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Energy Sovereignty: French hydrogen infrastructure projects by NaTran and Teréga recognized as being of major European importance

The publication in the Official Journal of the European Union of the delegated act establishing the new list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) marks a historic turning point for French energy infrastructures. By labeling a series of French projects, Europe confirms that France will be at the heart of the future continental hydrogen backbone.

This new list partially renews the status of key cross-border infrastructures, such as the Spanish backbone and the BarMar (Barcelona-Marseille) and CelZa (Celorico da Beira - Zamora) interconnectors, which are components of the H2med corridor, while officially integrating several major French projects led by NaTran and Teréga into the European network:

- The HY-FEN project: this strategic national artery, approximately 1000 km long and led by NaTran, connects the Mediterranean (in direct extension of the BarMar project) to the major consumption hubs in Northern and Eastern France, opening the way towards Germany. HY-FEN meets the needs of our regions and transforms France ("l'Hexagone") into an indispensable energy bridge between the Iberian renewable hydrogen production basins, storage sites, and European industrial centers.
- The MidHY project (led by NaTran), with a length of 200 km, is an essential interconnector link to connect the regional HySoW network to the HY-FEN backbone.
- The HySoW project, *Hydrogen South-West*, led by Teréga, asserts itself as a pillar of the Grand Sud-Ouest (Great South-West) and an essential link in European energy sovereignty. Its transport network of over 650 km connects the production, import, and consumption zones of South-West France to the European H2med corridor. It is complemented by an underground hydrogen storage facility which, with a capacity of 500 GWh PCS, guarantees system flexibility, secures supply, and enables the absorption of variations in hydrogen production and demand.
- The MosaHyc, RHYn, Hy4Link projects, and the Franco-Belgian corridor, led by NaTran, link HY-FEN to the industrial basins of Eastern France and Central Europe (Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium).

The granting of this European label to new projects provides NaTran and Teréga with powerful operational levers for successfully implementing these large-scale projects:

- **Simplified procedures:** the projects benefit from priority access and accelerated processing for obtaining administrative authorizations, an indispensable condition for meeting the tight deadlines of the energy transition.
- **Eligibility for European funding (CEF):** this status opens the possibility of applying for crucial financial aid via the Connecting Europe Facility (MIE: Mécanisme pour l'Interconnexion en Europe), helping to catalyze industrial investments.
- **A long-term guarantee:** this labeling offers increased market visibility and a strong signal of confidence, which are essential for engaging industrial players in the hydrogen sector.

This official publication follows the adoption, by the European Parliament and the Council, of the list proposed last December by the European Commission, in accordance with the regulation on Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E).

About NaTran

NaTran (new name for GRTgaz), opened a new chapter in its history in 2025 by changing its name and adopting a corporate project, NaTran2030, focused on the energy transition and carbon neutrality by 2050. The company commits to dedicating more than 50% of annual investments to the energy transition by 2030. To achieve this, the company is adapting its network and practices to ecological, economic, and digital challenges. It offers infrastructures and logistics tailored to the gases contributing to the energy transition (biomethane, H₂, and CO₂). NaTran is the 2nd largest gas transport operator in Europe. The Group has two subsidiaries: Elengy (leader in LNG terminals in Europe) and NaTran Deutschland (operator of the MEGAL network). NaTran ensures public service missions aimed at guaranteeing the security of supply for its customers. Its research center, NaTran R&I (formerly RICE), is an international reference in research and innovation applied to the energy transition. Key figures for NaTran Group: 33,791 km of pipelines, 623 TWh of gas transported, 3,671 employees, €2.5 billion in revenue in 2025. To find out more about NaTran and its initiatives, visit [NaTrangroupe.com](https://natrangroupe.com), X, LinkedIn, Instagram.

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About Teréga

Teréga – Established in South-West France, at the crossroads between major European gas flows, Teréga has exercised exceptional expertise for over 80 years in the development of gas transport and storage infrastructures. Today, it continues to develop innovative solutions to overcome the major energy challenges facing France and Europe. A true accelerator of the energy transition, Teréga operates over 5,000 km of pipelines and 2 underground storage reservoirs representing 15.8% of the French gas transport network and 27% of national storage capacity. In 2024, the company generated turnover of €488 million (excluding balancing and congestion) and had more than 647 employees. Corporate social responsibility is at the heart of Teréga's strategy, as it embarks on the energy transition to carbon neutrality. Teréga has rolled out programmes in all areas of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance): its employee safety and its infrastructure security via the PARI 2035 programme, sustainable development of territories and social responsibility via the ENERGIZ MOUV programme, support of philanthropic projects via the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies endowment fund, and reduction of environmental impacts via the BE POSITIF programme with a commitment to a 34% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 2021 on all scopes 1, 2 and 3. Find us at <https://www.terega.fr/>.

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