

EU Hydrogen Innovation Forum

27-28 October 2026, Brussels

AGENDA

From Innovation to Impact: Clean Hydrogen for Europe's Competitiveness

Day 1 Tuesday, 27 October 2026

14:00 - 14:30	Opening Session - Clean Hydrogen Innovation as Europe's Competitive Edge
14:30 - 15:30	Session 1 – Clean Hydrogen Innovation for Industrial Leadership This session will explore how clean hydrogen research and innovation can strengthen Europe's industrial base, support technology leadership, improve performance and cost-competitiveness, and accelerate the transition from R&I to manufacturing and market uptake.
15:30 - 16:00	Break
16:00 - 17:00	Session 2 – Start-ups and Scale-ups Hydrogen Innovators: From Breakthrough Ideas to European Scale-ups This session will focus on hydrogen start-ups and scale-ups as key drivers of disruptive innovation. Discussions will address access to demonstration opportunities, finance, first customers, industrial partnerships and the support needed to help European innovators grow in Europe.
17:00 - 18:00	Session 3 – Skills Skills for Innovation: Building the Talent Base for Europe's Hydrogen Future This session will look at the skills, competences and training systems needed to support clean hydrogen innovation and deployment, from research talent and engineers to technicians, operators, safety experts and project developers.
18:00	Networking drinks

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Innovation Ecosystem, Skills and Synergies

Day 2 Wednesday, 28 October 2026

09:30	Opening:
09:45 - 11:00	Session 4 – Hydrogen Valleys Innovation Ecosystems in Action: Hydrogen Valleys from Demonstration to Deployment This session will examine Hydrogen Valleys as real-life innovation ecosystems, connecting production, infrastructure and end-use at regional level. It will highlight how integrated projects can move from demonstration to investment readiness and deployment, what instruments are supporting this - including through tools such as Project Development Assistance and which new ones could boost Valleys bankability in the future.
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Session 5 – Synergies Innovation Pathways: Connecting EU, National and Regional Support for Impact This session will explore how EU, national, regional and private funding can be better connected to support the full innovation journey – from research and demonstration to scale-up, deployment and market uptake.
12.00-13.00	Closing Session Looking ahead – technology leadership – what next
	Wrap – up – closing remarks Valerie Bouillon-Delporte – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership