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Coordinated by Axens, the four-year dynamX “Demonstration and Innovative Applications of the DMX™ Process” project was launched by partners ArcelorMittal France, IFP Energies nouvelles (IFPEN) and TotalEnergies in 2020. Supported by the French Investments for the Future Program led by ADEME, dynamX is aimed at studying the application potential of DMX™ technology, developed by IFPEN for the decarbonization of blast furnace gases to new types of industrial CO₂ emitters.

[CO₂ capture and storage \(CCS\) technologies](#) appear essential to reduce industrial CO₂ emissions and achieve carbon neutrality, particularly in France where such emissions account for more than 30% of overall emissions. According to the International Energy Agency, CCS should make it possible to reduce CO₂ emissions in the energy and processes sector by 5.6 Gt by 2050 within the context of a [Sustainable Development Scenario \(SDS\)](#).

Developed by IFPEN, the DMX™ process to be marketed by Axens uses a more effective solvent than reference amine-based processes, which are energy-intensive due to the solvent regeneration. This highly competitive technology should enable a 30% reduction in the cost of CO₂ capture. It is set

to be demonstrated on an industrial pilot facility constructed in modular form by Axens at the ArcelorMittal France site in Dunkirk, at the end of 2021, within the framework of the European H2020 “3D” project, final step prior the marketing of the process.

Map of industrial CO₂ emissions in France

In order to determine the potential avenues for rolling out the DMX™ process at industrial sites other than steelmaking (cement works, refineries, incinerators, etc.), the dinamX partners began by mapping the biggest CO₂ emitters across France.

CO₂ emissions for these industrial emitters were qualified (flows, impurities, pressure) in order to identify the sites for which application of the DMX™ process would be feasible. In addition, a regional analysis resulted in the creation of a CO₂ emissions dispersal index and the identification of two regions, Hauts-de-France and Normandy, where emissions could be grouped together in a CCS “hub”. 86 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions, among the least dispersed in France, could thus be treated each year via CCS, provided storage sites are available.

A new step for the dinamX project

A new step in the dinamX project is set to begin with the launch of a case study at the Réty limestone plant site (Hauts-de-France), operated by Lhoist, a Belgian company specializing in the production of limestone and Dolomite. A technical and economic study will be conducted in order to determine the quantity of CO₂ necessary to capture as well as the cost of using the DMX™ process.

”Lhoist's involvement in the project reflects our ambition to extend the application of DMX™ CO₂ capture technology to new CO₂ emitter sectors. This represents another step forward on the road to the decarbonization of industry”, says Christian Streicher, Gas Development Director at Axens.

“For Lhoist, the creation of hubs collecting CO₂ emissions from multiple industrial players is a fundamental model of collaboration that will underpin a carbon-neutral society. Contributing to the emergence of innovative techniques enabling individual emitters to capture, purify, collect and use or store their emissions is a highly mobilizing “adventure” , particularly working alongside our major commercial partners” , affirms Thierry Chopin, CO₂ Innovation VP, at Lhoist.



“The dinamX project is supported by the French Investments for the Future Program (PIA) led by ADEME” and the *Ressources Énergétiques* Carnot Institute.

>> For more information : [Reducing industrial CO₂ emissions: CO₂ capture and storage](#)

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