

Austrian R&D-activities and funding instruments for the Development and Market Introduction of Alternative Propulsion Systems and Fuels

Alternative Propulsion Systems and Energy Carriers

Austrian, European and global R&D- and demonstration projects, research institutions and funding programs

Content of Presentation

- Austrian Agency for Alternative Propulsion Systems
- Automotive industry in Austria
- National and European framework conditions and policy goals
- Funding instruments of the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
- Marketing and networking for A3PS members in FP 7, EU-technology platforms and the International Energy Agency

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PPP between industry, research and technology policy as strategic cooperation for the development and market introduction of alternative propulsion systems and fuels

- Additional support activities for industry and research beyond public funding of R&D projects.
- Stimulating the co-operation of complimentary partners in order to overcome the “chicken and egg problem”.
- Building up interdisciplinary research co-operations and comprehensive and trans-sectoral demonstration projects.
- Compiling and summarizing all available information on alternative propulsion systems.
- Analyzing technological trends and evaluating technology foresight and assessment studies.

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- Creating supportive framework conditions (funding budget for R&D-Programs, privileged access to sensitive areas, fuel taxation, codes, emission targets or technical standards) in order to avoid barriers for innovation.
- Discussing topics and organization of BMVIT program calls with A3PS members in order to optimize the funding instruments.
- Informing extensively and in detail about all regional, national and international funding opportunities.
- Harmonizing regional and national research activities in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to achieve a critical mass in the international perception.

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- Supporting the definition of interesting niches for Austrian research institutions within international development and R&D processes.
- Facilitating the integration in national and international networks as well as participation in FP6 projects and other research activities.
- Safeguarding interests of A3PS members in international fora like EU-technology platforms, ERA-NET's, IEA,...
- BMVIT as neutral partner for all stakeholders and facilitator in joining consortia or integrating technology users in demonstration projects by public procurement.
- Promoting all alternative propulsion systems and fuels (HEV, BEV, FCV, biofuels, CNG, hydrogen, ...)

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- A3PS pursues no own research but supports R&D institutions by information-, research- and cooperation management.
- Focusing on vehicle technology but taking aspects of environmental and energy policy and technologies into account (sustainability in fuel production, Kyoto commitment, security of supply,...).
- Reducing development risks by promoting multi-use technologies with economic value beyond vehicle applications (improved electric motor, electronics, simulation, material research,...).
- The early stage in the innovation cycle offers small countries and companies high economic opportunities and strong impact on the developing process.

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- Clear distinction of the thematic promotion of A3PS and its strategic partnership with industry and research from the operational duties of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG (evaluating proposals, signing contracts, funding projects and controlling their results).
- Marketing for Austrian technology expertise and the engineering and product know-how of the members by publications and presentations at conferences.
- Providing additional support to Austrian R&D institutions by A3PS employees.
- Making BMVIT confident to invest so heavily in this technology field by assembling already 27 partners in the Agency.

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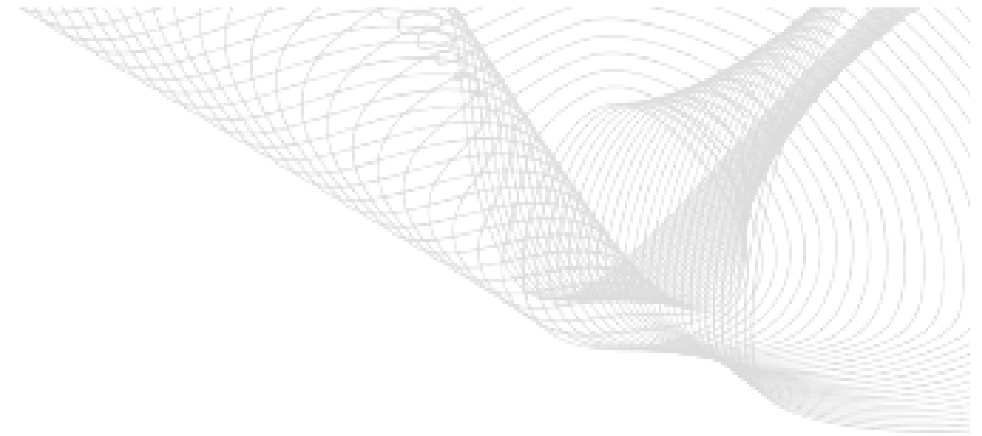
- Giving Austrian research institutions a long-term security in planning and investments due to a clear public commitment beyond election terms.
- Pursuing a technology breakthrough in a key area of the energy and transport industry by gaining synergies in a strategic and determined public private partnership between industry, research institutions and policy makers.

A3PS – Austrian Agency for Alternative Propulsion Systems



Industry

- AVL List
- Fronius International
- KTM Powersports
- Magna Steyr
- OMV
- Plansee
- AustriaTech



University Institutes

- TU Graz - Institute for ICE and Thermodynamics
- TU Graz - Inst. of Chemical Engineering and Environmental Technology - Laboratory for Fuel Cell Systems
- TU Graz - Institute of Electrical Measurement and Measurement Signal Processing
- TU Vienna - Institute for ICE and Automotive Engineering
- TU Vienna - Institute of Chemical Technologies and Analytics / Research Division Electrochemistry
- TU Vienna - Institute of Chemical Engineering
- TU Vienna - Institute of Electrical Power Systems and Energy Economics
- University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences

SME's and Research Institutes

- Austrian Institute of Technology
- Austrian Hydrogen Association
- Bioenergy 2020+
- Biovest Consulting
- Bitter Group
- Competence Centre for Electrochemical Surface Technology
- Hydrogen Center Austria
- Joanneum Research
- MBtech Austria
- Profactor Group
- RIC - Regional Innovation Centre

A3PS - Portfolio

- Stimulating the cooperation of complimentary partners, building up interdisciplinary research co-operations and trans-sectoral demonstration projects.
- Providing, compiling and analyzing information (technology foresight and assessment, studies, lectures, workshops, conferences, travel reports,...).
- Creating innovation friendly framework conditions (Regulatory- and fiscal policy, fuel taxation, endowment of research programs, 7. FP, codes and standards, emission limits, access to sensitive areas,...).
- International networking and marketing for Austrian R&D competence and the product and engineering Know How of A3PS members.

Automotive Industry in Austria

- Automotive Industry is a global key industry sector and one of the most successful branches in Austria
- More than 175.000 employees
- Turnover of 35 Billion€/a (>10% of GDP)
- High competence on the drive train (AVL, Magna, KTM, BMW, Opel Austria,)
- Change of the drive train has direct and strong impact on Austrian industry
- Change is already visible
 - Trend towards electrification of the drive train
 - Successful introduction of hybrid cars

European Policy Goals



- Reduction of greenhouse gases (as of 1990) by at least 20% by 2020
- Increasing energy efficiency by 20% until 2020
- 20% renewable energy by 2020
- Reduction of fleet emission to 130 - 120 - 95 g CO₂/km
- Further tightening emission standards for emissions of pollutants (EURO 4, 5, 6,...)

Instruments of the Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology for the development of automotive technologies:

Total funding: 60 M€/year

- A3plus-Technology Program: funding cooperative R&D projects developing alternative propulsion systems and fuels
- Program Energy 2020: ICE-optimization, light weight structures, electronics
- Lighthouse Projects: demonstration for market introduction
- FFG basic program: bottom-up product optimization
- Headquarter Program
- Research Infrastructure (e.g. Hydrogen Center Austria)
- Competence Centers (e.g. K2-Mobility)
- International Cooperation (FP7, ETPs, ERA-NETs, IEA)
- Austrian Agency for Alternative Propulsion Systems (A3PS)



A3 (Austrian Advanced Automotive Technology)



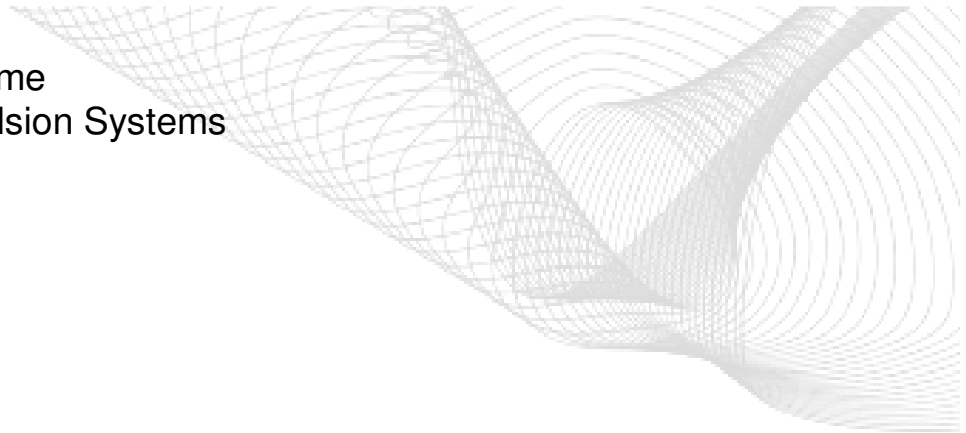
- 4 calls for proposals (2002-2006)
 - 152 Proposals
 - 78 projects approved (international evaluation)
 - Total project volume 39.6 Mio. €
 - Promotion of 20.4 Mio. €

- 2 calls for Lighthouse Projects (2005 and 2006)
 - 25 Proposals
 - 8 projects approved (international evaluation)
 - Total project volume 7.4 Mio. €
 - Promotion of 3.4 Mio. €



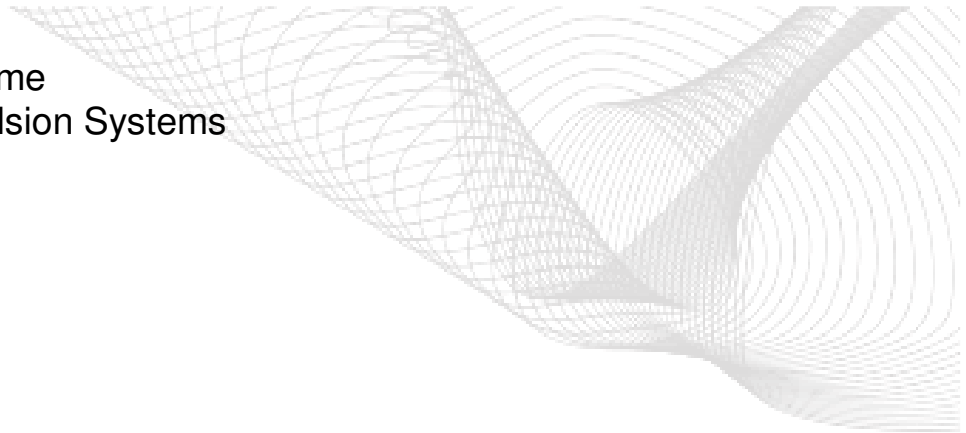
A3 Lighthouse Projects:

- Content:
 - Large pilot and demonstration projects with attractive funding
- Goals
 - Optimization of alternative propulsion systems and fuels under real life conditions through a close cooperation of developers and users
 - Preparation of the public for technological changes in the energy and transport sector



A3plus Program

- Funding development of alternative propulsion systems for all land transport modes
- Funding R&D and lighthouse projects
- 3 calls in 2007 and 2008:
 - 57 proposals received.
 - 49 funded projects (including 3 lighthouse projects)
 - Funding volume: 14 M€
- Call 2009:
 - 32 proposals received with request for 10,7 M€ funding
 - Available funding budget: 5 M€



A3plus Program

- Alternative propulsion systems and components, incl. engine control
- Alternative fuels (liquid, gaseous / fuel combinations)
- Innovative storage concepts for gases, liquids, electricity
- Development and promotion of necessary supply infrastructures
- Concepts for embedding alternative drive trains in the overall vehicle design (physical layout with reference to weight, volume and transport safety)

BMVIT funding follows the following principles (1)

- Broad Selection of funding schemes for individual needs of R&D (FWF, Bridge Program, FFG, K-plus, COMET, Seed financing, AWS, Climate & Energy Fund, ...).
- Neutral position concerning different technological options.
- Neutral position concerning different applicants.
- Confidentiality during evaluation process in order to secure IPR's of applicants.
- Grants awarded according to the competitive principle through call for proposals.
- Stimulation and use of synergies from the cooperation of complementary partners.
- Integration of future users of technologies in the development process.

BMVIT funding follows the following principles (2)

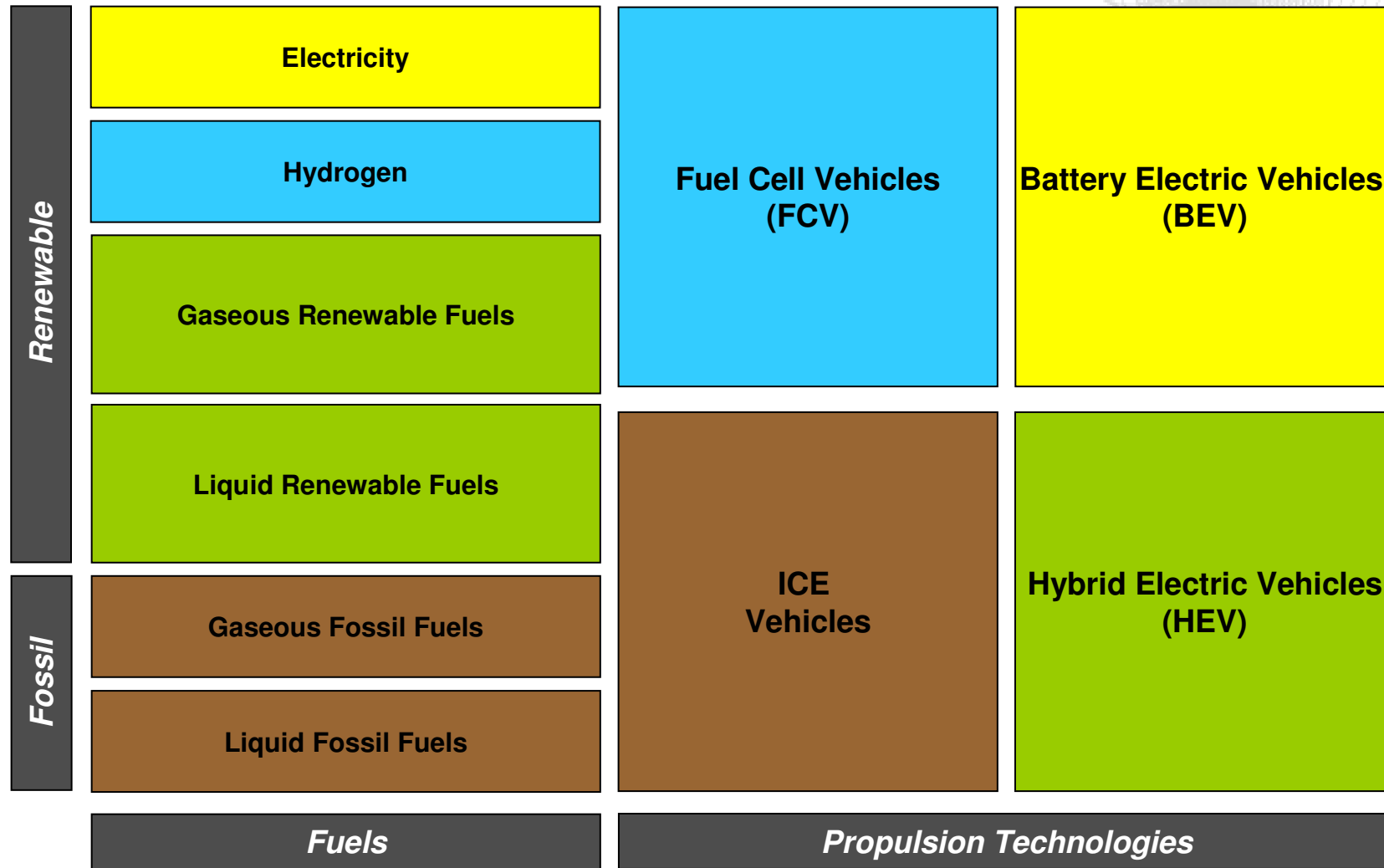
- Integration of know-how beyond the automotive industry in the engineering process.
- Fundamental technology change instead of incremental improvements.
- Promotion of the whole innovation cycle from studies to demonstration projects, creation of new education concepts, preparation of the public for technological changes.
- Optimization of the overall vehicle system by tuning of subsystems.
- Optimization of the transport system through intermodal and interoperable connection of transport carriers.

APSTAP (Alternative Propulsion Systems Technology Assessment Project):

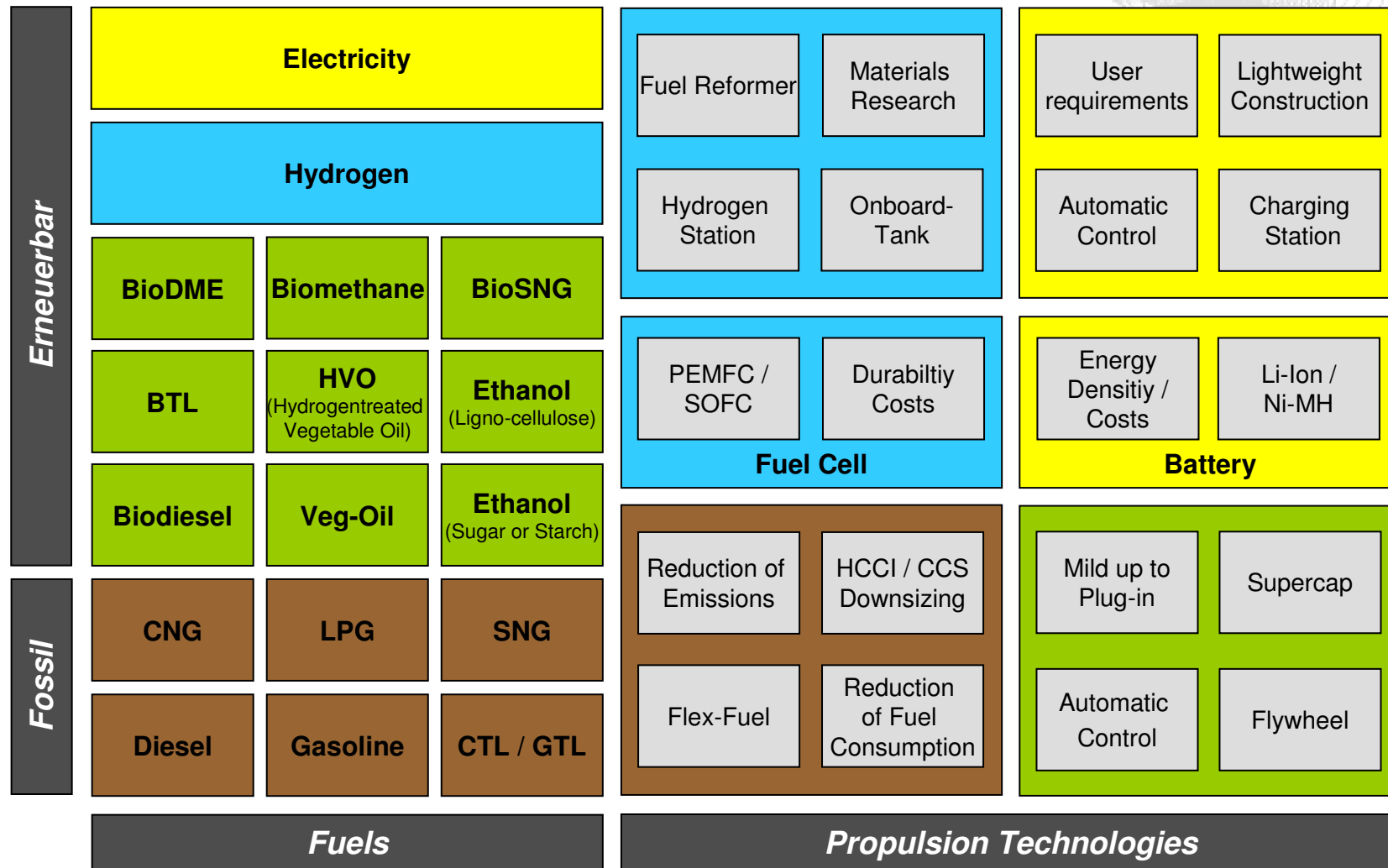


- Technical description of all alternative propulsion systems and fuels and comparative evaluation of their advantages, disadvantages and development potential. Information presented as PC-supported information tool.
- Funded by the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology as a technology foresight project for technology policy decision makers as well as A3PS members.

Development scheme for fuels and propulsion technologies



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International Cooperation and Networking

- EU-JTI “Fuel Cells and Hydrogen” (Scientific Committee)
- EU-Technology Platform BIOFUELS (Chairman of Mirror Group of National Delegates)
- EU-Technology Platform ERTRAC: Plenary, Steering Group, Financing & Governance Group
- EU-R&D-Framework Program 7: Program Committee
- ERA-NET TRANSPORT (Work Package Leader)
- IEA-Implementing Agreement “Hybrid & Electric Vehicles”
- IEA-Implementing Agreement “Advanced Motor Fuels”
- IEA-Implementing Agreement „Advanced Fuel Cells“



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