

A large green arrow graphic pointing to the right, partially visible on the left edge of the page.

Press Release

Certification of Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin

DEKRA recognized as Certification Body for renewable hydrogen under the CertifHy EU RFNBO Scheme

Europe's renewable hydrogen market has taken another step towards industrial scale-up. CertifHy has officially recognized DEKRA Certification as an independent Certification Body under the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme, authorizing the company to carry out certification, pre-certification and re-certification audits in line with EU criteria for Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO).

Certification under the scheme enables economic operators to demonstrate compliance with the European Union's requirements for Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO). It verifies sustainability criteria, traceability and the greenhouse gas (GHG) methodology applicable to renewable hydrogen and its derivatives.

The CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme applies to hydrogen placed on the European market, regardless of where it is produced. Producers both inside and outside the EU can use certification under the scheme to demonstrate compliance with the EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED) requirements for RFNBOs, including sustainability and greenhouse gas criteria. This allows market participants to obtain RFNBO recognition in Europe and capture the regulatory and commercial value associated with compliant renewable hydrogen.

For DEKRA, this recognition strengthens its portfolio of certifications, accreditations, and endorsements in auditing and certification, and expands its ability to support green hydrogen projects with an international scope. In line with the scheme's reach, DEKRA can support economic operators across the entire value chain, providing independent verification that underpins regulatory compliance and cross-border trade.

Date Stuttgart, 18. March 2026 / No. 020
Contact Tilman Vögele-Ebering
Phone 0711.7861-2122
Fax 0711.7861-742122
Email tilman.voegele-ebering@dekra.com

DEKRA e.V.
Corporate Communications
Handwerkstraße 15
D-70565 Stuttgart
www.dekra.de/presse

“As the hydrogen sector enters an implementation phase, reliable and operational certification becomes essential,” said Matthieu Boisson, Managing Director of CertifHy. “Recognized Certification Bodies such as DEKRA enable economic operators to demonstrate compliance in a credible and harmonized manner, which is critical for market confidence, financing decisions and cross-border trade of renewable hydrogen.”

“As hydrogen projects move from development to operation, certification is becoming a key component of project bankability and market access. Independent verification allows producers and other operators across the value chain to substantiate the renewable character of hydrogen, meet regulatory obligations, and access European demand,” added Amparo Langa, Managing Director of DEKRA Certification in Spain.

DEKRA Certification already offers certification of greenhouse gases and RFNBO in accordance with the ISCC EU scheme for various process industries.

About CertifHy

Founded in 2014, CertifHy is a frontrunner in the realm of renewable hydrogen and e-fuels' certification, providing a comprehensive suite of tools to empower stakeholders engaged in the energy transition. It operates two schemes — the CertifHy EU Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO) Voluntary Scheme and the CertifHy Non-Governmental Certificate (NGC) Scheme — which aims to verify the sustainability and origin of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen and its derivatives.

CertifHy also offers precertification, which familiarizes companies with the data collection and documentation processes required for official certification, and an in-house e-learning platform — CertifHy Academy — to equip Economic Operators and Certification Bodies with the expertise needed to navigate the complex landscape of hydrogen certification. It fosters collaboration through its Stakeholder Platform, which invites representatives of the industry, government, and academia to shape the future development of hydrogen certification systems.

Together, CertifHy's robust certification schemes and knowledge-building resources pave the way for a cleaner energy future. For more information about the CertifHy EU RFNBO Certification Scheme, visit: <https://www.certifhy.eu/eu-rfnbo-scheme/>

About DEKRA

For more than 100 years, DEKRA has been a trusted name in safety. Founded in 1925 with the original goal of improving road safety through vehicle inspections, DEKRA has grown to become the world's largest independent, non-listed expert organization in the field of testing, inspection, and certification. Today, as a global partner, the company supports its customers with comprehensive services and solutions to drive safety and sustainability forward—fully aligned with DEKRA's anniversary motto, "Securing the Future." In 2024, DEKRA generated revenue of 4.3

billion euros. Around 48,000 employees are providing qualified and independent expert services in approximately 60 countries across five continents. DEKRA holds a Platinum rating from EcoVadis, placing it among the top 1% of the world's most sustainable companies.