



Roads2HyCom Coordinator's Update – January 2009

Dear Roads2HyCom Partner,

A belated Happy New Year! As usual there is a great deal to report, here's what I want to share with you this month:

- Roads2HyCom's Final Workshop – Brussels, 4-6 March 2009
- Project Progress
- Latest publications from Roads2HyCom
- Farewell: Tony Mariani
- Final Reporting to the Commission

Roads2HyCom's Final Workshop – Brussels, 4-6 March 2009

With our last few tasks coming to fruition, we have taken the opportunity to hold a final event to publicise this good work. The workshop is in four parts:

- **The final Communities Workshop** is a focused, invitation-only event co-organised with **HyRaMP** as a working session on Hydrogen Community topics. We will also launch Volume C of our **Communities Handbook** there. It takes place on the 4th (all day) and morning of the 5th March.
- **A Plenary overview of Roads2HyCom** will be presented on the afternoon of the 5th March, to attract delegates from the Communities event and the broader audience for the item below. This session will expose **all the outputs of the project**, plus a presentation from the Commission on the latest **status of the JTI**. All are welcome to attend, but you need to register in advance.
- **An in-depth Technology Workshop** will be held on the morning of the 6th March, covering the outputs of **work-packages 4 and 6** (Future technology status, techno-economics, synergies and opportunities; Research topics, milestones and indicated priorities). All are welcome to attend, but you need to register in advance.
- **A final Project meeting** of short duration will be held on the afternoon of the 6th, to review progress, final actions and say farewell / see you in the next project, etc. Again, you are all welcome.

All Roads2HyCom members are welcome to attend this event from midday on Thursday 5th March to 3pm on Friday 6th March.

Agenda will cover a project results overview, detail on technical outputs, and a final project "farewell" meeting

Venue is the Royal Academy of Science, Brussels

To register, and for further information, go to www.roads2hy.com





Project Progress

Well, the list of things to do really is getting shorter. At the time of writing we have just seven contracted report deliverables outstanding, and I've seen all seven in fairly complete form. A complete public Final Report is with eleven external peer-reviewers and available on our own Extranet. And our figures tell us that, remarkably, we are on track with the budgets. You were all a part of these successes, so well done.

However, it's not over yet, and there's no spare time for slippage. If you are involved in one of our last activities, please keep on track – there are no second chances now!

Latest publications from Roads2HyCom

Here is the latest – all available on our Extranet, and if they are not already on www.roads2hy.com, they will be there just as soon as we can get them there...

- **Potential of CO₂-Neutral H₂ Sources in Europe:** A key output of WP2, this report looks at issues surrounding the “where does the Hydrogen come from” question
- **H₂ Production Cost Models:** A modelling framework for capital, energy and operational costs in making and distributing Hydrogen
- **WP2 Address-book:** Reference contact group who supported WP2
- **Well to Tank and Tank to User:** Two reports looking at the likely evolution of fuel supply and application technology, versus benchmarks
- **Recommendations & Milestones for research:** New strategic output from WP6, a comprehensive inventory of topics, targets and milestones
- **Final Report:** Version 4, as promised, not published or approved so “for your eyes only”, and those of 11 selected peer-reviewers. Version 5, the final, published version, will appear in March

Farewell: Tony Mariani

Tony, our faithful Project Manager who has dealt so patiently with the many bureaucratic issues involved in a 29-partner consortium, will leave us at the end of January. **Jane Patterson**, whom you all know, will take on his duties until the end of the project.

Final Reporting to the Commission

Good news – just one last set of activity reports, management reports, Form C's and audit certificates to go! As a reminder, here is the timetable.

Friday 20 March 2009 Ricardo to receive Management Reports from every Partner

Friday 27 March 2009 Ricardo to receive Periodic Activity Reports from all Work Packages

So far WP activity report contributions received from WP2 and WP7

Wednesday 15 April 2009 End of Project – No more Eligible Costs from midnight



- Friday 01 May 2009** Ricardo to circulate Periodic Activity Report to CG for approval
- Friday 01 May 2009** Ricardo to receive Audit Certificates and Form C's from all Partners
- Friday 15 May 2009** Last day for Ricardo to receive comments from CG about Activity Report
- Friday 22 May 2009** Ricardo to deliver of all Reporting to the Commission

And Finally – that Final Report

If you need some encouragement to tackle the 101 pages of our public Final Report, take a look at this table below, which comes from it. Of course, if you want to understand what these six points mean, or why we're saying it, you'll have to read the report. And give me some feedback! Happy reading, find it on the Extranet now.

Roads2HyCom's six success factors for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen in a Sustainable Energy Economy
Vigorous research to address key issues – Realisation of mass-production, durability and impurity tolerance, Hydrogen storage in vehicles
Development of the Skill-base – Research, product engineering, manufacturing, servicing
Stimulation of early markets – Fiscal incentives, Civic procurement, removal of bureaucratic barriers, sharing of learning
Stability of long term policy – Sustained policy support and incentives to promote industrial investment in mass production
Joined-up Energy Policy – Clarity of priorities (environment, energy security), Availability of low-carbon energy, integration with a smarter electricity grid
Flexible European Cohesion – Playing to our strengths in international markets

That's it for this month – see you all in Brussels, and I hope that you are all escaping the worst effects of the so-called “credit crunch”. Let's hope some good comes from it, in terms of vigorous Government investment in new clean energy technologies like ours...

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