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## **Hydrogen Mobility Europe: Copenhagen Mayors driving FCEVs**

On Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Hyundai Denmark handed over two fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) to two Copenhagen Mayors: the Mayor of Social Services, Mia Nyegaard and the Mayor of Employment and Integration, Cecilia Lonning-Skovgaard.

The FCEVs will serve as the primary means of transport for the mayors in their official capacities.

Tejs Laustsen Jensen, CEO of Hydrogen Denmark, hosted the event where the mayors, as well as Uffe Borup from NEL Hydrogen and Thomas Haslund from Hyundai Denmark, gave speeches.

There was a common agreement that green solutions for especially the transport sector are crucial for the green transition in our big cities. Hydrogen for transport is key in this development and FCEVs don't emit CO<sub>2</sub> or harmful particles while driving.

"These cars are proving we can have fast, effective *and* green transport at the same time. There is definitely no longer a coherence between being a car owner and a 'climate sinner'", Mayor of Employment, Cecilia Lonning-Skovgaard from the Liberal Party says.

"I am very happy to see the City of Copenhagen contributing to the green transition. Sustainability should be the trademark for Copenhagen and we need to do a dedicated effort wherever we can", says Mayor of Social Services, Mia Nyegaard from the Social Liberal Party.

Currently the City of Copenhagen have 21 cars. The City is a part of the EU funded project Hydrogen Mobility Europe 2 (H<sub>2</sub>ME-2) and has been a first mover worldwide regarding hydrogen for transport. The municipality was launch customer of Hyundai's iX35 in Europe in 2013, and throughout the H<sub>2</sub>ME-2 project's duration till 2021 The City of Copenhagen will increase its fleet of FCEVs.

"We are very excited to see Copenhagen continues to invest in Hyundai FCEVs. From our experiences from other cities, it is evident that this will affect both the infrastructure development and the deployment of cars positively. Public investments in sustainable technology pave the way for the green mobility transition", Head of Public Affairs from Hyundai Denmark, Annegrethe Skovby says.

Using FCEVs ties in well with the green and sustainable profile of Copenhagen as they emit no CO<sub>2</sub>. The hydrogen is produced through the utilization of excess renewable energy, such as wind, and thus we can harness and transfer our green electricity to the transport sector.

FCH JU Executive Director Bart Biebuyck is very excited to see local politicians taking green responsibility:

"Electric cars running on hydrogen have clear advantages: they are quick to refuel, can drive more than 500km and emit no harmful emission in the atmosphere, because the hydrogen is produced from renewable energy. The example of the two mayors of Copenhagen is a clear signal that decision makers



want to play a role in the transition for zero-emission transport and that civil society is asking for a shift towards green mobility solutions, where hydrogen will play a crucial role”.

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For the past two years Copenhagen Municipality and Brintbranchen / Hydrogen Denmark have been a part of the Hydrogen Mobility Europe 2 (H2ME-2) project deploying a number of FCVs and raising awareness of hydrogen for transport.

Denmark is on the forefront of FCEV opportunities with cars from Hyundai, Toyota and Honda on the market and with 10 refueling stations in operation. Both infrastructure and FCEV's have received funding from EU, and the Danish refueling infrastructure is not only of national importance but is also key in securing trans-European mobility for FCEV's.

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