

Regional hydrogen projects: Applications for Project Development Assistance now open!

Following the success of the first Project Development Assistance initiative (2020-2021), the Clean Hydrogen Partnership is again inviting regions to apply for hydrogen project support.

This round of the initiative will focus on projects in EU Cohesion Countries, islands and Outermost Regions.



What is the opportunity?

Successful applicants will receive support to develop their concepts for fuel cell and hydrogen technology deployment into detailed work plans from experienced consultants and project managers from across Europe. All applicants will be invited to join an observer network to follow the results of the initiative.



Who is eligible?

Applicants must be local authorities within either:

- EU cohesion countries¹
- EU outermost regions²
- Islands within EU member states or associated countries.³

Applicants must also have an existing concept for a hydrogen project in their region, that will primarily use hydrogen produced from renewable electricity or bio-feedstocks.

How do I apply?

The Stage 1 Expression of Interest form must be completed through our website: www.h2regions.eu



A webinar will be hosted on **15th September 2022** at 14:30-16:00 (CEST) to provide:

- Instructions on how to apply for Project Development Assistance
- Examples of projects from the previous Project Development Assistance programme
- Answer questions on the initiative and the application process.

Supporting information and guidance for completing the application forms can also be found on the website.



When is the deadline?

Applications to Stage 1 of the 'Expression of Interest' process may be submitted via the website from 5th September 2022. The deadline for Stage 1 applications is **10th October 2022** at 23:59:59 pm (CEST).



When will I hear back and what happens next?

Regions that have successfully been shortlisted after Stage 1 of the application process will be notified by **25th October 2022**. Shortlisted regions will then be invited to apply for Stage 2, for which applications will need to be submitted by **25th November 2022**.

Successful regions will be notified in December 2022, with Project Development Assistance due to commence in January 2023, and continue for 12 months.

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¹ A list of EU Cohesion Countries can be found at: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/cohesion-fund/

² A list of outermost regions in the EU can be found at: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/themes/outermost-regions/

³ Associated countries of Horizon Europe are listed at: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/updates-association-third-countries-horizon-europe-2021-12-21_en