

Seminar « Natural Hydrogen: an opportunity for Europe » Agenda

Location : Brussels – Irène et Frédérique Joliot Curie House

Date : 1 July 2026 (9h00 – 17h00)

9h00 – 9h30 | Welcome Coffee

9h30 – 10h00 | Opening

- **Event introduction**
Pierre-Franck Chevet (CEO IFPEN) & Jorgo Chatzimarkakis (CEO Hydrogen Europe)

Session 1 – 10h-11h – Scientific knowledge and resource potential

10h00 – 10h30 : Global synthesis by IEA - Task 49 « H2 naturel » - Hydrogen TCP

- Scientific knowledge: What do we know? Oliver Sissmann (co-leader of Task 49)
- Ongoing exploration: International overview : Isabelle Moretti (Académie des technologies)

10h30 – 11h00 European regions are mobilizing : The Nouvelle Aquitaine region case - Gwenola Daniel (Nouvelle Aquitaine region) – The Poland region case - Łukasz Dąbrowski (Pomorskie region)

11h00 – 11h20 | Coffee break

Session 2 – 11h20 – 12h30: Prospects in Europe

11h20 – 12h30 | Roundtable – « From ideas to actual projects »

- France/ Germany/Spain : Storengy (Olivier Lhote) Terrensis (Vincent Bordmann) Mantle8 (Emmanuel Mansini) – Tellus (Jürgen Grötsch) – Font Corporation (Carmen Font) – FDE (Yann Fouant)
Moderator: Yannick Peysson (IFPEN)

12h30 – 14h00 | Lunch time

Session 3 – 14h-15h Regulatory framework for the deployment of the sector

14h00 – 14h20 | « Natural hydrogen and mining law – the case of France » - Fabrice Candia/Jean Claude Lecomte (DGEC)

14h30 – 15h00 | « Rules adaptation at the European scale » Patrice Millet (DG GROW)

15h00 – 15h20 | Coffee break

Session 4 – 15h20 – 16h30 Financing the H2 natural ecosystem

**15h40 – 16h30 | Round table – « From exploration to the first commercial projects: who finances what? » - Speakers: Fabien Delafalize (Innovation Fund), Vincent Brillaut (Calderion), Etienne Montange (BPI France), Gaëtan Bonhomme (Breakthrough Energy)
Moderator : Christophe Hecker (earth₂)**

WRAP UP & CONCLUSION

16h30 – 17h00 | Synthesis session – Messages for Europe (Emmanuel Manceau IFPEN)