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Speakers

Jannicke Gerner Bjerkås, Director CCS, Fortum Oslo Varme

Jannicke Gerner Bjerkås is the Director of CO2 Capture and Storage at Fortum Oslo Varme, a position she started on June 1, 2018. Bjerkås worked previously as the Director of HR and Communications in Fortum Oslo Varme.

Bjerkås is a former officer in the Norwegian Air Force, after which she was the Director of Communication and Strategy at the City of Oslo Energy Recovery Agency and then Chief of Staff at the waste-to-energy facility in Oslo at Klemetsrud.

Bjerkås started in Fortum Oslo Varme in August 2017. In 2014, she helped to start up the CCS project. Bjerkås has a Master of Management degree from the BI Business School in Oslo, Norway.

David Kearns, Senior Consultant, Global CCS Institute

David Kearns is senior consultant in CCS Technology at the Global CCS Institute. As a key member of the Institute’s Commercial team, David is the lead technical expert in the Institute.

David provides guidance to industrial and government clients on carbon capture and storage technology, modelling, engineering, economics and strategy.

His experience spans two decades in oil & gas, electricity generation, petrochemicals, biofuels, engineering design, process engineering research, industrial AI, carbon & energy consulting and sustainable processing.

David has been a lecturer in process design at the University of Melbourne and in sustainable processing at Monash University. David holds BE (Hons) and PhD degrees in Chemical Engineering and a BCom in Management, all from Monash University. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Energy.
Maria Velkova,  
Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Climate Action

Maria Velkova is a policy officer in DG Climate Action, European Commission since 2008. Her main tasks revolve around the implementation of the Innovation Fund programme for supporting large-scale demonstration projects in the industry and energy sectors.

Maria also follows the EU policy and regulatory work on carbon capture, utilisation and storage. Previously, she has worked on the EU regulation of GHG emissions from transport fuels and on supporting research and innovation in renewable energy technologies.

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Patrick Clerens,  
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