

## Scandinavian regions made an impact at Hydrogen and Fuel Cell assembly in Brussels 4-6 Oct 2006

A delegation of nearly 30 companies and organisations from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Faroe Islands participated at the European Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Platform's (HFP) third General Assembly in Brussels 4-6 Oct 2006. Gathered in a common Scandinavian stand at the Exhibition they presented their latest achievements, products and services. Supported by Nordic Energy Research, SWENTEC and the Swedish Trade Council the initiative was arranged under the banner "Scandinavian Regions – common ambitions, complementary competences".



*The EC Commissioner for Science & Research, Janez Potočnik, visited the Scandinavian stand and got instructions from Mikael Sloth, H2 Logic, how to drive the Danish hydrogen truck.*

Hydrogen and fuel cell technology has been pointed out by the European Commission to play a major role in a future sustainable energy economy, reducing today's dependency on fossil fuels and increasing the contribution of renewable energy sources. The Scandinavian stand is an example of how organisations from the three countries collaborate in positioning Scandinavia at a European level in this field in the run up to the Seventh Framework programme starting in 2007. The Scandinavian regions also made a joint presentation at the General Assembly meeting to give their comments and recommendations to the European "Implementation Plan" for hydrogen and fuel cells for the coming 7-10 years.



*The Scandinavian stand had many visitors resulting in interesting meetings and new business contacts. Among the products shown was the Norwegian car Th!nk hydrogen, a mobile charger for mobile phones from the Swedish company myFC and hydrogen measurement equipment from SP Swedish National Testing and Research Institute.*

The General Assembly was attended by 500 representatives from the hydrogen and fuel cell industry and European, national and regional decision-makers. It was the first time that Scandinavia, and especially Sweden, was so well represented at a European hydrogen and fuel cell event. The Swedish participants were ABB, Chalmers Energy Centre, Chrisgas, E.ON Sverige, HyFuture, KTH Royal University of Technology, myFC, Opcon Autorotor, Region Västra Götaland and Swedish National Testing and Research Institute.

The results of the Scandinavian participation at General Assembly have been positive in many ways. At a European level the response from several HFP Delegates indicates that the position of the Scandinavian Regions has been strengthened. Other regions have



expressed their will to form alliances and to collaborate in future projects. At a Scandinavian and national level the common stand provided an arena for networking between the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish companies and organisations. It was also a forum for alliances as the Scandinavian Hydrogen Highway Partnerships to meet. A special dinner was arranged for the Scandinavian delegation to further enhance the possibilities for networking. Representatives from the Nordic Energy Research, HFP Executive Group, Advisory Council and Mirror Group and the Swedish Trade Council also attended. Finally, several of the commercial organisations have got new commissions and business contacts as a result of their participation at the Scandinavian stand.

As the joint Scandinavian stand was successful, there are plans to do this again next year.

## Swedish Exhibitors

**ABB** **e-on**  
Ny energi

**CHALMERS**

**CHRISGAS**  
fuels from biomass



**myFC**  
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**AUTOROTOR**  
OPEN GROUP

**REGION VÄSTRA GÖTALAND** **SP**  
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## About HFP General Assembly

The European Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Platform (HFP) is the key forum for hydrogen and fuel cells in Europe. HFP was formed in 2003 to facilitate and accelerate the development and deployment of cost effective hydrogen and fuel cell based energy systems. It is nowadays a partnership with over 500 stakeholders representing a portfolio of over 5 billion EUR to be invested during the next 10 years.



The HFP General Assembly 2006 was a "From Strategy to Action" high-level meeting, constituting the largest Hydrogen and Fuel Cell event in Europe. One of the main objectives was to review and validate the European HFP "Implementation plan" for the next 7-10 years, to progress the European vision established in 2003 and realise the strategic research agenda and deployment strategy developed in 2004-2005.



In parallel to the GA, Europe's largest ever Exhibition and Drive&Ride was organised as a unique opportunity to experience the "state of the art" in hydrogen and fuel cell technology. The event integrated an exhibition with 55 exhibitors demonstrating many of today and tomorrow's applications from mobile chargers for mobile phones to boats.

For more information about the Scandinavian exhibitors, please download the Exhibitor Catalogue on <https://www.hfpeurope.org/hfp/ga06-exhibition-demo>.

*From Sweden the initiative was coordinated by HyFuture (in Swedish known as SamVäte). The HyFuture mission is to facilitate the introduction of hydrogen as an energy carrier in Sweden. Value is added through coordination of information activities, networking events, market and technology surveys, pre-studies and demonstration projects. HyFuture was initiated by the Region Västra Götaland in 2003. Today the network includes more than 100 organisations from industry, research institutions and government.*



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