**News from the ACT2 Call for CCUS R&D Projects**

The ACT Consortium received 26 proposals that have been independently evaluated and ranked by external CCUS experts. Based on this evaluation, the ACT Consortium notified 12 projects, with a combined budget of €31 million, that they were selected to move forward with award negotiations, which is to take place this summer.

The research teams of the selected projects represent an excellent mix of ACT Consortium countries. Combined, the projects include representation from France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the USA. The thematic coverage of key CCUS topics is also well distributed with a good balance of capture, storage, and utilization projects.

The ACT Consortium expects to officially announce the awards in September 2019 once all contracts/offer letters have been formally signed.