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Endorsement of the new CertifHy™ scheme by the CertifHy™ Stakeholder Platform

Press release

Brussels, June 9, 2022 - CertifHy™ has moved a step forward towards the implementation of an EU-wide certification system for hydrogen.

On the 28th of April, members from the CertifHy™ Stakeholder Platform voted in favor of the endorsement of the new CertifHy™ scheme documents.

The vote ratified the adjustments made to the existing documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Association of Issuing Bodies' (AIB) European Energy Certificate System (EECS).

"The approval of the CertifHy™ scheme documents by the Stakeholder Platform is a key milestone to set up a sound and trustworthy basis for Non-Governmental certificates as well as for National GO systems harmonized across Europe. The endorsed documents provide a solid basis for any Hydrogen GO system that may be developed in other geographies as well. It is an important step forward towards enabling the market-based approach for hydrogen supply that stakeholders are looking for, in Europe and beyond", said Guy de Reals, Chairman of the CertifHy™ Steering Committee.

"CertifHy™ provides H2 producers and consumers with a strong alternative compatible with the EECS system in Member States where a national H2 GO system is not available.", said Matthieu Boisson, CertifHy™ 3 Project Coordinator. *"In the meantime, CertifHy™ is looking*



to continue its active collaboration with EU Member States to help them in the implementation of their H2 GO scheme”.

For CertifHy™, the next important objective is to become recognized as an Independent Criteria Scheme (ICS) by the AIB, to further facilitate the adoption of hydrogen certification in Europe.

“The AIB is pleased with the approval of the CertifHy™ scheme by the Stakeholder Platform as the next step towards a harmonized European GO system for H2. We look forward to continuing our valued cooperation and hope to welcome CertifHy™ soon as an Independent Criteria Scheme. This will allow reliable H2 certificates to be accommodated in those European countries that still lack a legislative framework for H2 GOs”, said Liesbeth Switten, Secretary General of AIB.

The documents are available at:

<https://www.certifyhy.eu/certifhy-documents/>

About the Clean Hydrogen Partnership

The Clean Hydrogen Partnership is supporting research and innovation (R&I) activities in hydrogen technologies in Europe. It aims to accelerate the development of advanced clean hydrogen applications ready for market, across end-use sectors such as energy, transport, building and industry, while strengthening the competitiveness of the clean hydrogen value chain. The [members](#) of the partnership are the European Commission, fuel cell and hydrogen industries represented by Hydrogen Europe and the research community represented by Hydrogen Europe Research.

About CertifHy™

CertifHy™ has been financed by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership and its predecessors since 2014. CertifHy™ is conducted by the CertifHy™ Consortium, which is led by HINICIO and composed of GREXEL, Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik (LBST), AIB (Association of Issuing Bodies), CEA (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives) and TÜV SÜD.

About AIB

AIB represents European certificate system administrators, and is the leading enabler of international energy certificate schemes throughout Europe, and in particular those relating to guarantees of origin under Directives 2009/28/EC and 2012/28/EC. The AIB has developed, uses and promotes a standardised system: the European Energy Certificate System - EECS – which ensures the reliable operation of international certificate schemes. These schemes satisfy the criteria of objectivity, non-discrimination, transparency and cost effectiveness in order to facilitate the international exchange of certificates. In order to further facilitate the international exchange between energy certificates, the AIB operates an inter-registry telecommunications Hub. The AIB also provides a knowledge centre for energy certificate authorities across Europe, providing and sharing advice and guidance.

About CEA

The CEA is a key player in research, development and innovation in four main areas: defense and security, low carbon energies (nuclear and renewable), technological research for industry, fundamental research in the physical sciences and life sciences.

About Grexel

Grexel is the leading European energy certification service provider. Customers are authorities and other organizations who facilitate energy certification and energy certificate markets. Grexel provides services to help their customers to create rules and processes and equip them with a central registry system, the heart of every environmental commodity market. Issuing bodies in 10 countries rely on Grexel's technology 365x24. The transaction volume in registries provided by us is over one billion MWhs a year with over 30 % of RES-e production of Europe is issued in registries provided.

About Hinicio

Hinicio is a strategy consulting firm focused on sustainable energy, covering renewable energy technologies, fuel cells and hydrogen, smart energy storage, energy efficiency and clean transport technologies. Hinicio is built with a multinational team of engineers, economists, environmentalists, and policy experts in sustainable energy active in Europe and the Americas. The company's headquarters are located in Brussels.



About LBST

Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik GmbH (LBST) is an expert consultant for sustainable energy and mobility. Focus areas include renewables, energy storage, hydrogen and fuel cells, infrastructure modelling, fuels and drives, and sustainability analysis.

With its expertise bridging technologies, markets, and policy LBST supports international clients from industry, finance, politics, and non-governmental organisations in strategy, feasibility, and market assessments. Its cutting-edge competence is based on over three decades of continuous experience, and on the interdisciplinary team of leading experts.

About TÜV SÜD

TÜV SÜD is one of the world's leading technical service providers of testing, inspection, certification and training solutions with the strategic business segments industry, mobility and certification. The experts of TÜV SÜD Industrie Service boast longstanding experience in safety of fuel cell engineering and hydrogen technology (e.g. filling stations). The group Carbon Management Service (CMS) has more than ten years of experience in the area of greenhouse gases, renewable energy and certification.

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