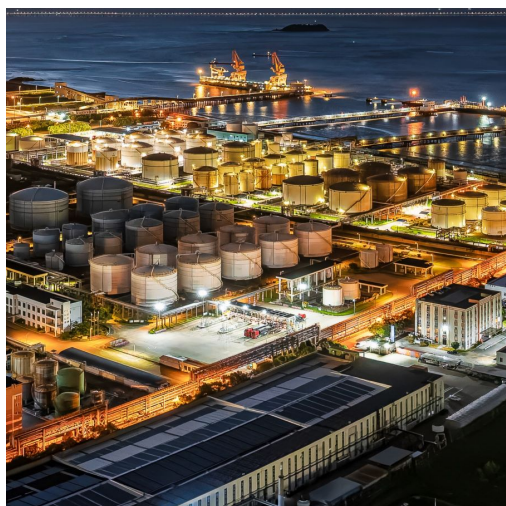




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Algeria Positions Itself as Europe's Hydrogen Supplier with 3,300km Pipeline Backed by Five Nations

Algeria and Tunisia have secured political backing from Italy, Austria and Germany for the SouthH2 Corridor, a 3,300-kilometre hydrogen export pipeline designed to supply more than 40% of the European Union's 2030 hydrogen import target, with operations targeted for the early 2030s.

The five nations have signed a political declaration reinforcing cooperation on project development, financing and commercial partnerships for the corridor, which is designed to transport more than four million tons of renewable hydrogen annually from North Africa through Italy and Austria to Germany.

The declaration follows an initial agreement signed in Rome in January 2025 and formalises closer coordination between governments, transmission system operators, regulators, financial institutions, hydrogen producers and prospective buyers.

A dedicated secretariat, hosted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and launched in Rome in September 2026, will support cross-border implementation and facilitate public-private cooperation.

Commercial development is advancing through the Algeria to Europe Hydrogen Alliance, a consortium comprising Sonatrach and Sonelgaz, Algeria's state-owned oil and gas company and national electricity and gas utility, respectively, alongside European operators Snam, SeaCorridor, VERBUND and Germany's VNG.

The partners are currently conducting preliminary feasibility studies on hydrogen production in Algeria, transportation infrastructure and potential European offtake markets.

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