# IPHE COUNTRY UPDATE ITALY

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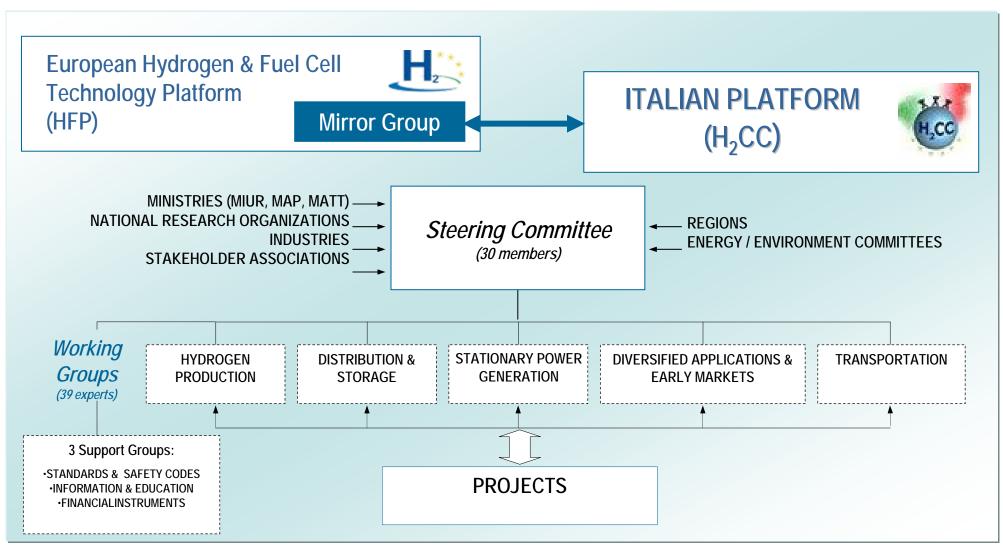


- New Policy Initiatives
- Demonstration Projects update
- Events and Solicitations
- Government Hydrogen and FC R&D&D Funding

## **NEW POLICY INITIATIVES**

- National Platform on H2 & FC
- Regional H2 Parks
- R&D National Program on H2 & FC
- The Italian Hydrogen and FC Association (H2IT)

#### **H2CC Platform Structure**



#### **Research priorities**

- Technologies for cost-effective hydrogen production from renewable sources (20% of the total production in 2030)
- High efficient technologies for hydrogen production from fossil fuels with possible CO<sub>2</sub> separation and sequestration
- Hydrogen distribution via pipelines (some tens km in 2015, regional networks within 2030)
- PEFC systems for propulsion of vehicles suitable for series production (cost of < 200 €/kW in 2015, 30% of the market in 2030)
- Efficient and safe hydrogen storage systems for transportation and stationary applications (0.1 kgH<sub>2</sub>/L within 2015)
- Fuel cell (PEFC, MCFC) systems for distributed power generation and marine applications (lifetime over 40000 h, cost of 1500-2000 ∉kW in 2015).

- Proposed budget for the 2008- 2016 period E million 645
- Negotiation in progress

	<u>Region</u>	<u>project</u>	<u>E (million)</u>
•	Piemonte	H2 Systems	8.7
•	Abruzzo	H2 from renewables	6.0
•	Campania	HT FC	4.0
•	Lombardia	Zero Regio	2.4
•	Sicily	H2 systems	2.2
•	Veneto	Fossil H2	8.7

# **R&D National Program**

<u>Fuel Cells Projects – Three year budget</u>	<u>Emillion</u>
FC polimeric and ceramic	9.8
FC development and use	7.6
Nanosystems for new FC concepts	4.4
MCFC develp and 500 kw demo	5.0
MCFC new production process	7.6
New prothonic membranes	4.3

<u>Hydrogen Projects – Three year budget</u>		<u>E million</u>
•	H2 microcombustors	6.1
•	Nanomaterials for production and storage	4.3
•	H2 from renewables	6.9
•	H2 production and use in distributed power gen	5.5
•	Transition towards the H2 Economy	10.7
•	H2 from light liquids	7.0
•	Bio H2	5.5
•	H2 from refinery and chemical plants	4.9

## **R&D National Program - Status as per today**

- The three year R&D National Program is now at half term.
- End of the project scheduled for the end of 2008
- Final technical reports expected by June 2009

Established in 2004; to date over 110 members

Sustaining members: ENEL, ENI, Edison, Regione Lombardia, Regione Abruzzo, Pirelli, SAPIO, Gruppo Sol, the Linde Group, FAST, SAATI, Turbocare. Principal activities:

1. International collaboration to exchange best practice: Participation in seven EU projects (7), the EU H2 and FC Technology Platform and one of the 10 national associations of the European Hydrogen Association (EHA).

2. Education and Promotion:

- H<sub>2</sub>IT Roadshow "Hydrogen hits the roads!" visiting Schools, Chambers of Commerce and Local Authorities;

- Management of coordination secretariat "HYFED6" in Brussels for educational activities in hydrogen and fuel cell field;

- Organisation of collective presence at main European industry events; World Hydrogen Energy Conference, European Hydrogen Energy Conference, Hannover, Fiera Milano Tech. 3. Facilitate development of local industry value chains for :

H2IT Taskforce "RE:H2": facilitates zero emission hydrogen and fuel installations in education and nature centers in Italy (Abruzzo, Lombardy);

H2IT Taskforce "Stazionarie" : coordinates FC installations in challenging locations to develop local authorization expertise (historic city centers, Milan);

H2IT Taskforce "Automotive H2" developed complete scheme for adapting existing fuelling stations to hydrogen and hydrogen/methane mixture refuelling;

H2IT Taskforce "Financing and Cost analysis" facilitated the creation of the European H2 and FC Market Observatory, a network of 12 top Business Schools and Universities coordinated by Bocconi University;

H2IT Taskforce "Regulations, Codes and Standards": promote adoption of local and national regulations.

- One FC bus on road
- One advanced technology FC bus in preparation at Fiat Research Center
- Several FC cars on road in different cities
- 2 stationary 1 MW FC demo units planned at Enel Reseach Center based on MC Ansaldo technology and on SO technology (to be selected)

- World Hydrogen Technology Convention Montecatini Terme (near Florence) Nov 4-7,2007: more than 500 participants expected from about 40 countries
- A presentation on IPHE activity has been already scheduled
- World Energy Congress Rome Nov 11-15,2007: more than 5000 participants already accepted
- A presentation on IPHE activity planned with the organizing committee (discussion in progress)

## H2 & FC National Program

- 2006 39
- 2007 40
- 2008 38
- Total

117

Regional H2 Parks (2007-2009) about 42