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Fact Sheet H2UB GmbH

H2UB – The Hub for Hydrogen Start-ups

H2UB is Europe's leading Open Innovation Platform for the whole hydrogen value chain. It connects founders with companies, investors and research institutes to successfully develop and launch innovative hydrogen ideas.

Digital and on-site events – most notably the HYDROVERSE CONVENTION – offer hydrogen start-ups and companies the opportunity to discuss relevant topics, to network and to exchange ideas. In their own accelerator program "H2UB Sprint" and "H2UB Bootcamp" start-ups benefit from compact, focused and customized individual and group coaching sessions with mentors and industry experts.

The "H2-LabNet" provides exclusive access to testing and prototyping services from a broad network of laboratories and research institutes.

As a think tank, the H2UB contributes to the expert discussion on the further development of the hydrogen market. The Hub offers corporate partners access to hydrogen innovations and an active exchange with creative minds in the industry.

The H2UB is funded by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and supported by numerous companies and institutions.



The Hub at a glance

Employees:	10
Location:	Essen
Year of foundation:	2021
Management:	Uwe Kerkmann
Start-ups in the ecosystem:	120
Network partners:	26

Sponsors of the H2UB:

- OGE
- RAG Stiftung
- TÜV Süd
- DLR

Partners/ members of the H2UB:

- CGI
- Digital Campus Zollverein
- DILO
- Dräger
- Essener Wirtschaftsförderungsgesellschaft (Essen Economic Development Agency)
- MSA
- P3
- RWE
- Uniper
- Vorwerk
- Westenergie



Vita Uwe Kerkmann, CEO

Uwe Kerkmann has been working as a business developer in an international context for more than 20 years. His focus is on innovation topics from the fields of environment and energy, digitalization, creative industries and knowledge transfer.

Particularly in international innovation cooperation, the focus of his work is on the topics of market development for start-ups and SMEs, including the adaptation of business models in different markets. At both the municipal and state levels in NRW and Berlin, he has worked intensively to promote cooperation between companies, start-ups, science and administration. He played a key role in shaping the start-up initiative of the state capital Düsseldorf and the founding of the digihub Düsseldorf / Rheinland.

Since November 2021, he is managing director of H2UB GmbH. H2UB, together with strong partners from industry, science and politics, is the first European start-up and innovation hub for hydrogen technologies, funded by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

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