



A lighthouse project within the National Hydrogen
and Fuel Cell Technology Innovation Program 

And the winner is...the environment! Zero Emissions rally ended today in Stavanger / Prince Albert II of Monaco opens the EVS24 Towards Zero Emissions Symposium

At the world's largest event of its kind, 30 international teams proved that alternative drive systems are already able to handle long hauls and rough conditions. Germany's Clean Energy Partnership was represented at the event as well: race-car driver Leilani Münter started in a Ford Focus fuel-cell vehicle; Linde and StatoilHydro ensured the necessary hydrogen infrastructure

Stavanger, 13 May 2009. One winner was certain from the beginning: the environment. The Viking Rally ended today in Stavanger/Norway, timed to coincide with the opening of the EVS24 Towards Zero Emissions, an international Symposium for alternative drive systems with participants from 40

*countries. United by the shared goal of "Zero Emissions" 30 teams of professional and amateur racers in hydrogen and electric vehicles spent three days testing their skills and the vehicles' manoeuvrability. The rally had begun on 11 May at the newly opened StatoilHydro hydrogen filling station in Oslo with celebrity support: **His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon of Norway** drove a **Ford Focus fuel-cell vehicle** across the finish line of the first leg.*

His Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco welcomed the rally participants at the finish line.

The winners have now been determined: the Quantum HY 10002 Prius prevailed in the Hydrogen category, and the Amberjac Prius made the race in Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles. The most energy-efficient vehicle was the Twike Active (electric) and the Fiat Panda HyTran won in the Fuel Cell category. The Tesla Roadster came in first among battery-powered vehicles.

*Viking Rally partner **StatoilHydro** celebrated a premiere on the occasion of the rally: the Norwegian company opened two new hydrogen filling stations, which makes it possible to travel the 580-km **HyNor Hydrogen Highway** between Oslo and Stavanger - in one go. **HyNor** is an industrial partnership in Norway which aims to establish hydrogen as an alternative fuel in Norway, along with the necessary infrastructure for its commercialisation.*

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StatoilHydro, one of the partners, has contributed four fuelling stations to the project thus far.

*Alongside such companies as Mazda, Mitsubishi, Think and Quantum, three partners in Germany's **Clean Energy Partnership** took part in the rally: **Ford, Linde and StatoilHydro**. The CEP, a consortium of twelve globally leading businesses, is working to make Germany "No. 1 in Hydrogen". The Clean Energy Partnership's participation in the rally is a milestone on the road to a **Northern European Hydrogen Region**.*

The Clean Energy Partnership – a consortium of twelve leading companies – is a pioneering project with the goal of establishing hydrogen as the "fuel of the future". Its members include technology, oil and energy companies, the majority of Germany's car manufacturers, as well as two leading public-transport systems: Berlin and Hamburg's public-transport systems BVG and Hamburger Hochbahn, BMW, Daimler, Ford, GM/Opel, Linde, Shell, StatoilHydro, TOTAL, Vattenfall Europe and Volkswagen. Since 2008, the CEP has received funding from the National Innovation Programme for Hydrogen and Fuel-Cell Technology (NIP) as well.

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