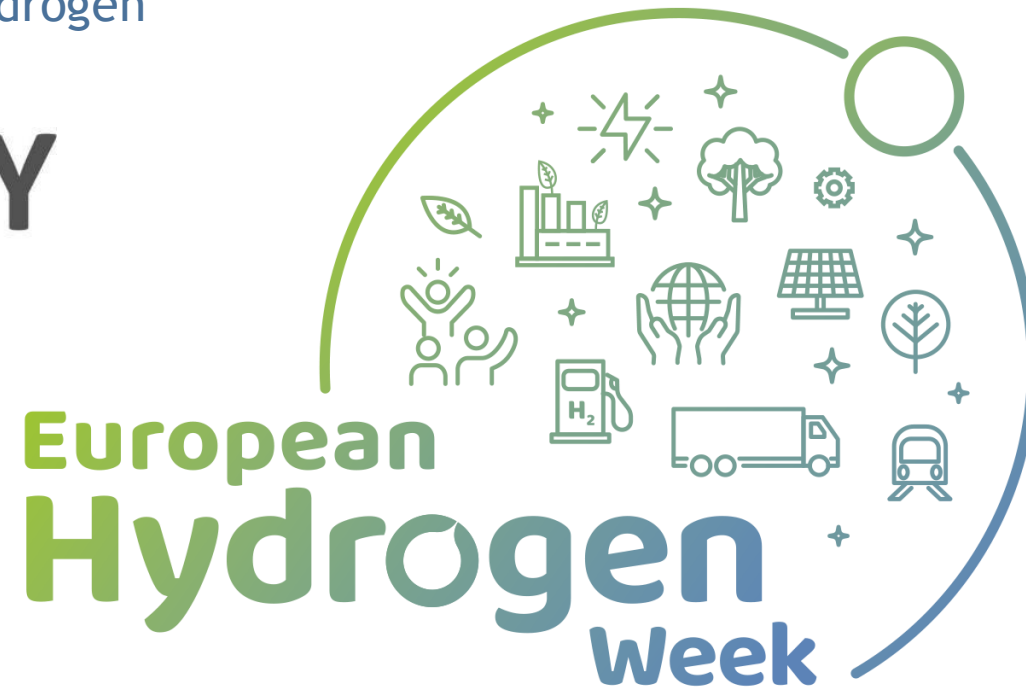


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Pre-normative Research  
for the Safe use of Liquid HYdrogen



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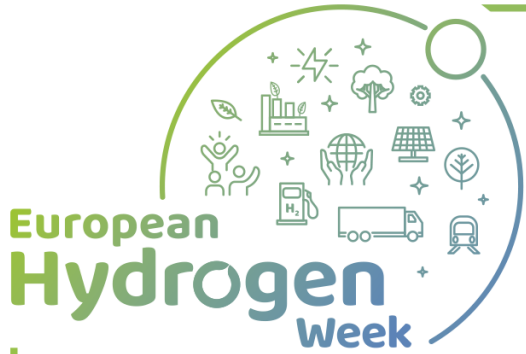
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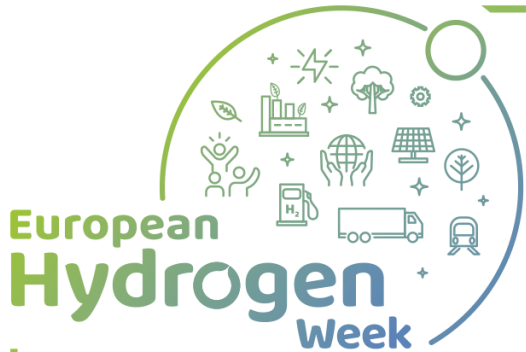
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# Project Overview

- Call year: 2017
- Call topic: FCH-04-4-2017: PNR for a safe use of liquid hydrogen
- Project dates: 01/2018 - 05 /2021
- % stage of implementation 01/11/2019: 100 %
- Total project budget: 1 905 862,50 €
- FCH JU max. contribution: 1 724 277 €
- Other financial contribution: -

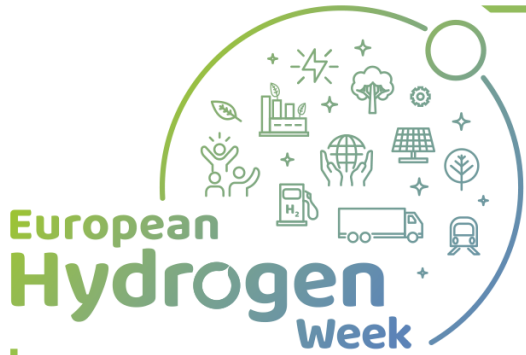


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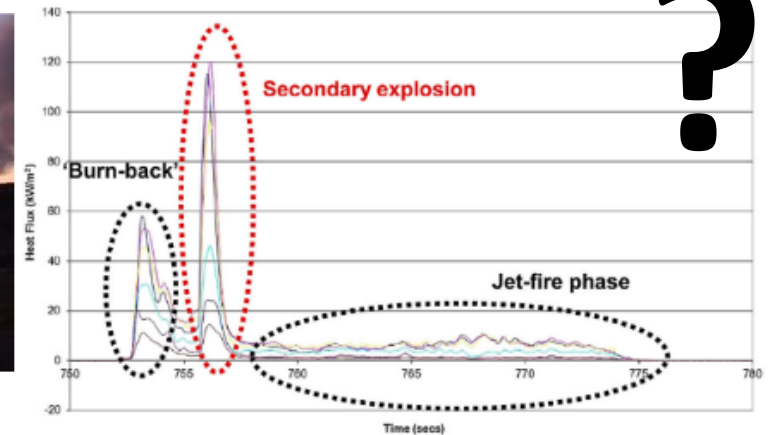
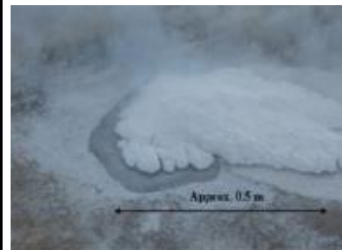


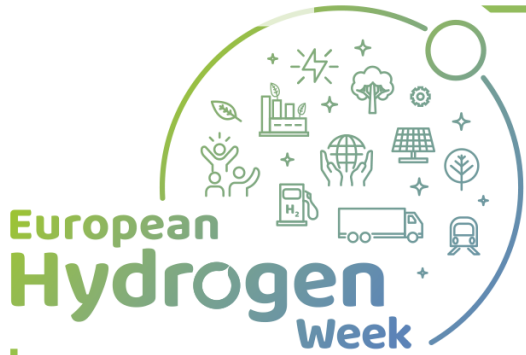


# PRESLHY Motivation



- Scale-up of existing and new applications increase H<sub>2</sub> demand.
- Liquid hydrogen (LH<sub>2</sub>) provides **larger densities** and gains in **efficiency** and **potentially reduces risks** compared to compressed gaseous transport and storage
- Many **knowledge gaps** wrt accidental behavior of LH<sub>2</sub> and **inconsistent** and **potentially over-conservative RCS** (e.g. NFPA 2 and EIGA)





# PRESLHY Main Objectives

- Report **initial state-of-the-art and knowledge gaps** with priorities with respect to the intended use of liquid or cryogenic hydrogen technologies
- Execute adjusted **experimental program** addressing release, ignition and combustion phenomena with highest priorities

## → Close knowledge gaps

- Develop **suitable models and engineering correlations** and integrate them in a suitable open risk assessment toolkit

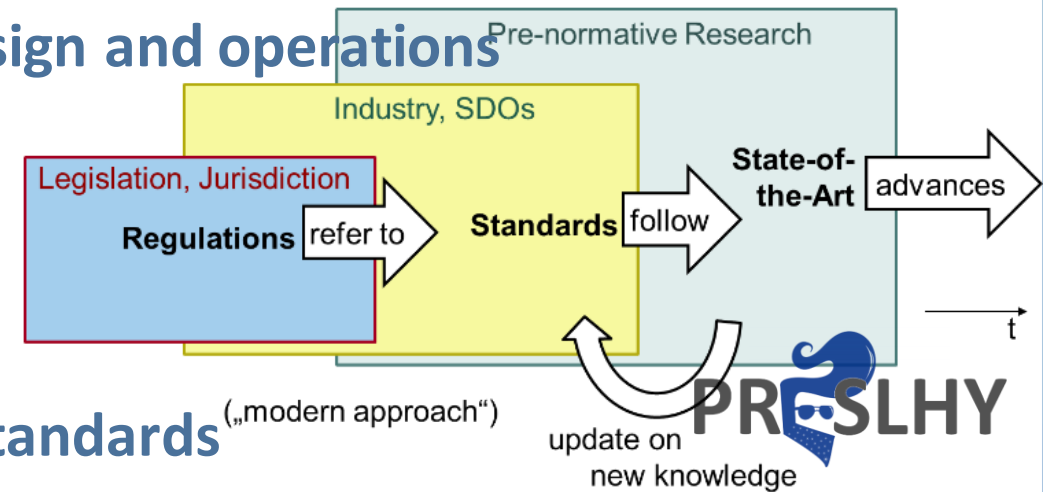
## → Provide enhanced recommendations for safe design and operations

of liquid or cryogenic hydrogen technologies

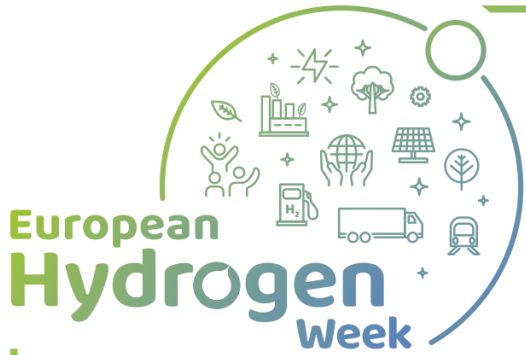
- Support international SDOs in updating of existing standards or developing of new international

## → Support development of performance based, risk informed, internationally harmonised standards

- Document and publish detailed, aggregated and interpreted data in a FAIR way and
- disseminate the **enhanced state-of-the-art**







# PRESLHY Networking



**ISO/PWI 24077: „Safe Use of LH2 in Non-Industrial Settings“ established on 6.12.2018**

**Presentation at CEN/CENELEC on 28.01.2020**

**Presentation at IEA Safety Task on 19.10.2018**

**Common Workshops on 06.03.2019 and Spring 2021**



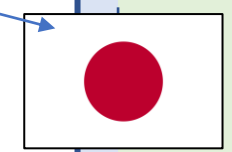
**EHSP  
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**JRC (HIAD)**

**ISO TC 197  
CEN/CENELEC TC6**

**IEA  
Hydrogen Task Force**

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**WP1 – Management (KIT)**

**WP2 - Strategy (AL)**

**WP3 – Release & Mixing (NCSR)**

**WP4 – Ignition (HSE)**

**WP5 – Combustion (KIT)**

**WP6 – Implementation (UU)**

**Advisory Board**



GexCon, IFE, Equinor + Shell

KHI, Toyota



# Project Achievements



## Achievement to-date

INCONSISTENT,  
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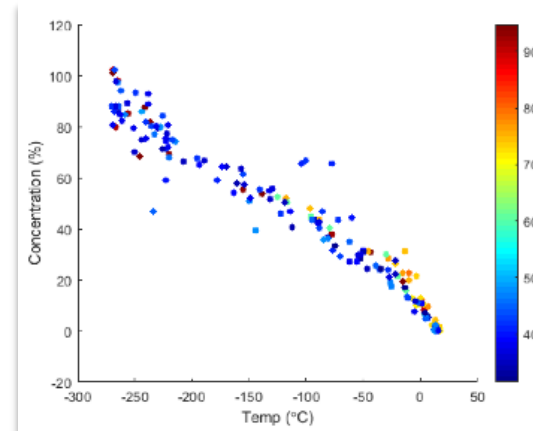
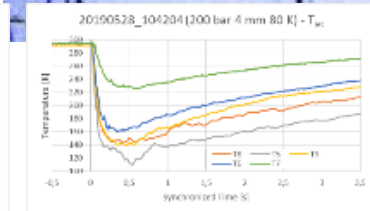
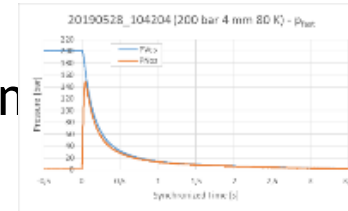
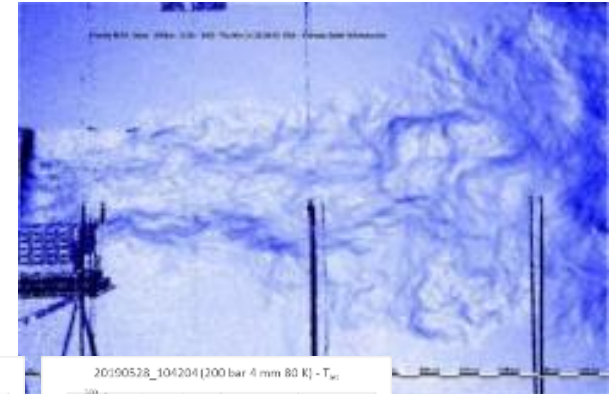
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RISK INFORMED,  
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INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARD FOR  
SAFE USE OF LH2  
IN NON-  
INDUSTRIAL  
SETTINGS

- Initial state-of-the-art, RCS and research priorities documented
- Extensive experimental program on highly ranked priorities completed
- Some relevant knowledge gaps closed with respect to release/mixing, ignition and combustion
- Set of engineering tools, guidelines for RCS and White Paper compiled
- ISO (TC 197) and CEN (SFEM WG Hydrogen) informed and **update of ISO TR 15916:2015 wrt safe use of LH2 initiated within WG29**

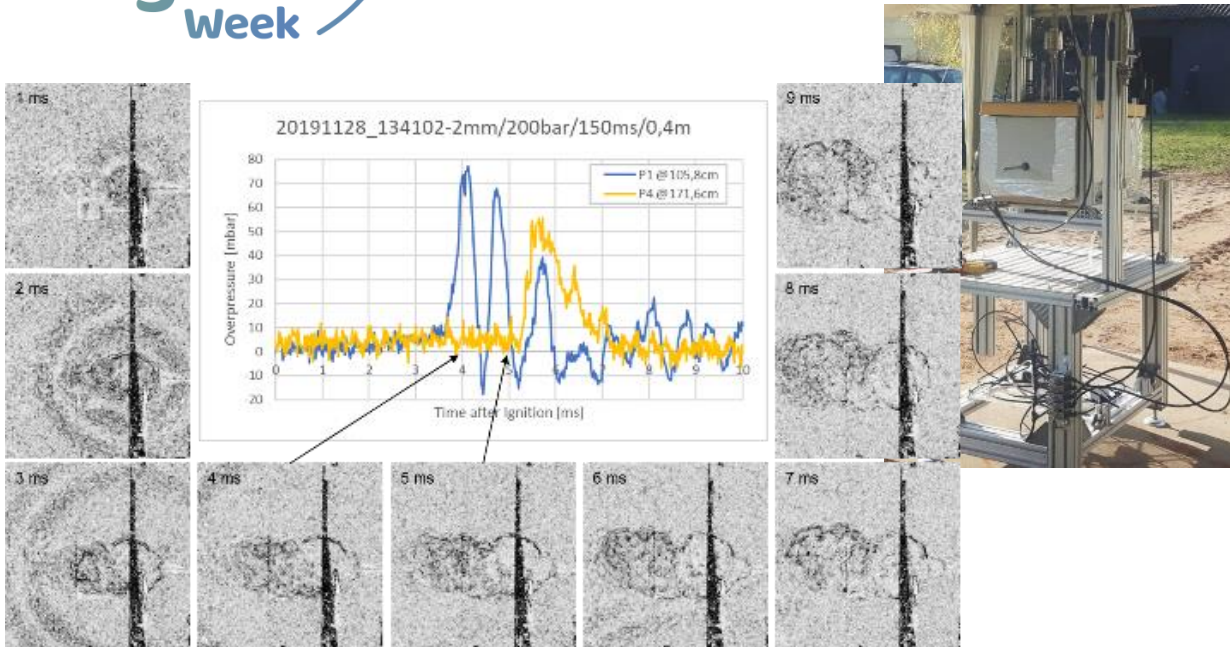
# Closed Knowledge Gaps - Release

- 1 D model for multi-phase release including non-equilibrium processes
- Discharge coefficients for circular nozzles  $D=0.5-4$  mm; 5 - 200 bar; 20 - 300K (KIT/PS E3.1 DISCHA tests) see <https://doi.org/10.5445/IR/1000096833>
- No rainout for large scale above ground horizontal releases (HSE E3.5: rainout tests)
- Correlation of T and concentration of mixtures of H<sub>2</sub> with cryogenic origin and air



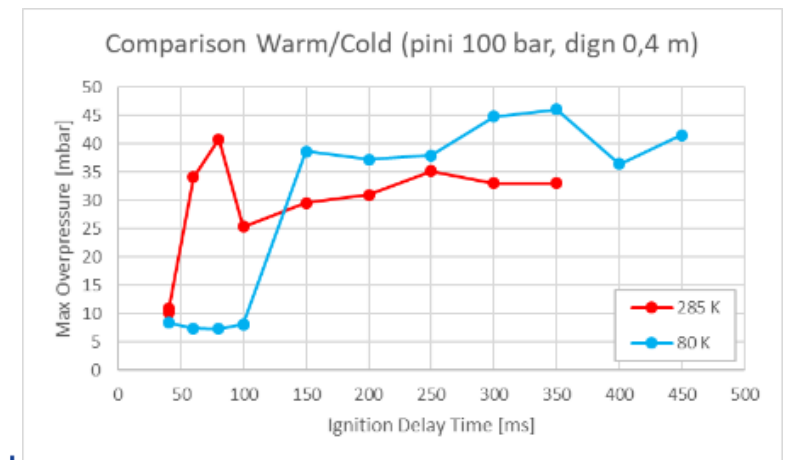


# Closed Knowledge Gaps - Transient Combustion Effects



> 100 Ignited jet tests combined with discharge experiments E5.1  
 $T = 80\text{K} \dots 300\text{K}$   
 $p = 5 \dots 200\text{bar}$   
 $D_{\text{nozzle}} = 0.5 \dots 4\text{mm}$

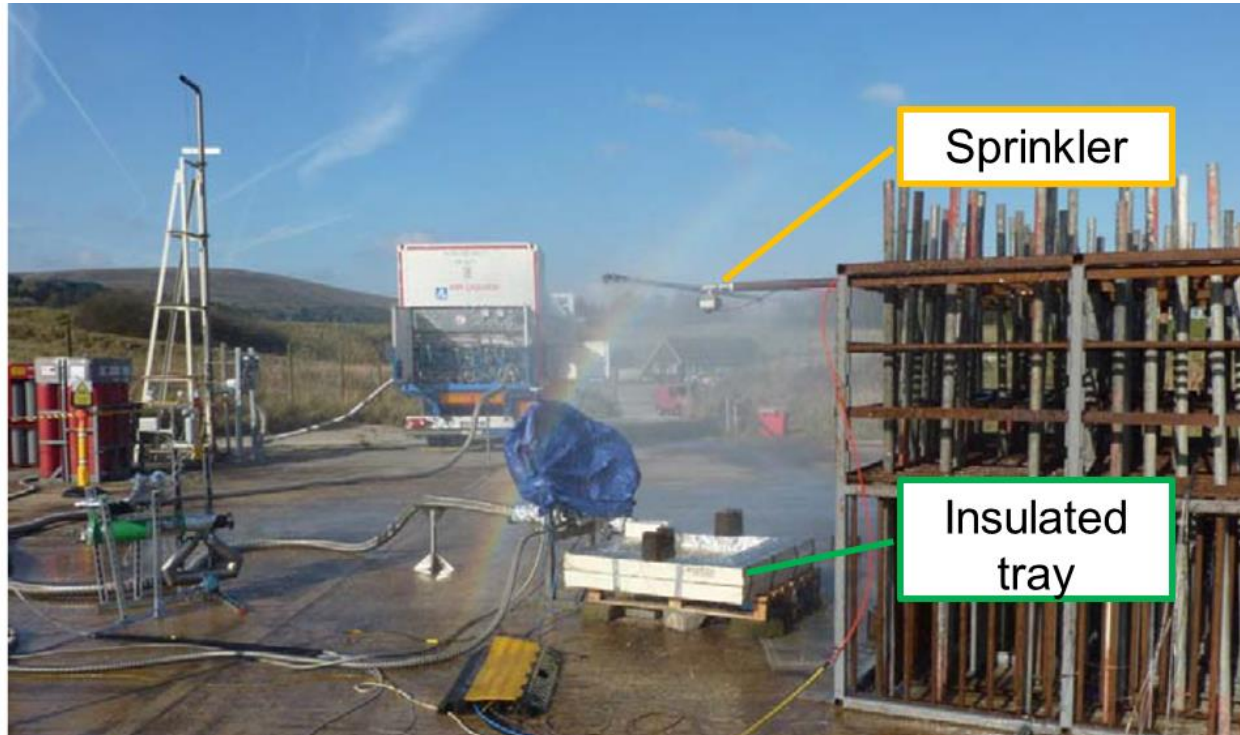
Iterative procedure for identifying most critical ignition time and location



- Better understanding of transient jets and combustion processes
- Inventory based map of worst effects (pressure & thermal)
- to be extrapolated to large inventories for RCS

# Closed Knowledge Gaps - Multi-phase accumulations with explosion potential

- Repeated spills in gravel bed might generate highly reactive condensed phase mixtures - not on other substrates (E4.4 Ignition above pool)



- Water sprays on LH2 and LH2 spills on small water pools non critical (E4.4 and E4.X)



# Closed Knowledge Gaps - Combustion in confined/congested domains

- Stronger pressure loads for cold tests in comparison with warm tests with the **same volume**, hydrogen concentration and blockage ratio (scale to inventory?)

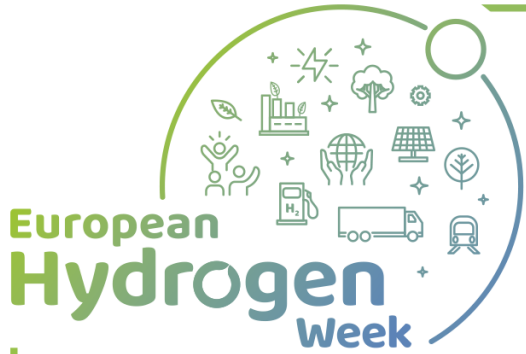


E5.3 Semi-confined channel at KIT/PS



E5.5 Test set-up at HSE, Buxton

- Increase in **critical and effective expansion ratios** determine flame acceleration in cryogenic mixtures
- **Reduced run-up distance** for detonation transition DDT in cryogenic mixtures (← density effects)
- Influence of blockage ratio on DDT less pronounced
- Effects in free unconfined domains to be investigated



# PRESLHY Exploitation Plan and Expected Impact

## Exploitation

- Closure of knowledge gaps
- Developing models for hazard evaluation and risk assessment
- Enhancing the state-of-the-art
- Deriving recommendations for users and SDOs
- Initiating review or development of standards

## Impact

Enabling the safe and economic introduction of LH2/cryogenic hydrogen technologies with a flexible, but robust framework consisting of

- improved knowledge basis
- consistent recommendations
- performance-based, harmonized specific standards to be referred by regulation

# Outreach

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**PRESLHY  
Exploitation &  
Dissemination  
Activities**

**Management  
(WP1)**

**Implementation  
(WP6)**

**Task 1.3  
Website**

**Data  
Manage  
ment**

**Engineering  
tools**

**Handbook**

**Guidelines**

**RCS Recom-  
mendations**

**White  
Paper**

**Task 6.6  
Dissemina-  
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Conference**

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**First announcement  
Dissemination conference of PRESLHY project  
5-6 May 2021, Athens, Greece**

We are pleased to invite you to the conference concluding PRESLHY project on pre-normative use of liquid hydrogen. Speakers from PRESLHY consortium will present the outstanding research performed on the major phenomena associated to the release of liquid and cryo-compressed hydrogen, the ignition of cryogenic hydrogen-air mixtures, and the combustion of hydrogen. The conference will address the potential impact of the project on the international community working on hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. Invited international speakers will enrich the conference program, providing a glimpse of the state of the art and worldwide research on the safety of liquid hydrogen.

**Date and venue**

The conference will be held on the 5-6 May 2021 in Athens, Greece. Future announcements will include further updates and details on the conference venue, taking into account the developments of Covid-19 pandemic and possibility of a virtual event.

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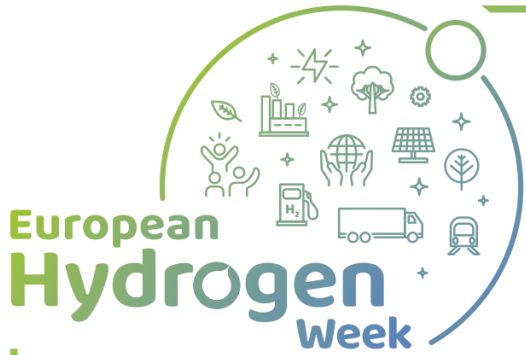
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