

**Question for written answer E-003036/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Request for clarification on the selection of hydrogen development projects and the risk of conflicts of interest

EU discussions and projects regarding hydrogen are raising concerns about transparency and potential conflicts of interest, particularly within the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, where the fossil-fuel-based hydrogen industry is very well represented.

For this reason I would like some clarity regarding the selection of projects submitted via the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, which aims to build a pipeline of viable projects for the large-scale deployment of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen.

1. Can the Commission clarify whether or not the match-making platform, which is to be launched at the next European Hydrogen Forum on 17-18 June 2021, is supposed to give rise to projects that will be examined under the IPCEI (Important Projects of Common European Interest) mechanism?
2. Can the Commission say who examines the projects submitted via the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, how projects are selected, and how Parliament and civil society, which are not members of the alliance, will be involved in assessing the sustainability of these projects?