

**Question for written answer E-000692/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Nord Stream 2 – hydrogen

On 5 August 2021 the 'Wasserstoff-Hanse' hydrogen network was set up in Rostock in the presence of Gerhard Schröder, Minister for Energy Christian Pegel and the Prime Minister of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Manuela Schwesig. The aim of the project appears to be to press on with repurposing the Nord Stream 2 pipeline in order to supply Europe with blue hydrogen produced in Russia.

1. Is repurposing of that pipeline or other Russian pipelines compatible with the EU Hydrogen Strategy?
2. What non-European hydrogen production sources does the Commission regard as suitable and useful in terms of its hydrogen strategy?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the production capacities of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and what role does the region play in the EU Hydrogen Strategy?