

European Hydrogen Backbone

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Dear President Von der Leyen,

We are pleased to personally invite you to the inaugural **European Hydrogen Backbone Day** (EHB Day) held on **June 7th 2022, between 9:00 - 17:00** in at the Square Brussels on the Mont des Arts.

In line with EHB's mission, this invite-only event aims to define the critical role of hydrogen infrastructure underlying our vision of a cost-efficient carbon-neutral energy system. Throughout the day, **300 high-level** participants will congregate to share ideas, build new working relationships, and create opportunities for the future hydrogen value chains. Among our invitees are, conditions permitting, the CEO of the Ukrainian TSO, and key stakeholders in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, along with other executives of European industrial companies, energy companies, and other contributors all down the hydrogen value chain.

Since the European Green Deal and Europe's decarbonization journey are relevant topics for your DG, we think this event will be relevant for you. The EHB initiative could enable a pan-European hydrogen market which helps integrating hydrogen in Europe's energy system which brings large decarbonization potentials.

During the EHB Day, we are going to present the infrastructure vision of the initiative, and reveal the results of the data collection it conducted over the last year, arriving at tangible supply and demand data across Europe. We will respond to the current policy developments around the Gas Package, REPowerEU, and offer solutions. We will be presenting the key findings of the EHB over the past year, from detailing how we have created our flagship maps, to analysing supply potential from our five corridors.

We are honoured that Executive Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans accepted to make an address to the event. We will also be premiering our "EHB Film", which will

make **the** case for an integrated hydrogen network, with statements from C-suite representatives of organisations such as RWE, Storengy and BASF amongst others.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the event and look forward to seeing you there.

All the best,



About the EHB

The European Hydrogen Backbone (EHB) initiative consists of a group of [thirty-one energy infrastructure operators](#), covering 28 European countries, united through a shared vision of a climate-neutral Europe enabled by a thriving renewable and low-carbon hydrogen market.

Since its founding in 2020, the European Hydrogen Backbone (EHB) initiative has contributed to the development of a European hydrogen market through the publications of its **flagship** EHB maps, with a vision of a pan-European hydrogen transport infrastructure. These network maps demonstrate how this vision is both technically feasible and economically affordable. The role of hydrogen in enabling climate neutrality is widely acknowledged, as is the need for hydrogen pipeline transport in the future European energy system. Recently, the essential role for hydrogen pipeline infrastructure in fostering market competition, security of supply, and security of demand was recognised in the European Commission's hydrogen and decarbonised gas package, published in December 2021.

