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PRESS RELEASE

GRTgaz and Teréga have launched a consultation of low-carbon and renewable hydrogen market actors

GRTgaz and Teréga have announced the launch, on 1 June, of a nationwide consultation with all the actors in the hydrogen market to work together in imagining tomorrow's transmission system.

Energy transition is the core of European and French policies to combat climate change, with the aim of massively decarbonising our economy in order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In this context, low-carbon and renewable hydrogen, beyond being identified as a major energy vector for carbon-neutral economies, is also an industrial opportunity for France and Europe.

The hydrogen sector is already sending out strong signals for the production, transport, storage and consumption of hydrogen.

The goal for GRTgaz and Teréga, through this nationwide consultation, is to listen to the expectations and needs of all the actors in the French low-carbon and renewable hydrogen market to imagine and plan tomorrow's hydrogen transport grid together.

The market consultation is particularly intended for the following audiences:

- public actors and national and regional institutional actors,
- associations, trade unions, professional unions,
- industrials, suppliers, producers, current or future H2 users, shippers,
- infrastructure operators (DSO, ELD, adjacent TSOs, RTE),
- academic actors,
- experts and other groups interested in the hydrogen market.

A questionnaire will be made available to market actors from 1 June to 11 July <https://online.vocaza.net/answer/HE/SF?P=419z2z3z27z64zB5DD4988CC>

This questionnaire aims to gather information from respondents on:

- their vision of the H2 market,
- their current and future decarbonisation strategies,
- their potential H2 transport needs, to develop the technical specifications for these structures.

More in-depth bilateral discussions may be held during this period and beyond.

Thierry Trouvé, CEO of GRTgaz, Chair of the Europe Hydrogen Energy working group points out: *“GRTgaz has been conducting research and development for over five years to adapt its infrastructure to the transport of low-carbon and renewable hydrogen.*

The need to be concerned with future infrastructure for transporting hydrogen is growing throughout Europe. This is a major issue if Europe and France want to see the development of a hydrogen economy, which is essential for achieving carbon neutrality in 2050. European hydrogen logistics are being invented now.”

Dominique Mockly, CEO of Teréga: *“Hydrogen is one of the key links in the decarbonised energy mix of tomorrow. We are convinced that the expansion of this sector, which promises many benefits, will help meet a two-fold challenge: to speed up energy transition and strengthen the fabric of French industry. This conviction is illustrated by Teréga’s active involvement in several projects, alongside partners, at local, national and European levels, together with work on the conversion of our existing infrastructures.”*

Next steps in the hydrogen market consultation:

- **The consultation of the H2 market actors:** a questionnaire will be made available from 1 June to 11 July. Link: <https://online.vocaza.net/answer/HE/SF?P=419z2z3z27z64zB5DD4988CC>
More in-depth discussions may be held during this period and beyond.
- **From July 11: after consolidating the needs of the H2 market actors, GRTgaz and Teréga will provide at the end of 2021, an initial schedule for the low carbon and renewable hydrogen grid.**

About GRTgaz

GRTgaz is one of the European leaders in gas transport and a world authority on gas systems. In France, the company operates more than 32,000 km of underground pipelines to transport gas from suppliers to consumers connected to its grid (public distribution managers serving communes, power plants and more than 700 industrial sites). GRTgaz fulfils a public service mission aimed at guaranteeing the continuity of gas transmission and offers its customers grid access and energy performance improvement services. With its subsidiaries Elengy, a European leader in methane terminal services, and GRTgaz Deutschland, which operates the MEGAL transport grid in Germany, GRTgaz plays a key role on the European gas infrastructure stage and exports its expertise internationally, thanks in particular to the services developed by its research centre RICE (Research & Innovation Center for Energy). An actor in energy transition, GRTgaz invests in innovative solutions to welcome as many renewable gases as possible to its grid, including hydrogen, to support these new sectors, and thus make a contribution to achieving carbon neutrality. Find us at grtgaz.com, energiesdespossibles.fr @GRTgaz, [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), et [LinkedIn](#).

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About Teréga

A major actor of the energy world in Europe, Teréga has been established in South-West France for over 75 years. The company operates over 5,000 km of pipelines and two underground storage facilities, representing 16% of the French gas transport grid and 26 % of national storage capacities. Meeting its public service obligations, Teréga ships natural gas to over 400 delivery stations, under optimal conditions of safety, cost and reliability. In 2020, the company generated revenues of €460 million and it has more than 660 employees.

Teréga enjoys a strategic position in Europe, where the company provides the interconnections which guarantee security of supply and with Spain in particular. Recognising that renewable gas has a vital role to play in the energy transition, Teréga wishes to establish itself as an accelerator of this green revolution through increasing its involvement in the biomethane,

hydrogen (including Power-to-Gas) and natural gas for vehicles sectors.

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