

Press release

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## Hydrogen Europe, Hydrogen Europe Research and Waterborne Technology Platform sign Joint Declaration

To strengthen the cooperation and collaboration of proposed partnerships for Horizon Europe

The emerging partnership portfolio proposed by the European Commission for the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Framework includes **Zero Emission Waterborne Transport**, a new partnership focused on waterborne transport, as well as **Clean Hydrogen for Europe**, the successor of the existing partnership on hydrogen (Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking).

Both new partnerships have a **common interest** towards the major challenge of **eliminating GHG emissions and air pollution**, with a focus respectively on the waterborne transport value chain (including the full range of maritime shipping and inland waterway transport) for the former, and hydrogen production, distribution and end-uses at cross-sectorial level for the latter.

With this joint declaration, both **the hydrogen sector and the waterborne transport sector confirm their willingness to ensure that both partnerships can be developed in an efficient and complementary manner and create synergies through targeted collaboration efforts.**

While each partnership should develop its own activities, involved associations agree that there is an important potential for collaboration in particular in the following fields:

- Sustainable alternative fuels: Hydrogen and hydrogen made fuels (in particular ammonia)
- Power conversion: Fuel cells / turbines / internal combustion engines
- Emission reduction (non-GHG): Fuel cells
- Input to pertinent regulatory and standardisation processes

For more information on the cooperation, [please check the joint declaration here](#).

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**Hydrogen Europe** is the European association representing the interest of the hydrogen and fuel cell industry and its stakeholders. We promote hydrogen as the enabler of a zero-emission society. With more than 200 companies and 25 national associations as members, our association encompasses the entire value chain of the European hydrogen and fuel cell ecosystem collaborating in the Fuel Cell Hydrogen Joint Undertaking and its successor the Clean Hydrogen for Europe. For more information, please visit [www.hydrogeneurope.eu](http://www.hydrogeneurope.eu) or contact Michela Bortolotti, Comms & Events Manager, [m.bortolotti@hydrogeneurope.eu](mailto:m.bortolotti@hydrogeneurope.eu).

**Hydrogen Europe Research** is the research grouping of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking and its successor the Clean Hydrogen for Europe. Gathering 91 research institutions (universities and research centres), we support and promote research interests in the field of fuel cells and hydrogen and create a framework for cooperation of science and industry in Europe. For more information, please visit [www.hydrogeneurope.eu](http://www.hydrogeneurope.eu) or contact Julia Cora at [secretariat@hydrogeneuroperesearch.eu](mailto:secretariat@hydrogeneuroperesearch.eu).

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