Press release: The Danish Minister for Environment takes to the streets of Copenhagen in a zero-emission FCEV

The Danish Minister for Environment, Lea Wermelin (the Social Democratic Party), went out on a green ride in Copenhagen in a Hyundai Nexo FCEV. As the Minister for Environment, Lea Wermelin has made it a priority to focus on air quality and is therefore a champion of zero-emission transport. The Danish government has put forward an ambitious goal of a 70% CO2-reduction by 2030 as compared to the 1990-level and has made a strong commitment to environmental protection. One of the most important challenges in reaching this target is cutting emissions from the transport sector and the government is very committed to advancing sustainable transport including fuel cell and hydrogen solutions.

The Minister was joined by the CEO of Hydrogen Denmark, Tejs Laustsen Jensen, and the two spoke about the importance of further implementation of zero-emission transport as well as EU-collaboration regarding the roll out of FCEV-fleets and the necessary refueling infrastructure.

The sustainable FCEVs are by no means a rare sight in Copenhagen traffic. The city of Copenhagen has invested in several FCEVs as part of the European project H2ME-2, and recently eight new FCEV-taxis were rolled out also as part of the H2ME-initiatives.

“The transitioning of the transport sector is imperative to succeed in combating air pollution and fossil dependency, and the advancement of FCEV-transport is one of many important green initiatives in Denmark”, says CEO of Hydrogen Denmark, Tejs Laustsen Jensen, and continues: “The Danish government has put forward one of the world’s most ambitious climate-targets and there is no doubt that further deployment of FCEVs will play a crucial role in both fulfilling the climate-ambitions and decreasing the level of air pollution in the cities. The H2ME-initiatives are instrumental in this continued advancement of hydrogen and fuel cell technology in Denmark.”

Bart Biebuyck, The Executive Director at the FCH JU, is very impressed with the implementation of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in Danish transportation: “Copenhagen, and Denmark in general, are early adopters of the hydrogen mobility and with good reasons. Indeed, hydrogen cars are very effective to improve the quality of air and reduce noise level in the cities and allow for efficient commercial operation when deployed in fleets, like taxis for example. Copenhagen is an example to follow elsewhere in Denmark and in Europe”.

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For the past two years Brintbranchen / Hydrogen Denmark has been a part of the Hydrogen Mobility Europe 2 (H2ME-2) project deploying a number of FCVs and raising awareness of hydrogen for transport.

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