## **Hydrogen & Carbon Capture Synergies:** Accelerating Baltic-German Cooperation



21 October, 2025 | Hamburg Messe und Congress (Meeting room B7.1)



## **Programme** (Moderated by Deimante Telycenaite)

10:40 Presentation of Germany's Hydrogen and Carbon Capture Ecosystem Ralph Bahke – Managing Director, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH; Deputy Chairman of the Board, Association of Gas Transmission System Operators Germany (FNB Gas e.V.); Board Member, Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE)  10:50 Presentation of Lithuania's Hydrogen and Carbon Capture Ecosystem Sarūnas Varnagiris – Head of the Center for Hydrogen Energy Technologic the Lithuanian Energy Institute  11:00 Presentation of Latvia's Hydrogen and Carbon Capture Ecosystem Aivars Starikovs – Chairman of the Board at Latvian Hydrogen Association Member of the Board of Directors at Hydrogen Europe  11:10 Presentation of Estonia's Hydrogen and Carbon Capture Ecosystem Silvar Kallip – Lead Researcher in Hydrogen Technology at AS Metrosert Presentation on the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking financing programme Mirela Atanasiu – Head of Unit Operations and Communication at the Cle Hydrogen Joint Undertaking  11:40 Coffee break (20 min)  12:00 Idea Lab for Future Horizon Europe Projects Interactive session connecting science, industry, and policy stakeholders for Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Germany. Round table discussions with shor pitch sessions will explore future work programmes' topics, develop project concepts, and form consortia aligned with Clean Hydrogen JU and Horizon Europe Cluster 5 themes.	10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
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