

# FRENCH HYDROGEN DIPLOMACY

July 2025 | Selected exchanges, agreements and signatures

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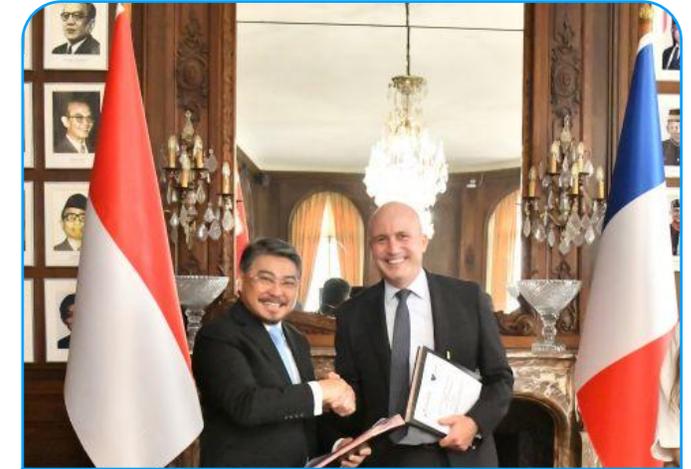
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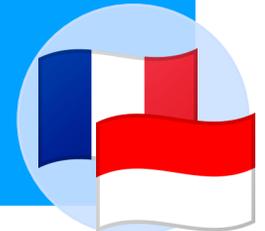
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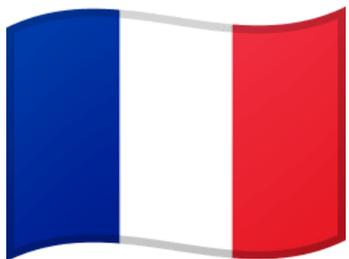
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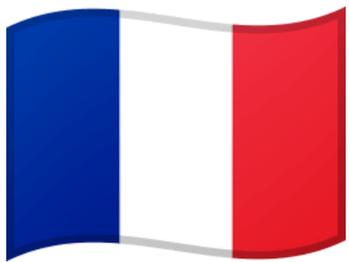


Saudi Arabia

*“NEOM Green Hydrogen Company was honoured to welcome a distinguished delegation of ambassadors and diplomats this week, offering them an exclusive look at the world’s largest green hydrogen plant currently under construction at Oxagon, NEOM. The delegation experienced both ground and aerial tours of the site, and held in depth discussions with our CEO, Wesam Alghamdi, and our Marketing and Communications Director, Komal Bajaj, alongside Rusha Al-Rawaf, PhD, Chief Corporate Affairs & Sustainability Officer; Hesham Tashkandi, KSA President at ACWA Power; and Lieuwe Burger, Director Public Affairs Europe, Dr.-Ing. Peter Hortig, Executive Director NEOM Projects, and Rita Norat, Executive Director, at Air Products global. Together, they highlighted our shared commitment to advancing the global green energy transition and realising the goals of Vision 2030. We extend our sincere appreciation to **the ambassadors of the European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain and Switzerland** for their presence and valuable engagement.”* (Source: [NEOM Green Hydrogen Company](#))

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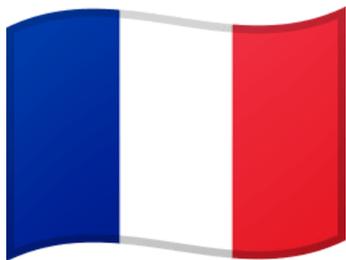
United Kingdom

*“The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and the President of the French Republic met today (14/07) in Downing Street for the 37th UK-France Summit. (...) Together, [France and the U.K.] lead the way for Europe’s transition to net zero, creating the green jobs of the future and securing affordable energy supplies for our people. (...) We will continue to work together on key technologies, including offshore wind, carbon capture, utilisation and storage, and hydrogen.”* (Source: [Élysée](#))

*“The President of France, Emmanuel Macron, celebrated the launch of a new joint engineering laboratory between Imperial and France's CNRS. (...) President Macron visited Imperial’s South Kensington campus to meet the engineers who will lead the new laboratory and spoke about the growing UK-French scientific partnerships. The event formed part of the schedule of the state visit for the French President. (...) The scientists will use automated AI-powered pipelines to accelerate materials discovery, while optimised catalysts and reactor designs will drive scalable green hydrogen production and make industrial processes safer and cleaner.”* (Source: [Imperial College](#))

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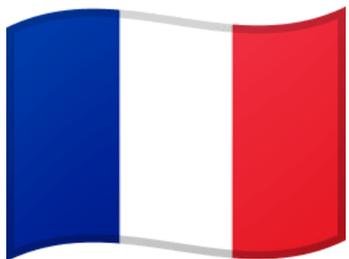
*“The French President's Special Envoy for the IMEC, Gérard Mestrallet, took part in Riyadh in the 1st workshop on energy connectivity between Saudi Arabia and Europe, with the aim of contributing to the development of this economic corridor.” (Source: [La France en Arabie](#))*

*“In the presence of HRH the Minister of Energy, ACWA Power signed agreements with international partners to advance renewable energy and green **hydrogen exports to Europe**, affirming the Kingdom's leadership in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.” (Source: [Ministry of Energy of Saudi Arabia](#))*

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*“On Monday 21 July, [Minister for Industry and Energy of France Marc Ferracci] was in Berlin for a working meeting with [his] counterpart Katharina Reiche (...) to bring France and Germany back together on industrial and energy issues, in order to build the new European Clean Industrial Pact together (...), focusing in particular on several key issues: support for electricity prices for (...) industry; defending (...) steel industry in the face of global overcapacity; a **joint roadmap for European hydrogen and electricity transport networks**; shared work on European preference for hypercritical components. These very fluid exchanges enabled [them] to make concrete progress towards a joint roadmap for the Franco-German Ministerial Council at the end of August.”*  
(Source: [Marc Ferracci](#))



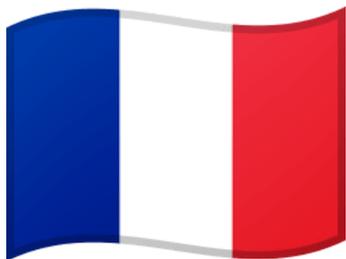
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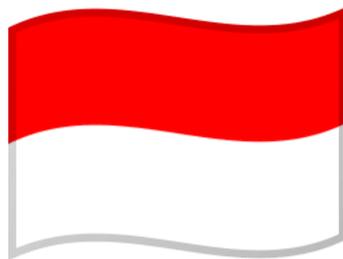
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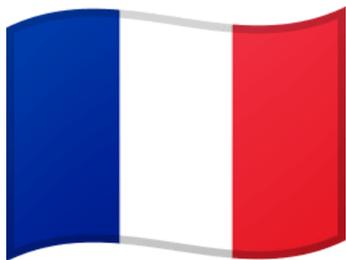


Indonesia

*“In a major step towards a low-carbon future, Verso Energy and Pertamina New & Renewable Energy (Pertamina NRE) have signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at accelerating the development of clean energy and decarbonisation solutions. The signing ceremony, held in Paris at the Indonesian Embassy, was attended by **Mohamad Oemar, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to France**, and representatives of **Laurent Saint-Martin, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and French Nationals Abroad**. This MoU marks a significant deepening of energy ties between France and Indonesia, following recent state visits by Presidents Emmanuel Macron and Prabowo Subianto. It reflects the two countries' shared ambition to lead the global energy transition through high-impact industrial partnerships based on innovation, sustainability and mutual investment.”* (Source: [Verso Energy](#))

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*“On July 19 Geze and local government representatives of Zamboanga Sibugay, Surigao de Norte, Agusan del Sur and Zamboanga City signed a memorandum of cooperation (MOC) to facilitate coordination, information-sharing and technical studies leading to the setup of hydrogen power plants in the target areas. Also present to witness the signing were **Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Secretary Leo Tereso Magno and France’s ambassador to the Philippines, Marie Fontanel**. According to Geze, the initial projects are part of the 10 hydrogen power plants that HDF plans to put up in Mindanao in the coming years at an aggregate investment cost of roughly \$1 billion.”* (Source: [Isabela City Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office](#))