



## H2med project officially renewed as European "Project of Common Interest" (PCI)

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The H2med project reaches a key milestone again: The list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs) has been published on April 9, 2026 in the Official Journal of the European Union. It is **confirming the award of the PCI label to the BarMar (Barcelona-Marseille) and CelZa (Celorico da Beira-Zamora) interconnections**, as well as the national backbones jointly forming the H2med corridor.

### A strategic validation at the heart of the European energy transition

This publication follows the approval by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCI/PMI delegated act, which had been proposed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025 by the European Commission. The European co-legislators now confirmed their full support for this new list, established under the revised TEN-E regulation.

As a reminder, EU-supported cross-border energy infrastructure projects are fundamental in helping the Union achieve its climate and energy goals. The list will enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal.

### Confirmed maturity and expansion of the H2med Hydrogen Corridor

The renewal of the PCI status for BarMar and CelZa validates the proven maturity of these projects and highlights the significant progress already made by the partners. This solid foundation allows for the acceleration of the South-Western Hydrogen Corridor's momentum. The H2med corridor is one of the priorities 'Energy Highways' presented by President Ursula von der Leyen in her State of the Union address, on the 10th of September 2025.

The PCI list also confirms the extension to other crucial national projects aligned with this European vision within the **H2med corridor**: the PCI status renewal for key infrastructures such as the **Portuguese backbone**, the **Spanish backbone** and its two associated storages North 1 and North 2 and the **HY-FEN, MosaHyc** and **RHYn** projects, and the inclusion of new strategic infrastructure projects such as **HySoW** (transport and storage) and **MidHY**, and also **H2ercules South-West** as part of the **German core grid**.

These inclusions reinforce the ambition of the H2med corridor to become a truly comprehensive and resilient hydrogen backbone, capable of connecting the production capacities of South-Western Europe to the major industrial consumption centres of Central Europe.

### Concrete benefits to accelerate development

Obtaining this PCI label grants the H2med project decisive advantages for the next stages of its deployment:

- Access to **simplified and accelerated permitting procedures**.
- Eligibility for **European financial support** under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), helping to catalyse the investments required for its ambitious goals.

**About the infrastructure operators involved in the H2med project:**



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