

# The value of ACT Mid-term review

The midterm review meeting for the ACT1 projects was held in the Netherlands on 11 and 12 June 2019. The meeting was a face to face evaluation moment for the large ACT granted projects (>3 M€ funding), [Pre-ACT](#), [Align-CCUS](#) and [Elegancy](#), after 18 months implementation. The project coordinators and work package leaders of the 3 projects, the invited members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and members of the funding organisations from Germany, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Turkey and United Kingdom attended the meeting.

Each of the 3 projects had a half-day review. The project coordinators and work package leaders of the projects presented the project progress, results, impact and challenges. Based on the presentations, the mid-term reports and the discussions, the SAC and the funding organisations gave feedback to the 3 project teams.

The meeting provided a good face-to-face communication moment for the project leaders presenting their progress, their hard-working on all the milestones and deliverables to the funding organizations. It was also a good opportunity for the funding organisations to ensure that the money is well spent in sound projects that meet the objectives of the ACT programme and national policy priorities and innovation strategies. The review meeting was experienced by all participants as a "meaningful" and "necessary" action.

The SAC and ACT team are pleased to see the great project progress and their overall conformity with initial objectives after 18 months of project implementation. ACT and the SAC encouraged the projects to keep up the good work, and noted that there are challenging times ahead, with only a bit more than a year towards finalisation.

Moreover, the Contract awarding of the 2nd Call of ACT (ACT2) will be published soon and such mid-term review will be certainly held for the large projects. However, small ACT2 projects (<3M€ funding) may also be invited for mid-term review. The review decision will be made in the Month 13 of project implementation. This procedure is defined in the ACT2 Monitoring Guidelines.