# Norway's role in accelerating CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage in Europe



#### A little bit of politics...

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The Net-Zero Industry Act -

50 Mtpa injection capacity target by 2030, ~280 Mtpa by 2040 and ~450 Mtpa by 2050



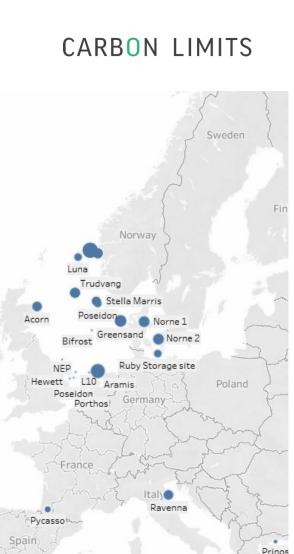
 Hearing in Norway on the possible incorporation of NZIA into the EEA agreement

What would be the consequences for the Norwegian stakeholders?

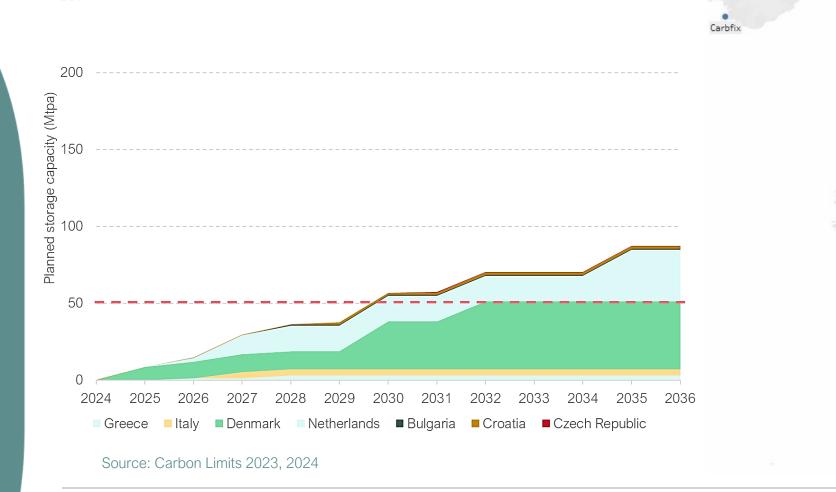
- Some of the concerns if NZIA is incorporated into the EEA agreement:
  - Should Norway's commitment be an addition to the 50 Mtpa target?
  - Should the Norwegian oil and gas companies be exempt from the licensee's injection capacity obligation?
  - Concerns about the requirements for making data publicly available



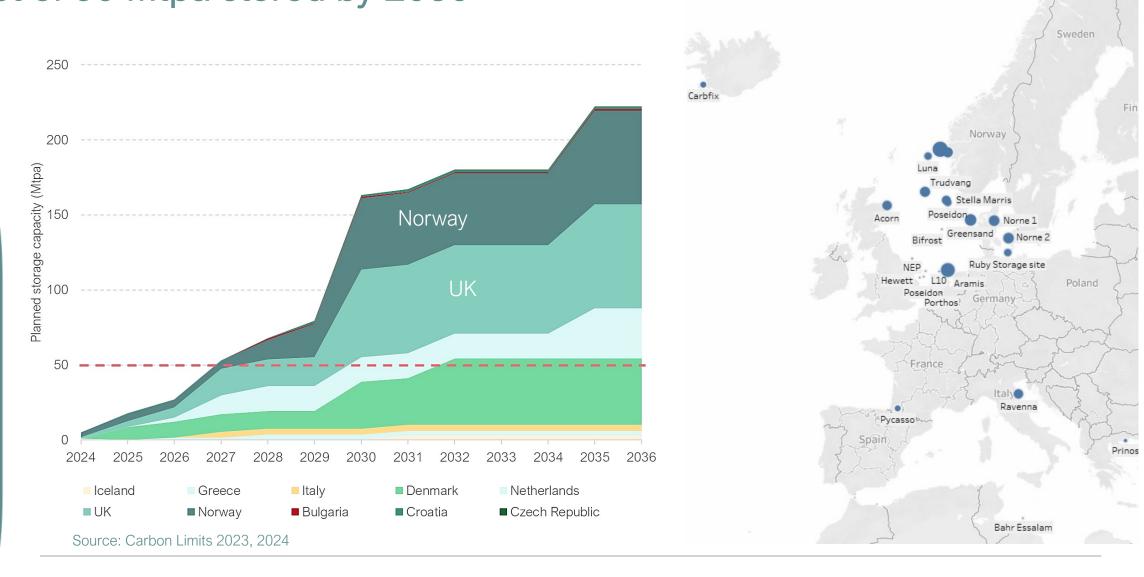
Politics aside, the planned storage capacity in the EU barely reaches 50 Mtpa in 2030 (as of March 2024)



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EU would need Norway and the UK to meet the climate carbon limits target of 50 Mtpa stored by 2030



## Longship is Europe's first complete value chain for the capture, transport, and storage of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



- Launched in 2020 and approved in 2021
- Cooperation between the Norwegian state and government agencies, R&D institutions, academia and the industrial partners
- CO<sub>2</sub> sources:
  - Cement factory Breivik CCS
  - Hafslund Oslo Celsio's waste incineration plant
- Liquefied CO<sub>2</sub> collected by ships, transported to an intermediate storage facility in Øygarden, and stored in the North Sea - 2600 meters below the seabed
- The total cost estimate for Longship is approximately 2.6 billion USD and the government's share of the costs is estimated at 1.7 billion USD



### Focus on Northern Lights - a CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage service provider

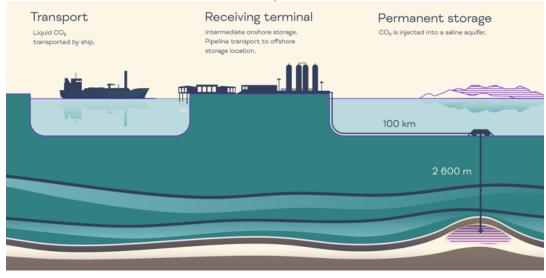
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Norwegian North Sea

- Status: Under construction (planned operation early 2025?)
- Support to Northern Lights NOK 10.4/14.2 bn
- Long-term customer contracts:
  - Yara in Netherlands (ammonia production in Sluiskil)
  - Ørsted in Denmark (CHP)







Sources: https://www.upstreamonline.com / https://norlights.com/what-we-do/

For more information: https://norlights.com/who-we-are/



### CO<sub>2</sub> theoretical storage capacity estimates on the Norwegian shelf range from 29 - 86 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity on the Norwegian continental shelf and planned CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects



#### Dynamic storage development in Norway

The Norwegian Continental Shelf offers significant opportunities for the injection and storage of  $CO_2$  and the government has launched several licensing rounds related to  $CO_2$  storage.

Exploitation license

**9** Exploration licenses

In 2024, exploration licenses for CO<sub>2</sub> storage in 4 areas in the North Sea have been awarded to 6 companies

Latest call for CO<sub>2</sub> storage exploration licenses was launched in June 2024 (3 areas) and was closed on August 29<sup>th</sup>



#### More transport infrastructure is needed

Pipelines are the best?

- As of today, Norway does not have an established CO<sub>2</sub> transport network
  - only one 153 km long CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline that transports CO<sub>2</sub> from LNG processing plant to an offshore injection site at Snøhvit gas field
- Most of the planned CCS projects in Norway are building their infrastructure from the ground up, with CO<sub>2</sub> storage hubs onshore (for most cases)
- Norway is the first mover when it comes to cross-border CO<sub>2</sub> transport for storage, with ships being the transport solution for the first projects
- For large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> being transported to Norway, pipelines should be a cheaper solution
- In some cases, depending on project specification, it might be possible to:
  - Repurpose the existing oil and gas infrastructure for CO<sub>2</sub> transport



Repurposing of the existing infrastructure might be considered as one of the possible solutions

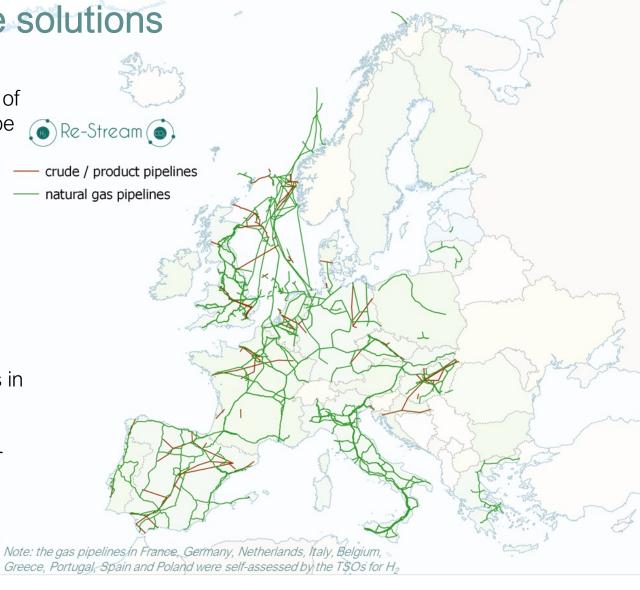
 2021 Re-stream study investigated the possibility of reusing existing oil and gas infrastructure in Europe for CO<sub>2</sub> transport

 Data collected from 65 pipeline operators and analysed for ~58,000 km pipelines

50% total offshore pipeline length

30% onshore oil and gas pipelines length

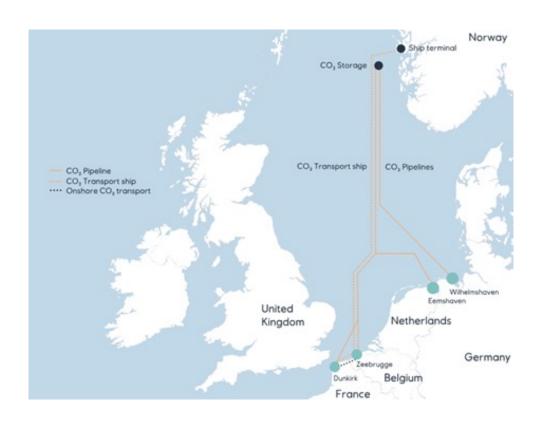
- The study concluded that majority of the pipelines in Norway can be retrofitted for CO<sub>2</sub>.
- However, these pipelines are and will be in use for some decades (?) to come



#### Investing in new infrastructure is another solution

#### Example - CO<sub>2</sub> Highway Europe pipeline

- Project developer Equinor
- The pipeline would connect North-West Europe with the CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites in the North Sea
- Planned capacity 30-50 Mtpa by 2035
- Part of the EU2NSEA project of common interest (PCI) -European cross-border CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network
- Project development agreement (PDA) with GRTgaz (France) signed in 2024 and an agreement with Fluxys (Belgium) signed in 2022
- The FID is expected in 2025. However, it will depend on the emitters being able to take their FIDs pretty much at the same time



#### To conclude...

So far, Norway has been the first mover in developing large scale  $CO_2$  transport and storage solutions in Europe

As such, Norway can play a significant role in unlocking and scaling up CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage in Europe, as long as...

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#### as long as...

- the CCS value chain stakeholders stop "sitting on the fence"
- governments ensure strong longterm incentives and predictability

### Thank you for your attention!



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