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Strategic hydrogen transmission projects developed by NaTran and Teréga in the south of France recognised for their European importance

NaTran, France's leading gas transmission system operator, and Teréga, a storage and distribution operator in the South West, welcome the European Commission's announcement¹ that the **MidHY** and **HySoW** projects have been selected for inclusion in the list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) presented on 1 December (Delegated Act proposal).

The European Commission has reaffirmed the PCI status of the H2med project through its cross-border components, CelZa et BarMar, confirming the significant progress already achieved. This solid foundation strengthens the momentum of the corridor, as the PCI list now includes the extension to other key projects aligned with the vision of Europe's Hydrogen Corridor. New infrastructure has been incorporated, including **MidHY** and **HySoW**, further consolidating H2med's ambition to become a fully integrated and resilient hydrogen backbone, ready to connect Southwestern Europe with the major consumption centres of Central European countries.

The **HySoW** (Hydrogen South-West) project is particularly important as it represents a dedicated hydrogen transmission network in Southwestern France, spanning more than 650 km and integrating large-scale underground storage capacity in the Landes region, which is hoped to reach up to 500 GWh by 2030.

The **MidHY** project, stretching approximately 200 km, will connect **HySoW** to the **HY-FEN** project developed by NaTran – the French backbone of the H2med initiative, which runs from southern France (Bouches-du-Rhône) to the north (Moselle). Its key role in the energy transition was underscored last July by the support of the five Regions it crosses.²

For the greater South of France, **NaTran's MidHY** project and **Teréga's HySoW** project aim to interconnect and decarbonise the industrial and mobility hubs of the Occitanie and Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regions through the use of green and low-carbon energy flows. These initiatives will play a central role in regional development, contributing to economic growth, industrial attractiveness and national energy sovereignty. The Calls for Expression of Interest (CEI) conducted by Teréga and NaTran

¹ Read more [here](#)

² The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, Grand Est, Occitanie and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regions – find the press release [here](#)

in recent years have revealed, on the one hand, an anticipated demand for significant volumes in the region driven by the chemical industry and the production of e-fuels for the mobility sector, and, on the other hand, an excess of hydrogen production in the South West compared to local consumption. This surplus could also be transported via HY-FEN to meet the needs of other regions in France and other European countries, particularly Germany.

The inclusion of these projects in the proposed Delegated Act represents a major development accelerator. The PCI label grants them access to simplified authorisation procedures and potential financial support under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Energy.

About NaTran

NaTran is the new name of GRTgaz. To mark 20 years in business, in 2025 the company is starting a new chapter in its history by changing its name and steering its corporate project NaTran2030 to focus on driving the energy transition and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. To reach its goals, the company is adapting its network and its practices to the evolving environmental, economic and digital landscapes. It offers infrastructure and a logistics system adapted to the gases underpinning the energy transition (biomethane, H2 and CO2). NaTran is Europe's second-largest gas transmission system operator. The Group has two subsidiaries: Elengy – the European leader in LNG terminals – and NaTran Deutschland, which operates the MEGAL network. NaTran fulfils a public service mission, ensuring the safety of gas transmission for all its customers. Its research centre NaTran R&I (previously RICE) has become an international standard in the field of research and innovation applied to the energy transition. NaTran Groupe key figures: 33,800 km of pipes, 590 TWh of gas transported, just under 3,850 employees, €2.5 billion revenue in 2024. To learn more about NaTran and its initiatives, visit [NaTrangroupe.com](https://natrangroupe.com), X, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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About Teréga

Located in southwestern France at the intersection of major European gas flows, for more than 80 years Teréga has been sharing its exceptional expertise in developing gas transport and storage infrastructure. Today, it continues to develop innovative solutions to overcome the major energy challenges facing France and Europe more widely. Teréga is a fully-fledged accelerator of the energy transition and operates more than 5,000 km of pipelines and two underground storage facilities representing 15.8% of the French gas transmission network and 27% of national storage capacity. In 2024, the company, which employs 647 staff, generated revenue of €488 million (congestion balancing excluded). Corporate social responsibility is central to Teréga's strategy as it embarks on the energy transition along the path to carbon neutrality. Teréga has rolled out programmes in all areas of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance): employee safety and infrastructure security via the PARI 2035 programme, sustainable development of territories and social responsibility via the ENERGIZ MOUV programme, support for philanthropic projects by the Teréga Accélérateur d'Énergies endowment fund, and reduced environmental impacts via the BE POSITIF programme with a commitment to a 34% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared with 2021 for all scopes (1, 2 and 3).

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