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French hydrogen association founded

The foundation of the "Association Française de l'Hydrogène" (AFH) was decided on 30. April in Paris. This body, which will be comparable to DWV, will promote the use of hydrogen as clean and sustainable energy carrier and of the fuel cell in France, especially on the basis of renewable and environmentally compatible primary energies. It will be a legal entity with seat in Paris. Founder members of AFH are companies like the gas supplier Air Liquide, the French daughters of Air Products and Linde, the aerospace company SEP, and others. Others are the environment research institute INERIS, the standardization body AFNOR, the advisory company ALPHEA, and the state nuclear research center CEA. Thierry Alleau (CEA) was elected chairman.

The board of the German Hydrogen Association has sent congratulations to the new partner on occasion of its start and expressed confidence that the already good co-operation with numerous French partners will be even improved by the new organization. At the same time the existence of AFH is an important step towards a European top association for hydrogen technology.

One of the first tasks of AFH will be to organize the French membership in the expert committees of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

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