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Member States must annually report in detail on ongoing CO₂ capture, storage and transport projects within their territories, alongside the corresponding needs for injection and storage capacities¹. In line with Regulation (EU) 2024/1735², from 2026 onwards, compliance plans submitted by the obligated entities to the Commission will also become public. Transparency on those reports will be important information for industry to take investment decisions regarding the capture of CO₂, but also for the planning of the transport infrastructures. On this basis, each year, the Commission will also assess the progress in demand for CO₂ storage capacity and other related projects with a first report scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025.

By 31 December 2028 the Commission shall, on the basis of the reports, assess the relationship between the demand for injection capacity from CO₂ capture projects and the main infrastructure needed for the transport of CO₂ in progress or planned to be operational by 2030 and the sum of the individual contributions of the entities in relation to the production activities on the territory of a given Member State. In addition, the Commission is preparing a proposal for a regulatory framework that will address the market and regulatory barriers for the deployment of CO₂ transport infrastructures and storage sites.

Finally, the integration of the European Economic Area (EEA) will be determined in the process of incorporating Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 into the EEA agreement considering the EEA relevance of the legislation.

¹ Published here: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/industrial-carbon-management/eus-2030-carbon-storage-target_en#member-states-reports-under-article-21-of-the-nzia-regulation.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1735/oj/eng>.