

Empowering H2-ready Regions in Central Europe

At a Glance

Programme: Interreg B Central Europe, SO 2.1 "Supporting the energy transition to a climate-neutral central Europe"

Start: 1st January 2023

Duration: 36 months

Total budget: EUR 2.4 million

Consortium: 12 partners, 7 countries, 9 regions

Lead Partner: Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg



DE: Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg
JSPD Berlin-Brandenburg
Regional Development Agency Northwestern-Brandenburg
City and Regional Utilities Luebben

PL: Regions of Pomorskie and of Lower Silesia
Pomeranian Voivodeship
Foundation "Dumni z Lubina"

CZ: Usti Region
Economic and Social Council of the Ústí region

AT: Region of Styria
Energy Agency of Styria

IT: Regions of Veneto and of Emilia-Romagna
Regional Union of Chambers of Commerce of Veneto Region
Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation

HR: Zagreb Region and North-West Croatia
City of Zagreb
North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency

SK: Communication Manager
Twenty Communications

13 supporting partners from central Europe

Project Description

The project aims at anchoring the European requirements of the energy transition with a focus on transferable energy planning at the local and regional level in regions in central Europe. H2CE empowers regions to steer and coordinate the process of developing a hydrogen infrastructure and to integrate hydrogen solutions into their existing instruments of spatial and regional development. The project builds on existing regional and national knowledge platforms and networks, which will be complemented by a transregional and trans-European perspective. The project partners will jointly develop strategies

and action plans, establish competence centres and design a hydrogen incentive scheme. The project results will be bundled and consolidated through a digital collaboration platform. The platform and all project outputs will be made available for other European regions.

The project will foster territorial cooperation in central Europe. It is supported by cross-border and transnational initiatives and alliances such as the Scandria@Alliance.



Source: istock – Petmal, JSPD

Project Objectives

- **Integration** of hydrogen into regional and transnational strategies
- **Identification** of regulatory hurdles
- **Coordination** with regional actors – Multi-level governance
- **Empowerment** of institutions involved and their integration into the planning process
- **Strengthening** local and regional capacities and building competencies
- **Consolidation** of hydrogen projects