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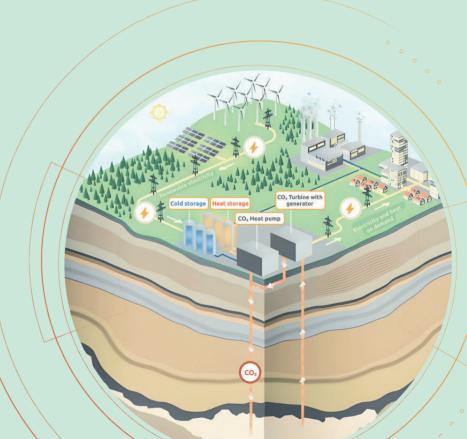


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Geological Storage system



CEEGS in a nutshell

CEEGS is a 3-year long Horizon Europe-funded project that will develop a cross-sectoral technology for the energy transition, combining a renewable energy storage system based on the transcritical CO₂ cycle, CO₂ storage in geological formations and geothermal heat extraction.

Our main objective

The project's main objective is to provide scientific proof of the techno-economic feasibility of the technology, raising the current Technology Readiness Level (TRL) from 2 to 4 by addressing gaps in the interface between surface transcritical cycle and the subsurface CO_2 storage.

Why?

The phasing out of fossil fuels and the achievement of the 'net zero emissions' target is a top priority in the EU. In the context of an ambitious energy transition, it is important to design a cross-sectoral technology that is both technologically and economically feasible.

The system developed by CEEGS has a negative CO_2 footprint as part of the stored underground CO_2 is diffused into the geological formation, resulting in permanent sequestration.

CEEGS is a scalable system with the potential for high-performance, high-capacity energy storage. It can be used for electricity storage and production, heating and cooling, and also providing partial CO₂ sequestration.

The concept minimises costs and surface impact, increases energy storage capacity, and delivers energy in different forms, providing high versatility due to integration possibilities in multiple applications.

How and when?

- 1. The first stage will demonstrate the feasibility of the concept, solving the main challenge of the interface between the surface/subsurface parts (currently TRL2). The rest of the components have higher TRLs. The CEEGS project will set the interface and global concept into TRL 4. A 20-kW lab demonstration for the interface (TRL4) shall focus on the CO₂ cycle and its operability. This will take three years.
- 2. If successful, a second stage would build a demonstrator of 100 kW that integrates subsurface and surface components to reach a TRL6 in a second 3-year project.
- 3. A third-stage 3-year project would impulse the technology up to a commercial scale (TRL 8-9).

Expected results

- A breakthrough energy storage solution based on transcritical CO₂ cycle that combines geological storages of CO₂ in natural reservoirs and new closed-loop CO₂ cycle technology, with their integration at TRL4.
- Definition of geological availably together with geological system design to guide exploration and feasibility.
- New component designs and engineering solutions to make the CEEGS concept technologically and economically viable. Solve open issues on Total CO₂/underground storage design.
- Validation of technical assumptions and complete risk analysis, including social acceptance that fosters decision-making in a stage-gate process.
- Draft a complete business model and business cases for stakeholders to trigger further public and private investments in the development (TRL 5-7) and demonstration (TRL 7-8) of the CEEGS technology.



