



Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Berlin



## ***Development of the hydrogen market in the Baltic Sea region***

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**9:45 – 16:30**

**Haus der deutschen Wirtschaft**

**Breite Str. 29, 10178 Berlin**

### **Agenda**

**09:45 – 10:00 Registration and coffee**

**10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming remarks**

**Dr. Sebastian Bolay - Head of the Energy, Environment and Industry Division, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry – *confirmed***

**Mr. Jan Tombiński - Chargé d'affaires a. i. of the Republic of Poland to Germany – *confirmed***

**Mr. Michael Harms - Executive Director, Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. (German Eastern Business Association) - *confirmed***

**10:15 – 10:30 Keynote**

**Mr. Viktors Valainis - Minister for Economics - Republic of Latvia - *confirmed***

**Mr. Michael Kellner – Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany - *confirmed***

**10:30 – 12:30 Panel I: Security of supply: the role of infrastructure and regional cooperation**

Decarbonisation of the EU is an ambitious and challenging endeavour, with hydrogen to play an important role. With demand expected to outpace supply of hydrogen in the EU, it is crucial from the energy security point of view, to maximize the utilization of domestic resources. As Poland and Germany are among the world's largest producers and consumers of conventionally generated H<sub>2</sub>, which will have to be decarbonized, and the Baltic States and Finland have significant potential for the offshore wind development and hydrogen production, there is a significant cooperation potential.



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The panel will discuss regional production potential, role of the region on the European hydrogen map, planned transportation corridors and national grids' development, as well as best practices for streamlining of the planning and permitting processes.

- **Mr. Nemunas Biknius** - Chief Executive Officer, Amber Grid - *confirmed*
- **Mr. Marko Janhunen** - Vice President, Gasgrid - *confirmed*
- **Mr. Paweł Sęk** - Deputy Director, Energy Transition Division, Gaz-System - *confirmed*
- **Mr. Dirk Manske** - Head of Regulation and Energy Policy, Ontras - *confirmed*

**Moderation: Bartosz Arabik – Head of the Economic Division, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Berlin**

**12:15 – 13:45    Networking lunch**

**13:45 – 15:30    Panel II: H<sub>2</sub> market development – opportunities and challenges / reality check**

In spite of its potential and significance evident in many national and EU strategic documents, the development of the H<sub>2</sub> market is an ongoing process at an early stage. What are the lessons-learned from the last few years, what have been the biggest challenges, were lay the opportunities and what are the competitive advantages of the European companies and finally what is needed to avoid the fate of the European PV industry? On top of these questions, the panelists will analyse potential synergies and needed steps to move closer to EU carbon neutrality goals.

- **Dr. Christopher Frey** - Head of Public Affairs, Sunfire GmbH - *confirmed*
- **Mr. Aivars Starikovs** - Board Member of the Latvian Hydrogen Association and Board Member of Hydrogen Europe – *confirmed*
- **Mr. Tomoho Umeda** – Founder and CEO of Hynfra P.S.A. – *confirmed*
- Representative of the Federal Ministry of Economy and Climate Action - invited

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**15:30 – 16:30    Networking over coffee**