

5th EUSALP Energy Conference

EUSALP AG9 Energy series 2021

*Alpine regions, large scale
initiators of hydrogen mobility*

18 OCTOBER
2 – 3.30 PM



CONTEXT - ALPINE REGIONS, LARGE SCALE INITIATORS OF HYDROGEN MOBILITY

The SUERA Action Group 9, co-lead by AURA-EE and CasaClima, in the framework of the French Presidency of EUSALP, is organizing [the fifth annual conference on energy transition in the Alps](#).

It will be divided into three separate seminars on hot topics in energy and sustainability on regional and transnational level: hydrogen as an energy vector in transport, local energy communities, and the perspectives of the new European Bauhaus for a carbon-neutral future.

The first webinar aims at demonstrating how the EUSALP Macro regional strategy is a booster for cooperation in the hydrogen strategic field, with a better coordination and concentration of funds:

Committed to the energy transition and sharing air quality problems, the Alpine Regions have indeed been developing hydrogen mobility projects in their territories for many years, such as the Zero Emissions Valley project in Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, H2 Rivers in Baden Württemberg or in South Tyrol. With a dynamic and innovative hydrogen industrial eco-system, Alpine Regions have developed regional strategies to stimulate this hydrogen economy. Infrastructures are being developed, hydrogen refuelling stations are being built, light mobility is being launched, and heavy mobility is starting. To connect all these regional strategies and equip the Alpine corridors with hydrogen infrastructures, some Alpine regions wanted to cooperate on the deployment of heavy mobility, the stimulation of innovation and new technologies, and the development of training and professional skills. This cooperation has taken concrete form in a letter of intent from 9 Alpine regional authorities, within the Green Hydrogen for the Alps initiative initiated by EUSALP Action Group 9 "Energy".

EUSALP offers a framework not only for cooperation, but also for dialogue with the European Commission, on the mobilisation of the various European funds, and in particular the regional ERDF. These funds can be used to finance investments, or even studies, and a network of "Hydrogen" managing authorities has been set up and will make it possible to ensure consistency between regional investments.

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AGENDA

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Moderator: **Patrick Biard**

Introduction

14h00 - 14h05: Introduction, **Patrick Biard**, Head European and International affairs, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement, EUSALP AG9 co-leader

Presentations

14h10 - 14h20: An agreement of 9 alpine regions to cooperate, **Frédéric Bonnichon**, Vice-president délégué à l'environnement et à l'écologie positive, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region (tbc)

14h20-14h25: Green Hydrogen for the Alps initiative, **Ulrich Santa**, Director, Casaclima, EUSALP AG9 co-leader

14h25-14h40: Hydrogen regional strategies in EUSALP: a stakeholder perspective on barriers and cooperation opportunities in the transition to a H2-based economy. Preliminary results from the meta-study initiated by EUSALP Action group 9, **by University of Bolzano**

14h40 - 14h55: Hydrogen in EU policies DG Energy, **Tomasz Bak**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy, Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation Unit (tbc)

14h55 - 15h10: EU possible funds for the EUSALP green hydrogen initiative, **Hortense Lutz-Hermellin**, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region, Brussels delegation.

Questions and answers

15H10 - 15h30: questions and answers on projects to be developed and implemented

Conclusion

15h30: End of the webinar