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# World Hydrogen 2023 Returns to Rotterdam Doubling in Size

The organisers of the **World Hydrogen Summit & Exhibition**, the world's largest Hydrogen event dedicated to global hydrogen advancement, have announced its return to Rotterdam in May 2023. To meet the surging demand, the event will double in size.

The organisers Sustainable Energy Council (SEC) along with the Port of Rotterdam, the City of Rotterdam and the Province of Zuid-Holland made the announcement today as they indicated their continued commitment to work together and enhance the event as the official global springboard for hydrogen deals and project developments.

With hydrogen set to play a crucial role in the decarbonisation of heavy industries across the globe, the conference and exhibition is the must-attend meeting to spark international collaboration between government and industry and expand knowledge-sharing to ensure the rapid scale-up and deployment of a hydrogen economy, in line with set climate goals.

Following the sell-out of World Hydrogen 2022 to summit attendees, the organisers have doubled the capacity to welcome over twice as many companies in 2023 to keep up with the rapid industry expansion and enable key business relationships to flourish. Among the many features announced for 2023, attendees will be able to go on unique site visits to port facilities and infrastructure where the latest hydrogen projects are being developed, providing rare access to world-class hydrogen projects.

By hosting World Hydrogen 2023, the Province, the City and the Port are emphasizing their regional commitment to become **Europe's Hydrogen Hub**, which is a key component of the region's strategy towards a circular economy and carbon-neutrality by 2050. The plans include the development of a world-class hydrogen value chain, with projects including large scale production of green and blue hydrogen, imports, infrastructure and use in industry and heavy-duty mobility, all of them now under way at the Port of Rotterdam.

Jeannette Baljeu, Regional Minister, Province of Zuid-Holland: "Clean hydrogen plays a key role in the transformation of our economy towards a sustainable future. The urgency to develop a hydrogen value chain is broadly felt, which is reflected by the growth of the World Hydrogen Summit & Exhibition. As the Province of Zuid-Holland we are proud to contribute and show how far we've already come. "

Robert Simons, Vice Mayor Port & Economy, City of Rotterdam: "Hydrogen is going to play a crucial role in the fight against climate change and Rotterdam is leading the way in developing hydrogen value chains. As Europe's Hydrogen Hub, we are again proud to host this event, bringing together the most ambitious companies and regions to make this new economy work."

Allard Castelein, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Rotterdam Authority: "In Europe, the Port of Rotterdam is best positioned to receive the bulk of EU's 10 million ton of low-carbon hydrogen import demand. Our port has the ambition to be the largest global hydrogen and low carbon fuel hub in the world by 2030. Rotterdam has world-class infrastructure and is set to set to supply major European demand areas via excellent existing and new to be built networks".

Chris Hugall, Managing Director, Sustainable Energy Council (SEC): "SEC is delighted to be hosting the World Hydrogen 2023 Summit & Exhibition in Rotterdam once again. With our partners the Province, City and Port of Rotterdam we are excited to invite the international community to join us at this official event to experience the huge global advancements in hydrogen and make the key contacts to continue the industry expansion and deliver a speedy energy transition."

Watch the World Hydrogen 2023 Launch Video with industry testimonials here: https://youtu.be/YG-Ld2abool

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## **Notes to Editors:**

To apply for a press pass to cover the event, please visit: <a href="https://www.world-hydrogen-summit.com/press-accreditation/">https://www.world-hydrogen-summit.com/press-accreditation/</a>

#### About World Hydrogen 2022 Summit & Exhibition:

Produced by the Sustainable Energy Council, in partnership with the Province of Zuid-Holland, the City of Rotterdam and the Port of Rotterdam Authority, it will gather 8000 attendees from across the global energy value chain. Featuring a world-class exhibition, strategic summit, technical sessions, site visits, the World Hydrogen Awards and 3 days of continuous networking. The event is sponsored by an array of organisations leading current hydrogen projects world-wide, for more information visit https://www.world-hydrogen-summit.com/

# **About the Province of Zuid-Holland**

The province of Zuid-Holland is one of Europe's top regions in terms of economic and social potential: an innovative metropolitan delta, comprising of mainport Rotterdam, greenports, knowledge-intensive businesses, universities and knowledge institutes, as well as highly populated urbans and rural areas. In order to achieve our climate targets, there will be need for hydrogen. Hydrogen will be the new essential energy carrier and feedstock for decarbonising industry and creating a new green industry. Together with partners, the province of Zuid Holland is working on an integral value chain for Zuid-Holland as Europe's Hydrogen Hub. Cooperation across national borders is an important requirement to complete the necessary energy transition and we welcome interest to work together.

#### About the City of Rotterdam

The City of Rotterdam is the governing body of the second-largest city in the Netherlands. Our ambition is to make Rotterdam a sustainable, healthy and green city with a thriving and innovative economy. We work on these challenges with citizens, businesses, knowledge partners and other governmental parties, focusing on four overlapping themes: energy transition, circular, climate adaptation and clean air. Hydrogen is a key part of our ambitions; we support the regional plans to develop Rotterdam into Europe's Hydrogen Hub.

# **About the Port of Rotterdam**

The aim of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to strengthen the competitive position of the port of Rotterdam as a logistics hub and a world-class industrial complex in terms of both size and quality. The Port Authority is able and willing to make an impact and so it is focusing on accelerating sustainability in the port and it is a partner in the digitalisation of the port and logistics chains. The Port Authority's core tasks are the sustainable development, management and operation of the port, the maintenance of the smooth and safe handling of shipping and supporting the future-resilience of the port of Rotterdam.

## **About the Sustainable Energy Council**

The Sustainable Energy Council is the world-leading business council, events producer and training provider for the sustainable energy and infrastructure industries. Our close relationships with 60+ Governments worldwide, as well as an extensive network of industry stakeholders, make us the trusted partner of choice for the global sustainable energy industry. More information <a href="https://www.sustainableenergycouncil.com/">https://www.sustainableenergycouncil.com/</a>

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