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EHSP: European Hydrogen Safety Panel



Background

European Hydrogen Safety Panel (EHSP)



A brief timeline

• In 2006 and 2009 NoE HySafe was suggesting an activity for sharing lessons learned and hydrogen safety experience across project boundaries and to maintain this expertise eventually even beyond program terms.



• In 2014 the International Association for Hydrogen Safety HySafe proposed the installation of a safety panel to the Executive Director and Governing Board of the FCH JU.



 After several discussions about formal aspects, terms of reference, vision, mission, mandates, etc. the European Hydrogen Safety Panel was launched by the FCH 2 JU in 2017.





Vision // Strategic Role

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Reflecting the FCH 2 JU vision

- Hydrogen plays a key role in the Energy System constituting a safe and sustainable Energy Carrier.
- Hydrogen is an enabler of the Energy Transition towards a decarbonized system.



EHSP ROLE: to provide within FCH-JU **independent safety expertise**, **objective information**, **education and training** in different forms for various groups of stakeholders and support the anticipated upscaling of hydrogen energy application.



Mission, Objectives and Corresponding Activities

European Hydrogen Safety Panel (EHSP)



The EHSP assist the FCH 2 JU both at programme and at project level

- in assuring that hydrogen safety is adequately managed, and
- to promote and disseminate hydrogen safety culture



Activities structured in **4 Task Forces**



TF1
Project
level



TF2
Program
level



TF3
Data
Collection



TF4
Public
Outreach



Scope of Activities

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The EHSP assist the FCH 2 JU both at programme and at project level. Activities are grouped in the 4 pillars and organised in Task Forces (TF)

TF1 Support at Project level



- Coordination of a package of measures to avoid any accident by integrating safety learning, expertise and planning into FCH2 JU funded project.
- e.g. Safety plans review, in-situ reviews, courses, data collection/ monitoring ...

TF2 Support at Programme level



- answering urgent questions, short introductions to hydrogen safety

- provision of specific guidelines (collecting inputs from projects)

- ...

TF3 Data collection and assessment



- Support to HIAD Hydrogen Incidents and Accidents Database
- Analysis of existing events, derive lessons learned and provide recommendations, collaboration with similar activities of the US DoE and EIGA...

TF4 Public Outreach



- Development of a comprehensive outreach, education and training programme for the safety component of FCH2 JU projects
- Newsletter and website, containing the lessons learned and links



Current EHSP Members – the Pool of Experts

European Hydrogen Safety Panel (EHSP)







Outcomes: Safety Planning Guidance Document

Products and Services of the EHSP









FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING (FCH 2 JU)

SAFETY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT IN HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS PROJECTS - GUIDANCE DOCUMENT 17 September 2021

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Outcomes: Workshops

Products and Services of the EHSP Safety of Electrolysis //

Safe Storage of Hydrogen // Safety at the Hydrogen Laboratory







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ONLINE WORKSHOP

Safety at the hydrogen laboratory



Sharing best practices for safe layout and operation of laboratories with a significant inventory of hydrogen

An online webinar organised by the European Hydrogen Safety Panel (EHSP) and the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU), in cooperation with ...



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Outcomes: Assessment and lessons learnt from HIAD 2.0

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Statistics, lessons learnt and recommendations from analysis of HIAD 2.0 – Hydrogen Incidents and Accidents Database

20 October 2020

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Table 1: HIAD 2.0 events classified by consequence and operation mode

	Number events by consequence					
Total number	Explasions	Jet fires		Unignited		No hydrogen
events				hydrogen release		release
424	238	117		55		14
	Number events by operational mode					
	Normal operation		Outsi	de normal		Unclear
	0		ор	eration		
	299			113		12

Table 2: HIAD 2.0 events classified by industry sector

Sector	Number of events by sector
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Chemical/ Petrochemical industry	259
Hydrogen transport and distribu-	
tion	43
Nuclear power plant	23
Laboratory / R&D	15
Power generation	13
Hydrogen production	10
Aerospace	5
Entertainment	3
Hydrogen-powered vehicle	2
Stationary fuel cell	0
Other/Unknown	
Other	34
Total	461

Finally, Table 3 lists the number of events according to causes. It should be noted that some events had multiple causes.

Table 3: HIAD 2.0 events classified by causes

Cause	Number of events by causes
System design error	126
Material/ manufacturing error	127
Installation error	38
Job factors	98
Individual/ human factors	94
Organization and management factors	158



Outcomes: Support at Programme Level

Products and Services of the EHSP

Emergency Crisis Management // Collaboration: EHSP-USHSP // ICHS







Outcomes: Public Outreach

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Communication Strategy // Website // FAQs // TIM // KEY MESSAGES







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Communication strategy 2020-2024

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1. Hydrogen will play an essential role in energy systems as a clean and sustainable energy carrier. 2. To bring the benefits of hydrogen to society, hydrogen technologies must be safely developed and used

2. To bring the benefits of hydrogen to society, hydrogen technologies must be safely developed and used across a variety of applications and sectors.

3. Hydrogen systems can be as safe as systems based on conventional energy carriers, provided the specific incomments of hydrogen and the hydrogen system are properly addressed. Expressed in the interpolation and operation of nyaragen systems.

5. The EHSP provides impartial expertise and objective information to relevant stakeholders, including the public,
5. The EHSP supports stakeholders on issues related to hydrogen safety, including general advice, safety reviews, and accident investigations.

7. The EHSP supports and promotes the development of strong safety cultures in organisations engaged in



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Call for expression of interest open





