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Development of the hydrogen market in the Baltic Sea region

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9:45 – 16:30

Haus der deutschen Wirtschaft

Breite Str. 29, 10178 Berlin

Agenda

09:45 – 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming remarks

Dr. Sebastian Bolay - Head of the Energy, Environment and Industry Division, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Jan Tombiński - Chargé d'affaires a. i., Embassy of the Republic of Poland to Germany

Mr. Michael Harms - Executive Director, Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. (German Eastern Business Association)

10:15 – 10:30 Keynote

Mr. Viktors Valainis - Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Mr. Michael Kellner - Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany

10:30 – 12:30 Panel I: Security of supply: the role of infrastructure and regional cooperation

Decarbonisation of the EU is an ambitious and challenging endeavour, with hydrogen to play an important role. With demand expected to outpace supply of hydrogen in the EU, it is crucial from the energy security point of view, to maximize the utilization of domestic resources. As Poland and Germany are among the world's largest producers and consumers of conventionally generated H₂, which will have to be decarbonized, and the Baltic States and Finland have significant potential for the offshore wind development and hydrogen production, there is a significant cooperation potential.

The panel will discuss regional production potential, role of the region on the European hydrogen map, planned transportation corridors and national grids' development, as well as best practices for streamlining of the planning and permitting processes.



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- **Mr. Nemunas Biknius** - Chief Executive Officer, Amber Grid
- **Mr. Marko Janhunen** - Vice President, Gasgrid
- **Mr. Paweł Sęk** - Deputy Director, Energy Transition Division, Gaz-System
- **Mr. Dirk Manske** - Head of Regulation and Energy Policy, Ontras

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12:15 – 13:45 Networking lunch

13:45 – 15:30 Panel II: H₂ market development – opportunities and challenges / reality check

In spite of its potential and significance evident in many national and EU strategic documents, the development of the H₂ market is an ongoing process at an early stage. What are the lessons-learned from the last few years, what have been the biggest challenges, were lay the opportunities and what are the competitive advantages of the European companies and finally what is needed to avoid the fate of the European PV industry? On top of these questions, the panelists will analyse potential synergies and needed steps to move closer to EU carbon neutrality goals.

- **Dr. Christopher Frey** - Head of Public Affairs, Sunfire GmbH
- **Mr. Aivars Starikovs** - Board Member of the Latvian Hydrogen Association and Board Member of Hydrogen Europe
- **Dr. Aigars Laizāns** - Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Latvenergo
- **Mr. Steven Sepp** - Development Lead, Estonian Hydrogen Cluster

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15:30 – 16:30 Networking over coffee