



# Hydrogen Pilot Summit

18 November 2024 | 09:30 – 13:00

Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the European Union,  
Rue Joseph II 14, 1000 Brussels

The *Vanguard Initiative* is a unique alliance of the most advanced industrial regions in Europe, focused on stimulating industrial innovation and building European value-chains based on complementarities in regional smart specialisation strategies. The **core activity of the Vanguard Initiative is the implementation of its Pilot Projects**, which have been developed through the active participation of clusters, science parks, research institutes and universities in the member regions.

The *Vanguard Initiative's Hydrogen Pilot* will for the very first time organise an event dedicated to presenting its activities to the wider Brussels community during the European Hydrogen Week.

## Programme

Moderated by Dr. Draško Veselinovič,  
Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA)

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09:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:05 Welcoming remarks from the host and organiser

- *H.E. Iztok Jarc* - Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the EU
- *Dr. Draško Veselinovič* - President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA)

10:05 – 10:35 Keynote speakers

- *Renata Kadric*, Clean Hydrogen Partnership, Joint Undertaking, European Commission – Overview of the EU H2 strategies and activities in EU regions
- *Zoe Buyle Bodin* - H2 Valleys S3PPosition, European Hydrogen Valleys Position Paper 2023
- *Carmen Font*, Owner and CEO of the Font Corporation, Aragon, Spain - Hydrogen potential in Europe and the case of natural hydrogen

Q&A

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**10:35 – 11:15 Vanguard Initiative's Hydrogen Pilot – Short introduction of the pilot & demo cases**

- *Andrzej Czulak, Małopolska Region - Standardisation of hydrogen pipelines and vessels in HYDRO-COMP*
- *Fabrizio Guarrasi, Lombardy Region – H2 Networks and portfolios*
- *Andreja Kumer, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska, Slovenia - Replacement of fossil fuels for hydrogen in industrial processes*
- *Roberta Padovan, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region – H2 in shipping*

Q&A

**11:15 – 12:00 Regions active in H2 present their strategies and activities (5 minutes per region)**

- *Scotland: **Christian Allard** – Councillor at the Aberdeen City Council*
- *Friuli Venezia Giulia: **Kristin Zuric** - Deputy Managing Director of the Navalprogetti Srl*
- *Regione Lazio: **Luigi Palestini** – Manager at the Regional Directorate for Environment, Climate Change, Energy Transition and Sustainability – Regione Lazio*
- *Wallonia: **Simon Habran**, Cluster TWEED & BHC and **Catherine Archambeau**, CRM and coordinator of e-WallonHy, Wallonia*
- *East Netherlands: **Sem van der Linden**, Project Manager at the Regional development agency Oost NL*
- *South Netherlands: **Paul Gosselink**, Programme Manager New Energy at the Brabant Development Agency (BOM)*
- *Slovenia: **Boštjan Krajnc**, Director of Energy Agency of Savinjska, Šaleška and Koroška region (KSSENA)*
- *Norte region of Portugal: **Ricardo Simões**, Head of Innovation at CCDR-Norte*
- *Representative from Lombardy Region*

**12:00 – 12:10 Q&A and discussion**

**12:10 – 13:00 Networking Light Lunch**

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HYDROGEN WEEK**

