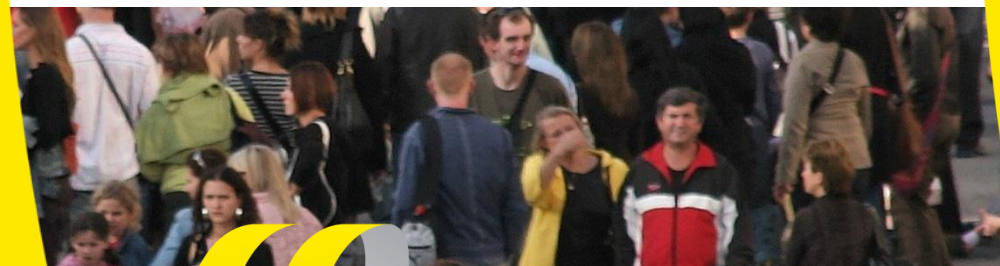




# CCU development opportunities in Rijnmond

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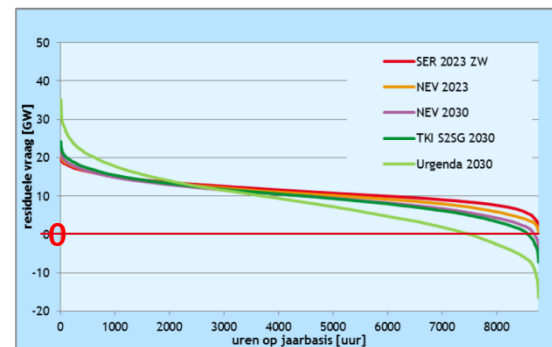
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# 1. Introduction

Recent developments are very much in favour of CCU, Carbon Capture and Utilisation:

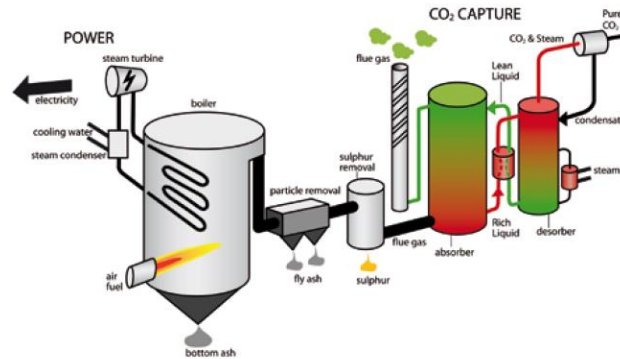


1. Carbon emission reduction, Paris Agreement at **90+ % emission reduction**  
Requires disruptive technologies, so less ‘Lock-in effects’
2. Rapid **price decrease** of current renewable energy (wind and solar)  
Grid parity is near, periods of zero price, more inexpensive RE to come..!?
3. RE will deliver **inexpensive renewable building blocks** (H<sub>2</sub> and e),  
solves dependability on fossil fuels and enables **Deep Decarbonisation**
4. Future grid unbalance **requires storage** options  
→ carbon recycling with CCU in Power-to-Products (P2P) seems very attractive

# 1. Introduction

CCU is a 3-step process:

1. CO<sub>2</sub> capture from flue gas
  - concentrations ranging from high (petrochemical industry, ethanol), to intermediate (steel, CFPP), to low (GFPP) to air
2. Purification and compression
  - intensity depending on process (not always required as in CCS application)
3. CO<sub>2</sub> conversion into material or product i.e.:
  - Mineralisation
  - Methanol, intermediate (MDE, MTO, MTG), or as solvent or fuel
  - Formic acid, as product or energy (H<sub>2</sub>) carrier i.e. for FCEV
  - Carboxylate/carbonates
  - Carbamate(estere)s for isocyanates and polyol intermediates for 'CO<sub>2</sub> neutral PU'
  - Urea, carbon monoxide, carbon fibres etc. etc.



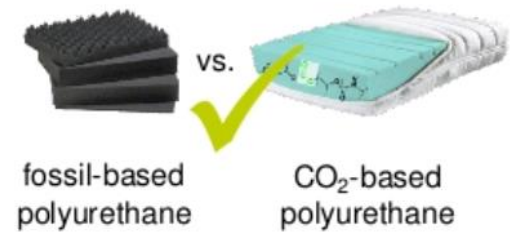
## 2. Technology

- **Step 1**, capture process is now well-developed and proven, including for flue gas
- Still being optimised to cut energy consumption with state-of-the-art solvents
- Decreasing required temperatures of the heat input, nearing waste heat levels
- Plant integration is logical for the required heat source
- Positive by-effects of capture using flue gas i.e. PM removal
- Experienced CATO pilot plant will come to Plant One Rotterdam as CO<sub>2</sub> source





## 2. Technology



- **Step 2**, purification and compression is well developed i.e. for OCAP
- **Step 3**, the utilisation processes are quite diverse
- Synthesis of chemicals, materials and fuels
- Three product classes are identified in EC-SETIS communication<sup>1</sup> :

- 1- Renewable feedstock for chemicals, polymers and inorganic materials
- 2- Energy storage and fuels
- 3- Direct photo-conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> (i.e. algae, greenhouse)

<sup>1</sup> <https://setis.ec.europa.eu/setis-reports/setis-magazine/carbon-capture-utilisation-and-storage/commission-activities-enable-co2>



## 2. CCU Technology options - where to start?

Two criteria for selection of CCU process routes:

Name	Type	Energy	Potential <sup>1</sup> In EU, 2030 In kT/yr	Business case
Methanol	Organic	Hydrogen (electrolysis)	40,000	Profitable at low e-prices / as biofuel
Formic acid	Organic /storage	Hydrogen (electrolysis)	7,000	Profitable at low e-prices
Urea	Inorganic	Hydrogen (electrolysis)	7,000	Not yet profitable
Carbonates	Mineral	-	300	Profitable
Polyols	Organic	-	120	Profitable
Polymers- resins	Organic	Hydrogen (electrolysis)	p.m.	p.m.

<sup>1</sup> <https://setis.ec.europa.eu/setis-reports/setis-magazine/carbon-capture-utilisation-and-storage/carbon-capture-and-utilisation-%E2%80%93>

## 2. Does CCU really impact emission reduction?

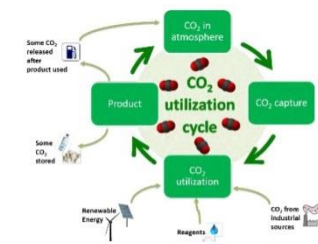
**‘Kunnen we CO<sub>2</sub> ook recycleren?’ (ethanolproductie uit afgasen van de staalindustrie bij ArcelorMittal)**

**of**

**‘Spookrijden op de weg naar nul-emissie van CO<sub>2</sub>’ ?**



## 2. Real impact of CCU technology options

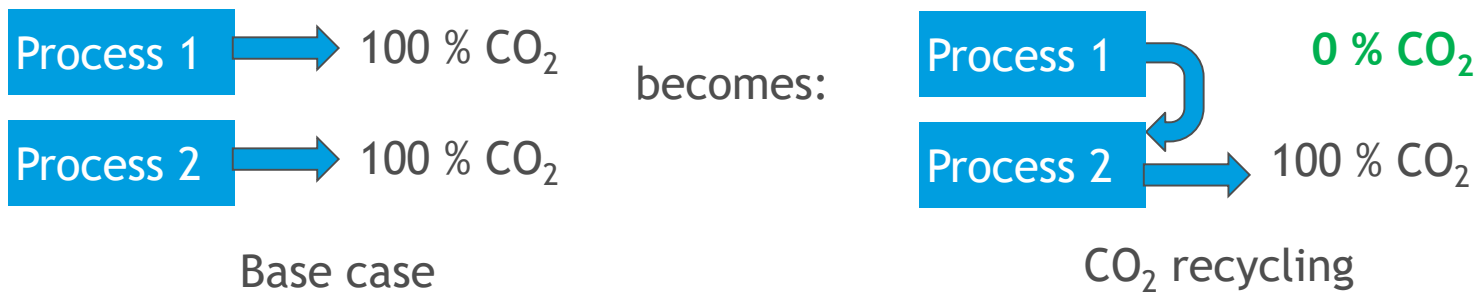


Source: How Can CCU Provide a Net Benefit? - presentation by Peter Styring at the UKCCSRC Cardiff Biannual Meeting, 10-11 September 2014

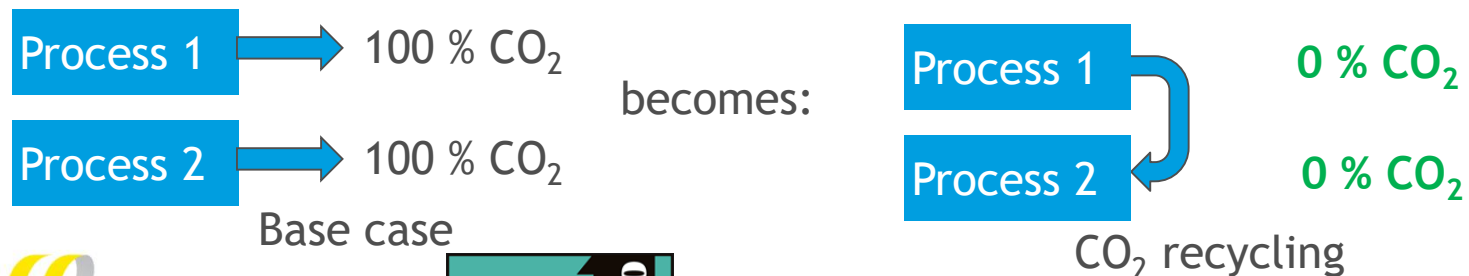
LCA as objective criterion for selection of different CCU process routes:

1- **Short cyclic** (CO<sub>2</sub> is reused but finally emitted in a next product or process)

Either fossil or biogenic feeds and CO<sub>2</sub>



2- **Long cyclic** (CO<sub>2</sub> is stored in a stable material i.e. in mineral/concrete)

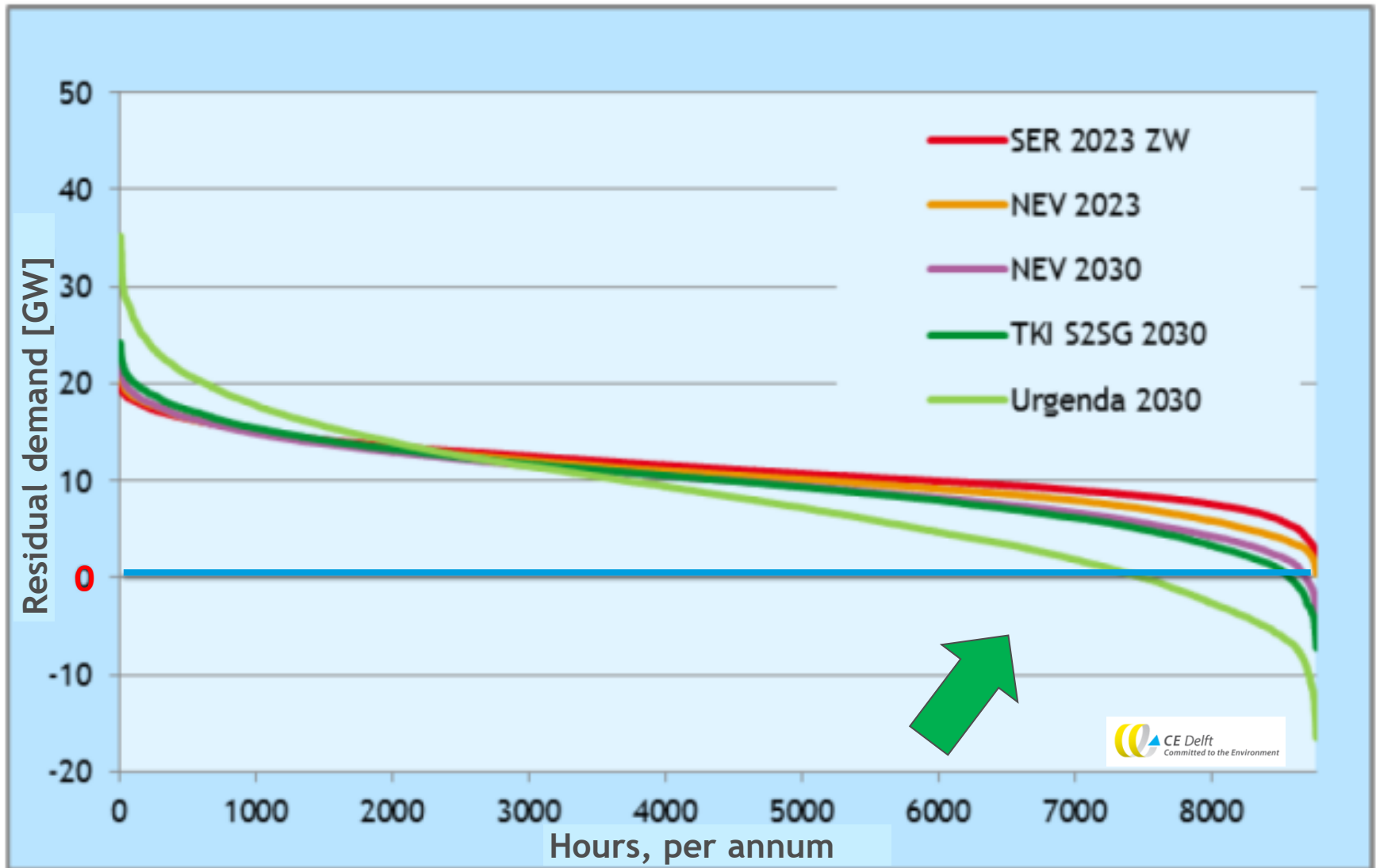


### 3. Business case outlook



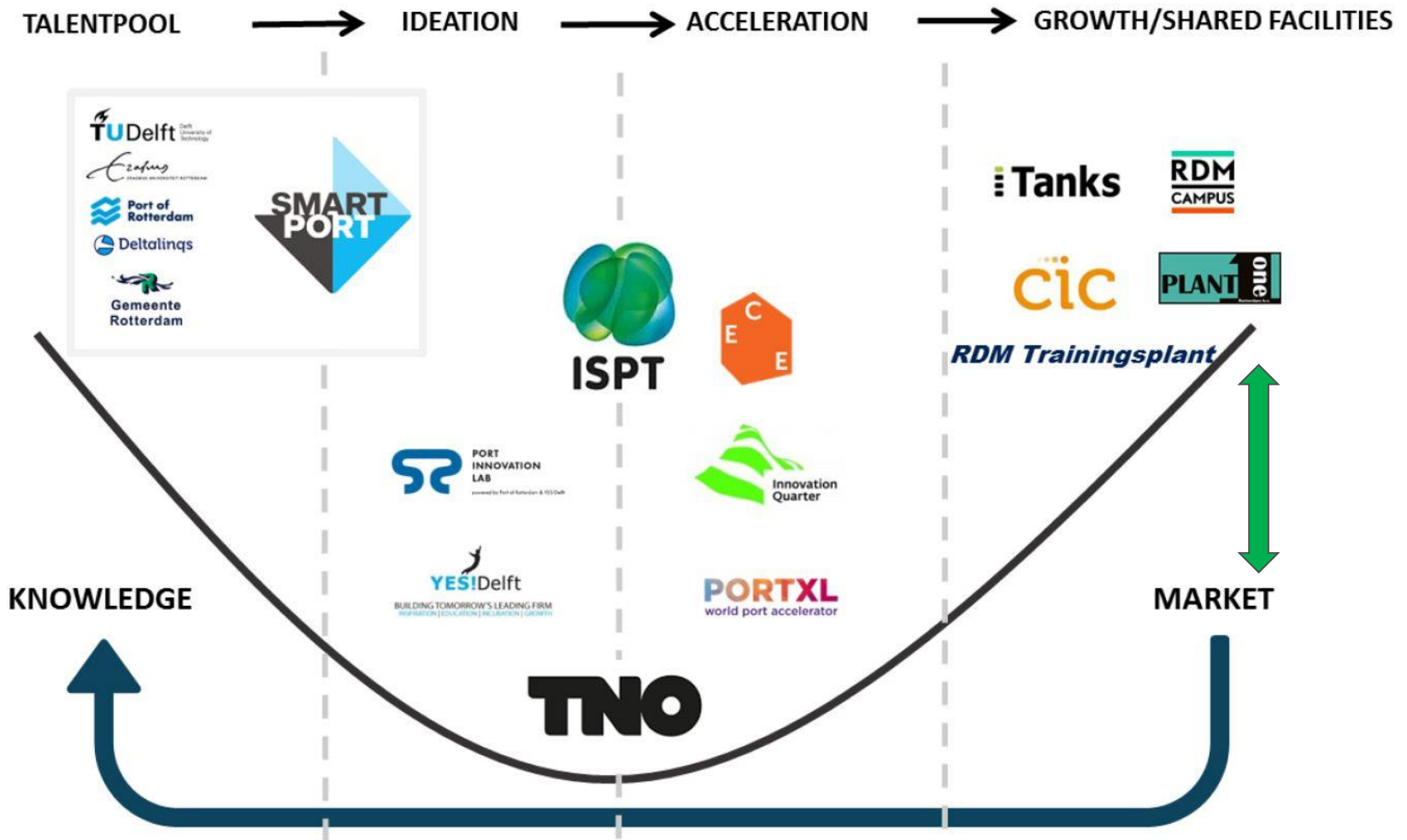
- Boundary condition: use of hydrogen from renewable source (electrolysis)
- **Electricity price is main cost component → but current trend to low prices**
- Catalysts exist, but new catalyst development will lower OPEX and CAPEX cost
- Common reactors, no requirements for high-tech expensive CAPEX developments
- ETS CO<sub>2</sub> price is less strong driver, no need for waiting for policy changes
- Already close or at same order of magnitude
- Element of competition: offering carbon neutral feedstocks will incur a premium driven by the LCA effect in the supply chain required by the clients

### 3. CE Delft study - future E-demand in The Netherlands

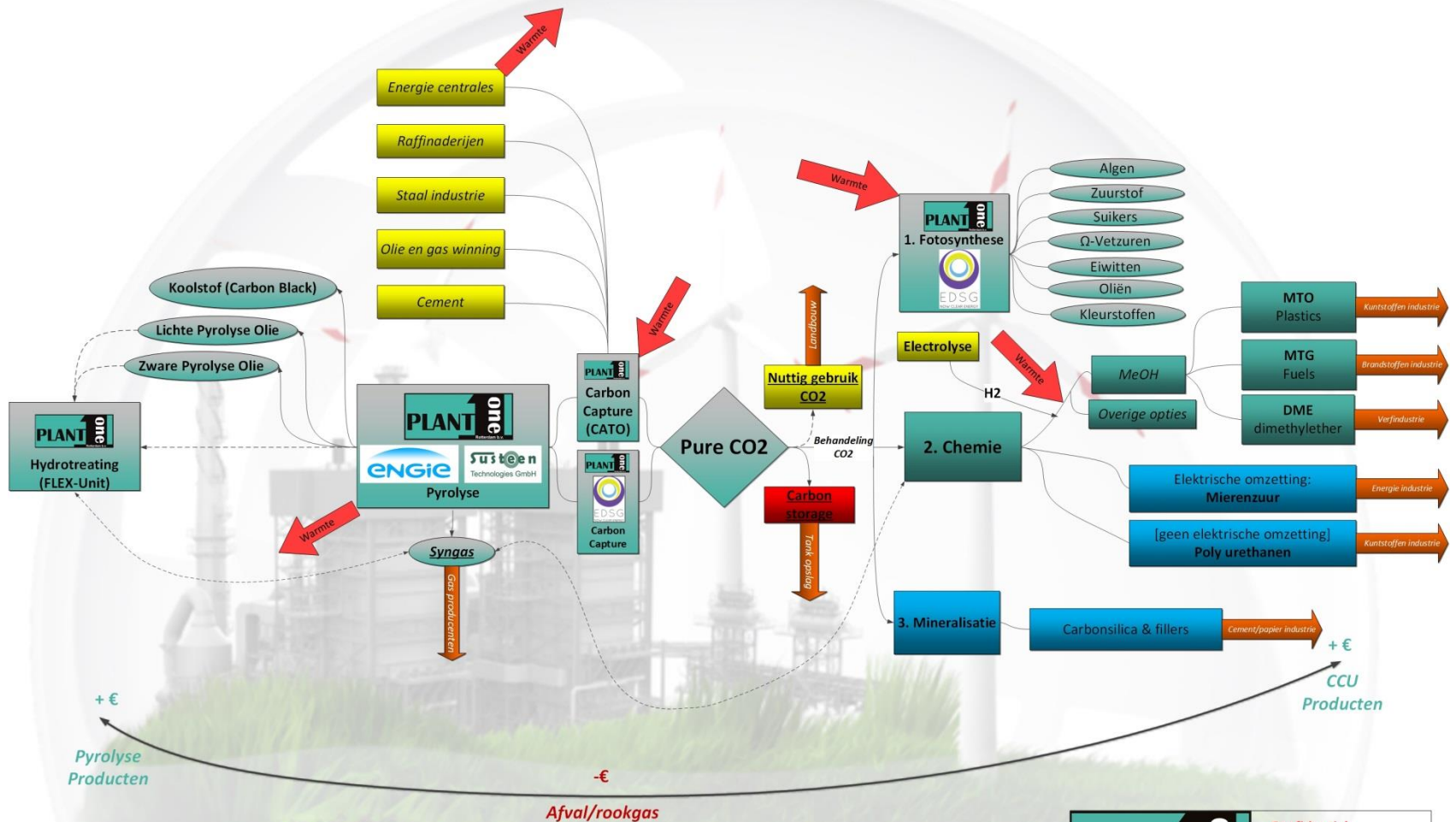


### 3. Plant One - study Rein Willems

# Business Innovation Eco System



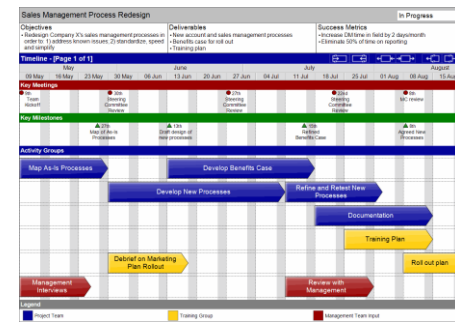
# 3. Plant One - CCU mini-grid



<b>PLANT one</b>		Confidential		
Brainmap POR				
Rotterdam b.v.	Rev Date	DWG NO	REV	
Carland Lopez	24-11-2016	BRMP_1001-CL	4.0	
Jordy Heijblom	SCALE 1:1	SHEET	1	

## 4. Project development at Plant One Rotterdam <refer to POR cluster scheme>

1. POR is 'one-stop-shopping' for CCU pilot plants
2. Commission crude CO<sub>2</sub> sources (pyrolysis pilot plants, other..)
3. Commission CATO pilot plant for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
4. CO<sub>2</sub> drying and compression
5. CCU reactor options for various processes, i.e.:
  - Algae
  - Polyuretanes - Carboxylation / carbonation (ROCOF, i.e. Novomer catalysts)
  - Methanol (various catalysts)
  - Formic acid
  - Mineralisation (Solidia/Carbstone)
6. Heat integration between pyrolysis, capture and reaction compartments
7. Use of residual hydrogen from pyrolysis syngas and local source make-up and reuse it in CCU processes





## 5. Near and future outlook

- Maximum attention - Key Enabling Technologies (KET) at EU DG RTD
  - Ford announces use of 'carbon emission free' polyurethane
- DREAM CCU program in Germany resulted in fast decision for larger scale carbon neutral polyurethane plant by Covestro (former Bayer)
- Profitability seems close, helped by very low renewable E-price trend
- CCU reactions will benefit of better catalysts, but reactions are known
- Recently discovered: reactive capture from air into methanol at only 150 °C ...

## 6. Goals of CCU development projects at the Plant One Rotterdam CCU facility?

- GOAL 1: develop relevant CCU process to enable near full scale realisation and offer clients carbon emission free products at lowest cost
- GOAL 2: increase competitiveness of Rijnmond area by attracting CCU operations with key facilities and simultaneously decrease local CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

## 7. Group sessions today



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- Group selection, i.e.:
  - 1- Mineralisation
  - 2- Polyurethane and polymers/resins
  - 3- Solvents and fuels (MeOH, FA)
  - 4- Photosynthetic (algae)
- Desk study on detailed CCU options for specific products
- Product requirements / LCA - long vs short cyclic CCU / CO<sub>2</sub> specs
- Pilot project requirements

## 8. Next steps



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- Separate CCU project definitions
- Desk study on detailed CCU options for specific products (Deltalinqs-Uniper study, ready March 2017)
- Product requirements, LCA of process routes- long vs short cyclic CCU, CO<sub>2</sub> specs
- Pilot project requirements / funding
- Route to full scale CCU applications

## 8. Next steps - full scale outlook



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- Full scale locating options:
  - a- All at source
  - b- Capture at source, transport via OCAP, CCU at central location
  - c- Capture at source, transport via OCAP, CCU at various locations
- Capture preferably at waste heat source
- CCU preferably at (waste) hydrogen and/or wind electrical source and/or waste heat source
- Multiple opportunities for plant integration and industrial symbiosis
- Full scale business models - CCU outsourcing options
- The Rijnmond area has the best starting point to attract commercial CCU activities

## 8. Next meeting



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- Next meeting CCU Platform: March 30<sup>th</sup>,  
14.00 - 16.30
- Location: Plant One Rotterdam
- Agenda: Desk study on detailed CCU options  
for specific products  
(Deltalinqs-Uniper study)