

Advancing Hydrogen Valleys

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Welcome!



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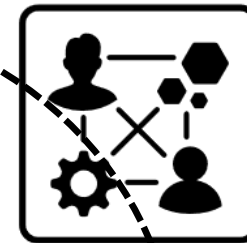
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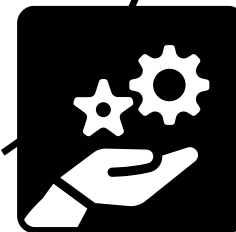
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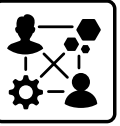
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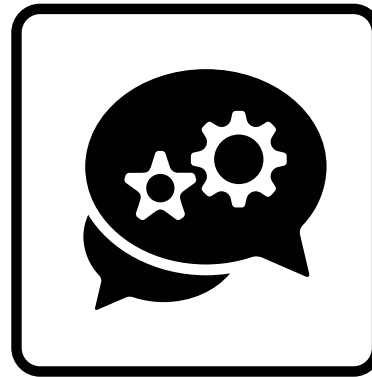
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A fast track to policy solutions (priority to newcomers)



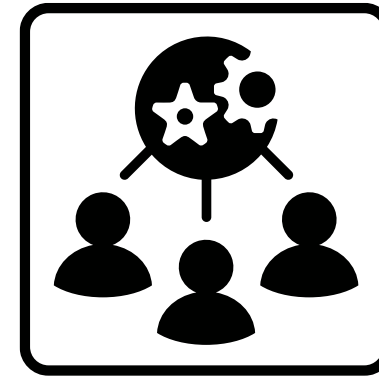
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Peer review: S3 strategy to unlock full potential for growth

► Västernorrland Region, Sweden

Peers from: Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Finland, Germany

Recommendations:

- Strengthening governance should enhance coordination, mandate key actors, and foster cross-regional collaboration.
- Optimizing funding should use ERDF flexibly, explore EU funding like Horizon and Interreg, and set up a regional project office.
- Boosting SME growth and green transition should develop clusters, expand advanced manufacturing, and leverage renewable energy strengths.
- Positioning as an innovation hub should drive collaboration, maximize renewable energy, and align with Sweden's and Europe's priorities.

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Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Laura Varisco & Marc Pattinson, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

Keynote presentation

Eng. Barbara Monaco, Area Science Park, Italy on 'North Adriatic Hydrogen Valley'

Interreg Europe good practices & other European initiatives

Máximo Arias Day, Institut Balear de l'Energia, Spain (UNLOCK)

Francisco Vigalondo, Aragon Region, Spain, European Hydrogen Valleys Partnership

Panel discussion / Q&A

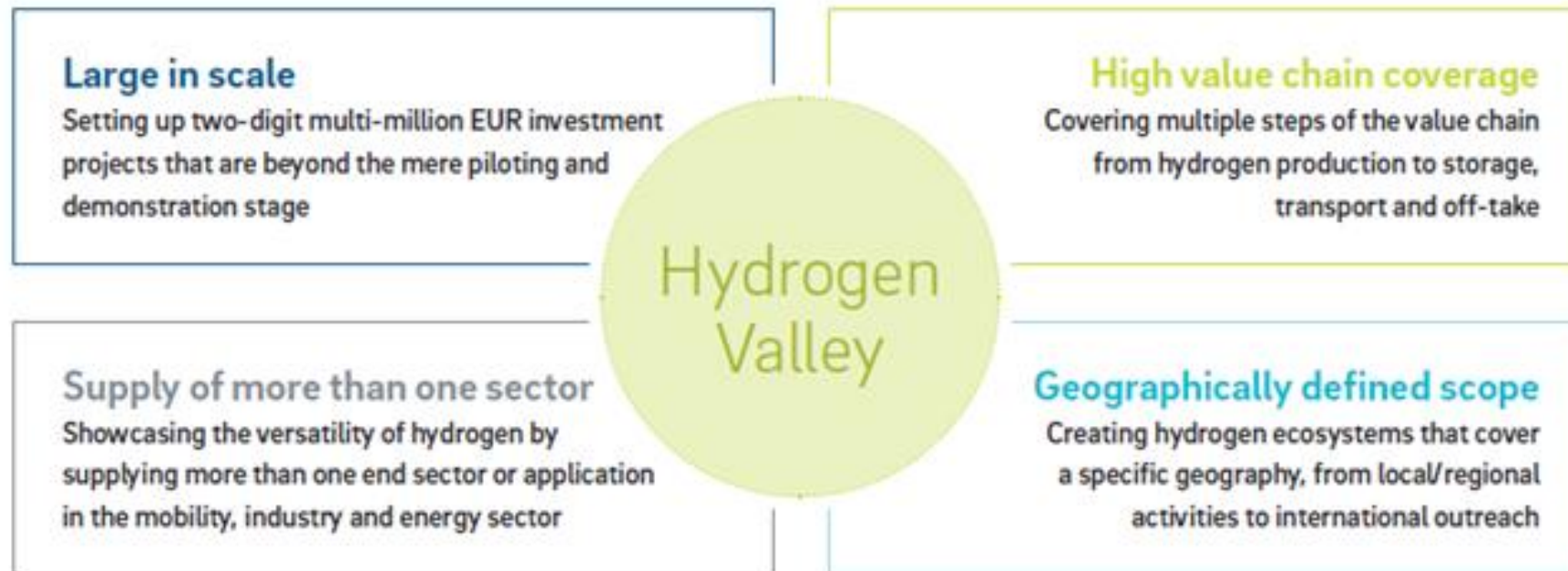
Wrap up & Conclusions



The topic

- Hydrogen is essential for decarbonising Europe's hardest-to-abate sectors and achieving climate neutrality
- Hydrogen Valleys scale up the hydrogen economy by integrating production, distribution, and use in regional ecosystems. They drive regional innovation, economic growth, and support EU cohesion through interregional cooperation.

A: What makes a Hydrogen Valley



How to advance hydrogen valleys in Europe ?

Encourage regions to align their Hydrogen Valley initiatives with EU policies and objectives (GreenDeal, REPowerEU...)

Raise awareness and build capacity among regional stakeholders to tap into EU funding sources such as Horizon Europe, I3, Innovation Fund, Connecting Europe Facility, Just Transition, NZAV...

Promote partnerships among industry, research, and public authorities... EU energy sovereignty issues

Develop hydrogen infrastructure (e.g. refuelling stations, pipelines) and support training programmes to build a skilled workforce ready for the hydrogen economy.

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