

Natural Hydrogen:
an opportunity for Europe

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Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome Coffee

9:30 – 10:00 | Opening

- **Event introduction**

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

Session 1 – 10:00-11:00 – Scientific knowledge and resource potential

10:00 – 10:30: 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)

10:30 – 11:00 European regions are mobilizing:

The Nouvelle Aquitaine region case - Gwenola Daniel (Nouvelle Aquitaine region)

The Poland region case - Łukasz Dąbrowski (Pomorskie region)

11:00 – 11:20 | Coffee break

Session 2 – 11:20 – 12:30: Prospects in Europe

11:20 – 12:30 | Roundtable – « From ideas to actual projects »

France/ Germany/Spain: Olivier Lhote (Storengy), Vincent Bordmann (Terrensis), Emmanuel Mansini (Mantle8), Jürgen Grötsch (Tellus), Carmen Font (Font Corporation), Yann Fouant (FDE)

Moderator: Yannick Peysson (IFPEN)

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch time

Session 3 – 14:00 - 15:00 Regulatory framework for the deployment of the sector

14:00 – 14:20 | « Natural hydrogen and mining law – the case of France »

Fabrice Candia / Jean Claude Lecomte (DGEC)

14:30 – 15:00 | « Rules adaptation at the European scale » Patrice Millet (DG GROW)

15:00 – 15:20 | Coffee break

Session 4 – 15:20 – 16:30 Financing the H₂ natural ecosystem

15:40 – 16:30 | Round table – « From exploration to the first commercial projects: who finances what? »

Fabien Delafalize (Innovation Fund), Vincent Brillaut (Calderion), Etienne Montange (BPI France), Gaëtan Bonhomme (Breakthrough Energy)

Moderator: Christophe Hecker (earth₂)

WRAP UP & CONCLUSION

16:30 – 17:00 | Synthesis session – Messages for Europe Emmanuel Manceau (IFPEN)