

Press release

## Clean Energy Partnership (CEP) announces collaboration with Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership (SHHP)

**Berlin, June 2013. Germany's Clean Energy Partnership and the Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnership have announced an international collaboration at the NOW GmbH 'International workshop on H2 infrastructure and transportation'. The purpose is to coordinate and accelerate preparations for commercialising mobility-related hydrogen and fuel cell technology.**

Last year's decision to expand the network infrastructure to 50 filling stations in Germany by 2015 is already being implemented at full speed. A logical future step in making hydrogen mobility a reality across international borders as well is the expansion of the infrastructure corridor to Scandinavia. To achieve this goal, the CEP and SHHP will systematically share and discuss their experiences regarding 700-bar refuelling technology, guidelines for fuelling buses, and the standardisation of refuelling equipment. Dr. Veit Steinle, Director-General, Environmental Policy and Infrastructure at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, says:

*"We have to understand the importance of these demonstration projects and the related responsibility to prepare the markets of tomorrow worldwide. These demonstration projects provide a source of experience and knowledge and serve as information base in order for us to learn from the past and to prepare the future.[...] The partnership between SHHP and CEP is truly a remarkable step in the direction of creating an international exchange on the topic of H2-infrastructure and FCEV's deployment."*

*"Our cooperative exchange will not, however, be limited to the topic of infrastructure, but will also include safety, strategy and planning. We look forward to the partnership and to achieving our common goal of launching hydrogen technology on the market," said Patrick Schnell, Chairman of the CEP.*

*"We are convinced that this collaboration will provide profound insights into the work of the respective countries and that both projects will benefit from the exchange of new findings," said Mikael Sloth, Chairman of the SHHP.*

Initiated by NOW GmbH, the 'International workshop on H2 infrastructure and transportation' from 24 to 26 June brought together experts from Japanese, American, German, Scandinavian and European projects at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development to discuss existing challenges in the area of hydrogen and fuel cell technology. In October, there will be a webinar – hosted in collaboration with the Department of Energy – in which the results of the workshop will be reported.

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The Clean Energy Partnership – an alliance of sixteen leading companies – has set itself the goal of establishing hydrogen as the 'fuel of the future'. With Air Liquide, Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe BVG, BMW, Daimler, EnBW, Ford, GM/Opel, Hamburger Hochbahn, Honda, Linde, Shell, Statoil, TOTAL, Toyota, Vattenfall Europe and Volkswagen as its partners, the ground-breaking future project includes technology, oil and utility companies as well as most German car manufacturers and two leading public transport companies. Germany's National Innovation Programme for Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology (NIP) has sponsored the CEP since 2008. [www.cleanenergypartnership.de](http://www.cleanenergypartnership.de)

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