

**Westminster Energy, Environment, and Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage development in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key considerations for policy and Track-1 delivery - cluster sequencing, business model deployment, and strategic coordination**
Alex Milward, Director, CCUS, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- 9.20 **Assessing the direction of policy and regulation - industry considerations for investment, commercialisation, and delivery**
John Egan, Project Director, Progressive Energy
- 9.30 **Priorities for market development and demand-side coordination - regulatory frameworks, investor confidence, and long-term revenue strategy**
business model implementation under the Energy Act 2023 | cluster sequencing and Track-2 criteria | merchant market transition and long-term revenue risk | commercial evidence base for scale-up and cost assumptions | National Wealth Fund equity stakes and blended finance models | UK-EU emissions trading scheme linkage and carbon market integration | Carbon Takeback Obligations and mandatory storage | cross-border transport, trade implications, and post-Brexit regulatory alignment | governance of market transition and the role of the CCUS Council | coordination between UK Government and devolved administrations on revenue frameworks | fostering government-industry dialogue and managing project timelines
Fergus Marcroft, Executive Director, Commercial, Carbon Catalyst
Ruth Herbert, Managing Director, Essar Energy Transition
Dr Conor Hamill, Co-CEO, Nuada
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, legal
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Investment frameworks and public-private partnerships - risk management and conditions for securing private capital for infrastructure**
Senior representative, finance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Offshore carbon storage development - UK continental shelf licensing, shared infrastructure coordination, and regulatory oversight for transport and storage networks**
Alistair Macfarlane, Head, UK Carbon Transportation and Storage, North Sea Transition Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities for carbon storage and transport infrastructure delivery**
Rich Denny, Managing Director, Northern Endurance Partnership
- 11.45 **Infrastructure delivery and supply-side readiness - planning, capacity, and coordination across the system**
progress with the CCS Network Code and readiness of transport infrastructure | offshore and onshore storage development, including seabed leasing and marine spatial planning | permitting, licensing, and planning reform to accelerate delivery | capacity and expertise in local planning and national guidance needs | integration of carbon capture into local development and regional economic strategies | streamlining regulatory roles between central and devolved governments | supply chain development and domestic manufacturing capacity | workforce transition and specialist skills pipelines | sector deployment priorities for hydrogen, industry, and greenhouse gas removals | supporting industrial clusters including cement, lime, and other carbon-intensive sectors | addressing delays and improving coordination across providers and regulators | oversight of public funding and carbon capture as a transitional measure | environmental oversight, litigation risk, and public trust in project delivery
Sarah Brownlie, Director, Development, Kent Wildlife Trust
Chris Rowell, Head, Net Zero, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Senior representative, infrastructure delivery
Senior representative, supply chain
Senior representative, offshore storage
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Seabed access and offshore coordination - licensing, regional strategy, and stewardship for net zero**
Senior representative, seabed leasing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum