

INFORMATION EVENT ON HYDROGEN WITH AND FOR VISEGRAD FOUR COUNTRIES

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REGISTRATION



Hydrogen is envisaged to play an important role in the energy transition and will help European economies to reach the ambitious CO₂ reduction targets in the coming years. Hydrogen research and innovation has also become a priority in the Visegrad 4 countries – hydrogen strategies are being developed, hydrogen associations are being established.

The objective of the information event is twofold:

- European hydrogen related initiatives, programmes and partnerships will be presented to interested stakeholders from the V4 countries, representing policy, research as well as industry.
- The V4 countries will also shortly present the latest developments in their countries to the main European actors.

This two-way communication will allow the participants to mutually inform each other about national and European programmes, to have a clearer picture about the broad landscape on hydrogen research and innovation, to define synergies and possible fields for future cooperation.

The event will serve as a stepping stone for future communication and cooperation among participants from Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. Participants from other countries are also welcome to join.

AGENDA

- 14:00 - 14:05** Welcome by the organisers
- 14:05 - 14:20** Keynote speech by **Bart Biebuyck**, Executive Director of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- 14:20 - 15:20** Short presentations of European programmes, initiatives around Hydrogen from the perspective of science and innovation followed by a moderated panel discussion:
- European Clean Hydrogen Alliance and IPCEI on hydrogen: **Jyri Ylkanen**, DG GROW, EC
 - Green hydrogen ERA pilot action: **Sandra Lehneke**, Head of Directorate “European Cooperation in Education and Research” in the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany
 - Clean Hydrogen Partnership and Mission Innovation Hydrogen Valley Platform: **Bart Biebuyck**, Executive Director
 - Breakthrough Energy Catalyst Fund: **Julia Reinaud**, Senior Director
 - Green Hydrogen Acceleration Centre: **Carina Krastel**, Commercial Director of InnoEnergy KIC
- 15:20 - 15:35** Q&A
- 15:35 - 15:45** Coffee break
- 15:45 - 16:45** Presentations of V4 countries – hydrogen strategies, action plans and funding possibilities on the national level – followed by a moderated panel discussion
- CZ: **Petr Mervart**, Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Industry and Trade for Hydrogen Technologies
 - HU: **István Lepsényi**, President of the Hungarian Hydrogen Alliance
 - PL: **Tomoho Umeda**, President of the Hynfra Group, Vice -president of the Hydrogen Poland, Chairman of Hydrogen Committee, Polish Chamber of Commerce
 - SK: **Ján Weiterschütz**, Chairman of the Slovak National Hydrogen Association
Maroš Halama, Vice-dean for Research, Innovations and International Relations at Technical University of Košice
- 16:45 - 17:00** Q&A and final conclusions

The event will be moderated by **Martin Prokop**, University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague.