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H2BA NETWORKING EVENT - EUROPE'S HYDROGEN MARKET RAMP-UP: MATCHING REGULATION AND MARKET DEMANDS

24 November 2026, 10:00 – 12:30 CET
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Stresemannstraße 94, 10963 Berlin

TIME	TOPIC
09:00	**Reception and registration** *Welcome Coffee*
10:00	**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS** **Johann Saathoff**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) **Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety** (BMUKN) (tbc)
10:30	**EU HYDROGEN POLICY UPDATE: STRATEGY, REGULATION & SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS** *European Commission perspective on current EU hydrogen policy developments, regulatory frameworks and support instruments shaping market development and investment* **Tudor Constantinescu,** Principal Adviser to the Director General for Energy, European Commission (tbc)
10:45	**PRIVATE-SECTOR PERSPECTIVES: WHAT IT TAKES TO SCALE HYDROGEN IN EUROPE** • **Dr Geert Tjarks,** Managing Director, EWE HYDROGEN GmbH • **Christian Stuckmann**, Vice President, Head of Green Molecule Assets Germany, Uniper

Insights on

Moving projects from development to FID: *key implementation challenges, lessons learned and approaches to managing project risks*
Making H_2/PtX projects bankable: *financing, offtake and long-term demand*
Creating enabling market conditions: *regulatory frameworks and public support needed to unlock investment and implementation*

11:05 **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE**

11:20 **PANEL: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PERSPECTIVES: BUILDING COMPETITIVE SECURE HYDROGEN VALUE CHAINS**

Discussion focusing on:

- *What are the main obstacles still preventing projects from reaching FID?*
- *How can policy and support instruments better match market needs?*
- *How can demand and offtake for renewable hydrogen and PtX products be strengthened?*
- *What role should public support play in reducing project and market risks?*
- *How can European and international hydrogen value chains be developed competitively?*

Panel bringing together perspectives from policymakers, project developers, technology providers and offtakers.

- **Felix Reifschneider,** Deputy Head of Department Energy, Urban Development, Mobility, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- **Mascha Thomas**, Advisor in the Division International Hydrogen Ramp-up, Bilateral Cooperation on Hydrogen infrastructure, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE)
- **Farouk Benabdoun**, Senior Vice President, Head of Region Europe, thyssenkrupp Uhde GmbH
- **Tim Huesmann**, Head of Sales and Finance, Möhring Energie Holding GmbH
- **Marcel Zok**, Senior Manager Government & Regulatory Affairs, thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG

12.00 **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE**

12:25 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Manon Mang, Head of Department Energy, Urban Development, Mobility, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

12:30 **Networking Lunch**

14:00 **End**