storage of CO₂ and strengthening the European Research Area.
- Form a durable integration of the original 13 partners over 5 years, involve more partners.
- Provide the underpinning science capability and knowledge to help enable deployment of large scale CO₂ storage in Europe as quickly as possible
- Collaborate internationally
- Be a source of impartial scientific information on CO₂ geological storage for stakeholders
- Train existing and new researchers
- Develop and share research infrastructure

4. Recent Milestones

■ In April 2008 formed a legal entity, "CO₂ GeoNet Association"- this will enable new strategic partners to join and existing partners to continue working together

5. Status

- CO₂ GeoNet's new brochure available in English, French and Danish at www.co2geonet.eu The CO₂ GeoNet researchers have prepared basic answers to several frequently asked questions, as to how CO₂ geological storage can be carried out, under what circumstances it is possible, and what the criteria are for its safe and efficient implementation.
- Latest results of research presented at Annual Stakeholder workshop held April 2008. Included joint research projects on monitoring natural CO₂ sites at marine, lacustrine and terrestrial locations using remote sensing, geophysics and direct gas analysis techniques.
- Participated, as a partner, to 3 research proposals to EC under the FP7;
- Dissemination of scientific info and documents at the NoE booth during ESOF 2008 July, Barcelona, the biggest European event for science exchange and communication.
- Co-organization of two courses in spring 2009 on CCS and "Modeling chemical reactivity during CO₂ geological storage".
- Workshop in February 2009 on CO₂ geological storage modeling;
- CO₂ GeoNet Open Forum in March 2009. Located as usual on San Servolo Island in the lagoon of the Gulf of Venice, the final Open Forum of CO2GeoNet under the EC contract of the 6th FP promises to be a major international event.
- As part of the European Science Foundation Research Conference Scheme, CO₂ GeoNet will be holding the event "CO₂ Geological Storage: Latest Progress". The aim is to assess the advances made over the last decade in the field of CO₂ Geological Storage and the future challenges that must be faced.

- Network has world-class unique expertise in monitoring and understanding CO₂ migration in the shallow subsurface and ecosystem responses to CO₂ in marine, freshwater and terrestrial settings
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