

# **CCUS** in clean energy transitions

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# **CCUS** projects are diversifying from historical applications



Two-third of operating capture capacity is on natural gas processing plants but the project pipeline shows important diversification towards key sectors. North America leads in planned capacity but Europe is a close second.

#### From full-chain to part-chain business models



## **CCUS** economic viability



#### **Policy tools**

- ✓ Grants, tax credits, loans
- ✓ Public procurement and mandates
- ✓ Carbon pricing and leakage policy
- ✓ (Carbon) contracts-fordifference
- ✓ Regulated asset base

Carbon prices in the European Union currently have limited ability to incentivise dilute applications. Policy tools are available to support higher-cost projects

### **Reducing lead times**



#### Lead times of projects in operation

#### Policy tools

- ✓ One-stop shop for permitting
- ✓ Clear approval timelines
- ✓ Regulatory capacity
- Precompetitive resource assessments
- Data sharing and transparency
- ✓ Community engagement

Projects have taken between 2 and 10 years to reach completion, with a median around 6 years. Lead times can be reduced where infrastructure is in place (hubs), but efforts are required to streamline procedures

### Tackling new project complexities

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions clusters and storage hubs in planning in Europe, 2023



#### Policy tools

- ✓ Long-term liability
- ✓ Competitive tenders for hubs
- ✓ One-off backstop agreements for first movers
- ✓ London Protocol

Infrastructure deployment needs to adapt to sectoral requirements and regional contexts. Governments have a central role to play in co-ordinating hub development

