



## European hydrogen corridor for 1000 zero-emission trucks

**Initiated by the Port of Rotterdam Authority and Air Liquide, several European companies join forces to build 25 hydrogen stations for fuel cell trucks in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany by 2025.**

Air Liquide and the Port of Rotterdam Authority announced the launch of a jointly created initiative, which aims at enabling 1,000 hydrogen-powered zero-emission trucks on the roads connecting the Netherlands, Belgium, and West Germany by 2025.

In order to have 1,000 Hydrogen-powered trucks on the road, out of which 500 are expected to be based in the Port of Rotterdam area, 25 high capacity hydrogen stations are envisaged to connect the Netherlands, Belgium, and West Germany. The project also aims to include the necessary electrolysis capacity to produce low carbon hydrogen.

Several partners representing the whole supply chain, from truck manufacturers such as VDL Groep, Iveco/Nikola to transport companies Vos Logistics, Jongeneel Transport and HN Post, as well as leading fuel cell suppliers have already agreed to join the initiative, one of the largest projects in Europe for the development of hydrogen trucks and related infrastructure. Air Liquide and the Port of Rotterdam expect more parties to join in the coming months.

The final investment decision by the project partners is expected at the end of 2022.

'For heavy-duty transport, hydrogen will play a significant role and offer the path to a sustainable, carbon-neutral age of mobility. This alliance demonstrates the commitment of the parties to join forces towards the common ambition to fight against climate change,' commented Executive Vice President and a member of the Air Liquide Group's Executive Committee, François Jackow.

'This project gives substance to our ambition to make transport more sustainable. With this coalition of partners that complement one another, we can give zero emission road transport a boost. In doing so we take our responsibility as Europe's largest port and help local, national and European authorities to realize their ambitions,' said CEO of the Port of Rotterdam Authority, Allard Castelein.