

Join the European Network of Excellence in Green Hydrogen! Call for expression of interest to become a H2Excellence Satellite CoVE



Why joining as a Satellite CoVE?

- ✓ Access to cutting-edge training and knowledge sharing in green hydrogen
- ✓ Participation in exclusive networking and cooperation events
- ✓ Recognition through the H2Excellence Satellite CoVE label
- ✓ Enhanced visibility on the project's website and knowledge platform
- ✓ Opportunity to visit hydrogen flagship projects and valleys across Europe
- ✓ Be part of the future of sustainable energy—no financial obligations required







Background information

The H2Excellence project, cofinanced by the European Commission under the ERASMUS PLUS Programme (Grant 101104447), aims to establish a network of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in the field of fuel cells and green hydrogen technologies. The project will forge a collaborative educational, training and development programme designed to close the existing industry skills gaps. The CoVEs will bring together all key stakeholders such as universities, Vocational, Education and Training (VET) institutions, industrial partners, and governmental bodies, facilitating links and synergies at European, national, and regional level. A CoVE is a skills ecosystem supporting innovation uptake, regional development and social inclusion.

The project started on June 15 2023 and will end on June 14 2027.

The H2Excellence network is based on 6 CoVEs located in Finland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and Poland, representing 19 institutions including VET as well as higher education (Universities and Research Centres) and Business organizations. We can count on a wide network of external stakeholders, including leader companies in the hydrogen sector, supporting H2Excellence activities in the project countries.

To make the project ambition wider and to enhance the impact, the H2Excellence CoVE network should expand and include other EU countries willing to support the green transition enabling the adoption of green hydrogen applications thanks to a skilled workforce.

For more information about the project visit the H2Excellence website https://h2excellence.eu/ and platform https://h2excellenceplatform.eu/.

The present call is aimed at the recruitment of so called **H2xcellence Satellite CoVEs**.

What is a H2Excellence Satellite CoVE? Benefits for joining the H2Excellence CoVEs network

A H2xcellence Satellite CoVE is an entity or a group of entities based in EU countries <u>not represented</u> in the H2Excellence project that is willing to promote and exploit the results of the project. More in details, a Satellite CoVE will receive no funding from EU but will have the opportunity to take advantage of project results and be in the first line for project sustainability. Access to <u>training and networking opportunities</u> will be made available thus multiplying synergies and collaborations among stakeholders from different countries. Moreover, the Satellite CoVE will contribute to the generation and dissemination of new knowledge related to green hydrogen applications. Satellite CoVEs members will have the opportunity to visit other CoVEs as well as hydrogen valleys and flagship projects demonstration sites.

By joining the H2Excellence network, the Satellite CoVE will be awarded a label, as presented below:







Satellite CoVEs will benefit from a wide visibility being their profile displayed on project website and knowledge platform, and by becoming a member of a large European community.

Who can apply?

Any public or private organisation active in the field of vocational education and training interested in promoting green hydrogen upskilling and reskilling project programme such as:

- VET providers
- Companies, industry or sector representative organisations
- Research institutes
- Innovation agencies
- Regional development authorities

not located in Finland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and Poland and based in EU Member States participating in Erasmus+ Programme and third countries members of EFTA and EEA: Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein or the acceding/candidate countries or potential candidates: Serbia, Turkey and North Macedonia.

How to send the candidature

Organisations willing to become a H2Excellence Satellite CoVE should apply by filling the following google form by March 31 2026.

Admission procedure

Organisations in line with the above-described requirements will be admitted by signing a Letter of Intent (LOI) (template attached) after the entry requirements have been checked by the H2Excellence consortium.