

## **COMMITMENT LETTER REGIONAL PILLAR WITHIN HYDROGEN EUROPE**

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[name of region]

Considering that the European Hydrogen Valleys S3 Partnership<sup>1</sup>, the biggest industrial modernisation partnership of S3 platforms, is a rapidly-growing partnership of regions (52 regional and local authorities), aiming at supporting the development of the FCH value-chain and the large-scale deployment of FCH technologies.

Considering the crucial role played by regional and local authorities to gather all relevant stakeholders in their innovation ecosystem and support the development of Hydrogen technologies, in order to enhance the coherent deployment of FCH technologies.

Considering that local and regional authorities have territorial specificities and competences in key fields for the development of the FCH sector like economic development, research and innovation support or skills and training development with dedicated strategies, policies and funding schemes.

Considering Hydrogen Europe plays a strategic role as the leading European industry association promoting hydrogen as the enabler of a zero-emission society in the EU.

Considering that both parties are committed to supporting the development of the FCH sector in Europe and have common grounds for active collaboration and increased visibility.

Considering that the creation of a regional pillar will improve the representation of regional and local authorities at European level in the field of hydrogen, facilitate the set-up of EU projects, increase the exchange of information with industrial players and help regions developing joint activities with Hydrogen Europe.

[name region] agrees on the principle to create the forthcoming Regional Pillar within Hydrogen Europe from November 2021, in order to fulfil the key objectives agreed upon in the MoU. [name region] commits to paying the binding 3.000€ annual fee in order to benefit from a dedicated staff member as well as specific IT and communication tools and activities

[name region] will appoint one representative and one substitute (at decisional level, e.g. director level) to the High-level political committee and one technical policy officer to the Steering committee.

The Commitment letter will come into effect on the date of its signature.

Place, Date

[Name, Surname]

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> <https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/hydrogen-valleys>