

**H2CE Final Project Conference (HYBRID)
Strengthening the H2CE Hydrogen-Ready Regions Network
Berlin, 25 March 2026**

Venue: Berlin Senate Department for Urban Development, Building and Housing: Württembergische Straße 6, 10707 Berlin (17th floor)

Provisional agenda (version 19.02.2026):

Registration from 9:30	
Morning Session	
10:00-10:15	Welcoming words <i>Manuela Hahn, Director, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg</i> <i>Monika Schönerklee-Grasser, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Central Europe Programme</i>
10:15-10:35	Keynote speech: "Current situation and perspectives for the uptake of the hydrogen economy in Central Europe" <i>Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO Hydrogen Europe (Online)</i>
10:35-11:30	The H2CE project- Central European regions heading towards hydrogen readiness through cooperation and networking The HCE project at a glance <i>Pedro Brosei (JPSD/DE)</i> The H2CE Collaboration Platform as a tool to help Central European regions to be ready for hydrogen integration <i>Martin Guba (IPSD/SK), Karel Tichy (ESC-Ustí Region/CZ), Pedro Brosei (JPSD/DE)</i>
11:30-11:45	Coffee break and networking
11:45-12:45	Panel discussion: Central European regions preparing for energy transition with hydrogen Panelists: <i>Dr. Martin Bendig, Ministry of Economy, Labour, Energy and Climate Protection Brandenburg (MWAEK)</i> <i>Francesco Matteucci, Senior Advisor on Energy Policy and Industrial Transition, Emilia-Romagna Region</i> <i>Professor Ankica Kovac, University of Zagreb (tbc)</i>
12:45-13:45	Lunch break and networking

Afternoon Session	
13:45-14:30	Spotlight on H2CE Project Activities Among others: <i>The GIS Tool of Veneto</i>
14:30-14:45	Presentation of the H2CE position paper H2CE project partnership
14:55-15:00	Closure of the Conference