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### NEWS

#### **Brussels:** Revised EU legislation can foster mass replication of electric bus success stories

Buses carry around half of all public transport passengers, accounting for around 8% of the EU's transport emissions. The EU-funded ZeEUS project ran demonstrations of zero-emission buses in several European cities. The results were encouraging for the wider deployment of zero emission buses and should form the basis for stronger policies in the ongoing revision of the CVD >>[Read more](#)

#### **Brussels:** IPCC Conference: Transport and cities key for decarbonisation

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change held a conference in Edmonton, Canada earlier this month to discuss recent findings and share insights on the topic of Cities and Climate Change. While cities currently host around half of the world's population, this share is set to grow to around 64-69% by 2050. This makes cities both a challenge and an opportunity in light of increasing climate impacts and carbon emissions. >>[Read more](#)

#### **US:** Will changes to the US Budget Act of 2018 incentivise CCS in the US?

CCS in the US has been primarily linked to enhanced oil recovery (EOR) as its main driver. The recently passed Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, however, includes a number of changes to the tax provisions which could prove to be a significant game changer for CCS developments in the US >>[Read more](#)

#### **Norway:** One electric car owner's cry for help from Norway's far northern reaches

Despite Norway's unflinching devotion to electric cars, which has made it the hungriest consumer of e-cars in Europe, the country's infrastructure for charging them has lagged in Norway's far northern Finnmark county. One resident of Kirkenes, on the Russian Norwegian border, got sick of waiting, and independently installed a charge station in the city's downtown on his own >>[Read more](#)

#### **Russia:** By Bellona's measure, Russia's Year of Ecology might not have been such a flop

As Russia's Year of Ecology ended on December 31, and the Kremlin's year-long drive to put environmental issues first in 2017 drew to a close, assessments called it out for being a cynical joke. Instead, milestones emerge from the momentum created by mid-level officials, local governments, concerned businesses and a Norwegian environmental organization called Bellona. >>[Read more](#)

### ON THE BELLONA AGENDA

#### **Building greener and more liveable cities: the role of zero emission construction sites** 23 May, Brussels

This event, co-hosted by MEP Seb Dance and Bellona, will gather policy-makers, companies, and NGOs in a common dialogue to build among best practices in Norway. Representatives from the city of Oslo will discuss policies, solutions, barriers and lessons learnt for going towards zero emission construction sites >>[Read more and register here](#)

### EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS

#### **Publication:** Virtuous climate ambitions, virtual solutions: Precarious delivery of industrial CO2 capture & storage projects in Norway

This policy brief looks at the role of Norway's CCS projects and their possible effects on roll-out of CCS projects in Europe. The brief is partly a response to a report by consultancy Atkins on the Norwegian CCS project, which has several major shortcomings and is therefore not suitable as a basis for a Norwegian decision on investment in a full-scale CCS value chain. >>[Read more](#)

#### **Publication:** How EU Member States roll-out electric-mobility: Electric charging infrastructure in 2020 and beyond

This briefing by the Platform for Electro-Mobility analyses the current and planned future roll-out of EV charging infrastructure in European Member States, based governments' plans (National Policy Frameworks) submitted to the European Commission as part of the implementation of the EU Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive. >>[Read more](#)

#### **Event:** Lecture on CCS at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 6-7 April

Bellona's Marko Maver, Project Manager on CCS, will be giving a 10-hour lecture for students at the University of Ljubljana studying EU Environmental Policy and International Protection of the Environment. He will detail the technicalities of CCS and its existing policy framework and outline the role of electro-mobility, showcasing the work of Bellona

#### **Publication:** Reaction Paper on the Clean Vehicles Directive recast

This paper calls on the European Parliament and Member States to build upon the Commission's proposal and deliver a bolder text with higher procurement targets and broader scope, while ensuring that this does not lead to a reduction of the level and quality of public transport services. >>[Read more](#)