

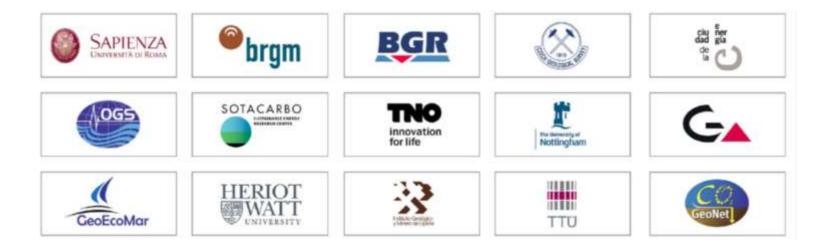
Enabling onshore storage...

Creating a favourable environment...



#### **ENOS WP5 – Coordination with local communities**

Core group partners: Sapienza University of Rome and Sotacarbo (Sulcis experimental site), CIUDEN (Hontomin pilot site), TNO (Rotterdam area), University of Nottingham (GeoEnergy TestBed experimental site)



#### The need for an «evolution»

- The issue of the so-called «public acceptance»
- Social isolation of highly complex technological developments
- Previous projects: from CO2GeoNet to R&Dialogue

- Evolve, Revolve, Revolution...
- · ...Connect... CO<sub>2</sub> Storage research to civil society

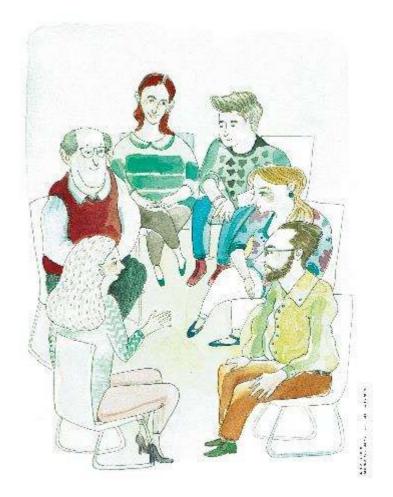
- ENOS research on how we can work together with members of the public
- Making Responsible Research and Innovation a concrete reality

# Creating opportunities to interact in a "circle mode": equal consideration of all points of view, dialogue and circular communication

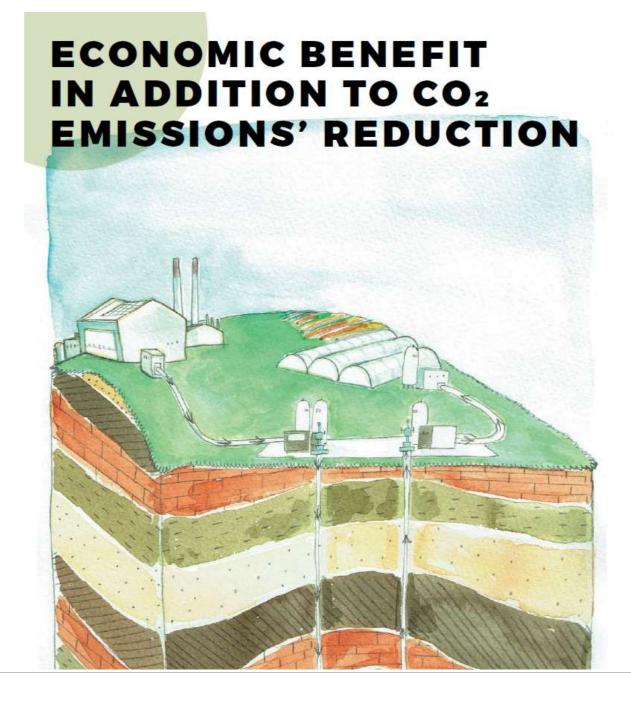


## **Objective**

- Coordinate technical work with the local communities':
  - Needs and perspectives
  - Fears
  - Expectations
  - Interests
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- By establishing a long term conversation with citizens
- To integrate societal requirements in the research process and in the design of onshore CO2 storage sites



The importance of identifying synergies





# Developing research with the contribution of members of the public

- · it's not just communication
- · It's not just public engagement
- · It's not just stakeholder involvement

Coordination with local communities

· It's establishing a dialogue to get onboard the contribution of members of the public for developing the research with sensitivity to social aspects

## Building a base for reciprocal understanding

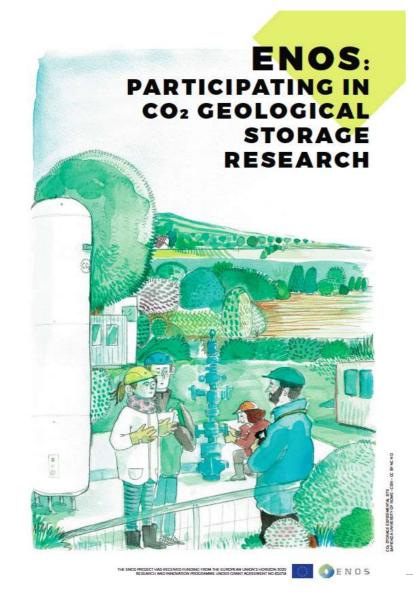
- 1. Exploring common grounds internally in the project
  - Explaining our work to the other researchers
  - What we want to communicate
  - · Language/jargon

- 2. Explaining the project and its context
  - Reasoning on our work having the population in mind



Coordination with local communities starts with multidisciplinary collaboration & coordination in the project

## D5.1 "Participating in CO2 Geological Storage Research"



Presentation of the project in lay terms

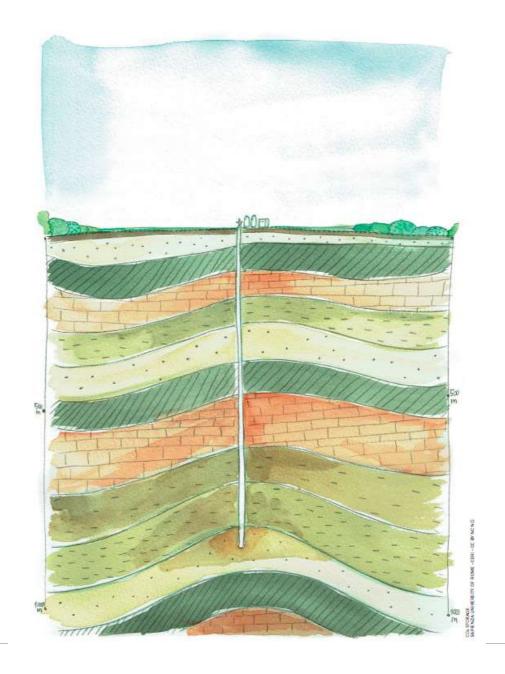
- Designed for the group work with citizens, as a starting point to enable their input in the best practices
- Created through a participative process, including feedback from members of the public
- Two parts:
- Putting ENOS research into context
- CO<sub>2</sub> storage issues addressed in ENOS

#### Verbal + visual communication

Artistic design

Easier approach to the technical topics through whuman» approach and feeling

Collaborative process between artist and researchers









#### People want to be part of it

- Timing for public and local communities involvement in CO2 storage projects requires a radical change of perspective: **«it's never too early»**
- Preparation for coordinating CO2 storage research with local communities is a complex process which includes a variety of tasks like:
  - · developing personal committment,
  - coordinating with the technical operations,
  - · loosening the knots of jargon and raising awareness of communication issues,
  - integrating multidisciplinary approaches,
  - · creating new pathways for specific communication challenges like images
  - and much more...

#### Humans need to connect to achieve higher goals

Setting goals which protect both collective and individual interests







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