



In our quaterly newsletter (summer 2026), you'll find the latest updates, highlights from our partners, news and upcoming events that you won't want to miss. So, sit back, enjoy the read, and get ready to be inspired as we continue to work together toward a sustainable future!

The RH2INE-interview: Diederick Luijten



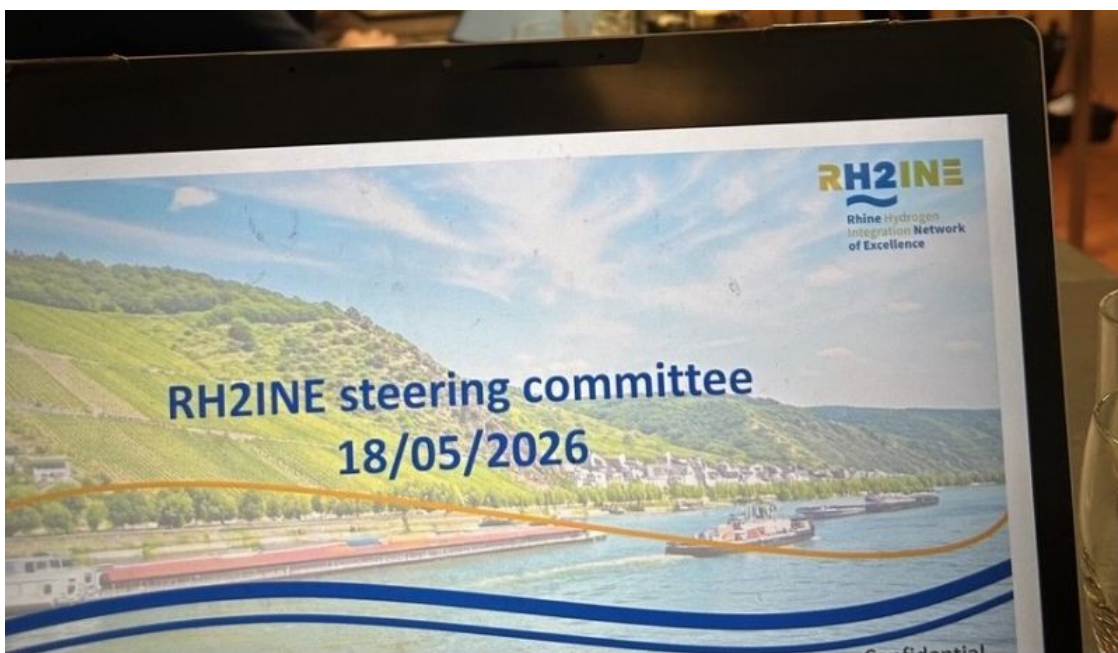
From talking to tangible: Why standardisation will decide hydrogen's future on inland waterways

For more than 35 years, Diederick Luijten has worked at the forefront of the industrial gases and hydrogen sector. After an international executive career at Air Liquide - leading businesses across Europe and helping accelerate hydrogen mobility - he now dedicates his expertise to what drives him most: bringing stakeholders together to turn ambitious ideas into practical solutions.

Within RH2INE, he leads the standardisation effort for swappable hydrogen tank containers. His goal is clear: develop an open, safe and certified standard that enables hydrogen to move seamlessly by inland waterway, road and rail. With the first 'Approval in Principle' targeted this summer, the race is on.

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**Your working groups quarterly update
(summer '25)**



We are pleased to share the latest developments from the RH2INE working groups - presented in Rotterdam - highlighting the progress across the programme's key work streams. A major highlight of the meeting was the significant progress made by the Standardisation Working Group. At the same time, updates were shared on the tanktainer pool company, policy developments, Living Lab activities and the launch of the roadbook for inland terminals.

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Must read: Brussels clears €103 million to accelerate hydrogen-powered shipping



The European Commission has approved a €103 million Dutch state aid scheme to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vessels powered by renewable hydrogen and renewable methanol, marking an important step for the decarbonisation of European shipping. The funding will support both newbuilds and retrofits of passenger, cargo and work vessels between 2027 and 2031 through competitive grant calls, helping to overcome the high upfront costs that continue to slow market adoption. While the scheme primarily targets short-sea shipping, it is also highly relevant for inland navigation as it complements the Netherlands' broader Maritime Masterplan and other national programmes aimed at demonstrating hydrogen-powered vessels and scaling clean fuel infrastructure. By reducing investment barriers and supporting first movers, the initiative is expected to strengthen the business case for hydrogen propulsion and accelerate the transition towards commercially viable zero-emission shipping across Northwest Europe.

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Mark your calendars: RH2INE Annual Conference 2026

The RH2INE community comes together this December for a full day dedicated to the future of hydrogen inland shipping.

Expect a dynamic mix of sharp insights and real-world progress. We'll hear from leading voices in sustainable inland shipping, get an up-close view of what the RH2INE working groups have been tackling over the past year, and look ahead to what's next.

See you there! | Thursday 17 December | Düsseldorf (MUNV NRW)

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