

# European Green Deal European Hydrogen Strategy European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

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# EU and Hydrogen — helicopter view

#### **EU Green Deal**

- achiving climate neutrality in 2050
- 55% reduction by 2030

# Hydrogen Strategy for a climate neutral Europe

- Using clean hydrogen for decarbonising all sectors
- 3 phases 2024/2030/2050 with concrete green Hydrogen production targets
- Breaking the supply demand dead-lock

# Industrial Strategy for Europe

- making Europe's industry climateneutral by 2050
- maintaining our global competitiveness and a level playing field, while enhancing Europe's industrial and open strategic autonomy
- shaping Europe's digital future

### European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

- co-operation platform for European Hydrogen industry
- development of a massive project pipeline
- Kick-starting investments across
   MS borders
- Covering the whole value chain

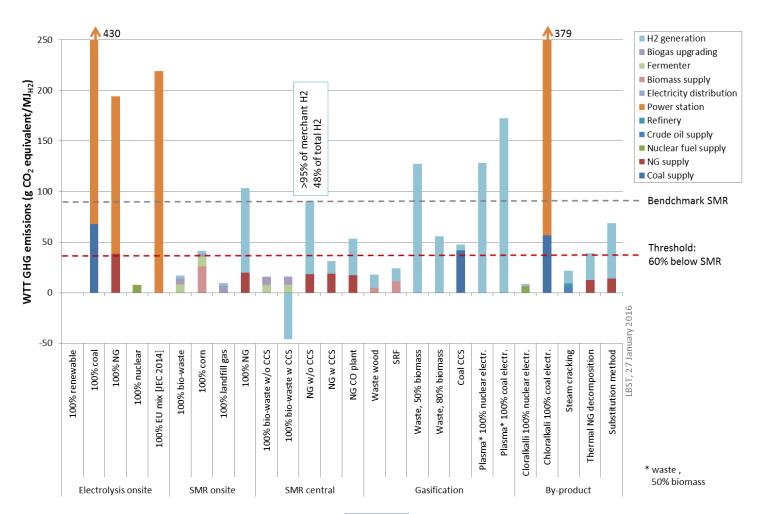


# Narrative – Why Hydrogen

- Hydrogen is an environment- and climate-friendly (zero-emmission) energy carrier
- Produced from RES it has the potential to essentially replace fossile-based energy
- It suffers from a supply/demand deadlock which effectively hinders cost reductions by economies of scale
- Once Green Hydrogen becomes available in big quantities at lower cost a lot of applications in mobility, industry and energy sector suddenly become economically viable
- For many required technologies specialized and qualified manufacturers are found in Europe
- At the same time, many MSs are struggling to achieve the agreed emmission reduction targets in sectors which could be decarbonised with Hydrogen and risk significant fines

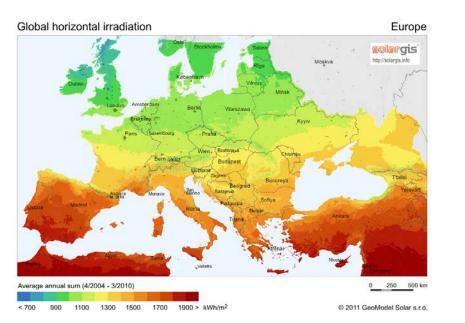


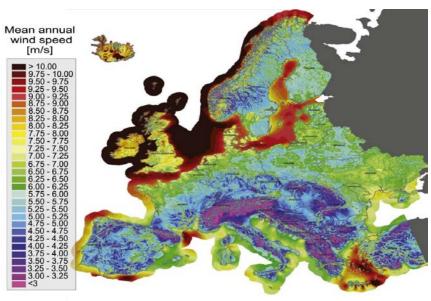
### Zero emission is difficult to achieve





## Green /Zero emmission Hydrogen = Renewable Energy





→ Not all member states are equally gifted



# The Challenges

- Clean Planet for all forsees more than a doubling of electric energy
- > Renewable energies need to be transported long way from place of (optimal) production to place of use
- > Renewable energies are not available 24 hours
- > Renewable energies are "anti-seasonal"
- > The electricity grid reaches its <u>hard</u> limits (depends on MSs)
- → Big scale renewable energy grows big scale green Hydrogen



#### ... and the costs?

- ☐ H2 for transport purpose is already at par with Diesel prices
- □ From a same "mass market level perspective" fuel cell technology has lower production cost than combustion engine power trains
- ☐ Last Hydrogen Council report indicates much faster decrease of green hydrogen production cost than forseen earlier
- Industry claims green Hydrogen could be available at 1 €/kg before 2030
- Pipeline transportation expected to be at 10 c/kg
- Salt caverns provide a very cost-efficient and vast storage capacity for huge amounts of Hydrogen



How to get there?



# **Hydrogen Strategy – 3 phases**

- 4 GW of renewable hydrogen electrolysers
- Replace existing hydrogen production
- Regulation for liquid hydrogen markets
- Planning of hydrogen infrastructure

Scale-up to all hard-to-decarbonise sectors

- Expansion of hydrogen-derived synthetic fuels
- EU-wide infrastructure network
- An open international market with € as benchmark

2024 2030

 40 GW of renewable hydrogen electrolysers

- New applications in steel and transport
- Hydrogen for electricity balancing purposes
- Creation of "Hydrogen Valleys"
- Cross-border logistical infrastructure



## Scaling up renewable hydrogen production

and in a transitional period low-carbon hydrogen, through:

- Supporting producers through support mechanisms
- Develop a EU-wide hydrogen infrastructure

#### **Producers**

- Common low-carbon threshold for hydrogen production facilities
- Certification of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen
- Revision of the Emission Trading Scheme
- Carbon Contract for Differences
- Market-based support schemes for renewable hydrogen
- Liquid markets with commodity-based hydrogen trading

### Infrastructure

- Network of refuelling stations through Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive
- Revision of the TEN-E and internal gas market legislation to ensure interoperability, common quality standards, and cross-border operational rules
- Revision of TYNDPs to ensure full integration of hydrogen infrastruct.



### Fostering Renewable hydrogen demand

and in a transition al period low-carbon for

- Replacing existing hydrogen production (70-100 MT of CO2eq/yr)
- Green <u>fertilisers</u> and green <u>steel</u>
- Local buses, commercial fleets, or specific parts of the rail network
- **Heavy duty** road vehicles
- In the longer term, maritime and aviation

# Supporting endconsumers

- EU strategy on clean steel
- Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

# Creating markets

- Certification of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen
- Specific end-use sectors quotas of renewable hydrogen / derivatives
- Hydrogen infrastructure access to all consumers
- Open and competitive hydrogen market with sold price signals



## European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

Kick-starting the EU Hydrogen Industry to achieve the EU climate goals



#### **Mission**

- build up a robust pipeline of investments.
- establish an investment agenda
- support the scaling up of the hydrogen value chain across Europe.
- facilitate and help implementing the actions of the new European hydrogen strategy
- Massively scale up production and demand for clean hydrogen

The blueprint estimates investments of €430 billion by 2030



# Who can join the Alliance?

- The Alliance brings together industry, national and local public authorities, civil society and other stakeholders.
- ❖ It is spreading across the whole hydrogen value chain, covering renewable and low-carbon hydrogen from production via transmission to mobility, industry, energy, and heating applications.
- ❖ It is open to all public and private actors with activities for clean hydrogen in Europe ready to actively contribute to the objectives set out in the declaration of the alliance.
- $\rightarrow$  Sign the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance Declaration at :

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/policy/european-clean-hydrogen-alliance



### The Alliance Round Tables

- Put the focus on the specific issues of the pillar & industrial subsectors
- Chaired by CEOs
- Including all stakeholder groups
- Entrusted with building up the project pipeline / possible IPCEIs
- Identifying regulatory bottlenecks hindering implementation
- Defining dependencies on other RTs

**Hydrogen Production** 

**Transmission & Distribution** 

**Mobility Applications** 

**Industrial Applications** 

**Energy Applications** 

**Residential Applications** 



# The European Hydrogen Forum

- ☐ The big public plattform for all Alliance Members
- ☐ First conference last year on 26/27 November: setting the scene
- □ Spring Forum 18-20 May 2021
  - ☐ Status review of round tables
  - Project presentation / company match-making
  - ☐ Financing options
- ☐ Virtual event with 50 virtual match-making tables



# An IPCEI on Hydrogen

## **Objective**

- 1) Significant support to the EU Climate objectives & Security of Energy Supply
- 2) Overcome the Market Failure (supply/demand deadlock) by a concerted effort
- 3) Kick-start the massive Hydrogen production & utilization in the EU
- 4) Improve the Competitiveness of EU Industry



# What are IPCEI projects about?

- Waiver of State Aid restrictions with specific conditions
- Project involving 2 or more Member States
- Contribution to Union objective(s) and significant impact on competitiveness, sustainability, or value creation across the EU
- Environmental, energy or transport projects of great importance for the achievement of EU strategies
- Positive spillover effects on internal market/Union/ society; benefits not limited to participating Member States & companies
- The project can be aided up to 100% of the funding gap on the basis of a large set of eligible costs



# Green Hydrogen fits the IPCEI concept

- Green Hydrogen will be needed with respect to sustainability (climate goals), societal goals (health) and competitiveness
- Green Hydrogen will only be generated at scale and at competitive prices if there are customers with voluminous demand (production/transport/usage go hand in hand)
- Existing achievements in innovation via e.g. the FCH JU can and should be exploited
- Investments in infrastructure (e.g. repurposing to H2 pipelines) are an added value for the EU making the usage of hydrogen affordable
- Common Hydrogen Technology projects will provide a big push to the internal market
- Big potential for a signicifanct support to the Union objectives in the climate, energy, environment and transport sector



#### Hydrogen for Climate Action

















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#### **Green Octopus**

PURPOSE: Creating a backbone of clean hydrogen between France - Belgium - The Netherlands - Germany, serving hydrogen supply and demand, facilitated by the ports and industrial clusters. Integrating energy systems and coupling sectors.

BENEFITS: Maximizing implementation of offshore wind energy, transforming natural gas pipelines to hydrogen pipelines, replacing fossil fuels in ports by green hydrogen. Making hydrogen endusers more sustainable (industry/mobility)



#### Green Hydrogen @ Blue Danube

- PURPOSE: Produce green hydrogen on a large scale in South-East Europe using
  - off-grid wind and solar energy
  - · Transport hydrogen via the River Danube to hydrogen users in countries
  - of the Interreg Danube Transnational region
  - . Set up the necessary infrastructure in the involved member states

BENEFITS: Establishing this trans-European value chain will:

- · Reduce dependence on fossil energy imports: renewables made in Europe
- · Increase security of energy supply: increased flexibility and resilience
- · Contribute to reach climate objectives of Member States · Strengthen key European industry sectors



#### COUNTRIES:





























(€) 5.850M investment. Solar+Wind



























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#### Hydrogen for Climate Action

How to kick start the EU Hydrogen Industry to achieve the EU climate goals?

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#### Black Horse

PURPOSE: · Lower CO2 emissions in the heavy duty transport sector

· Help reach the GHG objectives for 2030

Make hydrogen trucks commercially viable for transportation companies

· Shift from diesel to green hydrogen

BENEFITS: · Construction of renewable power plants

· Production of green hydrogen for transport sector

· Rollout of large scale, state of the art hydrogen powered trucks

· Build HRS infrastructure for HDV, but also for passenger cars and buses





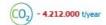












10.000 HDV



#### Green Flamingo

PURPOSE:

 Jumpstart the Portuguese Hydrogen Economy by implementing the necessary infrastructures and economic critical mass:

- Secure synchron ised value chain for Green Hydrogen production, transportation, distribution. demand, focused on leveraging Portugal's renewable energy as a factor of competitiveness with an export component;
- Leverage existing infrastructures, solar resource and local hydrogen demand in the port of Sines;
- Develop an Iberian green hydrogen export hub, connected by maritime route to the Port of Rotterdam, the gateway to Europe's mega chemical cluster;
- Contribute to The Netherland's and Europe's substantial emerging green hydrogen demand and decarbonisation pathways;
- Link and integrate green hydrogen industrial strategy, digitalisation and socio-economic vectors.

BENEFITS:

- Jumpstart Green Hydrogen markets within cross European strategic value chains;
- Focus on Industrialisation coupled with decarbonisation objectives;
- Develop resilient energy supply for industrial decarbon isation;
- \*Address Sustainable Development Goals and Green Deal goals for multiple domains.





























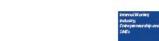














# Important considerations

- ☐ The process is industry driven
- Green vs. High-tech (Art 23 vs. Art 22)
- "Significant contribution" requires an ambitious approach
- Truly joint initiative by companies from differnet Member States
- $lue{}$  Difficult to predict if financial amounts are available at MS level
- Combination between different support programs possible
- Different speeds in different MSs will require multiple waves
- But early achievements are important to keep the momentum
- Support to be expected from the "NECP ministries" in MSs



# **National calls - Timing and status**

Country	Start	End	# submissions
IT	7/Feb/2019	Open	35
BE	6/March/2020	5/June/2020	21
HU	16/March/2020	29/May/2020	
FR	15/Apr/2020	25/June/2020	24
ES	20/April/2020	15/June/2020	27
PL	3/June/2020	31/Aug/2020	29
PT	17/June/2020	17/July/2020	74
NL	31/July/2020	22/Sept/2020	84
SF	17/Sept/2020	16/0ct/2020	7
AT	2/0ct/2020	20/Nov/2020	50+
CZ	9/Nov/2020	24/Nov/2020	?
SK	23/Nov/2020	15/Jan/2020	



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### **Further information**

European Clean Hydrogen Alliance declaration /Round Table info:

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/policy/european-clean-hydrogen-alliance

**European Clean Hydrogen Alliance web-site:** 

https://www.ech2a.eu

**Hydrogen Joint Undertaking:** 

https://fch.europa.eu/

**EU Hydrogen Forum :** 

https://www.fch.europa.eu/european-hydrogen-week

**Hydrogen Valley information:** 

http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/hydrogen-valleys