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Dear green hydrogen -funding stakeholder,

We would like to invite you to express your interest in participating in the closing seminar of the study “**A closer look at ERDF and JTF funded hydrogen projects in Germany in the context of related EU Policy**”. The study highlights the challenges faced by companies in achieving economically viable green hydrogen (H₂) production and use, resulting in fewer productive investment projects in H₂ than anticipated. The study resulted in a handbook for practitioners, based on an in-depth analysis of H₂ projects planned or already funded in the funding period 2021-2027 in the framework of German ERDF and JTF programmes or that were ultimately abandoned. As a leader in H₂ industry development, Germany offers valuable insights for learning.

The closing seminar will take place on **Thursday 3 September 2026** at the Representation of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union, rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels, from 09:00-16:00.

We invite you to an exchange on the study’s findings and practice examples presented during the seminar. The aim is to explore potential solutions based on lessons learnt from these H₂ projects. On-site participants will be distributed across five parallel thematic workshops. The goal of the workshops is to identify pragmatic solutions for overcoming some of the challenges and thus improving future H₂ project uptake and advancing the transition towards a green hydrogen economy, particularly in shared management contexts.

This is an **expression of interest**. Due to capacity constraints, we can accommodate 100 in-person and 200 online participants. To ensure a balanced mix of public and private stakeholders covering various aspects of the H₂ economy, we will screen all expressions of interest and make a selection. Please express your interest by **Sunday 31 May 2026** via this link: [H2 Study Closing Seminar](#).

The European Commission will cover travel and accommodation costs for up to 45 participants.

Your registration and, if applicable, the coverage of travel and accommodation costs, will be confirmed following the screening and selection of in-person and online participants.



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Preliminary Agenda

Morning	
08:30-09:00	Registration, Welcome coffee
09:00-09:10	Welcome address
09:10-10:40	Presentation of the study's findings and the handbook (presented in EN, interpretation DE/FR)
10:40-10:55	Coffee break
10:55-12:00	4-5 project pitches of projects from the handbook and Q&A (presented in DE/EN, interpretation EN/DE/FR)
12:00-13:15	Lunch break
Afternoon	
13:15-14:30	5 structured parallel workshops
14:30-14:45	Coffee break
14:45-15:45	Presentations of outcomes of the workshops and discussion (presented in EN, interpretation DE/FR)
15:45-16:00	Closing remarks

