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## Hydrogen Valley - Letter of support

Sogn og Fjordane is a region with strong industrial focus in its Smart Specialisation Strategy; our Wealth Creation Plan<sup>1</sup>.

The County Council has committed itself to give priority to development within renewable energy in general and especially within hydrogen. In the autumn of 2018 our partner Hub for Ocean received national status as hydrogen cluster. We gained this status through a value-chain approach and strong focus on international cooperation. The county has actively included neighbouring counties in administration is actively taking part in this development.

Moreover, important research infrastructures, like Western Norway University of Applied Sciences as well as innovation infrastructures, like our Ocean Hyway Cluster and relevant test centres (under development) are located in Sogn og Fjordane County. Furthermore, our industry and Hub for Ocean has been involved in European projects.

Sogn og Fjordane and Hordaland counties are merging to Vestland County from 01.01.2020. In this phase, you will therefore receive a letter of support from both counties.

It is our pleasure to participate in this new Thematic Area of "Hydrogen Valleys" with the regions Aragon, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the Northern Netherlands Alliance and Normandy, within the S3 platform Industrial Modernisation. Further, Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality will commit a delegated contact person representing Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality in the partnership.

Yours sincerely

  
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