

IEAGHG Information Paper; 2013-IP7: Influence of IEAGHG and Other Technology-Oriented Agreements

Background: 'Interest Mediation and Policy Formulation in the European Union', PhD Thesis by Olga Schenk, IEK-STE)

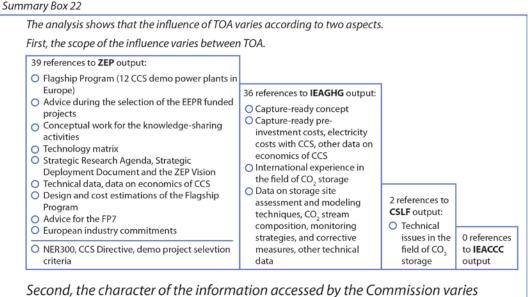
A recently published PhD thesis analyses and evaluates the influence of various Technology-Oriented Agreements (TOA) on European Policy relating to CCS. Broadly speaking, IEAGHG appear in a very good light within this piece of work, and this IP aims to summarise the work and highlight the positive outlook for IEAGHG in the future.

The thesis summarised our membership, activities and input as follows:

The IEAGHG can be considered as complex due to the large number of members and the large variety of represented interests. The IEAGHG can also be considered as organised due to the internal function and issue-specific differentiation and coordination via the Executive Committee.

The thesis uses analysis of methodology and organisational procedure, along with an assessment of impact on policy and technology developments. IEAGHG were classes as very influential in this analysis, and in comparison to other TOA's assessed (CSLF, ZEP and IEACCC) IEAGHG were classed as having the highest resource autonomy and strategic autonomy. We are shown to attract various resources on a predictable basis, underlining our reputation as a valued research organisation, and we have demonstrated the ability to diversify work deliverables and enhancing our target groups.

The summary shown below, demonstrates the influence of IEAGHG, and clarifies that IEAGHG are seen by the European Commission as a source of technical expertise, and only ZEP) of the 4 TOA's included) are seen as policy prescriptive. This underlines IEAGHG's aim to be policy relevant, but not policy prescriptive and confirms that we are achieving this goal.



Second, the character of the information accessed by the Commission varies between TOA. The Commission considers both the international (the CSLF, IEAGHG) and the European (ZEP) TOA as a source of technical expertise whereas policy recommendations are provided only by the Europan stakeholders (ZEP).

This only gives a brief introduction to the topic of the thesis and the outcomes, for copies of the thesis, please contact Olga Schenk, <u>o.schenk@fz-juelich.de</u>

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