

## Germany: First hydrogen station opens in Mönchengladbach

**German state of Nordrhein-Westfalen tops the list with 17 stations.**



H2 MOBILITY Deutschland and its shareholders Shell and Air Liquide jointly opened the first hydrogen (H2) filling facility in Mönchengladbach – the 75th in Germany. The system has a capacity of around 200 kilogrammes of hydrogen – enough to refuel 50 vehicles a day.

The new facility is located at the Shell petrol station Odenkirchener Straße 160 in the Rheydt district, along the B230 federal highway and close to the A61, A44 and A46 motorways. The filling-station technology comes from the gas and technology company Air Liquide; the station's owner-developer is the H2 MOBILITY joint venture, which is establishing Germany's hydrogen infrastructure.

The hydrogen station in Mönchengladbach is funded by the European Commission through the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU) in the Hydrogen Mobility Europe (H2ME) project.

This opening further increases the density of the hydrogen supply network in Germany. North Rhine-Westphalia already has a number of operational H2 filling stations, e.g. in Düsseldorf, Cologne,

Duisburg and Aachen, and soon also in Bonn and Wesseling. With a total of 17 H2 stations, North Rhine-Westphalia currently tops the list of federal states, followed by Bavaria (16) and Baden-Württemberg (12).