

Driving Europe's Competitiveness and Market Uptake with R&I in Clean Hydrogen Technologies

Day 1 - 2 October 2025 | Thon Hotel EU, Brussels

09:30 – 10:00 | Registration (onsite)

10:00 – 10:30 | Opening

- Welcome remarks – Valerie Bouillon-Delporte, Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- Keynote speech – Dr. Danica Maljković, Chair of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership Governing Board
- Keynote speech – Elena Martines – Member of Cabinet, EU Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation of the European Commission

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 | Fostering innovation to build a competitive and sustainable clean hydrogen ecosystem

Setting the scene: Mirela Atanasiu, Head of Unit Operations and Communication, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Moderation: Pere Margalef Valldeperez, Director of Decarbonization Technologies, SNAM and industry representative of the Governing Board, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Panel discussion with:

- Nicolas Brahy, General counsel, public affairs and ESG Director, Hy24
- Tom Houghton, Partner, ERM
- Johanna Leisling, VP Commercial, Hydropulse (part of ITM group)
- Julie Mougin, Deputy Director for Hydrogen Technologies, CEA - DES/LITEN
- Alice Ruczinski, Director of Public Funding, Lhyfe

12:00 – 13:45 | Lunch break

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13:45 – 15:30 | Clean Hydrogen Partnership – Unleashing the Power of Synergies

Setting the scene – JU work on synergies: Renata Kadric, Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Part 1: Institutional Synergies: The value of joining forces on a joint goal in Innovation & Research

Moderation: Beatrice Coda, Head of Unit Clean Energy Transitions, DG RTD, European Commission

Panel Discussion with:

- Ian Faye, Director for Public Funding - Power Solutions & Electrified Motion, Robert Bosch and industry representative of the Governing Board, Clean Hydrogen Partnership & 2Zero partnership
- Jaap Gebraad, Waterborne Secretary-General
- Stefanie Hiesinger, Head of Unit, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- Axel Krein, Executive Director CAJU
- Nils Røkke, SINTEF, Chair of the Stakeholders Group, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Part 2: Funding Synergies: Combining funding for accelerating the development of local ecosystems and bridging the gap to overcome the valley of death

Moderation: Mirela Atanasiu, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Panel Discussion with:

- Tudor Constantinescu, Principal Adviser, DG Energy, European Commission
- Konstantinos Chatzifotis, EU Affairs Manager of Motor Oil Group & Trieres Valley representative
- Richard Ferrer, Head of Innovation and Alternative Fuels sector, CINEA
- Wolfgang Münch, Senior Expert, DG REGIO – Smart and Sustainable Growth, European Commission

15:30-15:45 | Keynote speech – Fotini Ioannidou, Director, Waterborne Transport, DG MOVE European Commission

15:45 – 16:00 | Coffee break

16:00 – 16:45 | Skill, upskill, reskill: 360 degrees

Setting the scene – Alberto Garcia Hombrados, Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Moderation by Viviana Cigolotti, Head of Division Technologies and Vectors for Decarbonization, ENEA

Panel Discussion with:

- Andrei Bunis, DG Employment, European Commission
- Christina Louw, Senior Energy Analyst, Green Cape, IPHE Skills Task Force
- Nikolaos Ntavos, Co-Founder and Manager at CluBE
- Robert Steinberger-Wilckens, Coordinator of the European Hydrogen Academy (HyAcademy.eu), University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, and also Director of the Centre for Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Research at the University of Birmingham

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16:45 – 17:30 | High-level discussion: Make Europe a Hydrogen Champion (Again) – What's next?

Moderation: Valerie Bouillon-Delporte, Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Video address: Christian Ehler, MEP

Panel Discussion with:

- Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation (RTD), European Commission
- Dr Danica Maljković, Chair of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership Governing Board
- Luigi Crema, President of Hydrogen Europe Research

17:30 – 17:45 | Closing

- Valerie Bouillon Delporte, Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO, Hydrogen Europe

17:45 – 19:30 | Networking Reception

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Accelerating Green Growth: EU Start-ups Driving Clean Hydrogen Solutions

Day 2 - 3 October 2025 | Thon Hotel, Brussels

09:30 – 10:00 | Welcome coffee , registration for the second day participants only

10:00 - 10:10 Introduction, setting the scene: Mirela Atanasiu, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

10:10 – 11:30 “Success stories: Start-ups take the floor”

Moderation by Antonio Aguillo Rullan, the Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Panel discussion:

- Andreas Boden, SVP & CTO, PowerCell
- Andrés Galnares, Founder and CEO of H2Site
- Florence Lambert, CEO, Genvia
- Daniel Sobek, Co-Founder and CEO, 1s1 Energy

11:30 – 13:00 “Go to market” – what’s next?

Moderation by Marco Molica Colella, R&D Manager, Hydrogen Europe

Panellists:

- Carmen Font, CEO, Font Corporation
- Nawid Hemmesi, Policy Officer, Taskforce on Start-ups & Scale-ups, DG Research & Innovation
- Fabio Lancellotti, Partner, Aster (VC)
- Carina Faber, EIC Programme Managers for renewable fuels and chemicals, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)
- Christian Weinberger, Adviser to TechTour

13:00 | Closing notes: Valerie Bouillon Delporte, Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership

13:00 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch