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RENEWABLE OR 'LOW-CARBON'? EU COUNTRIES FACE OFF OVER HYDROGEN

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EU member states are fighting over which type of hydrogen to support, with two opposing camps facing off: those backing green hydrogen produced exclusively from renewable electricity, and those in favour of a broader low-carbon definition, which also includes nuclear power and decarbonised gases.

Ambassadors from the EUs 27 member states are meeting on Friday (27 November) to discuss plans for the creation of a hydrogen market in Europe.

The European Commission sees hydrogen as a vital missing piece of the puzzle to achieve deeper decarbonisation in industries like steelmaking and chemicals, which cannot be electrified entirely.

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