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EHA organizes session at European Sustainable Energy Week on Urban Hydrogen Projects

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Many urban hydrogen projects, including the installation of hydrogen stations and stationary fuel cell systems, have demonstrated the contribution of the use of hydrogen as an energy vector to a clean European energy mix. The European Hydrogen Association, EHA, is organizing a session at the European Sustainable Energy Week on January 30, 2008 from 9:30 till 12:45, Hall S1 in the Charlemagne building in Brussels, "Hydrogen in the City: sustainable urban hydrogen projects to reduce local emissions", presenting the expertise and know how developed in these projects, as well as insight in the view of the industry on hydrogen infrastructure development, to support local communities to effectively integrate hydrogen applications in their future energy and transport system.

The EHA session is taking place at an important moment for the European hydrogen and fuel cell sector in view of the release of the Commission's proposals for a Joint Undertaking for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen, the new Fuels Directive, Renewables and Biofuels Directive, Carbon Capture and Storage Directive and new Emission Trading Scheme. In order to facilitate the integration of the use of hydrogen as a clean energy vector it is of utmost importance that the production, distribution and use of hydrogen to power transport and stationary applications is recognised as an integral part of a new sustainable European energy and transport system.

With commercial applications coming to market the standardisation of authorisation procedures for hydrogen refuelling installations and stationary power applications, homologation of hydrogen vehicles and the facilitation of clean hydrogen production technologies are crucial to guarantee the role of market leader of European industries in this field, especially with regards to small and medium size enterprises and to attract long term investments .

The EHA is representing fourteen national associations (BE, CH, DE, ES, F, H, IT, LV, N, NL, PT, PL, SE, UK) and the main hydrogen infrastructure development companies (Acciona Biocombustibles S.A., Air Liquide, Air Products, Ajusa, StatoilHydro, the Linde Group, Shell Hydrogen) and actively promotes the integration of hydrogen applications in EU and national transport and energy policies, building synergies with other organisations to help realise the "step change" towards a sustainable future.

For more information on the programme and to register for the EHA session at the European Sustainable Energy Week please visit www.eusew.eu.

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