



Kick-off meeting of IH-MIE project CTAG leads the interregional hydrogen mobility Initiative for Europe

Hydrogen has emerged as a transformative solution in the journey towards **zero-emission mobility**, addressing one of Europe's most critical challenges in achieving climate neutrality and advancing the green transition. As a zero-emission fuel, hydrogen has the potential to decarbonize transportation, particularly in sectors such as heavy-duty vehicles and public transport, where battery-electric solutions face limitations.

The **Interregional Hydrogen Mobility Initiative for Europe (IH-MIE)** is a €6 million project co-funded by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) of the European Commission under the *Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3)* call.

The main objective of IH-MIE is to foster innovation, accelerate adoption, and establish a robust ecosystem for hydrogen-powered mobility across Europe. The initiative brings together the regions of **Galicia, Aragón and Castilla-La Mancha (Spain), Île-de-France and Normandy (France), Noord-Brabant (Netherlands), Podkarpackie (Poland), Moravian-Silesian (Czech Republic), Norte (Portugal), and Kurzeme (Latvia)**.

The project activities include a **cascade funding programme, mentoring and training actions** aimed at empowering **30 European SMEs, which will be selected through an open call to be launched during 2026**, to accelerate the development and market uptake of hydrogen mobility solutions.

To achieve this ambition, the consortium builds on a solid and diverse **Quadruple Helix partnership** of 19 entities, coordinated by **CTAG (Automotive Technology Centre of Galicia)**, combining the expertise of:

- **8 clusters:** CEAGA, Next Move, AutomotiveNL, Podkarpackie Dolina Wodorowa, Autoklastr, Moravskoslezsky Vodíkový Klastř, MOBINOV and Green Tech Latvia;
- **4 RTOs:** CTAG, ITECAM, Centro Nacional de Hidrógeno, and Fundación para el Desarrollo de las Nuevas Tecnologías del Hidrógeno en Aragón;
- **7 pioneering SMEs:** Little Car, iDSERVICES, DRIVE LINE SYSTEMS, Equipos Móviles de Campaña (ARPA), ECOINVERSOL, ZEBRA and Electricify.

Additionally, the following **associated entities** contribute to strengthening cross-sectoral collaboration at regional, national, and European levels: the **Galician Hydrogen Association (AGH2)**, the **Government of Aragón**, and the **Research and Innovation Agency of Castilla-La Mancha** (all from Spain).

The **Kick-off Meeting** was hosted by **CTAG** on **21–22 October**, where project partners had the opportunity to exchange ideas, strengthen team cohesion, start initial activities, and set the basis for a successful collaboration. The consortium is fully committed to ensuring that **IH-MIE** becomes a **European benchmark in collaborative innovation** and makes a **tangible contribution** to the goals of the **European Green Deal** and the **EU Hydrogen Strategy**.

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