

Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)

## CHAPTER 1

### **SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

#### *Article 1*

#### **Subject matter and purpose**

- 1 This Directive establishes a legal framework for the environmentally safe geological storage of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) to contribute to the fight against climate change.
- 2 The purpose of environmentally safe geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> is permanent containment of CO<sub>2</sub> in such a way as to prevent and, where this is not possible, eliminate as far as possible negative effects and any risk to the environment and human health.