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Conference Program

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Powering International Collaboration

• 16.11.26 •

9:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09:30 • **Welcome & Introduction BHC Program office:** Isabel François, WaterstofNet and Cédric Brüll, Cluster TWEED

09:40 • **Global hydrogen compass 2026: deploying at scale for resilience, industrial growth, and decarbonization:** Özlem Duyan, Hydrogen Council

Belgian expertise in international projects – Part 1

10:00 • **From green ammonia at sea to green hydrogen on rail:** Jan De Beurme, CMB-Tech
• **Enabling the global hydrogen transition: Agfa's Zirfon international project footprint:** Jorge Tomas, Agfa
• **European support for green hydrogen projects in North Africa:** Toon Van Ingelghem, Deme

10:45 *Coffee break*

Fireside chat

11:15 • **Opportunities with China for BE/EU companies active in zero-emission technology:** Peter Buytaert, Silk Road Partners
• **Why and how to build a resilient EU electrolyser industry:** Alexandre Boonen, John Cockerill

Belgian hydrogen technology champions

11:45 • **Global status and outlook solid oxide technology:** Ted Straten, Bosal
• **BE-HyStore: a pilot study on large-scale underground hydrogen storage in Loenhout, Belgium:** Tom Bultreys, UGent
• **From materials to components: challenges and innovations for testing up to qualification in LH2 and GH2:** Antoine Marcel Parthoens, Beblue-Cryotech
• **eKeroBel: from CO2 and H2 to eSAF, challenges and opportunities:** Marijn Blommaert, Ionect

Panel discussion - Connecting hydrogen valleys to build a sustainable European hydrogen ecosystem

12:20 • **FLHyPorts :** Adwin Martens
• **Green WaHyve:** Simon Habran
• **LuxHyval:** Isaac Yombo A Mwame
• **HyNorth:** René Schutte
• **Hydrogen Valley Emsland:** Tim Husmann

13:00 *Lunch break*

The white hydrogen opportunity

14:10 • **Reasons to support white H2 exploration**: Frank Gérard, Cabinet Minister Crucke
• **BE.Hydrogen, the Belgian geoscientific exploration programme for natural hydrogen**: Estelle Petitclerc, Geological Survey of Belgium

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14:35 • **e-Methane: connecting Sweden and Belgium, strengthening Europe. The Värö e-methane project:** Janne Lea, TES Hydrogen & Henrik Brodin, Södra
• **A maritime green e-fuel export corridor from the Port of Açu to the Port of Antwerp-Bruges:** Philippe Droesbeke, Port of Antwerp-Bruges International & Mauro Andrade, Prumo
• **H2BE: Unlocking Belgium's hydrogen value chain:** Koen Vlaeminck, Engie & Kjersti Ringen, Equinor
• **Green hydrogen: opportunities for local value creation and economic transformation in Africa-Namibia:** Sophie-Bénédicte Jacques, Enabel

Policy perspectives

15:45 • **Video message :** Pierre-Yves Jeholet, Vice-President and Walloon Minister of Economy, Industry, Employment, Training, Research and Digital

15:50 • **Keynote speech:** Matthias Diependaele, Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister for the Economy, Innovation and Industry, Foreign Affairs, Digitalisation and Facilities Management

Closure & Networking

16:00 • **Closure-perspectives for the future:** Tom Hautekiet, Chair BHC

16:15 *Networking reception*