# European hydrogen emergency response training programme for first responders

HyResponse (325348)

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#### **HyResponse - PROJECT OVERVIEW**

- Call topic SP1-JTI-FCH.2012.5.3
- First responder educational and practical hydrogen safety training
- 01/06/2013 -> 30/09/2016 (100% project duration passed)
- Total budget : 2 640 284 €
- FCH JU contribution: 1 858 453 €















#### HyResponse - Abstract (overview project)

- Hydrogen and Fuel Cell (FCH) technologies and applications both in transport and energy sectors arrive to the market today
- Fire authorities' and First Responders' awareness and knowledge of these new technologies are limited
- An adequate training is therefore required to provide knowledge and essential skills on:
  - how to handle potential incidents/accidents at FCH systems and infrastructures;
  - how to protect the public with minimum First Responders' own life risk exposure.
- Overall HyResponse project objectives
  - Support the successful implementation of FCH installations into the market by providing educational and practical hydrogen safety training to First Responders
  - Facilitate Hydrogen technologies approval

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| MAIP  |  |  |                                  |  |
| Develop first-<br>responder hydrogen<br>safety educational<br>materials in Europe | Develop a comprehensive training for First Responders dealing with all safety aspects of FCH transport and stationary applications: • Educational training • Operational training • Virtual Reality training | <ul> <li>Content of the educational material Curriculum</li> <li>Hydrogen safety lectures</li> <li>RCS training materials</li> <li>Intervention strategies and tactics</li> <li>Pedagogical scenarios for the virtual and reality training</li> <li>Full educational, operational and virtual reality training tested by up to 71 FRs from 15 countries</li> </ul> |                                  |  |

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| Install an European Hydrogen Training Platform on which will be realized full scale exercises | Conception and construction a FCH transport and stationary training platform:  • operational training platform  • virtual reality training platform | <ul> <li>Operational platform available (commissioned in January 2016)</li> <li>Virtual Reality platform developed (more than 109 scenarios)</li> <li>Full training implemented with 71 FRs from 15 countries</li> </ul> |   |  |
| Develop first-responder intervention guide  | Deliver an Emergency<br>Response Guide  | Intervention methodology<br>developed for transport and<br>stationary FCH applications<br>Emergency response guide<br>realized   | Emergency<br>response guide<br>validated and<br>freely accessible |  |

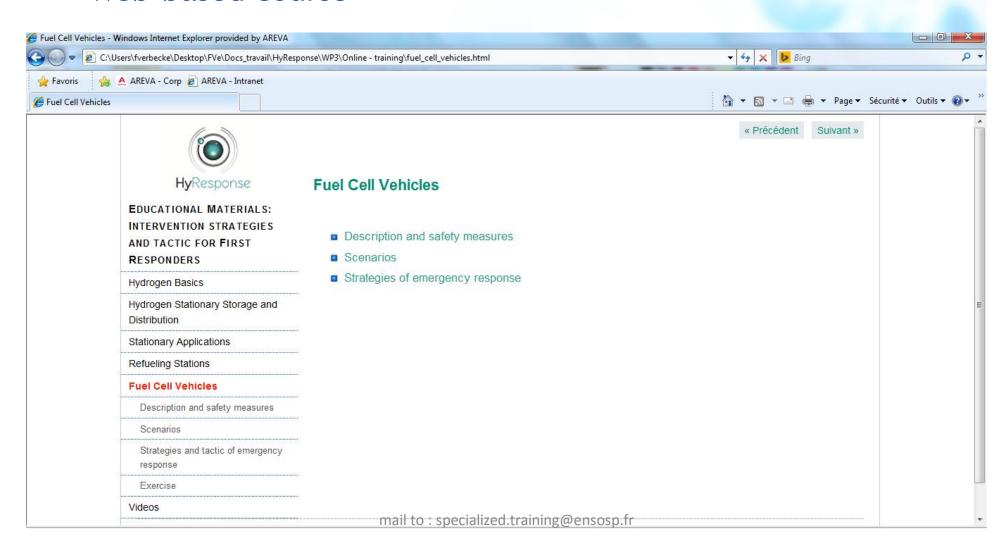
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| Disseminate best practices using online tools  | <ul> <li>Free online interactive hydrogen safety training</li> <li>Free access to the emergency response guide</li> </ul>     | Web-based course including educational material on FCH application, their safety concepts, scenarios and related intervention strategies and tactics (available) | Free access to the emergency response guide (after validation) |  |  |
| Dissemination of the program results through public awareness events and initiatives | <ul> <li>Organization of an international workshop for European FR</li> <li>Participations to international events</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Organization of the 2         International Workshop in 2014     </li> <li>Participation to several international events</li> </ul>                     |  |  |  |

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Web-based course



- Face-to-face training sessions
  - About 71 firefighters trainees from about 15 countries
  - Three training sessions
    - 14th-18th of March 2016
    - 9th-13th of May 2016
    - 6th-10th of June 2016

**Educational training** 

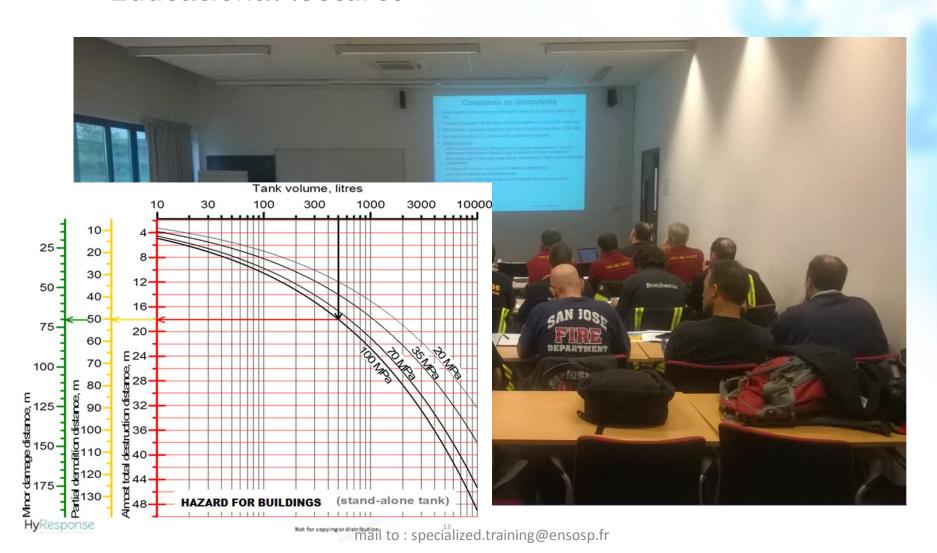
Strategies and intervention

Operational training

Virtual reality training

|             | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                   | Thusday   | Friday  |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| 8h00- 9h45  | FCH application and safety                           | Safety of storage                              | Harm and damage criteria                    | Hazards of H2 use indoors                               | Ignition sources and prevention               |
|             | Hydrogen properties                                  | Methodology and response guide                 | Unignited H2 releases and their mitigation  | Dealing with hydrogen explosions                        | Motorway<br>accident                          |
| 10h15-12h00 | H2 fires   | FC vehicles (car, bus,                         | Refuelling stations, storage and FC systems | Stationary and mobile applications                      | involving a H2<br>trailer and<br>hazmat truck |
|             | RCS for First Responders                             | forlift, etc.)                                 |   |   |   |
| 12h00-14h00 | Lunch  |  |   |   |   |
| 14h00-15h30 | VR tour for presentation of the operational platform | Multi-vehicle accident - FC car in a fire      | H2 leak at a refuelling station             | Multi-vehicle accident - H2<br>jet fire from H2 trailer |   |
|             | CNG and H2 explosions at various concentrations      | Multi-vehicle accident – CNG/LPG car in a fire | FC system default - H2 leak                 | H2 leak from storage – urban refuelling station         |   |
| 16h00-17h30 | H2, CNG, LPG jet fires                               | FC bus in a fire on a small road               | FC car in a fire at a refuelling station    | Urban accident - FC bus in a fire - urban environment   |   |
|             | Firefighting exercises                               | Forklift in a fire inside a warehouse          | H2 jet fire from industrial storage         | Fire in an industrial environment with FC system        |   |
| 17h30-18h00 | Debrief  | Debrief  | Debrief                                     | Debrief   |   |

Educational lectures



- Operational training
  - 2500 m<sup>2</sup> platform
  - 109 scenarios
  - Fuel comparison:
    - H2 (700, 350, 200 bar)
    - CNG (200 bar)
    - LPG (20 bar)

Spot 27.8 °C





Jet fire tool (LPG, CNG, H2 20 to 700 bar)

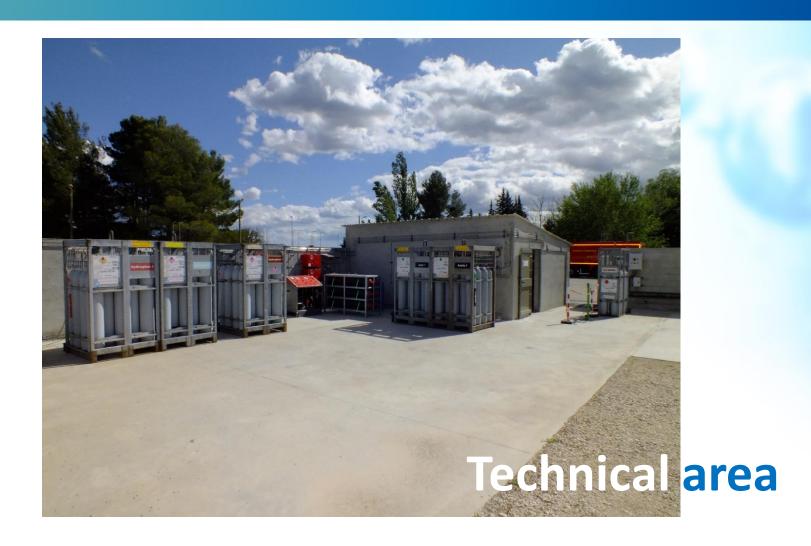








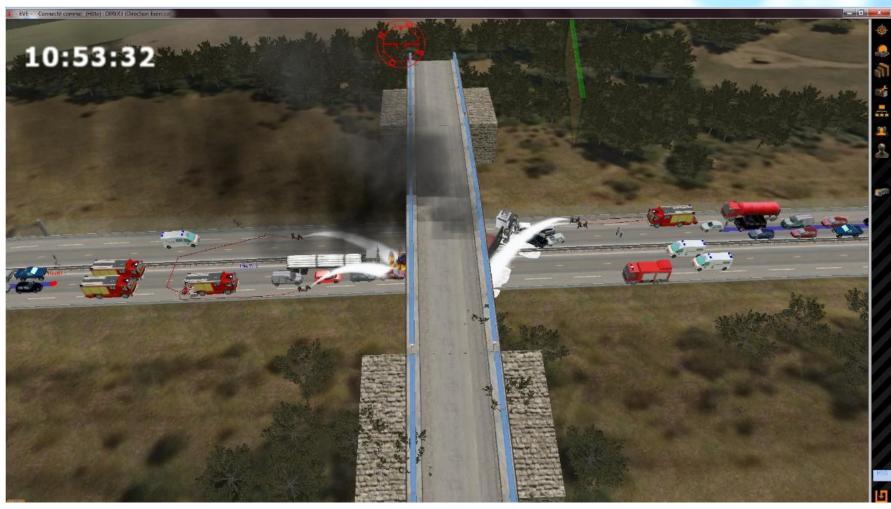






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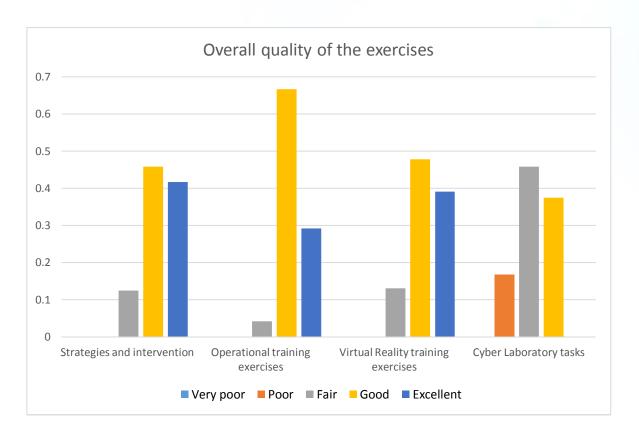
Virtual Reality training platform



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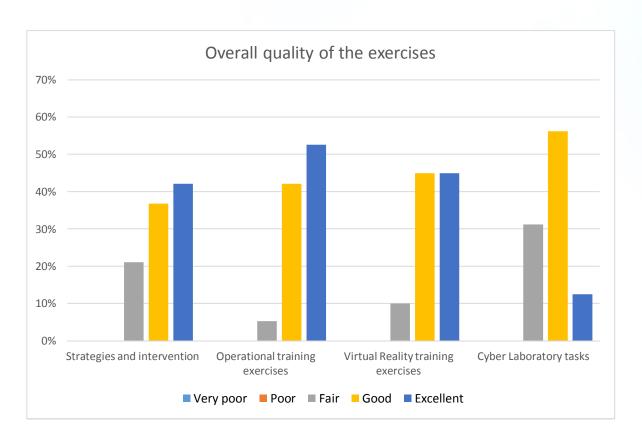


First training session (March) Feedback



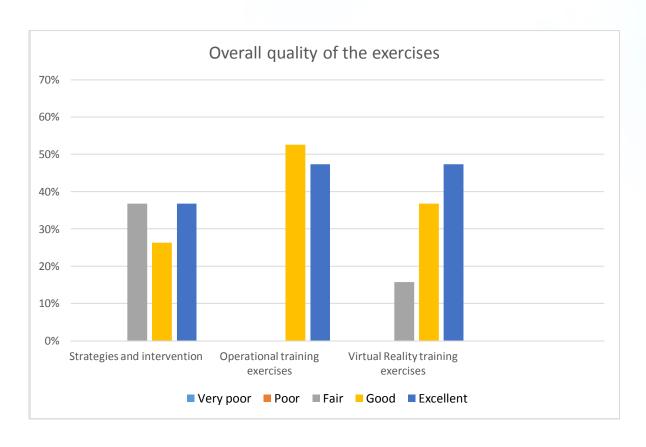
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Second training session (May) Feedback



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Third training session (June) Feedback



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#### RISKS AND MITIGATION

- Due to major organizational changes in ASE and ENSOSP during year 2014:
  - The consortium asked for a 4 month extension of the project duration up to 2016, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - The extension was accepted.

## SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

- Collaboration with the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF)
  - Commission "Extrication and New Technologie"
- International collaboration
  - USA with DOE and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
  - Japan with Technova and HySUT
- European Fire Services
  - Germany, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Spain, France, Italy, Norway,
     Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, UK, Sweden, Czeck Republic
- Industry
  - SNECMA
- Fire services outside Europe
  - USA, Japan, Taiwan, China
- Automotive car manufacturer
  - Toyota, Hyundai,

#### HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

- Training activities organised by the project
  - 1st International workshop on hydrogen safety training for first responders workshop, 3-4/09/2014, Aix-en-Provence, France
  - 1st training session: 14th-18th of March 2016
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> training session: 9th-13th of May 2016
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> training session: 6th-10th of June 2016
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> International workshop on hydrogen safety training for first responders workshop, 29-30/06/2016, Aix en Provence, France
- Project work in safety, regulations, codes, standards, general public awareness

#### Support to:

- Standardization regarding rescue sheet (CTIF)
- ISO draft standards regarding harmonized signs and symbols for alternate energy carriers (CTIF)

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#### DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- 1st International Workshop on Hydrogen Safety training for first responders workshop in 09/2014, Aixen-Provence, France
- European Technical School on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells, June 23-27, 2014 Crete, Greece, « Safety of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies: industrial research perspective »
- HySafe International Workshop on hydrogen safety, 11/11/2014 Washington USA « Hydrogen Emergency Response Training Program for First Responders - HyResponse »,
- New Energy Carriers in Tunnels and undergrounds systems, 11/03/2014, Marseille, France, "Safety aspects of new energy carriers (focus on Hydrogen) from Firefighter's point of view"
- Busworld Turkey 2014, « Fuel Cell Bus and Hydrogen Safety Training for First Responders », Istanbul, Turkey, April 24-27, 2014
- International Conference on Hydrogen Safety training, "European Hydrogen Emergency Response training programme for First Responders", October 19-21, 2015 Yokohama (Japan)
- Conference of the International Association for Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF), Rome (Italy), 09/12/2015
- WHEC 2016 Spain
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International workshop on hydrogen safety training for first responders workshop, Aix en Provence, France (29-30/06/2016)
- Research priority workshop on Hydrogen Safety, 26-27 september 2016, Petten, The Netherlands

#### EXPLOITATION PLAN/EXPECTED IMPACT

- What has your project changed in the panorama of FCH technology development and/or commercialisation?
  - Support the successful implementation of FCH installations into the market by providing educational and practical hydrogen safety training to First Responders
- Project's results to be exploited by the European First responders community:
  - Free online access to teaching materials
  - Web-based course and interactive virtual reality exercises
  - European Emergency Response Guide freely accessible (soon)
- On demand sessions available in 2017:
  - Various duration from 1 to 5 days
  - Depending on the trainees, the session will be provided in French or English (Spanish under request)
- 2nd stage of the European emergency response training program: "<u>Train tomorrow's First Responder Trainers and Hazmat Officers"</u>
  - Train tomorrow's European First Responder trainers and hazmat officers who will then further replicate the European Hydrogen Safety Training Program in their country and in their language

Thank you for your attention

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