

# PtX Press Monitoring – Week 18/2026

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The Green Hydrogen Business Alliance serves as an interface between the European hydrogen industry and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The business network supports a socio-ecological transformation in selected partner countries by promoting a sustainable market ramp-up of green hydrogen and Power-to-X (PtX). The Green Hydrogen Business Alliance is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the BMZ.

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### **European Commission (29/04/2026): Successful first round of the EU Hydrogen Mechanism to support market development, providing value added to the industry** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The European Commission has successfully closed the first round of activities of the Hydrogen Mechanism operated under the EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform. Market participants currently developing hydrogen projects (on both supply and demand side) responded with high engagement, showing great appetite for this new initiative and the development of the hydrogen market. During this first round, the Hydrogen Mechanism gave future producers of hydrogen a transparent and easy way to test demand for their specific projects and find potential offtakers, without the administrative burden of running individual processes. Suppliers responded in force: supply opportunities from 265 different projects were registered, covering renewable and low-carbon hydrogen and derivatives. [View press release](#)

### **European Commission (30/04/2026): EU grants worth €600 million available for cross-border energy infrastructure projects** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The Commission has today launched a new [call for proposals](#) for key cross-border EU energy infrastructure projects with an indicative budget of €600 million. Organised by the Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), this is the first call open for projects included on the second list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs). Linked to the EU's Connecting Europe Facility for Energy (CEF Energy), the call relates to funding proposals for studies and for construction works and will be open until 30 September 2026. Results will be known early next year. A [CEF Energy online info day](#) will take place on 18 May 2026 to present the call, explain its policy context and inform about the application and evaluation process. [View press release](#)


## (Political) Debates and Measures

### EUROPEAN UNION

### **Pub Affairs Bruxelles (25/04/2026): EU and partners sign the Global Green Bond Initiative Fund to mobilise up to €20 billion in investments for sustainable infrastructure** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The European Union and partner development finance institutions have signed the Global Green Bond Initiative (GGBI) Fund, a new public-private investment tool to mobilise up to €20 billion of private capital for sustainable infrastructure projects in low and middle-income countries. The GGBI Fund is one of the three pillars of the Global Green Bond Initiative, a flagship of the European Union's Global Gateway strategy. It aims to unlock up to €3 billion in green bonds in partner countries and help finance activities that support climate and environmental goals. [View article](#)

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**Hydrogen Insight (29/04/2026): Clean hydrogen projects eligible for funding from €20bn EU public-private partnership** <sup>EN</sup> [View article](#) 

**Gas World (30/04/2026): Greece, Malta, Portugal face court over failure to enshrine EU hydrogen mandates** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The European Commission will refer Greece, Malta and Portugal to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failing to transpose Renewable Energy Directive III (RED III), including binding green hydrogen mandates for transport and industry, into national law. The Commission said the countries had failed to notify any transposition measures or provide explanatory documentation. It is seeking financial sanctions for non-compliance. [View article](#)

## GLOBAL

**Solar Quarter (30/04/2026): AfDB Supports Mauritania's Green Hydrogen Auction Framework to Accelerate Sustainable Energy Transition** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The African Development Bank is supporting Mauritania in advancing its green hydrogen ambitions through the Africa Energy Transition Catalyst and the Africa Energy Sector Technical Assistance Program (AESTAP), under the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA), as part of efforts to strengthen the country's sustainable energy transition. [View article](#)

**riviera (01/05/2026): 'Kind of back on track': IMO agrees to continue negotiations on global emissions framework** <sup>EN</sup>


Extract: As the 84th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 84) concluded late on 1 May, following discussions that began on 27 April, the proposed Net-Zero Framework (NZF) remains under consideration, with further talks expected later this year. "We're kind of back on track, we need to rebuild trust," IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez said in his closing remarks, urging member states once again to talk to each other. [View article](#)

**Green Building Africa (04/05/2026): AfDB calls for proposals for new green hydrogen programme** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The Green Hydrogen programme, initially capitalised with funding from the German government and approved at the end of 2025, will provide pre-investment financing of up to \$20 million for three to five top-ranked projects selected through the Call for Proposals, subject to due diligence. Financing will typically be through reimbursable grants, for advisory services to contribute to progress towards the Final Investment Decision and/or financial close stages, for example, feasibility studies, engineering design to prepare for procurement, construction and transaction advisory services. [View article](#)

## EUROPEAN UNION

### **Hydrogen Insight (28/04/2026): RWE granted construction permit for 325MW green hydrogen project near Rotterdam** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: German utility RWE has been granted a construction permit for its 325MW MaasH2 green hydrogen project on land reclaimed from the sea near Rotterdam. The facility, which is due to be brought on line in 2030, will produce up to 48,000 tonnes of green H2 per year from 325MW of electrolysers, using wind and solar power via the local electricity grid, and be connected to the Netherlands' planned hydrogen backbone pipeline network, according to official documents. [View article](#) 

### **H2 News (04/05/2026): Austria: Lhyfe supplies the BMW Group with green hydrogen** <sup>GER</sup>

Extract: The BMW Group has commissioned the French hydrogen producer Lhyfe to supply green hydrogen. Both companies confirmed this on 30 April. The hydrogen is to be used at the development centre in Steyr, Austria. This is Lhyfe's first contract in Austria. [View article](#)

## DEVELOPING AND EMERGING COUNTRIES

### **Zawya (27/04/2026): Jordan signs MOU with EBRD covering renewables, storage and green hydrogen** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Jordan's Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, and its National Electric Power Company (NEPCO) to support the country's green transition. The MoU establishes a strategic framework for cooperation focused on expanding renewable capacity and battery energy storage systems (BESS), improving the national transmission system, enhancing NEPCO's financial and operational resilience and accelerating green hydrogen development. [View article](#)

### **Gasworld (29/04/2026): Envision adopts book-and-claim system for 500MW Chinese green ammonia plant** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: Chinese green tech firm Envision Energy is using a book-and-claim system to sell green hydrogen-based ammonia from its 500MW plant in Chifeng. The company said it was participating in the pilot Ammonia Energy Association's (AEA) Ammonia Certification System, which provides certification for the international trade of low-carbon ammonia. [View article](#)

## GLOBAL

### **Zawya (27/04/2026): Egypt probes green ammonia project in Ras Banas with Hynfra-led consortium** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: Egypt's Minister of Industry Khaled Hashem discussed a planned green ammonia project with initial investments of \$5 billion, rising to \$10 billion at full capacity, during a meeting with a delegation from Egypt Amun Green Ammonia (EAGA), a consortium comprising

Poland's Hynfra and Egypt's Coxswains, as per a statement. The project is expected to begin production by 2031 with an initial annual capacity of 400,000 tons, expandable to 1 million tons in later phases. [View article](#)

## Science

**Uni Erfurt (28/04/2026): New study in Nature Reviews Clean Technology assesses geopolitical scenarios for a hydrogen-based industrial production** <sup>EN</sup>

Extract: The research team led by Dr Laima Eicke (Helmholtz Research Institute for Sustainability) and Professor Andreas Goldthau (Brandt School) [analyzes](#) three possible development pathways for integrating green hydrogen into energy-intensive value chains, as well as their geo-economic, environmental, and social impacts. [View article](#)

**Ingenieur.de (28/04/2026): Hydrogen from surplus electricity: When it works – and when it doesn't** <sup>GER</sup>

Extract: On windy days, wind turbines in Schleswig-Holstein often stand still. The reason is not maintenance, but rather that the turbines are being curtailed or shut down. This is because the electricity grid cannot handle the energy they generate. According to the Federal Network Agency, 9.4 TWh of electricity from renewable sources was curtailed for this reason in 2025, for which plant operators received around €433 million in compensation. Wind power accounted for around 6.6 TWh of this. A consortium plans to convert part of this into green hydrogen in future. [View article](#)

## Further Press Releases

**bdew (29/04/2026): 2027 Federal Budget: Laying the groundwork now for hydrogen CfDs and other guarantee instruments** <sup>GER</sup>

A broad coalition of associations representing the energy sector, industry, small and medium-sized enterprises and local authorities is [calling](#) on the Federal Government and the governing parties to allocate the necessary budgetary funds in the 2027 federal budget for a CfD mechanism with guarantee instruments for hydrogen. [View press release](#)



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