

VDE FINANCIAL DIALOGUE Program

The communication platform for industry, finance and insurance industry and politics

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With partnerships or system rivals:

How do we create energy sovereignty in Germany and Europe?

The dynamically growing technologies, such as in the field of hydrogen, require disruptive thinking that grows with the complex demands of our time and enables us to anticipate upheavals and non-linear developments. Overall, we need a technology-open and non-discriminatory industrial policy that supports emerging changes with economically viable commercialization potentials. For the successful development of the hydrogen economy, we need efficient regulations, standardized approval processes across Europe and a streamlining of existing bureaucratic processes.

To build bridges between stakeholders involved in the hydrogen industry, VDE is again coordinating the VDE FINANCIAL DIALOGUE platform with leading partner organizations. This format developed over many years, promotes holistic thinking and openness to technology in the energy transition. The dialogue between industry, investors, insurance companies, law firms and politicians is particularly important in the hydrogen field, as there are currently numerous uncertainties. These uncertainties have an impact on securing business models and make it difficult to provide private financing and competitive insurance solutions, among other things.

In order to identify the most pressing topics in the hydrogen industry for this year, we have conducted several leading workshops over the last months. These covered the topics of technological development, bureaucracy and regulations, PFAS-ban and sustainability, and the skills shortage. The key points from the workshops form the basis of the discussion of this High Level Panel of the **VDE FINANCIAL DIALOGUE HYDROGEN 2023**.

A white paper with the findings of the workshops, innovation stage keynotes, and high level panel discussion, will be produced and made available in early 2024. This whitepaper will also be introduced and discussed at the upcoming World Economic Forum 2024 in Davos.