



UNECE webinar: How to jumpstart hydrogen production and export potential of CIS countries?

8 December 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 CET

The webinar is a formal launch of the UNECE extra-budgetary project: “Sustainable hydrogen production in the UNECE region and its role in the development of a hydrogen ecosystem and export potential”.

The project promotes sustainable hydrogen production by applying best-practice technologies and innovative business models. Its key aims are to:

- Understand the potential of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to develop hydrogen technologies
- Increase resilience of the power sector and energy-intensive industries
- Enhance the capacity of their statistical units to collect good quality data
- Improve energy cooperation on transboundary issues to achieve sustainable energy

The webinar will:

- Outline the project’s objectives and activities planned for 2022
- Review global experiences in accelerating transition to hydrogen-based society
- Discuss how countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia could jumpstart their hydrogen production and export potential

Timetable and Speakers

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00	Welcoming remarks	Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE Alexey Ivanovich Kulapin, CEO, Russian Energy Agency (REA), Russian Federation Furugzod Usmonov, Vice-Chair Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Systems Francisco de la Flor Garcia, Chair Group of Experts on Gas Konstantyn Gura, Chair Group of Experts on Renewable Energy
10:15	Project deliverables overview	Iva Brkic, UNECE
	Global experiences in accelerating transition to hydrogen-based society	
10:30	EU Hydrogen Strategy	Alessandro Polito, Policy Officer, DG ENER, European Commission
10:45	Hydrogen Strategy in Germany	Cyriac Massué, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
11:00	Hydrogen Strategy in Austria	Mauricio Belaunde, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Climate Action Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

11:15	Hydrogen Strategy in the Netherlands	Rodrigo Pinto Scholtbach, Senior Policy Coordinator; Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy
11:30	Hydrogen Strategy in Russian Federation	Andrey Kovalev, Expert, Russian Energy Agency
11:45	Exploring potential of Hydrogen in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	
	Q&A with countries from Eastern Europe and Central Asia	
12:45	The way forward	Olga N. Yudina, REA Iva Brkic, UNECE Branko Milicevic, UNECE Gianluca Sambucini, UNECE
13:00	End	