



Hydrogen station opens at Paris-Orly Airport

Industrial gas multinational Air Liquide and airport operator Groupe ADP unveiled a hydrogen station at the Paris-Orly Airport, the first public hydrogen station in an airport zone in France. Another hydrogen station will be installed at the Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport and near Versailles in 2018.

The station was designed by Air Liquide in collaboration with the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking, a public-private partnership supported by the European Union.

With the strategic location, the station aims to develop a network of hydrogen stations in the Greater Paris Area and contribute to the adoption of clean modes of transportation.

One of which is the world's first hydrogen-powered taxi fleet, "Hype". Hype has more than 50 hydrogen-powered vehicles and plans to grow to 600 taxis by 2020.

The fleet was launched in 2015 by the start-up STEP (Société du Taxi Électrique Parisien) in partnership with Air Liquide.

"The installation of this charging station at the Orly Airport, in collaboration with Groupe ADP, marks a new step in the development of clean mobility in and around Paris. Indeed, this molecule has a key role to play in the energy transition thanks to its capacity to store renewable energies and its various applications for industry and transport," said Benoît Potier, Chairman and CEO of Air Liquide.