



# ENOS

Enabling Onshore CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

**Spring School announcement**  
**Advanced course on geological storage of carbon**

## **ENOS 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring School on CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage**

***Date & place: May, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Hontomin, Spain***

The overall objective of this *ENOS Spring School on CCS in Spain* is to communicate knowledge, understanding of CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage and aspects of CO<sub>2</sub> that is required to respond to our climate is warming at an alarming and unprecedented rate, and we have an urgent duty to respond and meet the growing demand for near zero emission. In this pursue special emphasis will be placed on the European context.

- **Students shall arrive Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> noon or early afternoon**
- **Transfer Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> afternoon to Sotopalacios Hostal, Sotopalacios city, near Burgos and Hontomin.**
- **Departure from Hontomin Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> morning and arrival Madrid early afternoon**



**Hontomín Technology Development Plant, Northern Spain**

**Programme of Study:** The *ENOS Spring School on CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage* shall provide the theoretical and practical knowledge on CCS based on recent international research and development work. Vital elements are:

- *Climate change*
- *CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage aspects*
  - *identifying, mapping and completing geological storage sites for the CO<sub>2</sub>*
  - *aquifers, enhanced oil and gas recovery*
  - *multiple underground usage, storage without compromising other operations*
- *Assessment of storage capacity*
- *Safety precautions and consideration, information strategy*
- *Injection*
- *Numerical and Analytical Modelling approach*
- *Monitoring and reporting guidelines*
- *Public awareness and involvement to research and deployment*

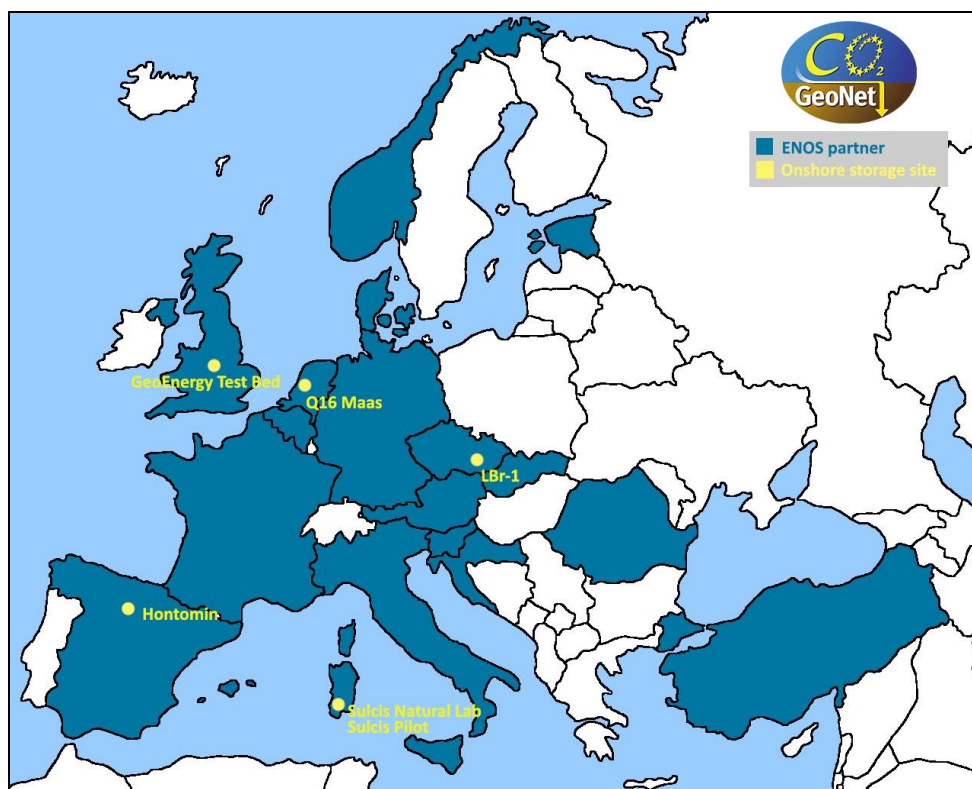
The thematic approach will be lectures, exercises, colloquia, study groups and a storage site visit. Compendia, articles or other material covering most lectures that will be made available to the students during the course.

**The ENOS project (ENabling ONshore CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Europe) - that unites almost 30 research institutes was launched in September 2016. The main objectives of the European Horizon 2020 project are to increase field experience relevant to geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, refine techniques and tools used for site selection and monitoring and to advance communication between science and society on the geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>. The project will run until August 2020.**

ENOS strives to enhance the development of CO<sub>2</sub> storage onshore, close to CO<sub>2</sub> emission points. Several field pilots in various geological settings will be studied in detail and best practices that stakeholders can rely on will be produced. In this way, ENOS will help demonstrate that CO<sub>2</sub> storage is safe and environmentally sound and increase the confidence of stakeholders and the public in CCS as a viable mitigation option.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> injection testing**

Several onshore research sites will serve to test CO<sub>2</sub> injection. At the storage pilot of Hontomin in Spain, 10,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected into a limestone rock layer at a depth of 1,500 m. Key parameters will be studied in order to monitor the evolution of the geological reservoir and to demonstrate that the storage operations have no negative impact on the environment. Innovative injection strategies, designed to optimise storage whilst guaranteeing site safety in the short and long term, will also be tested.



Tests at two other sites will allow project partners to improve techniques to detect CO<sub>2</sub> in the subsurface so that, in the unlikely case that CO<sub>2</sub> leakage were to occur, smaller amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> could be identified more quickly. Such in-situ experiments will also help provide ground truthing for leakage simulations in two different geological settings, one in a shallow aquifer and the other along a fault plane. The first site, an initiative of the University of Nottingham and the British Geological Survey, is a field laboratory near Nottingham, UK, called the ‘GeoEnergy Testbed’, and the second is the ‘Sulcis Fault Lab’, located in Sardinia, Italy.

An additional two proposed pilot storage sites, LBr-1 in the Czech Republic and Q16 Maas in the Netherlands, complete the ENOS test site portfolio.

### **220 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> already safely stored worldwide**

To meet the ambitious target set out in the Paris Agreement to keep the temperature rise well below 2°C, all the tools available for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, including CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), are needed to meet the challenge.

CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage (CCS) is identified by the IPCC as a key climate-change mitigation technology, and in the 2015 Paris Agreement, international leaders agreed to curb the global temperature rise to 2°C above the era prior to mass industrialization, with an aspiration to limit this to 1.5°C. The world has already warmed by around 1°C over the past century, feeling sea level rises, heatwaves, storms and the decline of vulnerable ecosystems such as coral reefs.

The more ambitious 1.5°C goal would require a precipitous drop in greenhouse emissions triggered by a rapid phase-out of fossil fuels. CCS involves the capture of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), compression of this CO<sub>2</sub> into a dense liquid form, and its injection deep underground into reservoir pore space usually in saline formations or depleted hydrocarbon fields. From the 1990s onwards, CCS has been

seriously considered and studied as an essential method of reducing emissions to the atmosphere, by which carbon extracted from underground in the form of gas, oil and coal is returned to the deep subsurface in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>.

CCS is currently the only technology that can greatly reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil-fuel-based power stations and other industrial processes such as oil refining and steel and cement manufacture.

It is clear that support for demonstration projects, which are now close to a final investment decision (FID), is extremely important to the future of CCS in Europe. In Spain, CIUDEN (an ENOS partner), is currently undertaking a pilot-scale injection project at Hontomín and if financial investment is obtained, larger, demonstration-scale storage will take place.

Today, after more than 25 years of CCS research, 15 industrial-scale projects are in operation worldwide, with a further six scheduled to join these and 17 new projects currently in preparation. To date, some 220 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> has been safely stored underground. However, this represents only a small step (0.2 %) towards international 2050 targets. The International Energy Agency (IEA) recommends increasing this volume to 90 Gt of CO<sub>2</sub> stored by 2050, in addition to using all other low-carbon options, in order to keep global warming to the 1.5°C maximum defined by the Paris Agreement that was ratified on 4 November 2016.



**ENOS** (ENabling ONshore CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Europe) project, coordinated by BRGM (France), was launched in September 2016 and will last for four years. It unites 29 organisations across 17 countries, and is financed by the European Union's H2020 programme with a budget of 12.5 M€ as well as partners' and national funds. ENOS is an initiative of CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet, the European Network of Excellence on the geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> ([www.co2geonet.com](http://www.co2geonet.com)).



**CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet** is the European Network of Excellence on the Geological Storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, a not-for-profit Scientific Association. CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet is a multidisciplinary organization focused on CO<sub>2</sub> storage and independent of political, industrial or societal pressures. CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet's mission is driven by non-partisan and independent scientific objectives. CO<sub>2</sub>GeoNet joins together

leading research institutions in the field of CO<sub>2</sub> storage with 13 partners from 7 European countries with more than 300 experts, researchers and postgraduate students, forming an integrated interdisciplinary team of geoscientists and marine, aquatic and terrestrial bioscientists, meaning that the full range of research issues on the impact and security of CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage.

**The ENOS Spring School on CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage** will be open during one concentrated week – May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 with arrival and departure from Madrid on May 22<sup>nd</sup> after noon. Key lecturers will be available throughout the entire week, and – as appropriate – take active part in discussions, and otherwise be available upon students' request.

**Language:** The official language of the *ENOS Spring School on CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage* will be English. This implies that all lectures will be delivered in the English language.

**Target group:** The target group is young scientists, e.g. PhD students and post docs with background in geology, engineering, geotechnologies. Master students will be considered on free chairs.

**Selection and grants:** Students eligible to attend the *ENOS Spring School on CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage* will be selected upon qualifications that must be duly documented in the application.

The attendance will be free of charge. ENOS funding will be available for transport within Spain and for board. **However, the students themselves will carry direct expenses for travel to Madrid and back.**

In order to receive the *ENOS Studies Diploma* students have to attend the classroom sessions, and take active part in resolving of all exercises.

## **Due date and application**

The due date for submitting the application is by January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

### **Applicants are required to prepare:**

1. An application letter describing our interest in the course,
2. CV,
3. Recommendations from head of department, supervisor or mentor,
4. Applicant's email address.

The forms shall be sent electronically to:

Niels E. Poulsen, GEUS email: [nep@geus.dk](mailto:nep@geus.dk)

The forms must be received no later than **16 pm (CET) on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.**

Please mark the subject field in the mail: ENOS Spring School 2019

## **Why you must attend**

The goal is to provide students with diverse backgrounds a broad understanding of the issues surrounding CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage as an effective tool in a wide range of climate change mitigation options and encourage their active participation in this area.

The climate change issue is coined one of the most severe concerns of our time, and has brought leading nations into ambitious ventures in order to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The challenge is to provide enough power under a sustainable framework.

Up to now, no green energy source has been identified as being capable of providing very large quantities of “power on demand” at acceptable cost. Fossil fuels are prone to remain the prevalent primary energy source in the near future in Europe as well as the rest of the world. However, in

response to the climate change issue, the problem of increasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels must be resolved urgently.

In this endeavour it is expected that emerging carbon capture and storage (CCS) techniques will become part of the solution. CCS is one of the solutions to reduce carbon emissions and serves as a bridging technology towards a carbon free European energy market.

**The course will give an introduction to:** Global warming and climate change, greenhouse gases (methane, CO<sub>2</sub>...), sources, capture (focus on CO<sub>2</sub>), transport, trap types & storage options, coal seams, depleted hydrocarbon structures, enhanced recovery, deep saline aquifers.

Reservoir geology & rock properties, geological structure, rock type, cap rocks and reservoirs, mineralogy, porosity, permeability, capillary pressure and fluid distribution.

Basic reservoir concepts: Reservoir pressure, reservoir temperature, storage capacity estimation fluid flow through porous media.

Storage concept and mechanism: CO<sub>2</sub> plume, dissolution, diffusion, CO<sub>2</sub> solubility rate, mineralization, geochemical aspects, injection, pressure build up. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Economics, cost.

Monitoring, numerical modelling, leakage, verification and legislation. Environment, health & safety: Governing regulations, risk.



**The location of the Spring School will be at Hontomin, northern Spain (upper) Burgos a city in northern Spain and the historic capital of Castile (lower, left). Sotopalacios Hostal, Sotopalacios city (lower, right) will offer accommodation**

The Hontomin Technology Development Plant (TDP) for CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage, located close to the city of Burgos (Spain), is currently the only active onshore injection site in the European Union. It is managed by Fundacion Ciudad de la Energía (CIUDEN) and it has been recognised by the European Parliament as a key test facility.

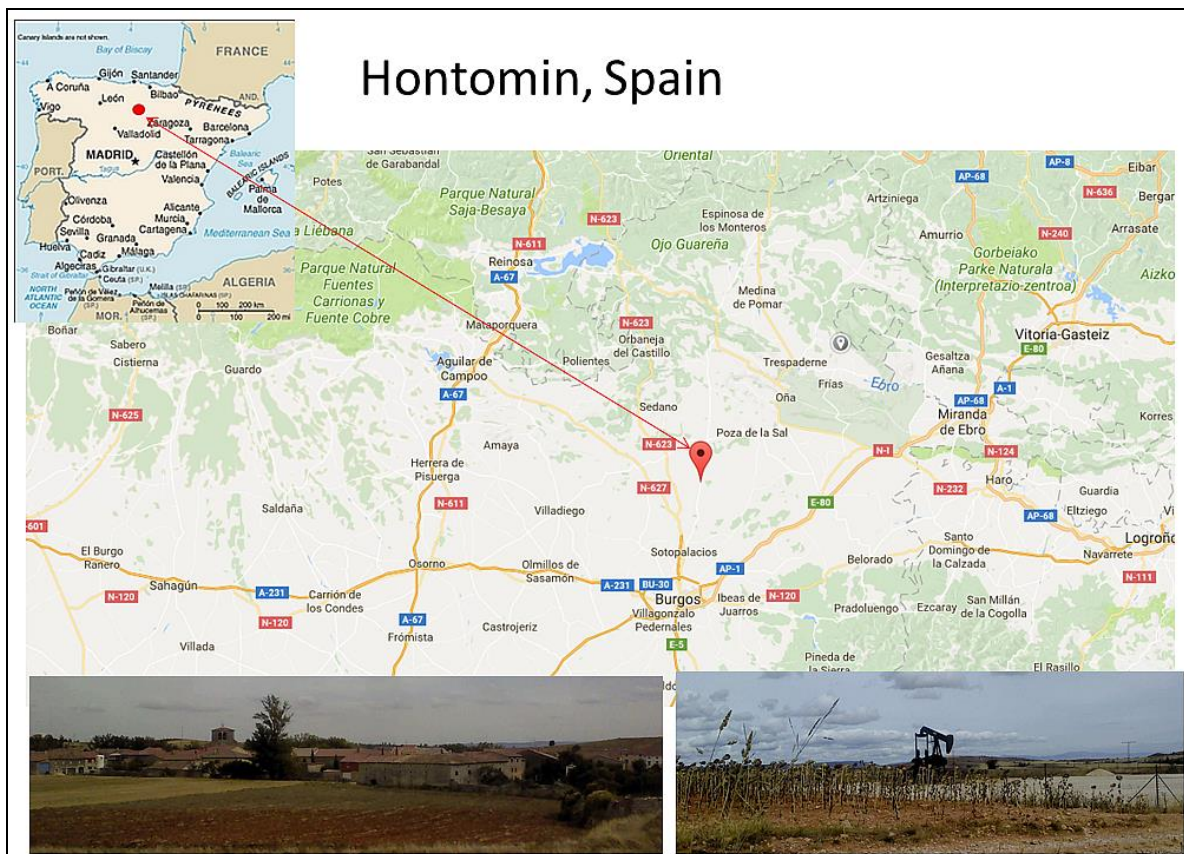
The principal reservoir/seal pair is formed by Lower Jurassic carbonate rocks (limestones and dolostones) sealed by marls and black shales. The rocks at around 1,500 m depth take the form of a structural dome, where the main seal is the Marly Lias and Pozazal Formations and the reservoir is

the Sopena Formation. The reservoir is compartmentalised into geological blocks, but this does not affect the seal integrity.

ENOS Spring School will provide the opportunity to see the Hontomin storage site, on-going research at the site, its laboratory and monitoring system ...

## Teachers

- Alexandra Dudu, GeoEcoMar [www.geoecomar.ro](http://www.geoecomar.ro)
- Carlos de Dios, CUIDEN [www.ciuden.es](http://www.ciuden.es)
- Fernanda de Mesquita L. Veloso, BRGM [www.brgm.fr](http://www.brgm.fr)
- Karen Kirk, BGS [www.bgs.ac.uk](http://www.bgs.ac.uk)
- Niels Poulsen, GEUS [www.geus.dk](http://www.geus.dk)



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