



## Public information issues related to the legislation process

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## Public information issues

Informing about the process: making legislation from the EU Directive to national legislation

Informing on the process: regulatory issues

“As soon as possible”: the public is the main stakeholder



Direct involvement



Trust, fairness, honesty, respect



## Available official documents

- The European Directive
- The EC Guidance Documents on the Directive
- GCCSI and Scottish Government Regulatory toolkit
- Drafts of legislation at national level...





## Looking onto the legislation process

- We can look at the legislation process, from the EU Directive, to the national legislation, down to specific agreements at local level
- As to a number of steps, which, one after the other create the legal conditions for CO<sub>2</sub> storage to happen
- The sequence and characteristics of these steps will influence and affect the final result





→ Public information is part of this legislation process and the final outcome of the process will be influenced by the way public information has been considered all along the process





## The situation with CCS

- Lack of knowledge and awareness
- Low or non-existing input at societal level
- Those countries, like Germany, who have at the moment a conflicting situation might be better placed than those countries where no exchange is taking place
- Debate at social level gives more solid foundations to the legislation, once it is adopted





- This means we have a “fragile” process, since it is the expression of a top layer of society in the absence of awareness on the part of the majority of society
- Therefore regulators should be even more, particularly, careful in considering public interest while in the process of creating the new legislation
- Then they could probably face public information issues more easily





## Critical stages

- Permits
- Monitoring
- Transfer of responsibilities





## Conclusions

- Attention to the process as a whole: incorporate public perspectives, put public interest first
- Awareness of fragility: increase exchange opportunities on the legislation process and outcomes, improvement is always possible

