



**CLUSTERS MEET
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Cluster-Driven Interregional Collaboration in the Framework of the Priorities of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes: Green and Digital Transition, Training and Jobs for the Future, Excellence Sectors

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Key number of the Małopolska Region:

- Over 3.5 milion inhabitants
- Area: 15 183 km²
- Capital: Kraków – 2nd largest city in Poland
- Over 455k business entities operating (4th place in Poland)
- 26 higher education institutions (2nd place in the country)
- 45 innovation and entrepreneurship support centre (5th place in the country)



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European Entrepreneurial Region :

- **2016** – receive ERP title
- **2023** - special distinction from the EU Committee of the Regions (especially for cooperation with Ukrainian business).



KRAKOW REGION
MAŁOPOLSKA
EUROPEAN ENTREPRENEURIAL REGION 2016



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Main activities in the hydrogen area:

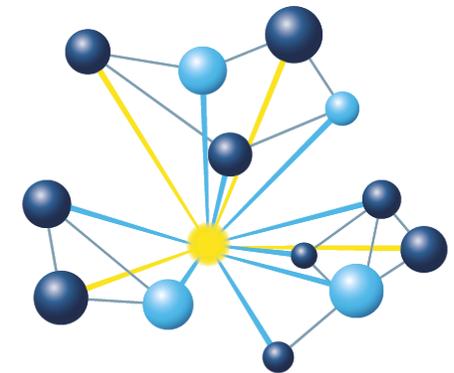
- Hydrogen – project pilot in Vanguard Initiative (Accelerate the proces conference, Hydrogen Summit)
- European Clean Hydrogen Alliance
- Science Meets Regions (Hydrogen topic)

Science
Meets
Regions



European Clean
Hydrogen Alliance

Kick-starting the EU Hydrogen Industry to
achieve the EU climate goals



VANGUARD INITIATIVE

New growth through smart specialisation



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Science Meets Region in Małopolska:



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Close cooperation in the region:

- Małopolska Center for Innovative Technologies of Hydrogen Storage and Transport
- Regional Working Group for the Development of Hydrogen Technologies
- Silesian – Małopolska Region Hydrogen Valley



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Thank you for your attention!

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