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Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania establishes hydrogen technology initiative

A number of companies and institutes in the German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, supported by the state [ministry for economy](#), have teamed up to promote hydrogen technology and fuel cells in the region. An association called "Hydrogen Technology Initiative Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania" was formally established on 20. Februar in Stralsund. It aims at bringing together basic and applied research, development, politics, and production and thus accelerating the technical progress. Another intention is to disseminate information about the field.

Otto Ebnet, state minister for economy, approved the foundation and said that we would fund it from the "Future Fund Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania" as well as in other ways accessible to his department.

The state Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, located at the NE corner of Germany, does not have an industrial infrastructure comparable to that of [Bavaria](#), Baden-Wuerttemberg, [North Rhine-Westfalia](#), or Hamburg, where similar organizations already exist. It will probably introduce hydrogen in other ways than the other states. A good basis to do this is the extensive experience with renewable energies. There is a chance not to have to repeat the development of other regions but to do it right from the very beginning with tomorrow's technology.

The industrial founder members are: Energietechnik-Elektronik GmbH (Bentwisch), GAT Gesellschaft für angewandte Technik (Greifswald), MET Motoren- und Energietechnik GmbH (Rostock) and Fertigung-Technologie GmbH (Hohen Luckow) as well as ATI-Küste GmbH (Rostock-Greifswald). Science is represented by FH (University for Applied Science) Stralsund, the Institute for Low Temperature Plasmy Physics (Greifswald) and the Institute for Organic Catalysis Research (Rostock). FH Wismar and the city of Stralsund are expected to join soon. Prof. Wolfgang Beckmann of FH Stralsund was elected chairman.

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