

Hydrogen in North-West Europe: unlocking opportunities through regional cooperation

Webinar on 3 May 2021, 15:00-16:30 (CEST)

EVENT OVERVIEW

Leaders from governments around the world will gather at **COP26** in Glasgow this year with the aim to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). As part of governments' efforts to reduce emissions from the energy sector, the world has in recent years seen an increased interest in hydrogen as a clean fuel and feedstock with an increasing number of national strategies and economic recovery plans supporting hydrogen technologies.

At the 10th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM10) meeting in Vancouver, 2019, the CEM members launched a **Hydrogen initiative (H2I)** dedicated to support the scale-up of clean hydrogen use in the energy sector. As part of the initiative's efforts, the H2I members launched an **activity on regional cooperation in the North-West Europe**. Under the leadership of the Netherlands, and in close collaboration with neighboring countries, a dialogue has started in **this region** to enhance collaboration and hydrogen market development.

To support the discussions, the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** and **Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP)** prepared a special study entitled '**Hydrogen in North-Western Europe. A vision towards 2030**'. The webinar on 3 May 2021 will be the official launch event of the study and will be dedicated to the presentation of the report followed by reactions from involved governments. It will be open to the public and in June 2021 it will be broadcasted at the 12th Clean Energy Ministerial as a side event.

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EVENT PROGRAMME

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Moderator: **Dan Dorner**, Head of the Clean Energy Ministerial Secretariat

15:00	Introduction and opening remarks
	Niels Kastelein , Director, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, the Netherlands Mechthild Wörsdörfer , Director, Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks, IEA
15:10	Presentation of the study “Hydrogen in North-Western Europe. A vision towards 2030”
	Jose M. Bermudez , Energy Technology Analyst, IEA Coby van der Linde , Director, CIEP
15:40	Panel discussion: The importance of the development of a regional hydrogen market in NW Europe for the climate ambitions of the countries in the region
	<u>Panellist:</u> Bjørn Haugstad , Director General, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, Norway Laurent Michel , Director General, Ministry of Ecology Transition, France Ulrich Benterbusch , Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany Niels Kastelein , Director, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, the Netherlands Stefanie Murphy , Director, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the United Kingdom Jane Glindvad Kristensen , Head of Division, Danish Energy Agency Jan Hensmans , Head of Unit, Federal Public Service for Economy, Belgium Tudor Constantinescu , Principal Adviser, European Commission
16:20	Closing remarks
	Noé van Hulst , Chair, International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE)
16:30	End of Launch event
