



## HYDROGEN ECOSYSTEM NORTH ADRIATIC

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### Conference

# North Adriatic Cross-border Hydrogen Valley

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The conference is a part of the agenda of Slovenian presidency of the Council of the European Union, and a side event to the 15th SET PLAN Conference Bled, 25-26 November 2021

### **Workshop on the creation of a “North Adriatic cross-border hydrogen valley”**

Location: Perla Hotel conference hall, Nova Gorica, Slovenija



#### **Purpose**

To create more awareness of the potential of Hydrogen technologies to decarbonize the economy in central and eastern European countries which is a clear request of EU policymakers. The workshop aims to share with local authorities and companies, knowledge and experience of setting up hydrogen valleys to help the advancement of creating a potential “North Adriatic Cross-border Hydrogen Valley”.

## AGENDA

- 10:30** Welcome by Dr. Klemen Miklavič, Mayor of Nova Gorica (TBC)
- 10:35** High-level speeches by the signatories :
- Mr. Blaž Košorok, State Secretary at Ministry of Infrastructure Slovenia
  - Mr. Fabio Scoccimarro, Minister of the Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Autonomous Region for environment, energy and sustainable development
  - Mr. Ivo Milatić State Secretary at Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in Croatia
  - Mr. Paolo Guglia, Fincantieri for Hydrogen Europe Industry
  - Mr. Luigi Crema, Fondazione Bruno Kessler for Hydrogen Europe Research association
- 11:05** Intervention European Commission
- 11:15** **Session 1: Hydrogen valleys in the world, what is it and what did we learn?**
- Dr. Luca Polizzi, Policy officer DG RTD European commission, Hydrogen Valleys Policy
  - Mr. Patrick Cnubben, Energy Coalition, Heaven Hydrogen Valley
  - Mr. Enrique Troncoso, Mallorca + Orkney islands hydrogen valley
  - Mr. Stephan Herbst, Technical Head Hydrogen, TOYOTA Motors Europe, Hydrogen Ecosystem
  - Prof. Emmanouil Kakaras, EVP NEXT Energy, Mitsubishi HI EMEA
- Q&A
- 12:15** H2 STUDENT grand prix demo, Dr. Matjaž Knez (University of Maribor)
- 12:15** Break
- 12:30** **Session 2: North Adriatic Cross-border hydrogen valley stakeholders talk (Panel discussion).**
- Introduced by Mr. Andrej Černigoj, MP, SI-Parliamentary board of Defence
  - Moderated by Bart Biebuyck, executive director, FCH-JU
- Panelists:
- Representatives of the North Adriatic Ports (IT, CRO, SLO)
  - Ms. Chiara Luongo, Hydrogen BU SNAM (IT)
  - Prof. Valter Sergo, Vice Rector University of Trieste (IT)
  - Dr. Tomaz Vuk, CTO SALONIT (SL)
  - Dr. Viktor Vracar, CEO HSE (SL)
  - Prof. Ankica Kovač, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (CRO)
  - (TBC), INA (HR)
- Q&A and Wrap-up
- 14:00** Closing words by project representatives:
- Prof. Rodolfo Taccani (IT)
  - Mr. Vjekoslav Jukic (HR)
  - Mr. Aleksander Gerbec (SL)
- 14:15** For Participants Lunch at Hotel restaurant
- 14:30** VIPs move to Europe / Transalpina Square
- 14:45** Meeting to endorse the support to create a "North Adriatic Cross-border Hydrogen Valley"
- Mr. Blaž Košorok, State Secretary at Ministry of Infrastructure Slovenia
  - Mr. Massimiliano Fedriga, President of the Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Autonomous Region
  - Mr. Ivo Milatić State Secretary at Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in Croatia
- 15:30** End of the event

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