



# Building a global hydrogen economy

## The importance of international cooperation

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# Mission Innovation

**Shared global challenges of combating climate change, generating sustainable jobs and growth, and ensuring energy access and energy security.**

- ✓ Making clean energy affordable, attractive and accessible to all.
- ✓ Mobilising and connecting global RD&D efforts to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- ✓ Maximising the impact of research, development and demonstration investments, working together and with others.
- ✓ Supporting faster, cleaner, affordable energy transitions, increasing global confidence to set, or strengthen, ambitious climate and energy goals.

# Clean Hydrogen Mission (CHM)

- Goal of the Clean Hydrogen Mission is to increase the cost-competitiveness of clean hydrogen by reducing end-to-end costs to a tipping point of 2 USD/kg by 2030.
- The Clean Hydrogen Mission Action Plan 2022–2024 is published to stimulate greater international cooperation on clean hydrogen technology and industrial processes



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## JOINT MISSION STATEMENT

**Clean Hydrogen Mission: Building a global clean hydrogen economy**

On behalf of the governments of Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, China, the European Commission on behalf of the European Union, Germany, India, Italy, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Norway, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America ("Mission members") on 2 June 2021

# The Clean Hydrogen Mission

## Co-leads



Australia



Chile



European Union



United States



United Kingdom

## Members



Germany



Saudi Arabia



Austria



Morocco



United Arab Emirates



Spain



Canada



China



France



Norway



Finland



India



Italy



Japan



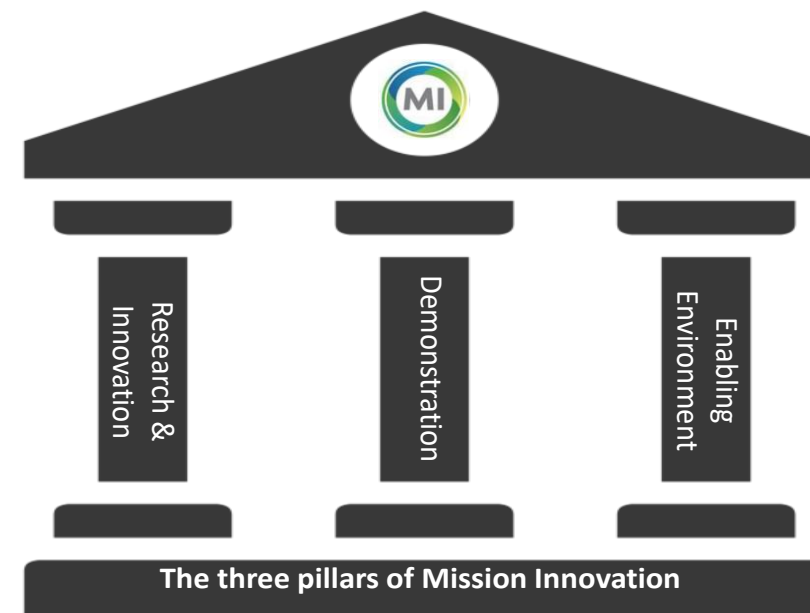
Republic of Korea



Netherlands

# CHM – Action Plan

- The Mission's activities are organised into three key pillars, targeting:
  - the promotion of research, development and innovation, including across clean hydrogen production, distribution and storage, and end-use applications **(Pillar 1)**;
  - demonstration of different production, storage and transportation methods by working with relevant stakeholders to explore sector coupling and creating integrated clean hydrogen valleys **(Pillar 2)**; and
  - identifying 'demand-pull' efforts to diffuse and deploy solutions, facilitate the creation and dissemination of non-technological and non-commercial knowledge and create positive engagement from relevant stakeholders **(Pillar 3)**.



# Pillar 1: Research & Innovation

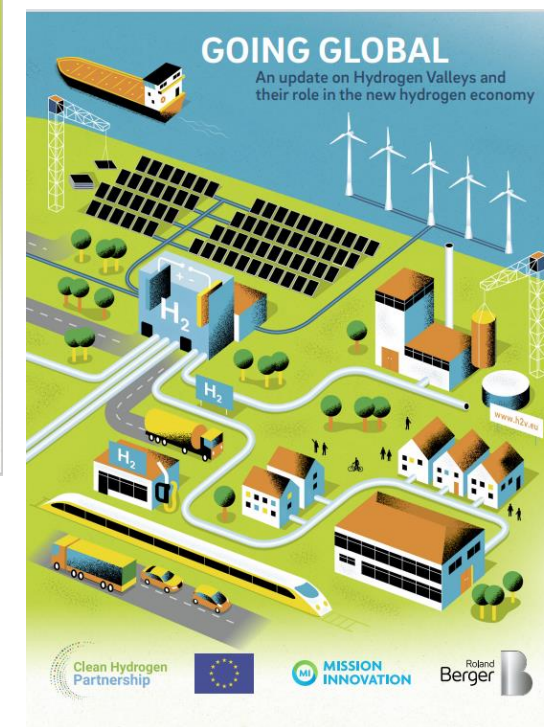
- **Actions:**

1. Analysis of global hydrogen RD&D opportunities
2. Assessment of best-practice case studies
3. Working Groups
  - i) clean hydrogen production, ii) storage and distribution, iii) end-use*
4. Clean Hydrogen Partnership Coalition

# Pillar 2: Demonstration

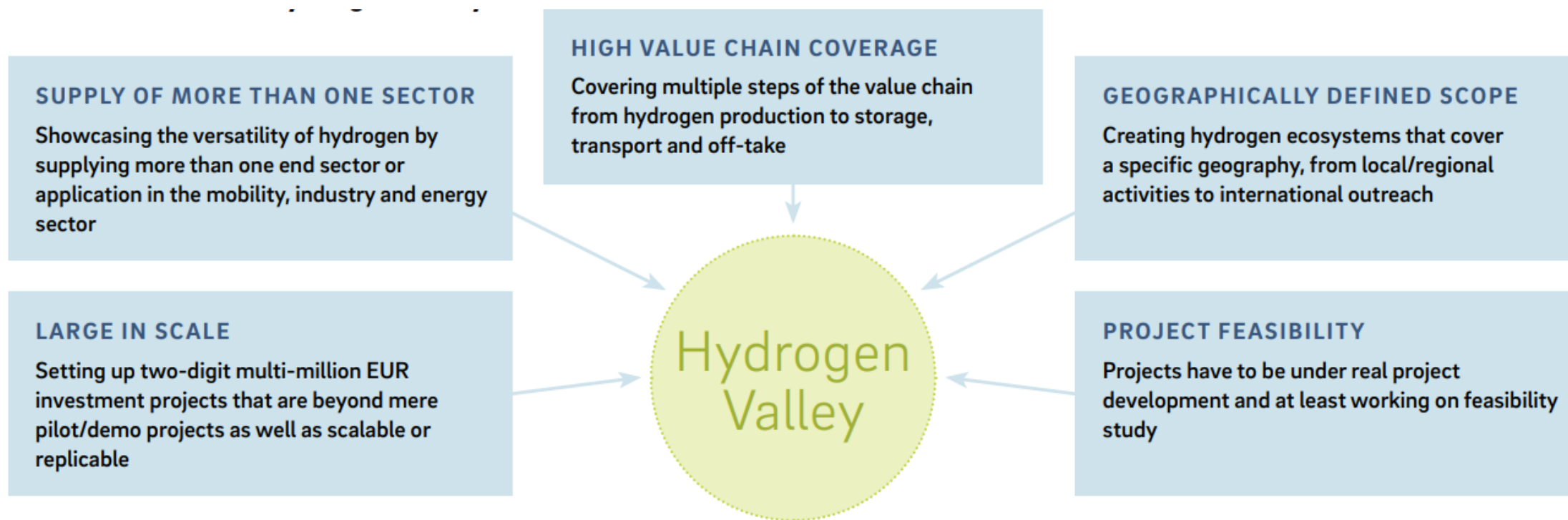
- **Sprints:**

1. Identification of 100 Clean Hydrogen Regions: Enhancing the ambition to identifying 100 Clean Hydrogen Valleys, through partnerships and linkages
2. Hydrogen Exchange: Support of non-MI countries to develop Hydrogen Valleys



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# What makes a hydrogen valley



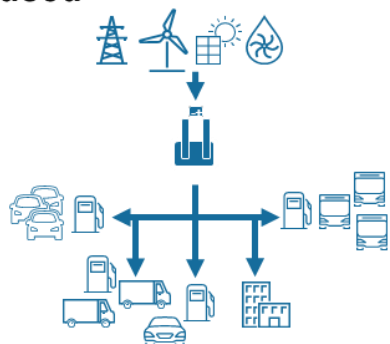
Source: Roland Berger



# What is a hydrogen valley

## Archetype 1:

**Local, small-scale & mobility-focused**

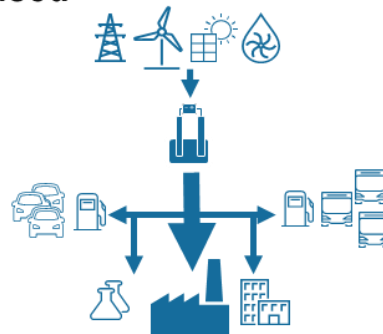


- > Local (green) hydrogen production projects serving mobility applications
- > Key focus is on aggregating consumption volumes and sharing refuelling infra (e.g. HRS)
- > Legacy of mobility/electrolyzer demo projects
- > Mostly led by public-private initiatives

**Examples:** Hyways For Future (Germany), Zero Emission Valley Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (France), Hydrogen Valley South Tyrol (Italy)

## Archetype 2:

**Local, medium-scale & industry-focused**

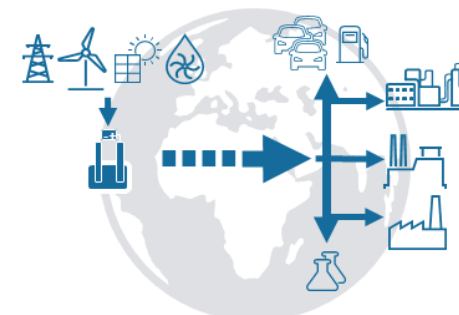


- > Local (green or blue) hydrogen production projects centered around 1-2 large off-takers as "anchor-load", smaller mobility off-takers as add-on
- > Making use of existing infra around industrial plants, often replacing grey H2 supply
- > Mostly led by private sector

**Examples:** Basque H<sub>2</sub> Corridor (Spain), Advanced Clean Energy Storage (USA), HyNet North West England (UK)

## Archetype 3:

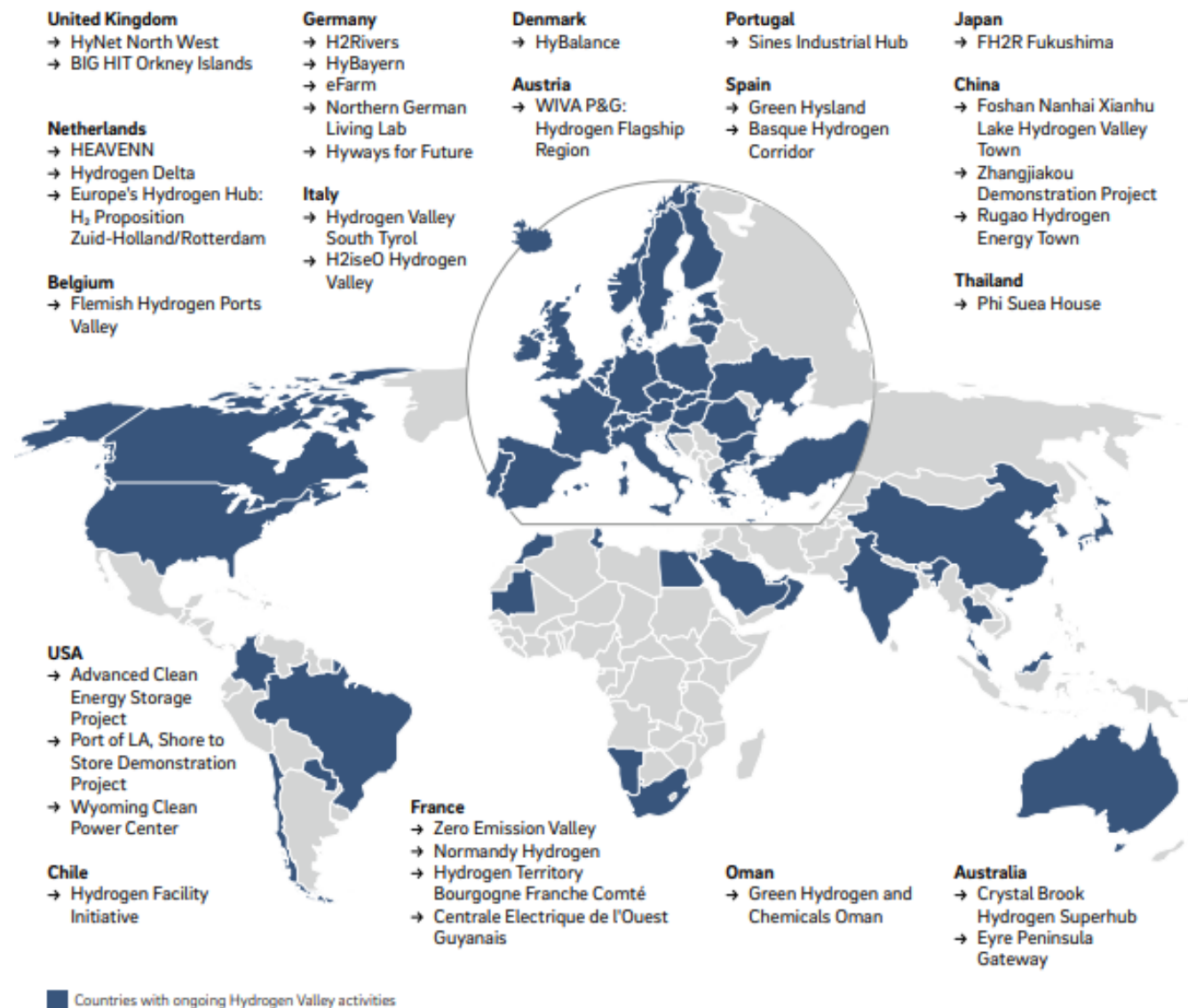
**Larger-scale, international and export-focused**



- > Large-scale projects with low-cost (green or blue) production, ultimately aiming for long-distance hydrogen transport to large off-takers abroad
- > Focus on connecting supply and demand internationally
- > Mostly led by private sector

**Examples:** Eyre Peninsula Gateway (Australia), Blue Danube (IPCEI), Green Crane (IPCEI)

## E: Global Hydrogen Valley activities and example projects from the Mission Innovation Hydrogen Valley Platform



Source: Clean Hydrogen JU, Roland Berger

# WIVA P&G: Hydrogen Flagship Region

## LEAD DEVELOPER

WIVA P&G

## PROJECT PARTNERS

WIVA P&G combines the experience of more than 30 completed and ongoing projects and will implement approx. 25 sub-projects within the energy model region.

## PROJECT SUPPORTERS

- Climate & Energy Fund Austria
- Research Program "Energy Model Region"

## LOCATION

Austria



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The energy model region WIVA P&G pursues demonstrating the conversion of the Austrian economy to a largely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral structure with the production and use of renewable hydrogen as an important component.

## H<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION VOLUME

3,650 tons/year

## TOTAL INVESTMENT VOLUME

80 EUR m

## FUNDING

Publicly and privately funded

## PROJECT TIMELINE



## PROJECT STATUS

Construction

## VALUE CHAIN COVERAGE

H<sub>2</sub> production route

- PEM electrolysis

H<sub>2</sub> end uses (target off-takers)

- Industry
- Mobility
- Energy

H<sub>2</sub> storage / conversion

- Other

H<sub>2</sub> transport / distribution

- Trucking
- Ship

# example

## BIG HIT

### LEAD DEVELOPER

Foundation for the Development of  
New Hydrogen Technologies in Aragon

### PROJECT PARTNERS

FHA, ITM, Orkney Council, Calvera, SDT, CES, EMEC,  
DTU, SymbioFC, SFHCA, Giacomini, Ministry of Transport  
and Infrastructure – Malta

### PROJECT SUPPORTERS

- Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking
- Scottish Government
- UK Government

### LOCATION

Orkney Islands



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BIG HIT is a six-year demonstration project which aims to create an integrated low carbon and localised energy system establishing a replicable model of hydrogen production, storage, distribution and utilisation for low carbon heat, power and transport.

### H<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION VOLUME

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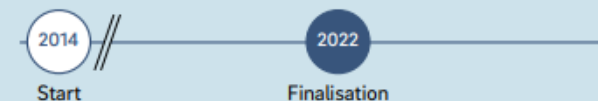
### TOTAL INVESTMENT VOLUME

14 EUR m

### FUNDING

Publicly and privately funded

### PROJECT TIMELINE



### PROJECT STATUS

Post-FID (financing, tendering, etc.)

### VALUE CHAIN COVERAGE

H<sub>2</sub> production route

- PEM electrolysis

H<sub>2</sub> end uses (target off-takers)

- Mobility (cars)
- Energy (stationary fuel cells)

H<sub>2</sub> transport / distribution

- Ship

# example

## Basque Hydrogen Corridor

### LEAD DEVELOPER

Petronor (Repsol Group)

### PROJECT PARTNERS

The project consortium consists of 78 entities, including research organisations, business associations, and private entities.

### PROJECT SUPPORTERS

- Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism
- Basque Government
- Provincial Councils of Biscay, Gipuzkoa and Araba
- Bilbao City Town Hall

### LOCATION

Bilbao



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Large-scale project to develop a renewable hydrogen economy in the Basque Country and surrounding regions, proving hydrogen as enabler for the energy transition, with applications throughout the renewable hydrogen value chain, and boosting technological and industrial competitiveness.

### H<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION VOLUME

24,600 tons/year

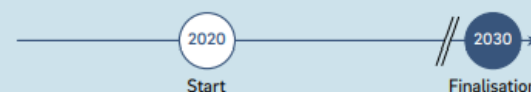
### TOTAL INVESTMENT VOLUME

3,000 EUR m

### FUNDING

Publicly and privately funded

### PROJECT TIMELINE



### PROJECT STATUS

The in total 38 projects are all between project conceptualization phase and start of constructions.

### VALUE CHAIN COVERAGE

#### H<sub>2</sub> production route

- Alkaline electrolysis
- Solid oxide electrolysis

#### H<sub>2</sub> end uses (target off-takers)

- Industry (refineries, steel)
- Mobility (cars, buses, trucks, forklifts, ships)
- Energy (gas grid injection)

#### H<sub>2</sub> storage / conversion

- Cylinder
- Cavern

#### H<sub>2</sub> transport / distribution

- Pipeline
- Trucking

# Success factors and key barriers

- A **convincing project concept** with a value chain coverage and technology choices that leverage local assets and address local needs
  - A **viable commercial structure** that enables first real business cases for developers (incl. any public funding)
  - **Public-private financing from multiple sources** that includes enough public funding to close all gaps
  - Partnering and stakeholder cooperation that covers the entire project scope and ensures **continuous commitment from all parties** involved
  - **Political backing and buy-in of the general public** for smooth and continuous project development
- Obtaining **(public) funding support** to close the remaining funding gaps
  - **Finding green hydrogen off-takers** and signing long-term contracts to make projects bankable
  - Ensuring **Technology readiness** of all fuel cells and hydrogen applications required
  - Ensuring adequate **legal regulatory support** (carbon pricing, standardization, fast permitting, etc)

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## 5 Join the platform!

The relaunched Hydrogen Valleys Platform intends to feature new, recently emerged Hydrogen Valley projects from around the world. As such, the project consortium has continued to contact potential project additions to evaluate their compatibility with the Hydrogen Valley definition and the platform's goals.

We encourage and invite all other projects at project development stage from around the world to reach out to join the platform. We firmly believe that by participating in the further development of the Hydrogen Valleys Platform, project developers will play a significant role in promoting the emergence of other hydrogen projects, and thereby facilitating the global clean energy transition as such. Above that, these projects will join an exclusive group of other leading hydrogen projects who can actively collaborate and exchange best practices.



In a next step, our team will evaluate the fit of the project regarding the Hydrogen Valley definition, which includes a comprehensive survey on project fundamentals, technologies deployed, project development overall, financial aspects as well as hurdles and key success factors. Afterwards, the project will be featured on the platform and joins the circle of successful peers from around the world. Furthermore, all Hydrogen Valleys on the platform will receive an H2.0 Valley Certificate. They are thus recognised and certified by Mission Innovation and the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking as a global Hydrogen Valley flagship.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you!

If you are interested, please get in touch regarding your Hydrogen Valley via <https://h2v.eu/join-us> or send an email to [H2V@clean-hydrogen.europa.eu](mailto:H2V@clean-hydrogen.europa.eu)!



# Pillar 3: Enabling Environment

- **Actions:**
  - **Clean Hydrogen Knowledge Platform, covering the following topics:**
    - Regulations
    - Codes and Standards
    - Finance & Investment



# Building a global clean hydrogen economy

- Need for a Global energy transition
- Best practice exchange (regulatory issues, technical, .....)
- Building up hydrogen (manufacturing) value chains /supply chains (security)
- Creating business opportunities

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Thank you!



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