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CO2 storage plans excite international interest:

Austrian Federal Minister visits Greenport Scandinavia in Port of Hirtshals

Austrian Federal Minister of Finance Magnus Brunner and member of the German Bundestag Oliver Grundmann came to Hirtshals to hear about Greenport Scandinavia's ambitions to store CO2 in depleted oil and gas fields in the North Sea.

The efforts to establish Hirtshals as a hub for CO2 have been noticed both at home and abroad. Greenport Scandinavia has just hosted a visit from the Austrian Federal Minister of Finance Magnus Brunner, who made the journey to North Jutland after reaching out with a request to learn more about the project.

- Our top priority is to reduce CO2 emissions. However, some areas may not achieve 100% carbon neutrality. To keep industries from leaving Europe, we need a joint carbon management plan and big investments in infrastructure. Many experts see CO2 storage as vital because even with emission cuts, there'll still be some left. That's why projects like Greenport Scandinavia are so important for a greener future, explains Magnus Brunner.

The Austrian delegation was joined by German politician Oliver Grundmann, who is a member of the Bundestag and CDU fraction leader for CCS and hydrogen in Germany.

- From Germany's perspective, Denmark is an ideal partner for the storage of CO2: With its geological conditions, regulatory framework, safety standards and geographical proximity to Germany, the country offers ideal conditions for the cost-effective transportation of industrial CO2 emissions from Germany and the rapid development of the necessary infrastructure. Denmark is therefore a very important partner for Germany on the road to climate neutrality, says Oliver Grundmann.

During the visit, the carbon storage process was demonstrated with the so-called FluidFlower, which shows how CO2 is stored 2000 meters below the seabed in the North Sea. The visit also included an introduction to the Danish carbon capture and storage framework, the development of CO2 infrastructure in Denmark as well as the Greenport Scandinavia project and storage in the Greensand area.

The Port of Hirtshals welcomes the international interest in the CO2 storage activities:

- As part of Greenport Scandinavia, we are incredibly proud and happy that the project has also been noticed outside Denmark, and it has been a great pleasure to welcome the guests from both Austria and Germany. We hope the visit can contribute to paving the way for potential new partnerships or collaborations, as this is the way to go when it comes to the green transition and CO2 reduction on a large scale, says Per Holm Nørgaard, CEO at Hirtshals Havn, which is one of the partners in Greenport Scandinavia.



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In addition to the visit to Hirtshals, the delegation also visited the PtX plant at GrønGas in Hjørring and Greenport Scandinavia partner Aalborg Portland.



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