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Paul Lucchese, Deputy Director of Capenergies, elected IEA Hydrogen Chairman

Paul Lucchese, Deputy Director of the Capenergies competitiveness cluster, was appointed chairman of the International Energy Agency's Hydrogen Implementing Agreement (HIA) on 16 June 2017 for a 3-year term. Prior to this, he was the CEA** representative at the Energy & Climate Change Department under the French Ministry of Environment.*

The Hydrogen Implementing Agreement is one of 40 technology collaboration programmes (TCP) at the International Energy Agency (IEA). The purpose of this agreement is to foster scientific, technical and analytical collaboration on hydrogen technologies, a key energy vector in the international arena.

Paul Lucchese said: "My election as chairman of the HIA will give both the French industry and the Capenergies cluster an opportunity to strengthen international collaboration in the hydrogen sector, thus supporting the cluster's international strategy. It should also be easier to closely follow any global initiatives launched within the scope of the Paris agreement on climate change (COP 21)."

The HIA has been managing a portfolio of projects involving R&D, demonstration and global analysis since 1977, through which it has gained global recognition for its technical expertise in the hydrogen community. The HAI currently boasts 22 countries as partners, as well as the European Commission, the German national organisation for hydrogen and fuel cell technologies (NOW), the Hysafe association, and sponsors such as Shell and the Southern Company.

More information: <http://ieahydrogen.org/>

* Technology collaboration programme (TCP)

** French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission