



**Empowering Local and  
Cross Border Energy Value  
Chains and Advancing Technological  
Excellence in Central Eastern Europe**

## Project Duration

October 2025 - March 2027

## Project Coordination

The Slovak Innovation and  
Energy Agency (SIEA)

## European Contribution

€ 1,5 Mio. granted funding

## Funding

European Union, EISMEA

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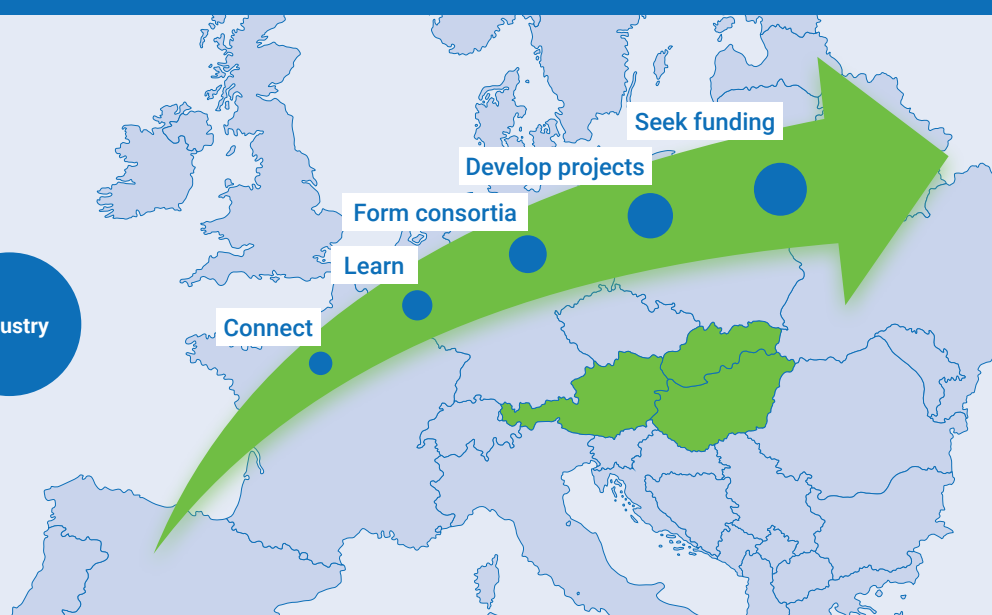
## ELEVATEcee is a new cross-border platform driving hydrogen innovation and industrial mod- ernisation in Slovakia, Austria, and Hungary

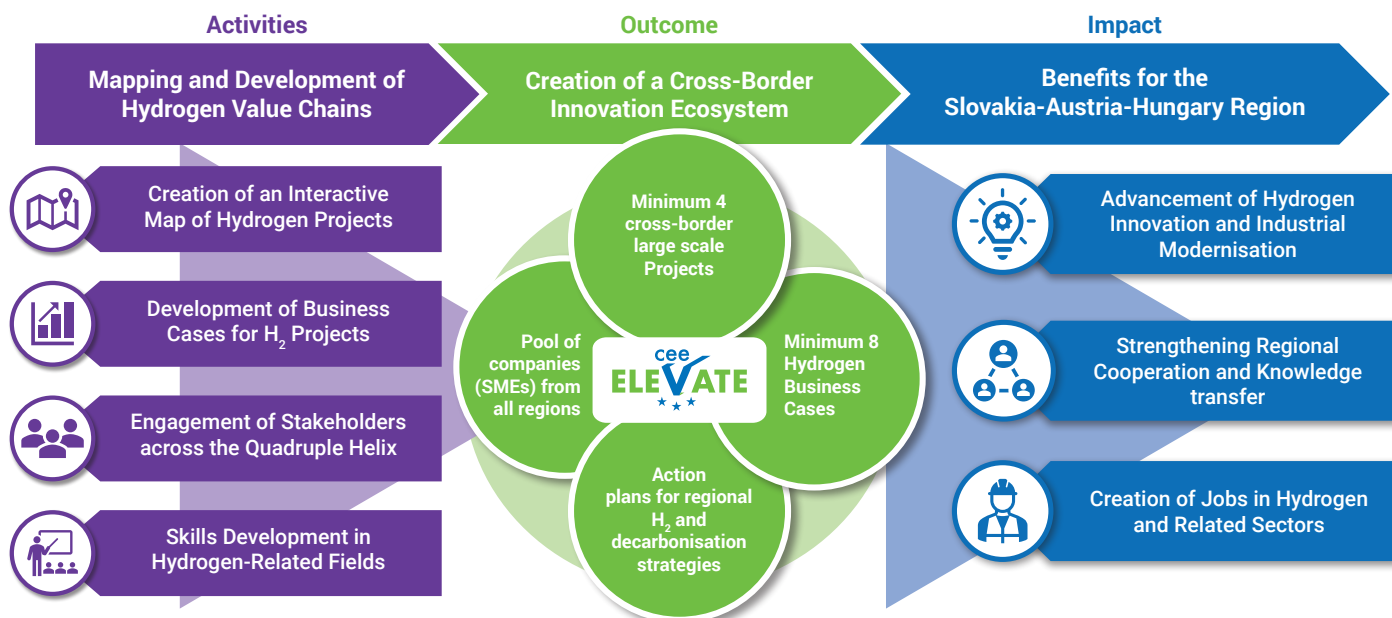
The **ELEVATEcee** project brings together national and regional stakeholders from the quadruple helix to identify and develop complete hydrogen value chains – from energy generation and hydrogen production to transport, storage, and end-use applications.

Through this collaboration, the project aims to build a **re-silient innovation ecosystem in the Slovakia-Austria-Hungary border region**, advancing industrial modernisation and supporting climate neutrality in Central Eastern Europe.



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## ELEVATEcee Main Activities



### Creation of an interactive Map of Hydrogen Projects

- Development of a time-resolved, interactive map showing existing, intended and desired hydrogen supply/demand, infrastructure, projects and stakeholders within the whole project area
- Helping the ecosystems self-awareness and act as a common knowledge base for the stakeholders to engage with each other and form cross-border hydrogen value-chains
- Provide guidance and recommendations to stakeholders to direct attention to potentially lucrative business opportunities



### Development of Business Cases for H<sub>2</sub> Projects

- Support project consortia in creating structured and detailed project concepts, aligned with technical, legislative, market, and bankability requirements
- Develop comprehensive business cases with legal due diligence, ensuring compliance with local, national, and EU regulations.
- Strengthen investment readiness of green hydrogen projects by developing financial plans and bankable business cases, and securing investor commitment



### Engagement of Stakeholders across the Quadruple Helix

- Ensure active engagement of all stakeholders within the quadruple helix across all
- Organise networking events such as working conferences with interactive workshops to facilitate knowledge sharing and partnership building



### Skills Development in Hydrogen-Related Fields

- Evaluation of existing national/regional hydrogen action plans and strategic documents in participating countries, focusing on policy and regulation, technology and standards, and financing and investments to compare country performance, identify gaps and challenges, and develop recommendations
- Create dashboards supported by narrative explanations to showcase best practices and illustrative case studies
- Serve as a forum for sharing lessons learned and adopting new and promising practices from each other