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How climate-friendly transport of captured CO₂ to underground storage is depends on several factors, including the distance between the capture and the storage site and the mode of transport chosen. Operators have an interest to reduce climate impacts as transport of CO₂ is fully covered by the EU Emission Trading System (ETS). In line with the Industrial Carbon Management Strategy, 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.

By July 2025, all 44 obligated entities have notified their compliance plans to the Commission. The obligated entities do not disclose the timing of their Final Investment Decisions (FIDs). The Commission expects that the obligated entities will meet their legal obligations. Furthermore, the number of CO₂ storage permit applications in Member States has been rising since 2024.