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Day 1 Wednesday, 2 December 2026

9:00 – 10:00	**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
10:00 – 11:00	**Welcome** **Valerie Bouillon-Delporte** – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Introductory Speeches** • **Krzysztof Kuik** – Director for Clean Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • **Nils Aldag,** CEO Sunfire, Chair, Clean Hydrogen Partnership Governing Board (tbc) • **Luigi Crema** – President, Hydrogen Europe Research **Programme Status and Achievements** **Mirela Atanasiu** – Head of Unit Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership *Master of Ceremony:* **Mirela Atanasiu** – Head of Unit Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
11:00 – 11:15	**Joint Research Centre of the European Commission support to the Clean Hydrogen JU's activities** (15 min) **Darina Blagoeva** – Team Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
11:15 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**
11:30 – 12:45	**Working at the Ecosystem Level: Strengthening Europe's Competitiveness through Hydrogen Valleys** **Portfolio Analysis**: Antonio Aguillo Rullan – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) **Presentation by Hydrogen Valleys** (4 x 10min) • **Jatta Jussila** – CEO of CLIC Innovation, Project Coordinator | **BalticSeaH2** • **Konstantinos Chatzifotis** – European Affairs Manager, Motor Oil Group, Project Coordinator | **TRIERES** • **Marcin Błesznowski** – Senior Researcher, Department of High Temperature Electrochemical Processes (HiTEP) – Project Coordinator | **HySPARK** • **Adwin Martens, CSO** – Chief Strategy Officer, WaterstofNet | **FLHyPorts** **Moderation:** Antonio Aguillo Rullan – Team Leader, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Panel discussion and Q&A** (20 min)

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12:45 – 13:00	**Fireside Chat: Challenges for developing and funding Hydrogen Valleys - Roadmap to FID**
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:15	**Renewable Hydrogen Production - Next Generation Electrolysers** **Portfolio Analysis** Eleni Kontonasiou – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) **Project Presentations** (4 x 10min) • **Pau Bosch** – Principal Researcher at LEITAT | **X-SEED** • **Einar Vøllestad** – Senior Research, Sintef | **PROTOSTACK** • **Markus Wabner** – Group Leader, Fraunhofer IWU |**SCALE-AEM** • **Xiufu Sun** – Associate Professor Department of Energy Conversion and Storage, DTU | **PilotSOEL** • **Federico Zenith** – Senior Research Scientist, SINTEF | **SURFER** **Moderation:** Eleni Kontonasiou – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Panel discussion and Q&A** (20min)
15:15 – 15:35	**Fireside chat: Manufacturing and Scale-up** **Ana Sin** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership moderates • **Samuel Suchel** – Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager, Sunfire • **Luc Grare** – Chief Strategy Officer, Lhyfe SA (tbc) • **Tudor Constantinescu** – Principal Adviser to the Director General for Energy, European Commission
15:35 – 16:00	**Coffee Break**
16:00 – 16:15	**Fireside Chat: Natural Hydrogen** **Lionel Boillot** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership moderates • **Jyri Ylkanen** – Principal Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission • **Eric Gaucher** – Leader of the TASK 49 (Natural H2) of the International Energy Agency's TCP Hydrogen
16:15 – 17:15	**Innovations in Hydrogen Infrastructure** Portfolio Analysis: **Dionisis Tsimis** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) Project Presentations (4 x 10min) • **Martin Ferno** – Professor at the University of Bergen, Project Coordinator | **Hydra** • **Christoph Frommen** – Institute for Energy Technology, Project Coordinator | **HYLICAL** • **Astrinos Papadakis** – Innovation Hub Manager, HYDRUS ENGINEERING, Project Coordinator - **LH2CRAFT** • **Philippe Papin** – Project Manager, Air Liquide | **ROAD TRHYP**

	Moderation: **Dionisis Tsimis** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership Panel discussion and Q&A (10 min)
17:15– 18:15	**Clean Hydrogen Partnership Awards** • **Best Innovation:** handed by **Krzysztof Kuik,** Director for Clean Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission • **Best Success Story**: handed by **Nils Aldag,** CEO Sunfire, Chair, Clean Hydrogen Partnership Governing Board (tbc) • **Best Outreach:** handed by **Mirela Atanasiu,** Head of Unit Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership • **H2 Valley of the Year:** handed by **Emma Westsson,** Chair of the States' Representative Group, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (tbc) • **Woman in H2 Innovation:** handed by **Valerie Bouillon-Delporte** – Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Hydrogen Europe Research Awards** • **Young Scientist Awards:** handed by **Luigi Crema** – President, Hydrogen Europe Research
18:15 – 20:00	**Networking Drinks**

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Day 2 Thursday, 3 December 2026

9:00 – 9:30	**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
9:30 – 9:45	**Driving Hydrogen and its Derivatives Forward: Strategic Research Priorities for Competitiveness -** Presentation of SRIP and SET-Plan SRIA • **Mirela Atanasiu** – Head of Unit Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership • **Nadine May** – Co-chair of the Implementation Working Group (IWG) on Hydrogen under the European Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan
9:45 – 11:00	**Hydrogen for Mobility** **Portfolio Analysis**: **Pietro Caloprisco –** Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) **Project Presentations** (4 x 10min) • **Deborah Jones** – Director, CNRS | Project Coordinator | **HIGHLANDER** • **Federico Ribatti** – Project Manager, TNO | **H2UpScale** • **Jack Cullinan** – Associate Director, COLLINS | **COCOLIH2T** (tbc) • **Drena Clark** – Consulting Senior Associate, ERM | **H2Haul** **Moderation:** **Pietro Caloprisco** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Panel discussion and Q&A** (20 min)
11:00 – 11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30 – 12:45	**Hydrogen for Clean Heat and Power** **Portfolio Analysis**: **Luca Feola** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) **Project Presentations** (4 x 10min) • **Andrea Ciani** – Manager Ansaldo Energia| Project Coordinator | **Flex4H2** • **Francesco Creta** – Associate Professor, University of Rome | Project Coordinator | **Achieve** • **Somjai Isotalo**– Technical Project Manager - Stack Technology, Elcogen | **AMPS** • **Lucile Bernadet** – Research Scientist, IREC | Project Coordinator | **24/7 ZEN** **Moderation:** **Luca Feola** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Panel discussion and Q&A** (20 min)

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12:45 – 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 – 14:15	**Fireside Chat on Hydrogen Safety** • **Alberto García Hombrados**, Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership • **Thomas Jordan** – Head of Hydrogen Department, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Chair of the European Hydrogen Safety Panel
14:15 – 15:30	**Sustainability and Circularity in Europe's Hydrogen Transition** **Portfolio Analysis**: Jonathan Maus – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (10 min) **Project Presentations** • **Giovanni Cinti** – Researcher, University of Perugia | **GUESS-WHY** • **Diego Iribarren** – Senior Researcher, IMDEA | **HYPEF** • **Vittoria Troisi** – Decarbonization Technology R&D Specialist, SNAM | **NHYRA** • **Javier Dufour** – Chair of the **European Hydrogen Sustainability and Circularity Panel (EHS&CP)** **Moderation:** **Jonathan Maus** – Project Officer, Clean Hydrogen Partnership **Panel discussion and Q&A** (20min)
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee Break**
16:00 – 16:40	**Driving Competitiveness through Innovation and Working in Partnership** **Moderation:** Valerie Bouillon-Delporte - Executive Director, Clean Hydrogen Partnership • **Luigi Crema** – President of Hydrogen Europe Research • **Beatrice Coda** – Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission • **Nils Aldag** – CEO Sunfire, Chair, Clean Hydrogen Partnership Governing Board (tbc) • **Emma Westsson** – Chair of the States' Representative Group, Clean Hydrogen Partnership (tbc) • **Nils Rokke** – Vice-President EERA, Chair of the Stakeholders Group of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership