

Clean Energy Quarterly: Updates from CEM



The second quarter of 2026 concluded by bringing the CEM community together in Brussels, Belgium for the annual Senior Officials' Meeting, hosted by the European Commission. Nearly 300 representatives from more than 25 member countries and partner organisations gathered to reflect on progress, align priorities for the year ahead, and lay the foundations for CEM17 in Riyadh. The discussions reinforced the CEM's unique role as a member-driven platform that transforms shared ambitions into practical collaboration and tangible outcomes, while highlighting the growing importance of deeper engagement with industry and other partners to accelerate the clean energy transition. We express our sincere gratitude to the European Commission for their hospitality and their outstanding support in organising this key moment in the CEM year.

A key highlight of the meeting was the introduction of the first cross-cutting sectoral spotlight sessions, which brought together initiatives working across transport, empowering society, energy efficiency, and power to explore new opportunities for collaboration. These conversations sparked ideas for future CEM campaigns and flagship deliverables, helping shape a strong vision for CEM17 and demonstrating the value of connecting expertise across the CEM community. As preparations for Riyadh continue, the momentum generated in Brussels provides a solid foundation for another year of ambitious, action-oriented collaboration.

**Read the SOM
key takeaways**



Ethiopia, Spain, and Uganda join IDDI

The Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI) is pleased to welcome Ethiopia, Spain and Uganda as its newest members. Their participation reflects the growing international momentum behind industrial decarbonization and strengthens global cooperation to advance low- and near-zero-emission industrial materials. With 15 member countries now spanning all major regions of the world, IDDI continues to expand its global reach and impact.

Deadline extended: Submissions for CEM Sustainable Lifestyles Awards

The deadline for submissions for the Sustainable Lifestyles Awards has been extended to 9 August. The awards aim to recognize tangible examples of leadership and collaboration that advance sustainable consumption, social inclusion, and fairness in the energy transition. Winners will be invited to an awards ceremony at CEM17 this October.



[Learn more](#)

Call for input: Product policies for demand flexibility



SEAD is launching repository compiling authoritative information on policies and measures that foster demand flexibility of consumer appliance and electrical equipment, like air conditioners and heat pumps. It will provide a one-stop shop for governments, regulators, manufacturers, utility, and consumer groups to learn about current practices. The initiative welcomes contributions from CEM members on relevant policies and reports to add to the database.

**Send a
submission**

Coming Soon

21CPP Advances Under Revised Leadership



21CPP Members met in Brussels and unanimously agreed to continue the Workstream, under co-leadership of Brazil and India, with strong engagement from Australia, South Africa and Spain, and validation from the European Commission. In response to CEM community interests, 21CPP will advance a 2026 Thought Leadership Report on "Strategic Electrification", working with all CEM Power related workstreams, for release at CEM17 in October. 21CPP will also continue to work with the third Cohort of countries to release their Action Plans in October.

CCUS Initiative works to enable insurance for CCUS projects

CEM CCUS Initiative, the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative and the Geneva Association are collaborating to facilitate the insurability of CCUS projects. A joint document highlighting key joint principles is scheduled to be published at CEM-17 in October.

Reports & Resources

Global Hydrogen Review 2026



The Global Hydrogen Review 2026 provides an update on hydrogen production and demand worldwide and identifies the latest developments relating to policy, infrastructure, trade, investments and innovation. The report is an output of the CEM Hydrogen Initiative and is intended to provide an update to energy sector stakeholders on the status and future prospects of hydrogen, and to inform discussions at the Hydrogen Energy Ministerial Meeting organised by Japan

[Read the report](#)

Video: Unlocking Capital for Energy Storage for Scalable Deployment



The Supercharging Energy Storage initiative recently hosted a webinar examining how various financing structures can drive the large-scale deployment of energy storage. Real-world insights, case studies, and practical tools were shared by speakers representing TNO, the World Bank, LDES Council, the Asian Development Bank, and the National Laboratory of the Rockies.

[Watch the recording](#)

CCUS Knowledge Sharing Summit Key Takeaways



Together with Gassnova, IEAGHG, Carbon Management Europe and MI CDR Mission, the CCUS Initiative co-hosted a major CCUS knowledge-sharing event in April in Sandefjord, Norway. A comprehensive summary of the event outcomes is now available.

[Read the report](#)

Upcoming Events

Commercializing SMRs: Industry Perspectives on Advanced Nuclear

22 July



The NICE Future Initiative invites you to join a webinar on SMR commercialization, where industry leaders will share perspectives on how advanced nuclear technologies are moving from concept to market. The session will explore financing, licensing, supply chain development, stakeholder engagement, and emerging opportunities, followed by a moderated Q&A.

[Learn more](#)

CEM International Engagement

CEM at SB64



At the UNFCCC June Climate Meetings (SB64), CEM co-hosted a side event with the COP30 Presidency to showcase progress on advancing sustainable fuels and explore how climate action can better support the negotiation process. Discussions highlighted the complementary role of sustainable fuels alongside electrification in accelerating decarbonisation while expanding access to affordable, secure, and reliable energy that supports economic growth.

International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum



CEM showcased its work to accelerate industrial decarbonisation at the IVECF through demand-side initiatives such as the Industrial Deep Decarbonisation Initiative (IDDI) and the Green Public Procurement Pledge. We also had the opportunity to highlight the CEM Future Fuels Action Plan, which brings together governments, industry, and international partners to strengthen markets, accelerate deployment, and build resilient, secure, and sustainable supply chains.

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