



# EU Hydrogen Valley Days

17 - 18 June 2024, The Hotel, Brussels

Boosting Europe's hydrogen economy through  
the implementation of Hydrogen Valleys



## Draft Agenda

17-18 JUNE 2024  
The Hotel, Brussels

*In-person only; the event will be conducted in English*

### Day 1 - 17 June

9:30 – 10:00	<b>Coffee and registration</b>
10:00 – 10:35	<b>SESSION 1 - Introductory session</b> Chaired by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership, Executive Director
	<b>Welcome</b> Clean Hydrogen Partnership, Executive Director
	<b>Opening Address</b> Marc Lemaître – Director General, DG RTD, European Commission
	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Thierry Kovacs – Vice-president in charge of environment and positive ecology, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Arianna Censi – Member of the European Committee of the Regions
10:35 – 11:35	<b>SESSION 2 - DEVELOPING THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY ACROSS EU REGIONS: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE</b> <b>Part one: the policy context</b>  Moderator: tbc
	<b>Introductory remarks: A Roadmap for Hydrogen Valleys in Europe</b> Rosalinde van der Vlies – Clean Planet Director, DG RTD, European Commission
	<b>Accelerating Progress - from working with the regions to Hydrogen Valleys</b> Mirela Atanasiu – HoU Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
	<b>Italian strategy and support to Hydrogen Valleys</b> Stefano Raimondi – Head of Unit, Ministry of Ecological Transition, Italy (tbc)





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	<p><b>HyLand: Working with Regions in Germany</b> Kurt-Christoph von Knobelsdorff – CEO, NOW-GmbH</p>
	<p><b>State of play of Hydrogen Valleys in Europe</b> Markus Kaufmann – Partner, Roland Berger</p>
11:35 – 12:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
12:00–13:30	<p><b>SESSION 2 - DEVELOPING THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY ACROSS EU REGIONS: FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE</b> <b>Part two: Barriers, challenges, and success factor. Insights from practitioners</b></p> <p>Moderator: Antonio Aguilo- Rullan, Team Coordinator, Clean Hydrogen Partnership</p>
Speakers	<p>Presentations and panel debate with representatives of various Hydrogen Valleys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Implementing cross-border hydrogen valleys   Best practice from BalticSeaH2 Large-Scale Hydrogen Valley</b> Jatta Jussila – CEO, Innovation OY</li> <li>• <b>Small-scale Hydrogen Valleys as enablers of larger Hydrogen Economy   Hydrogen Valley in Corinthia, Peloponnese Region, Greece, TRIERES Hydrogen Valley</b> Konstantinos Chatzifotis – EU Affairs Manager, Motor Oil</li> <li>• <b>Hydrogen valley in the Northern Netherlands   HEAVENN Hydrogen Valley</b> Geerte de Jong – Programme manager, New Energy Coalition</li> <li>• <b>Hydrogen valleys in industrial hubs   MadoquaPower2X (Sines Energy Hub)</b> Daniel McArthur – Chief Financial Officer, MadoquaPower2X</li> <li>• <b>Developing a Hydrogen Economy in the Pomerania Region   AMBER Hydrogen Valley, Poland</b> Grzegorz Józwiak – Director, Hydrogen and Synthetic Fuels, ORLEN S.A</li> <li>• <b>Hydrogen Valleys around Port areas   H2BE Hydrogen Valley, Belgium</b> Cyril Harry – Head of Gas Asset Regulation &amp; Analysis, Engie</li> </ul>
	Panel Debate, Q&A
13:30 – 14:30	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>SESSION 3 - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO ACCELERATE THE UPTAKE OF HYDROGEN PROJECTS ACROSS EUROPEAN REGIONS</b></p> <p>Moderator: Jeroen Schuppers, DG RTD, European Commission</p>
Speakers	<p>Presentations and panel debate with regions and cities participating in the Clean Hydrogen Project Development Assistance (PDA)</p>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nadine Hölzinger – Managing Director, Spillet</li> <li>• Bogdan Ovidiu Varga – Professor at Automotive Engineering and Transportation Department, Faculty of Mechanics, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania</li> <li>• Kristijan Adamlje – Technical Assistant at the Just Transition and Projects Department, Central Sava Region, Slovenia</li> <li>• Paul McCormack – Chief Executive Officer, Hydrogen Ireland, Valentia Island</li> <li>• Katarina Sasarakova – Project manager for Hydrogen Technologies, Košice Self-governing Region, Slovakia</li> </ul>
	Panel Debate, Q&A
<b>15:30 – 15:50</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:50 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>SESSION 4 - STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATIONAL/REGIONAL RESEARCH &amp; INNOVATION PROGRAMMES</b></p> <p>Moderator Bernd Biervert, Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission</p>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Hauschildt – Managing Director, White Research</li> <li>• Ketty Segatti, Central Director for special initiatives in research and innovation, ESF+ Regional Programme Managing Authority of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy</li> <li>• Lora Yosifova – Head of sector, Program “Research, Innovation and digitalization for smart transformation”, General Directorate “European Funds for Competitiveness”, Ministry of Innovation and Growth of Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)</li> <li>• Vesna Kučan Polak – Director for business development and new technologies sector, Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency</li> </ul>
	Panel Debate, Q&A
<b>17:00 - 17:30</b>	<p><b>Closing of the first day</b> Clean Hydrogen Partnership/European Commission</p>
<b>17:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>NETWORKING &amp; DRINKS</b>





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## Day 2 - 18 June

9:00 – 9:30	<b>COFFEE &amp; REGISTRATION</b>
9.30-9.40	<b>Intro to 2<sup>nd</sup> day and key take-aways from the 1<sup>st</sup> day</b> Mirela Atanasiu, – HoU Operations & Communications, Clean Hydrogen Partnership
9:40 – 11:10	<b>SESSION 5 - FINANCING FOR HYDROGEN VALLEYS</b> <b>Part one: Boosting the funding for Hydrogen Valleys</b> Supported by TechTour <i>Moderator: Christian Weinberger, Senior Adviser - Green Hydrogen</i>
11:10 – 11:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>SESSION 5 - FINANCING FOR HYDROGEN VALLEYS</b> <b>Part two: Increasing financing for start-ups and scale-ups in Hydrogen Valleys</b> Supported by TechTour <i>Moderator: William Stevens, Group Managing Director of Tech Tour</i>
<b>Speakers Session 5 part one and two</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedro Guedes de Campos – Director Business Development H2 and eSAF, Smartenergy</li> <li>• Dr. Geert Tjarks – Head of Business Development - Large storage and hydrogen business area Wasserstoff, EWE</li> <li>• Nienke Homan – Impact Hydrogen</li> <li>• Peter van Gelderen – Partner, Icos Capital (tbc)</li> <li>• Robert Gallenberger – Partner, Matterwave Ventures (tbc)</li> <li>• Michael Perschke – CEO, Quantron (tbc)</li> <li>• Ramón Asensio – representative of Castilla-La Mancha's Government in Brussels (tbc)</li> <li>• Aivars Starikovs – Chairman, H2LV</li> <li>• Karina Angelieva – Strategy Advisor, Freelance</li> <li>• Anne Mieke van der Werf – Directeur Business Development, Invest NL (tbc)</li> <li>• Vazil Hudak – Chairman, Avanea AIFM (tbc)</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
14:00 – 15:15	<b>SESSION 6 - DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROGEN VALLEY PROJECTS: THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY</b> Supported by Hydrogen Europe <i>Moderator: Katarina Muse, Regional Pillar and Skills Manager at Hydrogen Europe</i>





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<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florian Chapalain – European Public Affairs Manager, Ballard Europe</li> <li>• Olivia Infantes Morale – Regulatory Affairs Director - Hydrogen and Clean Power, CEPSA</li> <li>• Andrea Antenucci – Hydrogen Business Development Manager, Snam</li> <li>• Florentin de Loppinot – CEO, TEAL Mobility (tbc)</li> <li>• Amalia Di Stefano - Leader Government Relations and Partnerships, Cummins (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>SESSION 7 - SKILLS</b></p> <p>Supported by Hydrogen Europe Research  <i>Moderator: Ludwig Joerissen, Board member of Hydrogen Europe Research, Head of department fuel cell fundamentals, Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Württemberg (ZSW)</i></p>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nikolaos Ntavos – Co-Founder and Manager at CluBE-Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia</li> <li>• Velaug Myrseth Oltedal – Associate Professor at the Western University of Applied Sciences in Norway (tbc)</li> <li>• Lorenzo Squintani, – Wubbo Ockels School for Energy and Climate, University of Groningen</li> <li>• Jan-Jaap AUÉ – Director, EnTranCe – Centre of Expertise Energy (tbc)</li> <li>• Robert Steinberger – Professor, University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague (tbc)</li> <li>• Sile Brennan, Hydrogen Safety expert, Ulster University (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS &amp; CLOSING OF THE EVENT</b>

