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The entire study is publicly available here:

https://www.energy-community.org/news/Energy-Community-News/2021/06/17a.html or https://www.energy-community.org/documents/studies.html under Gas section



Introduction

EU H2 consumption is ca.: 10,2 Mt/yr

- ca. 30% thereof is used by refineries
- production 9,7 Mt/yr, approximately equals consumption
- vast majority thereof is produced by fossil-based production SMR technology

SMR-based H2 costs ca. 1,35 EUR/kg in Europe

- AEL technology 10 MW electrolyser in 2020 with HUPEX prices ca 4 EUR/kg (REKK)
- PEM technology 10 MW electrolyser in 2020 with HUPEX prices ca 3,3 EUR/kg (REKK)
- Cost reduction potential exists learning curve: economies of scale, efficiency increase

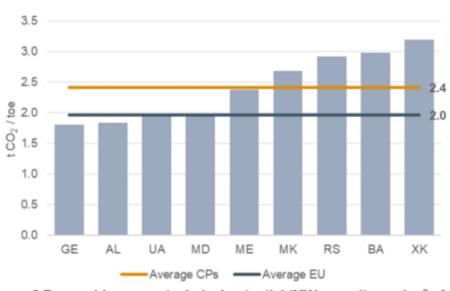
Global SMR and coal gasification-based H2 production is responsible for 2,3% of total global CO2 emission



I. H₂ and the Contracting Parties - Drivers

Figure 2 Carbon intensity (CO₂ emissions as a proportion of primary energy supply), 2018





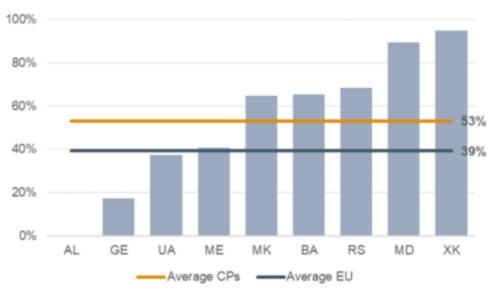
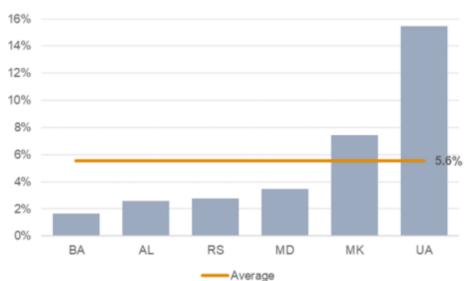


Figure 6 Renewable energy technical potential (MW capacity per km² of country surface Figure 8 Share of key industrial applications in total output¹⁰ (2018) area)







I. H₂ and the Contracting Parties – Use cases

Energy Sector

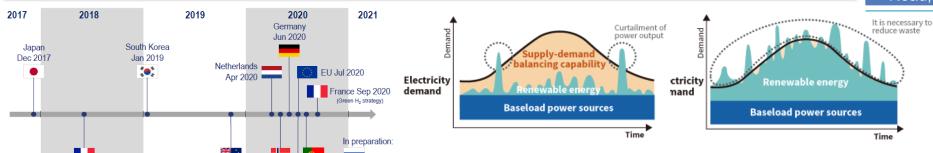
Flexibility and Storage

Industry

Feedstock and Energy

Transport

Road, Freight, Fixed Track, Marine, Synthetic Fuel



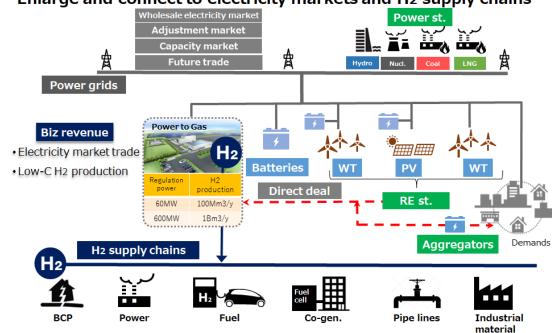
Potential H₂ applications are diverse

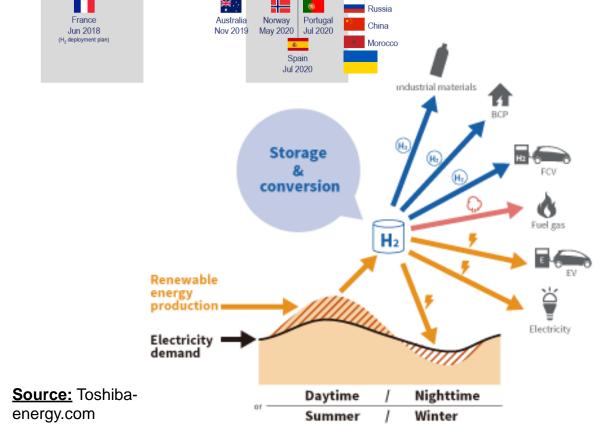
Countries have to find their competitive edge and focus on high potential sectors

Commercial and Household
Space Heating

P2G business concept in 2030's

Enlarge and connect to electricity markets and H2 supply chains







II. The Energy Community Study





To assist CPs in assessing their potential to

- produce, transport and use hydrogen in different sectors;
- to raise awareness and initiate discussion;
- to draw a realistic picture and ascertain the potential way forward for each CP and
- to provide a "menu" of options and ideas for the policy makers, project owners, developers and investors

the ECS has initiated the "H₂ potential in the CPs study".

Synthesis Document

- Observations
- Recommendations
- Projects



International Review

• H2 value chain, Drivers for H₂ use, Support policies and instruments, Country and project case studies

Contracting Parties' Review

Comparative assessment, CP reviews

Economic Analysis

 Feasibility review of H2 applications in the transport, industry, power and storage, and domestic heating sectors



III. Findings – focus on green and low carbon H2

1) H₂ potential in the CPs was evaluated based on five categories:

2) Relative potentials were aggregated:

Figure 1 Relative assessment of CP prospects of introducing hydrogen

Assessment parameters	AL	BA	GE	MD	ME	MK	RS	UA	XK
Hydrogen drivers									
Potential H ₂ production capacity									
Delivery infrastructure									
Potential hydrogen applications									
Socioeconomic conditions									

Most conducive to promoting H2
Reasonably conducive to promoting H2
Relatively less conducive to promoting H2
Least conducive to promoting H2

Source: ECA and E4tech



Source: ECA-E4Tech -

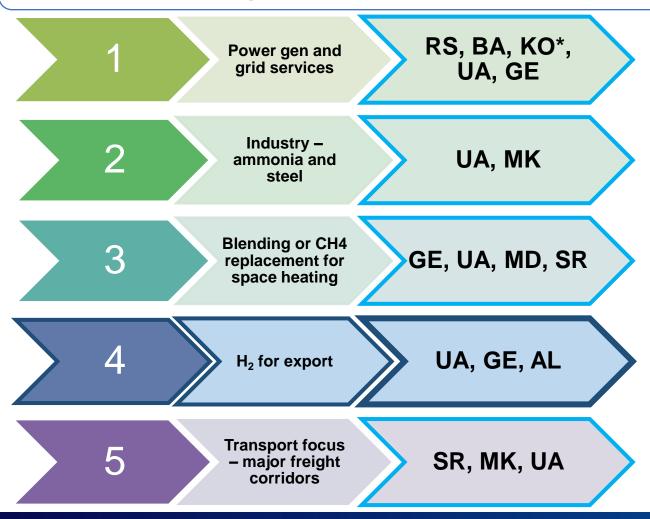
3) Based on the:

- current and forecasted cost-base of H₂ applications (Economic Analysis),
- CP profiles (Contracting Party Review) and
- international experience (International Review) five country groups (cohorts) were identified, where there is *potential/need* for H₂ applications in specific sectors.
- 4) Potential pilot-projects were scoped for each cohort.



III. Findings

The Study identified the highest potential in the *long-term* for the following applications. In the short term, large scale applications do not seem to be economically feasible – support is needed



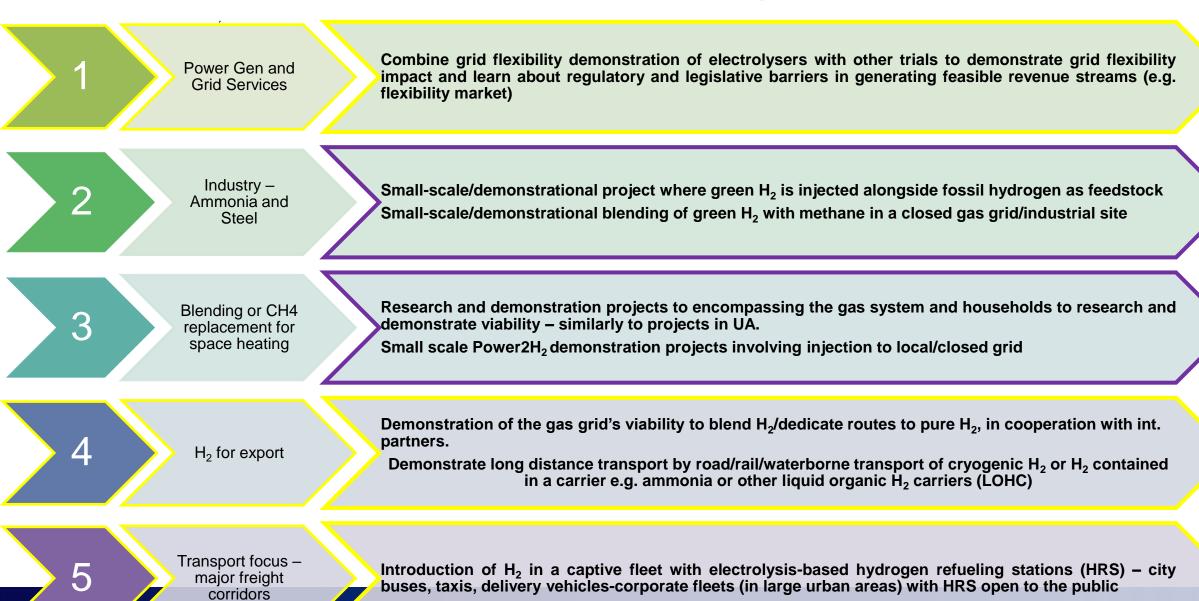
NO "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" H₂ SOLUTION

"Which application could become sufficiently economic in each Contracting Party depends on the local context, but a wide range of plausible applications are considered to be potentially viable in the long-term (2035-2050) at carbon prices of €200/tCO₂ or more"

ECS Study

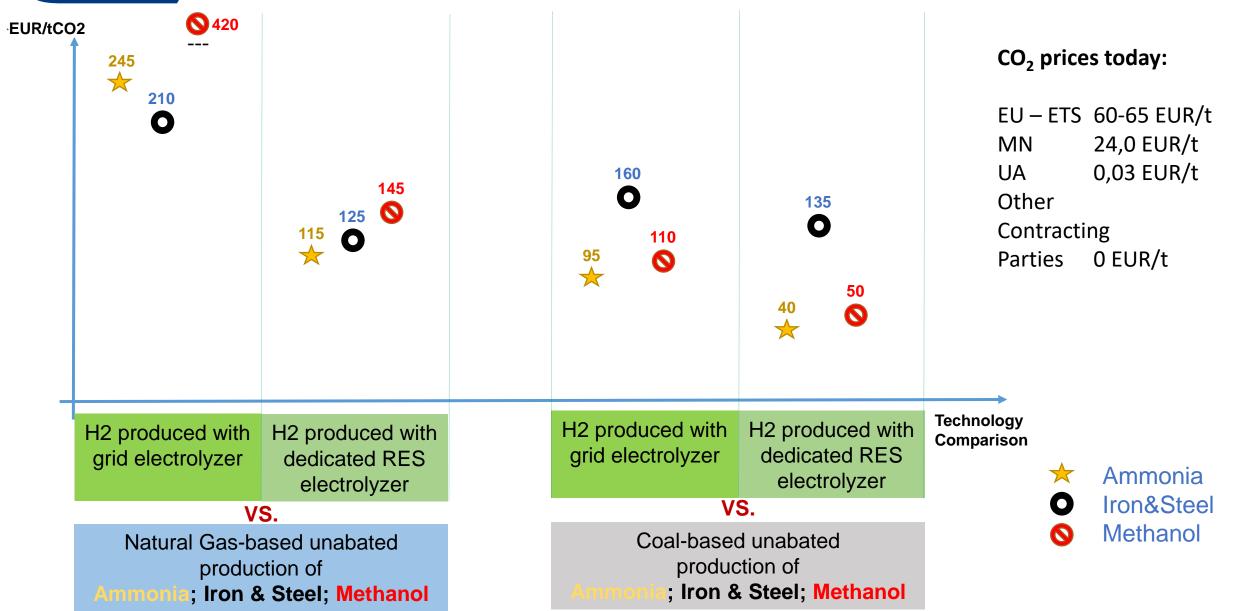


Small scale pilot and demonstration projects with support can be realized – perfect ground for CB cooperation



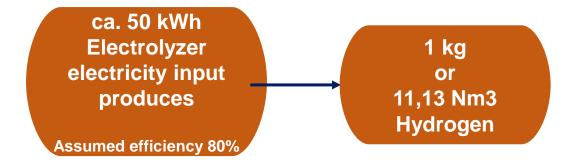


Energy Community III. Long-term, break-even CO2 prices for some industrial applications





IV. Export? Reality Check



Total installed wind and solar capacity in UA is around 8650 MW (including household PV)

Assuming an average 23% Load Factor (2.000 Full Load Hours/yr)

ca. 2,0 GW
Electrolytic Capacity

@ 100% Load Factor

ca. 0,35 Mt
or
3,9 bNcm
H₂/yr could be produced

Current EU H₂ consumption is ca.: 10,2 Mt/yr

If total current wind and PV capacity of UA would be dedicated for H2 generation, ca. 0,35 Mt of H2 could be produced in a year, which is about 3,5 % of EU's H2 consumption.

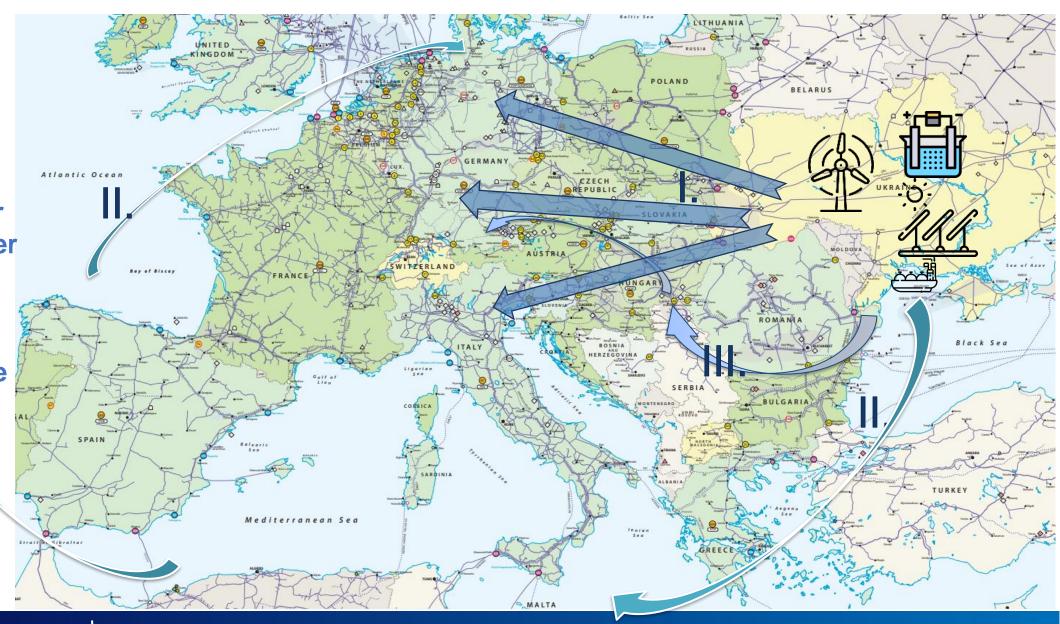
With similar calculation, 230 GW dedicated RES (PV, wind) capacity would be needed to replace the current EU demand H2 demand. EU has ca. 150 GW installed PV and 220 GW installed wind capacity

IV. EXPORT? The Infrastructure

I. Pipeline Route

or
II. Sea Route for
Ammonia or other
H₂ carriers

or III. Danube route



EU interest is to enable cost efficient, green H2 import into the EU, along with security of supply and decarbonisation of Contracting Parties' economies.

LEGAL

FINANCIAL

TECHNICAL

POLITICAL

New TEN-E Regulation is on the way:

- New, H2 project categories Electrolysers
- Projects of Mutual Interest V4-CP cooperation

ECS to assist countries with project identification and preparation for the new Regulation:

Planned "Roadshow" on New. Reg. 347/2013 and H2 projects

Important Projects of Common European
Interest – allowing state aid for H2 projects –
possibility for V4-CP cooperation



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