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Recently, Czechia, Germany, Bavaria and Saxony launched their hydrogen strategies. These strategies outline priorities and future measures to develop hydrogen technologies and infrastructure, thus addressing the transformation towards a carbon-neutral economy. The Czech Republic and Germany feature a similar industrial infrastructure, with a prominent role for the automotive sector. Moreover, both of them are currently facing a transformation of their heavy and coal mining industries. This is why several regional initiatives in both countries are currently exploring new economic potential via the establishment of a hydrogen industry, e.g. by participating in the EU initiative of "Hydrogen Valleys". In its strategy, Germany prioritizes the production of hydrogen from "green" sources. In Czechia, both "green" en-

ergy as well as hydrogen from nuclear energy sources could play a decisive role. Both countries will need to scale up their production soon, while at the same time establishing possible ways to import hydrogen. There is therefore potential for numerous joint projects. Possible synergies lie especially in the areas of hydrogen transport and in the building up of a supply infrastructure, e.g. via new pipelines or existing gas networks. The Czech-German Day is part of the annual Czech Hydrogen Days. It will take stock of what has been achieved so far and seek to identify areas of common interest. Most importantly, it shall serve as a platform for important stakeholders and businesses, including a separate matchmaking session, with particular emphasis on the cross-border situation between the two neighbours.

CZECH-GERMAN-HYDROGEN DAY
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8:30 – 9:50 **Welcome addresses**

- Jan Lipavský, Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - Jozef Síkela, Czech Minister of Industry and Trade
 - Patrick Graichen, State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (tbc)
 - Karel Bouzek, HYTEP
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9:50 – 11:00 **Overviews**

- Bart Biebyuck (tbc), CEO Clean Hydrogen Partnership: Implementation of European Hydrogen Strategy
 - Petr Mervart, Special Envoy for Hydrogen, Czech Ministry for Industry and Trade: Summary of Czech Hydrogen Strategy
 - Stefan Kaufmann, Innovation Commissioner for Green Hydrogen, Federal Ministry of Education and Research: German Hydrogen Strategy
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11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-12:30 **Panel discussion: The potential of hydrogen technology from Spreewald to Šumava**

- Franz Lehner, Head of Division International Cooperation, NOW GmbH
 - Aleš Doucek, Chairman of HYTEP and Head of the Department “Hydrogen Technologies” at ÚJV Řež a.s.
 - Stefan Dürr, Head of Technology and Innovation, Zentrum Wasserstoff.Bayern (H2.B)
 - Václav Bartuška, Special Envoy for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
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12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 -15:00 **Regional best practice examples**

- Vladmír Maryška, Specialist in New Technologies, Region Moravia-Silesia
- Thomas von Unwerth, Innovation Cluster “HZwo” Saxony and HIC – Hydrogen and Mobility Innovation Center
- Karel Tichý, Project Manager, Economic and Social Council of the Ústí Region
- Alisa Meyer, Project “Null Emission”, Regionalverkehr Köln GmbH
- Geert Tjaarks, EWE Gasspeicher GmbH, Hydrogen Valley Oldenburg

15:00-15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30-16:30 **Transport and Infrastructure**

- Andreas Rau, CEO Net4Gas Czech Republic
 - Ralph Bahke, Deputy CEO FNB Gas e.V. and CEO Ontras GmbH
 - Jörg Bergmann, CEO Open Grid Europe
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16.30-18:00 **Parallel matchmaking sessions**

- Production and distribution
 - Mobility and end-use
 - Cross-cutting (e.g. Education, CPD, Normative aspects)
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19:00-21:00 **Dinner reception at the German Embassy** (entrance from 18:30)