

Poland's new GeoCO2 consortium launches CCS research

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Poland's chief geologist Henryk Jacek Jezierski has taken part in the signing in Krakow of an agreement establishing the GeoCO2 Science and Industry Consortium. The ceremony took place at the city's AGH University of Science and Technology.

The aim of the Consortium is to study the possible storage of CO2 in sandstone saline water bearing formations. A monitoring programme of such a storage is also to be examined.

The project results will enable CO2 emitters in the Polish energy sector to implement their individual CCS (carbon capture and storage) ready programmes. These results will be also helpful in the appraisal of the cost of future pilot and industrial-scale projects, it was noted. The Polish Ministry of the Environment intends to use these results for successful implementation of the EU Directive on the Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.

The consortium members include the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, the Polish Geological Institute, National Research Institute, Messer Poland Ltd. and Drilling and Mining Enterprise Ltd. in Warsaw.(MoE/RK)