

Seminar « Natural Hydrogen: an opportunity for Europe »

Location : Brussels – Irène et Joliot Curie House

Date : 1 July 2026 (9:00 – 17:00)

PROGRAMME

9h00 - 9h30 | Welcome Coffee

9h30 - 10h00 | Opening - Event introduction: Pierre-Franck Chevet (CEO, IFPEN)

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

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

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

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

Session 2 – 11h20 - 12h30 | Prospects in Europe

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

France/Spain/Germany :

Olivier Lhote (Storengy) - Vincent Bordmann (Terrensis) - Emmanuel Mansini (Mantle8) - Jürgen Grötsh (Tellus) - Carmen Font (Font Corporation)

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 » F. Candia / JC 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? »

Fabien Delafalize (Innovation Fund) - Vincent Brillaut (Calderion), BPI, DG Clima

Moderator : Christophe Hecker (earth.)

WRAP UP & CONCLUSION

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