



EU Hydrogen Valley Days

17 - 18 June 2024, The Hotel, Brussels

Boosting Europe's hydrogen economy through the implementation of Hydrogen Valleys



Draft Agenda

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In-person only; the event will be conducted in English

Day 1 - 17 June

9:00 – 10:00	Coffee and registration
10:00 – 10:20	SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTORY SESSION Chaired by Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
	Welcome Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
	Opening Address Marc Lemaître – Director General, DG RTD, European Commission
	Keynote Speech Arianna Censi – Member of the European Committee of the Regions
10:20 – 11:30	SESSION 2.1 – DEVELOPING THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY ACROSS EU REGIONS: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE The policy context Moderator: Mirela AtanasIU – HoU Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
	Introductory remarks: A Roadmap for Hydrogen Valleys in Europe Rosalinde van der Vlies – Clean Planet Director, DG RTD, European Commission
	Accelerating Progress - from working with the regions to Hydrogen Valleys Mirela AtanasIU – HoU Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen JU
	HyLand: Working with Regions in Germany Franz Lehner – Head of Division International Cooperation, NOW-GmbH
	Supporting the deployment of hydrogen economy in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region Hortense Lutz-Hermellin – Delegate of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region in Brussels





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	<p>State of play of Hydrogen Valleys in Europe Markus Kaufmann – Partner, Roland Berger</p>
11:30 – 12:00	COFFEE BREAK
12:00–13:30	<p>SESSION 2.2 – DEVELOPING THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY ACROSS EU REGIONS: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE Barriers, challenges, and success factor. Insights from practitioners Moderator: Antonio Aguilo- Rullan – Team Coordinator, Clean Hydrogen Partnership</p>
Speakers	<p>Presentations and panel debate with representatives of various Hydrogen Valleys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing cross-border hydrogen valleys Best practice from BalticSeaH2 Hydrogen Valley Jatta Jussila – CEO, CLIC Innovation • Small-scale Hydrogen Valley as enablers of a larger Hydrogen Economy Corinthia, Peloponnese Region, Greece, TRIERES Hydrogen Valley Konstantinos Chatzifotis – EU Affairs Manager, Motor Oil • Hydrogen valley in the Northern Netherlands HEAVENN Hydrogen Valley Geerte de Jong – Programme manager, New Energy Coalition • Hydrogen valleys in industrial hubs MadoquaPower2X, Sines Energy Hub, Portugal Daniel McArthur – Chief Financial Officer, MadoquaPower2X • Developing a Hydrogen Economy in the Pomerania Region AMBER Hydrogen Valley, Poland Grzegorz Józwiak – Director, Hydrogen and Synthetic Fuels, ORLEN S.A • Hydrogen Valleys around Port areas H2BE Hydrogen Valley, Belgium Cyril Harry – Head of Gas Asset Regulation & Analysis, Engie
	Q&A
13:30 – 14:30	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:30 – 15:30	<p>SESSION 3 – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO ACCELERATE THE UPTAKE OF HYDROGEN PROJECTS ACROSS EUROPEAN REGIONS Moderator: Jeroen Schuppers – DG RTD, European Commission</p>
Speakers	<p>Presentations and panel debate with regions and cities participating in the Clean Hydrogen Project Development Assistance (PDA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Hölzinger – Managing Director, Spillet • Bogdan Ovidiu Varga – Professor at Automotive Engineering and Transportation Department, Faculty of Mechanics, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania • Kristijan Adamlje – Technical Assistant at the Just Transition and Projects Department, Central Sava Region, Slovenia • Paul McCormack – CEO, Hydrogen Ireland, Valentia Island, Ireland





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katarina Sasarakova – Project manager for Hydrogen Technologies, Košice Self-governing Region, Slovakia
	Q&A
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 17:00	<p>SESSION 4 – STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATIONAL/REGIONAL RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMMES Moderator Bernd Biervert – Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission</p>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Hauschildt – Managing Director, White Research Ketty Segatti, Central Director for special initiatives in research & innovation, ESF+ Regional Programme Managing Authority of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy Lora Yosifova – Head of sector, Program Research, Innovation and digitalization for smart transformation, General Directorate European Funds for Competitiveness, Ministry of Innovation and Growth of Republic of Bulgaria Vesna Kučan Polak – Director for business development and new technologies sector, Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency
	Panel Debate, Q&A
17:00 – 17:20	<p>SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CLEAN HYDROGEN PARTNERSHIP AND REGIONAL/NATIONAL MANAGING AUTHORITIES Chaired by Rosalinde van der Vlies – Clean Planet Director, DG RTD, European Commission</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoC between Clean Hydrogen Partnership and the Ministry of Innovation and Growth of the Republic of Bulgaria Signed by Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, and Veselina Mincheva, Deputy Minister MoC between Clean Hydrogen Partnership and the Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency Signed by Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, and Marijan Krpan, President of the Management Board MoC between Clean Hydrogen Partnership and ESF+ Managing Authority and ERDF Managing Authority of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region Signed by Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, Ketty Segatti – Director of European Social Fund Plus and Other EU Funds Office, Central Directorate for Labour, Training, Education and Family, and Lino Vasinis – Director of the EU Funds Management Office, Central Directorate for Finance
17:20 - 17:30	<p>Closing of the first day Rosalinde van der Vlies – Clean Planet Director, DG RTD, European Commission</p>
17:30 – 19:00	NETWORKING & DRINKS





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Day 2 - 18 June

9:00 – 9:30	COFFEE & REGISTRATION
9.30-9.45	Intro and key take-aways from day 1 Mirela Atanasiu – HoU Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
9:45 – 11:15	SESSION 5.1 – FINANCING FOR HYDROGEN VALLEYS Boosting the funding for Hydrogen Valleys Supported by TechTour <i>Moderator: Christian Weinberger – Senior Adviser - Green Hydrogen</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antoine Hamon – Lhyfe's Operations Director, Lhyfe • Geert Tjarks – Director Hydrogen - Large storage and hydrogen business area Wasserstoff, EWE • Jesús Ramón Asensio – representative of Castilla-La Mancha's Government in Brussels • Nienke Homan – Impact Hydrogen • Isidoro Tapia – Senior Energy Economist, Climate Office in the Operations Directorate, European investment Bank
11:15 – 11:45	COFFEE BREAK
11:45 – 13:00	SESSION 5.2 – FINANCING FOR HYDROGEN VALLEYS Increasing financing for start-ups and scale-ups in Hydrogen Valleys Supported by TechTour <i>Moderator: William Stevens – Group Managing Director of Tech Tour</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedro Guedes de Campos – Director Business Development H2 and eSAF, Smartenergy • Aivars Starikovs – Chairman, H2LV • Karina Angelieva – Strategy Advisor, Freelance • Philipp Glonner – CEO, Arthurbus • Carmen Font – Managing Director, Font Corporation
13:00 – 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:00 – 15:15	SESSION 6 – DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROGEN VALLEY PROJECTS: THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY Supported by Hydrogen Europe <i>Moderator: Katarina Muse – Regional Pillar and Skills Manager at Hydrogen Europe</i>





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Speakers	<p>Setting the scene: Louis Sentis – President, P3 energy solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivia Infantes Morale – Regulatory Affairs Director - Hydrogen and Clean Power, CEPESA • Florian Chapalain – European Public Affairs Manager, Ballard Europe • Andrea Antenucci – Hydrogen Business Development Manager, Snam • Florentin de Loppinot – CEO, TEAL Mobility • Christopher Frey – Head of Public Affairs, Sunfire
15:15 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK
15:45 – 17:00	<p>SESSION 7 – SKILLS</p> <p>Supported by Hydrogen Europe Research <i>Moderator: Ludwig Jörissen – Board member of Hydrogen Europe Research, Head of department fuel cell fundamentals, Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Württemberg (ZSW)</i></p>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikolaos Ntavos – Co-Founder and Manager at CluBE-Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia • Velaug Myrseth Oltedal – Associate Professor at the Western University of Applied Sciences in Norway • Lorenzo Squintani – Wubbo Ockels School for Energy and Climate, University of Groningen • Sile Brennan – Hydrogen Safety expert, Ulster University • Clement Maury – Coordinator of GReenSKHy project, Afpa Grand Est
17:00	<p>CONCLUSIONS & CLOSING OF THE EVENT</p> <p>Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership</p>

