

Navigating Sustainable Hydrogen in Times of Uncertainty

Entry Points for More Effective Governance. Online Dissemination Event and Discussion

Date and Time: 15 April 2026, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CEST)

Place: Online, Zoom Link will be sent following registration of the following link

Registration: https://eveeno.com/navigating_sustainable_hydrogen

Background

Renewable and low-carbon hydrogen are critical for decarbonizing hard-to-abate sectors, and their rapid scale-up is essential to address the climate crisis. In addition, hydrogen can contribute to energy independence, thereby supporting Europe's resilience. This transition also offers significant opportunities for value creation, particularly in countries with abundant renewable energy resources. However, hydrogen production is also associated with environmental and social risks. To mobilize investment and secure the support of all relevant actors, it is essential to realize opportunities throughout the value chain, while effectively managing the associated risks.

Objectives

In this webinar, the Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS) will present tangible options for strengthening governance to ensure sustainability along the hydrogen value chain, while simultaneously contributing to the acceleration of the hydrogen ramp-up. The recommendations build on a comprehensive review of existing sustainability requirements in the hydrogen sector. They highlight opportunities for promoting a more coherent and effective governance framework to support a sustainable ramp-up of hydrogen to meet climate and resilience objectives.

Agenda

Welcome: **Meik Clemens Laufer**, Unit Hydrogen Diplomacy, Geopolitics of Energy Transition, German Federal Foreign Office

Presentation of forthcoming RIFS Policy Brief "Strengthening Sustainability Governance for a Rapid Hydrogen Ramp-Up" by **Max Rischer**, RIFS.

Discussion with:

- **Marion Malafosse**, Policy Officer, Decarbonisation and Sustainability of Energy Sources, DG-ENER/European Commission
- **Laurent Donceel**, Director, Transport, Industrial Policy & Sustainability, Hydrogen Europe
- **Frank Sibert**, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Advisory & Business, BNP Paribas
- **Marion Revest**, Hydrogen Policy Officer, Transport & Environment
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