Press Release

Market Consultation
for Hydrogen production in Upper Rhine Region (DE), Grand Est (FR) and Northwestern Switzerland (CH)

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Today marks the launch of the second joint call for expression of interest by the project partners NaTran, terranets bw, Badenova Netze and NaTran Deutschland for the RHYN and RHYn Interco hydrogen projects. The goal of the partners is to link regional production potential with off-takers located in the southern Upper Rhine region (Germany), the Grand Est region (France) or Northwestern Switzerland, thanks to the development of an open cross-border hydrogen infrastructure.

RHYN is a 100 km long 100% hydrogen pipeline project in the Upper Rhine Trinational Metropolitan Region. Its aim is to connect consumption to the production of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen in order to ensure security of supply for all market players in the territory. This project will also be part of the decarbonation process of industries in the region. The RHYn and RHYn Interco (German part of the project) projects are labelled Projects of Common Interest by the European Commission and are recipients of a grant under the Connecting Europe Facility.

Companies interested in the hydrogen market opportunities accessible thanks to RHYn and RHYn Interco are invited to submit their hydrogen production plans by January 15, 2027.

Interested parties can find more information about the survey via the following LINK.

Information event

On November 24th, 2026, at 3 pm, an online session will be held to inform producers about the **RHYN and RHYn Interco hydrogen projects** and the potential hydrogen market. The event will be in English. Registration is available via the registration link until November 23rd, 2026.

Questionnaire

During the enquiry period from 16 November 2026 to 15 January 2027, interested parties will be invited to indicate their H2 production capacity by completing a questionnaire and sending it to BLG-GRT-RHYN@natrangroupe.com. The questionnaire is available via this LINK

Project partners will review the submitted information and contact respondents to engage further discussions in January/ February 2027.

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More information about the project RHYN:

NaTran: https://www.natrangroupe.com/en/our-energy-transition/hydrogen-transport/rhyn

More information about the project RHYn Interco:

terranets bw: www.terranets-bw.de/rhyn-interco
Badenova Netze: www.badenovanetze.de/ueber-uns/versorgungsnetze/wasserstoffprojekte/rhyn-interco

All information for the call for expression of interest:

- Period of survey: 16th November 2026 until 15th January 2027
- Regions: Southern Upper Rhine (Germany), Grand Est (France), and Northwestern Switzerland
- Digital information event: 24th November 2026, at 3 pm
  registration: Link
- Questionnaire or other questions regarding the call: please send to BLG-GRT-RHYN@natrangroupe.com
- Language: English

About Badenova Netze

As one of the largest utility network operators in Baden-Württemberg, Badenova Netze is responsible for the operation and further development of the electricity, gas, water, and hydrogen infrastructure in its service area. With approximately 900 employees, the company ensures the supply of utilities to 580,000 people in the region. Through targeted investments in modern and sustainable infrastructure, Badenova Netze is actively shaping the energy and heating transition.

This includes the development of a high-performance hydrogen infrastructure as a key component in the transformation of the regional energy system.

About NaTran

NaTran embarked on a new chapter in its history in 2025, rebranding from GRTgaz and updating its corporate project NaTran2030, focused on the energy transition and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The company has committed to allocating more than 50% of its annual investments to the energy transition by 2030. To achieve its strategic goals, the company is adapting its networks and practices to address ecological, economic, and digital challenges. It provides infrastructure and logistics solutions tailored to gases that contribute to the energy transition (biomethane, hydrogen and CO2). NaTran is the second-largest gas transmission operator in Europe. The Group has two subsidiaries: Elengy (Europe's leading LNG terminal operator) and NaTran Deutschland (operator of the MEGAL network). NaTran undertakes public service missions aimed at ensuring safe gas transport for its customers. The NaTran R&I research center (formerly RICE) is an international benchmark in research and innovation applied to the energy transition. NaTran Group key figures: 33,791 km of pipelines, 623 TWh of gas transported, 3,671 employees, and €2.5 billion in revenue in 2025. To find out more about NaTran and its initiatives, visit NaTrangroupe.com, X, LinkedIn or Instagram.

About NaTran Deutschland GmbH

Headquartered in Berlin, NaTran Deutschland GmbH operates the MEGAL pipeline system, a gas transmission network of 1 169 kilometres connecting Germany with the Czech Republic, Austria and France. As a major transit route between Eastern and Western Europe, MEGAL plays an essential role in securing gas supplies, particularly for southern Germany. A wholly owned subsidiary of NaTran and a certified Independent Transmission Operator (ITO), the company is firmly anchored in the German gas market as a shareholder of Trading Hub Europe and a member of the FNB Gas association. With a view to a climate-neutral future, NaTran Deutschland GmbH is preparing its network for hydrogen transport and actively contributes to the development of the German hydrogen core network (Wasserstoff-Kernnetz).

About terranets bw GmbH

As a transmission network operator, security of supply is terranets bw’s top priority—both today and in the future. With a gas network spanning approximately 3,000 kilometers, terranets bw ensures a reliable supply of heat and electricity from Lower Saxony to Lake Constance. In doing so, terranets bw is focused on a climate-neutral future and is already building a high-performance hydrogen network. As an infrastructure provider, terranets bw offers customers not only services related to gas systems but also a high-performance fiber-optic network.

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