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The Commission is currently preparing a legislative proposal for adoption at the end of 2026 on CO₂¹ Markets and Infrastructure. The proposal will include rules for developing an internal market for CO₂.

In terms of liability, under the Emissions Trading System (ETS) liability for the CO₂ under their control is assigned to each value chain actor. For emitters that capture CO₂, there is indeed a commercial risk in case CO₂ transport and CO₂ storage services are not available, that they need to take into account. This risk is expected to reduce with the development of a more diversified, competitive storage market.

With the Innovation Fund the Commission is financially de-risking 60 Industrial Carbon Management projects with more than EUR 6 billion in committed grants that cover both investment and operational expenditures for CO₂ services. Support to carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) projects is also discussed in context of the announced Industrial Decarbonisation Bank.

¹ Carbon dioxide.