



Membership in IEA Hydrogen

Why join the International Energy Agency (IEA) Hydrogen Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP)?

The International Energy Agency Hydrogen (IEA) Hydrogen Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP) – IEA Hydrogen or IEA H₂-- offers Members the opportunity to participate in a global research, development & demonstration (R,D&D) collaboration in hydrogen. With a 35 + year operating history and significant accomplishments to its credit, IEA Hydrogen is a unique leader in this field. Our cooperative R,D&D strategy advances the IEA Hydrogen mission of accelerating hydrogen implementation and utilization on a global basis. Our R,D&D portfolio is organized in “tasks” comprised of long-term, pre-competitive activities and near-term activities, all of which are supported by analysis and outreach. For IEA H₂ Members, a modest investment of resources leverages a substantial return for Member programs and businesses.

Who is eligible to join?

There are two categories of membership: Contracting Parties and Sponsors.

Contracting Parties come from:

- a) the governments of both Organization of Economic Development (OECD) Member or OECD non-Member countries;
- b) the European Community (now the EU);
- c) international organizations in which the governments of OECD Member countries and/or OECD non -Member countries participate; and
- d) any national agency, public organization, private corporation or other entity designated by the government of an OECD Member country or an OECD non-Member country, or by the European Union.

Sponsors come from:

- a) an entity of an OECD Member country or an OECD non-Member country which is not designated by the government of its country to participate in a particular TCP; or
- b) a non-intergovernmental international entity in which one or more countries (whether or not members of the IEA or of the OECD) participate.

There are four types of Sponsors: public-private partnerships, companies, non-profit associations and (unfederated) consortia.

IEA Hydrogen welcomes new Members-- whether Contracting Parties or Sponsors-- who have the interest, willingness and capability to participate in IEA H₂ tasks and activities.

Membership/Participation Requirements

- Members must participate in at least one task through in-kind contribution of an expert. Tasks typically meet twice a year in a location selected by task participants.
- Members are expected to attend Executive Committee (ExCo) Meetings:
 - In odd years there are two in-person ExCo Meetings.
 - In even years there is one in-person ExCo Meeting; the other ExCo Meeting takes place via a multi-session Global Webinar. In-person ExCo Meetings are hosted by Member invitation in locations around the world.
- Members must pay annual Common Fund Dues (currently set at \$12,500 USD), which support management and outreach of IEA Hydrogen.

Benefits and Value Proposition

- Members have a seat on the IEA Hydrogen Executive Committee, a vote and a voice in developing the IEA Hydrogen strategy and portfolio.
- Members are eligible to participate in any and all IEA H2 tasks with payment of a single fee -- the annual IEA H2 Common Fund dues. There are no extra charges.
- Careful intellectual property (IP) treatment protects research activities results.
- Members are part of collaboration with a neutral international profile and a high leverage factor, as well as an established network of researchers and a truly global reach.

Distinction between Contracting Party Members and Sponsor Members

- As Contracting Parties represent governments of countries and the EU, the constituents of these entities are eligible to participate in all IEA H2 tasks. In contrast, a Sponsor Member represents itself, so the Sponsor Member may participate in all IEA H2 tasks on its own behalf.
- Unlike Contracting Parties, Sponsor Members are unable to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair. Sponsor Members are also unable to veto an otherwise unanimous ExCo vote that requires unanimity.

How to join/Steps in the Accession Process

- Request an invitation from the IEA H2 Manager to attend an IEA H2 ExCo Meeting as an observer
- Express interest in joining the IEA H2 in order to obtain a formal written invitation from the IEA H2 ExCo
- On receipt of the formal written IEA H2 invitation to join, respond with written acceptance to IEA headquarters in Paris
- Execute and return "Signature Page" to IEA headquarters in Paris
- Pay Common Fund Dues to IEA H2 Secretariat

IEA Hydrogen is the hub of the distributed innovation world for hydrogen R,D&D. Please join us. Contact IEA H2 General Manager Mary-Rose de Valladares (mvalladares@ieahia.org ; +1 301 634 7423) for more information and/or an invitation to attend an IEA H2 Executive Committee Meeting as an observer.