

Call for Interest

Collaborate with LEADS to Transition CCUS Projects from Research to Deployment

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1. Background:

The LEADS project is an EU-funded initiative under the **Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)** call Cross-Sectoral Solutions for the Climate Transition (HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01). **Its goal is to accelerate Europe's journey to carbon neutrality by 2050 by supporting the development of Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage (CCUS) technologies.**

LEADS builds a pipeline of promising CCUS projects, helping them transition from Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe research to the Innovation Fund. By guiding innovation owners through key bottlenecks, the project ensures that EU-funded R&D results contribute effectively to climate goals outlined in the Green Deal, 'Fit for 55,' and the 2030 Climate Target Plan.

2. Call Purpose:

We are looking for organizations and companies with past or ongoing Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe-funded CCUS projects to join the LEADS project.

By joining, participants will receive support to overcome key challenges, refine their projects, and prepare for funding opportunities under the EU Innovation Fund. This is a unique chance to scale up innovations and contribute to Europe's carbon-neutral future.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

Organizations and companies are eligible to respond to this Call for Interest if they meet the following criteria:

➤ **Participation in Horizon Projects**

The organization has participated in or successfully completed projects funded under Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe, specifically focusing on technical solutions that can be adopted or can be synergic with **Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage (CCUS)** technologies.

➤ **Technical Expertise and Impact**

The organization can provide evidence that the project has achieved a **Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 6-7**, indicating readiness for validation in relevant environments or system demonstration in operational settings.

4. How to Apply:

Organizations and companies interested in joining LEADS should submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) with:

- A short description of your organization, including your expertise and experience.
- Details of your Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe-funded CCUS project, including:
 - Project title and funding program
 - A brief summary of key R&D results and outcomes and future perspectives

The applications should be concise, with a maximum of **2 pages**.

Email your application to r.conti@ciaotech.com using the subject line: "**LEADS Call for Interest - [Organization Name]**".

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