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San Donato Milanese (Milan) - 26 February 2024 - The hydrogen infrastructure planned for the Hydrogen Valley project in Puglia has been included by the European Commission among the IPCEIs (Important Projects of Common European Interest) on hydrogen approved on 15 February as part of the Hy2Infra wave.

This third IPCEI wave follows on from Hy2Tech, which focused on the development of hydrogen technologies for end users, and Hy2Use, focused on hydrogen applications in the industrial sector, and involves 32 companies in a total of 33 projects in Europe. The framework was jointly developed and presented by seven Member States: France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Slovakia. Under the programme, Member States will provide up to € 6.9 billion in state aid — which is expected to stimulate a further € 5.4 billion in private investment — to support innovative projects in strategic sectors for European industry.

The infrastructure planned by Snam fits into the broader framework of the development of the hydrogen supply chain involving other leading industrial operators in Puglia. Snam's project, whose operational phase is expected in 2028, involves total investments of around € 100 million aimed at repurposing existing pipelines (85 km) and installing new ones, for a total length of around 110 km.

Overall, the Hy2Infra IPCEI will support the European-wide deployment of 3.2 GW of electrolyzers, the construction and conversion of around 2,700 km of pipelines for hydrogen transport and distribution, the development of hydrogen storage facilities for at least 370 GWh, and the construction of handling terminals and related port infrastructure for liquid organic hydrogen carriers to manage 6,000 tonnes of hydrogen per year.

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