



## EUROPEAN HYDROGEN WEEK

29 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2021

*Hybrid event: The Hotel, Brussels and online*

*Draft Agenda*

### **DAY 1** Monday, 29 November - HYDROGEN FORUM (*hybrid day*)

**Moderator:** *Bart Biebuyck, Executive Director Fuel Cells and Hydrogen JU (FCH JU)*

09:30 **SPECIAL ADDRESS** by *Ursula Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission*

Launch of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership (including unveiling of logo) by the European Commission, Hydrogen Europe and Hydrogen Europe Research

**Keynote speech** by *Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

**Keynote speech** by *René Schutte – FCH JU Chair and Hydrogen Europe Board Member*

**Keynote speech** by *Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency*

10:35 **Break**

10:45 **SESSION 1: CLEAN HYDROGEN - ON THE ROAD TO 2050**

**Keynote speech** by *Kerstin Jorna, Director-General DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission*

**Panel discussion with industry and research representatives** - will assess the key actions that need to happen for clean hydrogen to make the road to 2050 a success

**Moderator:** *Mechtild Wörsdörfer, Deputy-Director-General DG Energy, European Commission*

**Panellists:**

*Melissa Verykios, Member of FCH JU Governing Board, Deputy CEO of Helbio*

*Jon Lokke, CEO of Nel and President of Hydrogen Europe*

*Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla, Chair of DLR Executive Board*

*Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO Hydrogen Europe*

12:00 **Intervention from the Member States**

*Frédérique Vidal, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, France*

*Jernej Vrtovec, Minister of Infrastructure, Slovenia*



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12:30 **Lunch break**

14:00 **SPECIAL ADDRESS ON HYDROGEN IN THE GLOBAL DIMENSION**

*Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President of the European Commission for the European Green Deal*

14:15 **SESSION 2: HYDROGEN FOR WORLD CLIMATE MITIGATION**

**Introductory speech** by *Juan Carlos Jobet, Energy Minister, Chile*

**Panel discussion** on the role of hydrogen in combatting climate change, including within the UN sustainable development goals framework

**Moderator:** *Clara de la Torre, Deputy Director-General DG CLIMA, European Commission*

**Panellists:**

*Dolf Gielen, Director of IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre, IRENA*

*Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Hydrogen Industry, Western Australia*

*Marte Mjøs Persen - Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Norway*

*Thomas Anker Christensen, Climate Ambassador, UN Green Hydrogen Compact*

*Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Scottish Government*

*Atanas Pekanov - Deputy Prime Minister for EU Funds Management, Bulgaria (TBC)*

15:15 **SESSION 3: INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR HYDROGEN**

**Introductory speech** by *Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General International Partnerships, European Commission*

**Panel discussion** on cooperation with other European and international hydrogen-related initiatives

**Moderator:** *Tudor Constantinescu, Principal Advisor DG Energy, European Commission*

**Panellists:**

*Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Director Department of Energy, USA, IPHE representative*

*Eiji Ohira, Director-General NEDO, Japan, Hydrogen Energy Ministerial representative*

*Anna Krzyzanowska, Adviser, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, Mission Innovation representative*

*Timur Gul, Head of Technology Division, IEA, CEM representative*

16:15 **Break**

16:30 **Keynote speech** by *Maria da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament*

16:45 **Video address** by *Birgit Honé, European Committee of the Regions' rapporteur on Clean Hydrogen, Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development, Lower Saxony*

17:00 **SESSION 4: FROM RESEARCH TO INNOVATION IN SYNERGIES WITH EU MEMBERS STATES, REGIONS AND CITIES**

**Introductory speech** by *Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General DG MOVE, European Commission, Manager of the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission*

**Panel discussion** with Member States and Regions representatives on national R&I development strategies, synergies with national and regional funds

**Moderator:** *Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director Clean Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

**Panellists:**

*Nienke Homan, Minister, Province of Groningen, Netherlands*

*Juan Pedro Yllanes, Vice-President of the Balearic Islands, Ministry in charge of Energy Transition, Productive Sectors and Democratic Memory*

*Kurt-Christoph von Knobelsdorff, Managing Director, NOW GmbH*

*Prof. Daria Vladikova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

17:45 **Break**

18:00 **AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Keynote Speech** by *Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth*, including handing over of the Young Scientists' Award

- The Hydrogen Europe Research Young Scientists' Awards (below 35 years old) for transport, energy and cross-cutting, introduced by *Laurent Antoni, President, Hydrogen Europe Research*

**THE FCH JU AWARDS** introduced by *Bart Biebuyck, Executive Director, FCH JU*

- The **Best Innovation Award** handed over by *Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director Clean Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*
- The **Best Success Story Award** handed over by *René Schutte, FCH JU Chair and Hydrogen Europe Board Member*
- The **Best Outreach Award** handed over by *Bart Biebuyck, Executive Director, FCH JU*