

Scaling up Clean Hydrogen in the UNECE Region

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24 September 2021, 10h00 - 11h30 CEST (Geneva time)

Objective: Inform the Committee on current and future hydrogen projects in the UNECE region. Identify how to scale them across the region towards a "hydrogen ecosystem".

Context: A future carbon-neutral society may be built upon a hydrogen ecosystem (one in which hydrogen is used not only as a chemical feedstock, but also as an energy carrier and storage medium, with many applications in transport, industry, power generation, and buildings). Three intertwined trends are crucial: 1) shift the production of hydrogen to more sustainable and cleaner patterns; 2) transform certain industrial users to directly use hydrogen; iii) build sufficient hydrogen storage to provide energy security at national and regional levels.

Audience: Policymakers, experts, and key stakeholders from the UNECE region.

10h00 Setting the scene (5min)

Francisco de la Flor Garcia, Chair of the Group of Experts on Gas

10h05 Case Studies from the UNECE region (30min)

- What is the space and status of hydrogen development in the UNECE countries?
- Which technologies and business models are emerging?
- What works and where are identified barriers?
- What are possible solutions and lessons learned?

Transition to carbon neutrality on small islands through hydrogen: GREEN HYSLAND, Deployment of a H2 Ecosystem on the Island of Mallorca

María Jaén, Green Hysland Coordinator, Enagas

Assessing Hydrogen Value Chain- Distribution

Eva Hennig, Leiterin Energiepolitik EU, Thüga

The United Kingdom's Hydrogen Strategy

Sophie Sauerteig, the International Hydrogen Strategy team, United Kingdom

Clean hydrogen production pathways: Pyrolysis in Russia

Konstantin Romanov, CEO, Gazprom Hydrogen

10h40 - 11h20 Moderated discussion & Interventions by member States

Moderator:

Florian Marko, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Hydrogen and the Vice-Chair of the Group of Experts on Gas

11h30 - Wrap up & next steps