



Press invitation

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Economic Affairs Minister Peter Altmaier invites media representatives to High-Level Conference on Hydrogen

On **5 October 2020**, Economic Affairs Minister Peter Altmaier will chair a **High-Level Conference on Hydrogen**, which will take place as a **video conference** within the framework of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the EU.

In July, the European Commission presented its Hydrogen Strategy and its Strategy for Energy System Integration. In both EU strategies, hydrogen plays an important role in the implementation of the European Green Deal and the attainment of the climate targets. If they are to undertake substantial investment in hydrogen applications and supply, investors will need to have confidence in the business model and reliability of the business environment. The ramp-up of supply and demand will require coordination and support if it is to be sustainable. At the same time, a suitable regulatory framework needs to be provided for the market and the infrastructure. These issues will be discussed at the event.

The conference will take place via video link.

Before the conference, **Minister Altmaier will hold a short 'doorstep' press briefing on Monday, 5 October, at 1:40 p.m.** There will be an opportunity to ask brief questions.

We would also like to invite you to participate **virtually** in the conference **on Monday, 5 October 2020, from 2 p.m.** (to approx. 5:15 p.m.).

Information on the DOORSTEP:

On-site participation:

Notes for camera teams and photographers:

It is possible to send one team from the public-law broadcasting stations and one from the private stations. We ask the camera teams of the public-law broadcasters to liaise amongst themselves to agree a pool solution, and the camera teams of the private broadcasters to do the same; likewise, the photographers should agree on one photographer from the photo agencies, one from the news agencies, and one from the BPK (Federal Press Conference): in this way, the teams can comply with the distancing rules. Please let us know the names of the persons from the respective



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camera team and the name of the photographer by email to presseeinladung@bmwi.bund.de; keyword: “Hydrogen”, so that we can register them with security.

Notes for print media:

We ask for your understanding that the number of places for representatives from print media is limited to 5. We will give you a prompt answer as to whether you can attend the doorstep and/or press statement in person. Unfortunately, we cannot grant you access to the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy if you have not received a confirmation. If you wish to attend the doorstep at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy in person, please register by emailing presseeinladung@bmwi.bund.de using the keyword “Hydrogen”.

Please also inform us in your email if you have spent any time in a [risk area](#) in the last 14 days before the meeting. Should this be the case, we ask you to please refrain from attending the event in the Economic Affairs Ministry in person and to participate via the live stream instead.

Please make sure that you arrive at the Ministry in good time before the event starts. If you are late and the event has already started, we cannot guarantee that you will be admitted and will be able to participate. In addition, we ask you to cover your nose and mouth during the entire time spent at the Ministry.

Participation via live stream:

It is also possible to watch the doorstep via live stream. There is also a chat function which can be used to ask questions.

Please find below the links of the live streams for **Minister Altmaier’s doorstep on 5 October 2020, at 1:40 p.m.:**

German: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Livestream-Chat/Doorstep-Wasserstoffkonferenz-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

English: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Livestream-Chat/Doorstep-Wasserstoffkonferenz-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

French: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/FR/Livestream-Chat/Doorstep-Wasserstoffkonferenz-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

You can ask your **questions** in the **chat window**, which you will also find on the linked page. To activate the chat function, please log in as a guest. If you wish to ask any questions, please also enter your **name** and the **media organisation you are representing**. Experience has shown that it is advisable to open the link some time before the statement begins.

Language setting: Simultaneous interpretation into German, English and French is available both during the live stream and on site.



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Information on the VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:

Please find below the links for virtual participation and the preliminary programme:

German: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Livestream/High-Level-Konferenz-Energie-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

English: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Livestream/High-Level-Conference-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

French: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/FR/Livestream/High-Level-Conference-05-10-2020/videostream.html>

The preliminary programme:

2.00 p.m. - *Opening*

Peter Altmaier, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany

2.15 p.m. - *Keynotes*

Kadri Simson, Commissioner for Energy, European Commission

Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency

Ann Mettler, Director Europe, Gates Ventures

2.45 p.m. - *PANEL 1: The future role of hydrogen in Europe and beyond*

João Galamba, Deputy Minister and Secretary of State for Energy, Portugal

Peter Terium, Managing Director, NEOM

Patrick Pouyanné, Président-directeur général, TOTAL S.E.

Michael Bloss, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Christian Bruch, CEO and President, Siemens Energy AG

Henrik Poulsen, CEO and President, Ørsted A/S

Dr. Thomas Hüwener, CTO Open Grid Europe c/o Gas for Climate 2050 Initiative

3.45 p.m. - *Coffee break*

4.00 p.m. - *PANEL 2: Design for a hydrogen market*

Eric Wiebes, Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, The Netherlands

Ditte Juul-Jørgensen, Director General for Energy, European Commission

Gilles Le Van, Managing Director, Air Liquide Deutschland

Stephan Kamphues, President, ENTSOG

Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Secretary General, Hydrogen Europe

Domitille Bonnefoi, National Regulatory Authority, CRE, France

5.00 p.m. - *Wrap-up*

Andreas Feicht, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy