



# Press release

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## Bundesnetzagentur expands remit with regulatory tasks for hydrogen networks

The Energy Industry Act (EnWG), which enters into force today, confers new tasks related to the regulation of hydrogen infrastructure on the Bundesnetzagentur.

*"The new provisions create the necessary framework to get a market for hydrogen off the ground quickly,"* said Jochen Homann, Bundesnetzagentur President.

### Voluntary regulation for hydrogen network operators

Operators of hydrogen networks will be able to "opt in" to regulation by submitting a declaration. Operators of hydrogen storage facilities will also be able to declare that access to their facilities should take place in accordance with the provisions of the EnWG.

### Annual cost comparison

The Bundesnetzagentur will conduct an annual comparison of planned and actual costs to ensure financing for regulated hydrogen infrastructure that is stable and fit for the future. The conditions and methods for determining the costs and charges are subject to an ordinance of the federal government.

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### Demand assessment for individual infrastructure projects

Under the new provisions, the Bundesnetzagentur will undertake an ad hoc demand assessment of individual infrastructure projects to enable the planned projects to be confirmed swiftly, transparently and in a binding manner, bearing in mind that the infrastructure roll-out and market launch are expected to be highly dynamic.

More details on the necessary steps of the opt-in declaration and ad hoc demand assessment, as well as further information, may be found on the Bundesnetzagentur website at: [www.bnetza.de/wasserstoff](http://www.bnetza.de/wasserstoff).

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The Bundesnetzagentur is an authority under the responsibility of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Its core tasks include supervising the energy, telecommunications, postal and railway markets.

As part of its mandate, the Bundesnetzagentur ensures that as many undertakings as possible can use the infrastructure in these sectors so that consumers benefit from competition and favourable prices.

The authority employs over 2,900 people at its headquarters in Bonn and Mainz and its 46 regional offices.