ACTUALITES DU RESEAU ALPHEA

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Le 16 mars 2005, ALPHEA a participé à un workshop organisé à Bruxelles, par Fuel Cell Europe. L'article ci-dessous, paru dans la revue Fuel Cell Europe IMPULSE du mois d'avril 2005, résume l'intervention réalisée par Michel JUNKER (Directeur) lors de cette manifestation.

Dr. M. Junker of the French ALPHEA opened the Workshop « Regions in Europe looking for Hydrogen & FC Technologies » with a presentation describing the opportunities in the French Lorraine area. With 23,000 km^2 (4% of France) and 2.3 million inhabitants the Lorraine region offers among others a well-qualified, bilingual work force and a well-developed industrial environment. Having a long history in energy production (was the coal mining area) it now focuses on new technologies like hydrogen and FC's, examples of which were presented in the Forbach urban district.

Investment attractiveness lies in the :

- Availability of well-equipped activity / industrial parks ;

- Specific support measures for high-tech and innovative companies ;

- High-level education (universities etc.) ;

- High-level R&D environment (Nancy, Metz and Saarbrücken).

ALPHEA's activities – having established good contacts with local authorities – are :

- Technical & economic surveys and studies on H2 and FC opportunities ;

- Launching new R&D projects and communication with the public.

In short : Good opportunities for H2 & FC technologies in the Lorraine area with investment support in research and manufacturing activities (contact : alphea@alphea.com to learn about opportunities).

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