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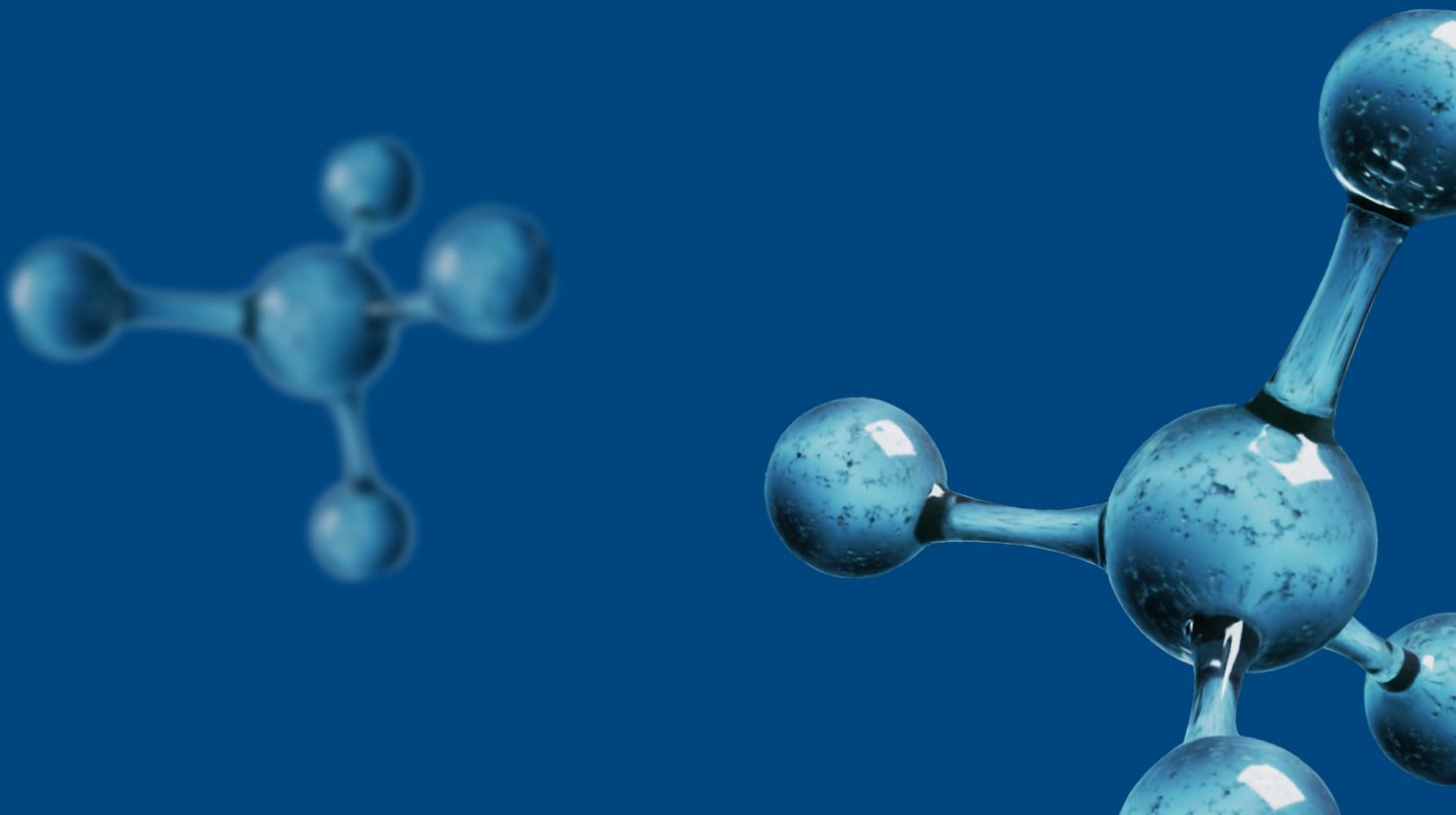
Creation of the National Hydrogen Program and its Management Committee

The National Hydrogen Program

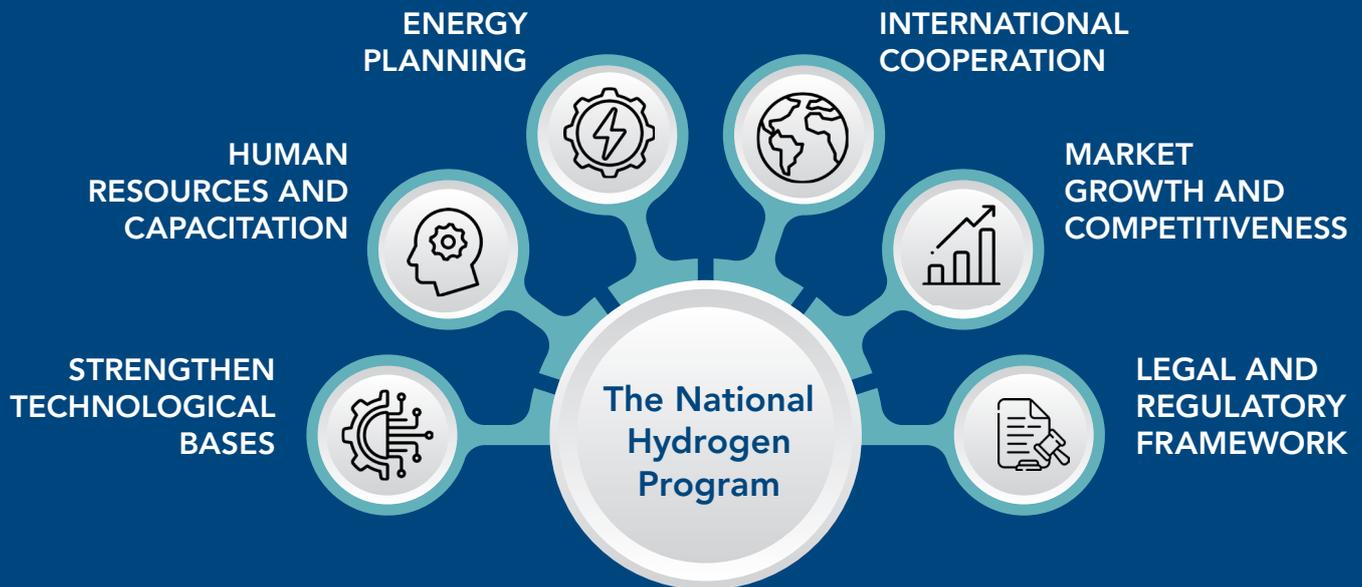
The Brazilian Federal Government published on August 04, 2022 the National Energy Policy Council (CNPE) Resolution No. 06/2022, which established the National Hydrogen Program (*Programa Nacional do Hidrogênio - PNH₂*). The purpose of **PNH₂** is to boost the hydrogen market and industry as an energy vector in Brazil.

Several countries have been prioritizing the development of a hydrogen market in their energy strategies, as it provides a cleaner alternative for industries with challenging carbon emissions. In line with the international practices, the Brazilian Federal Government has been focusing its attention on developing the **PNH₂**, starting with the publication of CNPE Resolutions No. 01/2021 and 02/2021, towards the preparation of guidelines for **PNH₂** and investments in research and development for hydrogen studies.

All actions under **PNH₂** must simultaneously consider the development of public policies, technologies and market.



PNH₂ Bases



PNH₂ Principles

- I. Valorization of the national potential of energy resources
- II. Acknowledgement of the energy sources diversification and technological alternatives current available or in potential
- III. Decarbonization of the economy
- IV. Valorization and encouragement to the national technological development;
- V. Development of a competitive market
- VI. Search for synergies and partnerships with other countries
- VII. Acknowledgement of the national industry's contribution

PNH₂ Management Committee

Resolution No. 06/2022 also established the Management Committee of **PNH₂ – Coges-PNH₂** to coordinate and supervise the planning and implementation of the program.

In order to address these specific issues, develop analyses and studies to support the **Coges – PNH₂**, the CNPE established one thematic group for each base from the **PNH₂** guidelines (as detailed above).

Each group shall be responsible for preparing a three year plan to be approved in December's ordinary meeting of **Coges – PNH₂**. **Coges – PNH₂** also has the authority to establish temporary thematic groups.

Specialists or representatives from other bodies, entities, associations and public or private agents, may participate in the meetings and provide advice, as invited by **Coges – PNH₂**.

Additionally, certain guidelines were included under Resolution No. 06/2022 for the thematic groups' activities. One of their key purposes is to promote an extensive participation with the inclusion of private players in the discussions, as well as the promotion of collaboration mechanisms, such as public consultations, workshops and webinars.

Coges – PNH₂ shall hold quarterly meetings and its deliberations will be recorded in minutes (a) published on the Ministry of Mines and Energy website on a space dedicated to **Coges – PNH₂** and (b) forwarded to the acknowledge of the CNPE. **Coges – PNH₂** will periodically publish a report of its activities on the website of the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

Coges-PNH₂ Members

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Ministry of Economy
Civil House of the Presidency
Ministry of the Environment
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations
Ministry of Regional Development
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply
Special Secretary of Strategic Affairs
Energy Research Company (EPE)
National Electric Power Agency (ANEEL)
National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP)



Also Read: Brazil Energy Journal: Blue Hydrogen



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We will continue to monitor the development of discussions and implementation of measures related to **PNH₂** and keep you informed. For more information about the **PNH₂** please contact us.



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