

## Press Release

# Council's inclusive approach to hydrogen sends strong signal ahead of key legislative year

**(Brussels, 14 December 2020) The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) commends the Council of the EU for recognizing the role of low-carbon technologies in scaling-up the hydrogen market in Europe. This is a strong political signal sent to industry and the Commission ahead of the important legislative work planned for 2021.**

*'We commend the Council for having succeeded in developing a [common vision](#) for hydrogen that mobilizes all sustainable production technologies. This is consistent with the European Council [conclusions](#)' emphasis on the transitional role of gas. We look forward and expect the Commission to implement EU Member States' recommendations and take a similarly inclusive approach in all legislative initiatives it tables in 2021'* says François-Régis Mouton, IOGP's Regional Director Europe.

Scaling up a hydrogen value chain in Europe will require the progressive mobilization of all types of sustainable production methods - low-carbon, renewable, and zero-carbon technologies. This will give Member States and industry broader options and raise the Hydrogen Strategy's overall chances of success.

The Council's recognition of the role of Carbon Capture Use & Storage (CCUS) in hard-to-abate sectors and low-carbon hydrogen production is a strong political signal to the full CCUS value chain actors, energy and industrial players alike.

*'CCUS and Hydrogen are technologies we know and in which Europe can excel. These technologies are proven, environmentally safe, and industrially scalable. The oil & gas industry is ready to mobilize its skills and assets to kickstart a large-scale hydrogen market, starting with the decarbonization of natural gas and its infrastructure. To plan this effectively, we need this political signal to be turned into an enabling investment framework'* concluded François-Régis.

### Related documents

[Council Conclusions: Towards a hydrogen market for Europe](#)

[European Council Conclusions 10-11 December](#)

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## About IOGP

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