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# You have developed an innovative CO2-based product or established a disruptive technology for CO2 utilisation? Then seize your chance and apply for the innovation award "Best CO2 Utilisation 2020"

## For the second time in a row, nova-Institute and Covestro will award a prize to innovative products and technologies in the field of Carbon Capture & Utilisation (CCU) at the "Conference on Carbon Dioxide as Feedstock for Fuels, Chemistry and Polymers".

Over the last few years, several established companies and start-ups have launched CO2-based products or efficient utilisation technologies onto the market. Already more than 100 realised projects and undertakings for CO2 capture and utilisation underline the potential of this industry-driven innovation area. More and more stakeholders are investing in CCU and are planning or building additional pilot, demonstration and commercial plants for power-to-X, environmentally friendly fuels and CO2-based chemistry.

The innovation award “Best CO2 Utilisation 2020” gives these pioneers the chance to present and market their CO2-based product or CO2-based utilisation technology at one of the world’s leading and best-known conferences on the subject of CO2 as a raw material. As in 2019, more than 200 leading international experts are expected to attend.

nova-Institute, together with Covestro as the award sponsor, will provide innovators in the CCU area with the unique opportunity to market their CO2 capture or conversion technology, their CO2-based material or a corresponding product, which was launched or will be launched to the market in 2020. Producers and inventors are invited to hand over their free of charge application by end of January 2020.

Further information can be found here: [www.co2-chemistry.eu/award-application/](http://co2-chemistry.eu/award-application/)

The innovation award for the “Best CO2 Utilisation 2020” will be granted at the “8th Conference on Carbon Dioxide as Feedstock for Fuels, Chemistry and Polymers” which will take place on 24 and 25 March 2020 at the Maternushaus in Cologne, Germany – a well-established meeting point for companies working in the field of CO2-based fuels, chemicals and materials.

An independent jury of experts selects the “Top 6” candidates from all applications and nominates them as finalists. The nominees receive a free 2-day ticket to the conference. Here, the candidates present their innovations to the public in a ten-minute presentation. In addition, they have the opportunity to participate in a professional Covestro coaching session for their product presentation.

After the presentations, the audience will vote for the three winners of the innovation award “Best CO2 Utilisation 2020”. The winners will be honoured with the innovation award sponsored by Covestro during the festive dinner buffet on the evening of 24 March.

As a follow-up to the conference, nova-Institute will issue an international press release and use its wide-ranging communication channels to announce the winners.

Apply now and find out more:

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