

# HyLAW – an information-sharing platform on legal and administrative barriers



**HyLAW**  
Hydrogen law

Mission innovation “Hydrogen Valleys”  
workshop

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# HyLaw Objectives

A positive regulatory framework for hydrogen requires 2 elements:

1. Positive legislation and policies which acknowledge and support the role of hydrogen

➡ Hydrogen Europe's advocacy work

2. Removing (unintended) barriers that hinder deployment

➡ HyLAW project



# HyLaw Objectives

## Policy

**Identify regulatory barriers** (and best practices) and advocate for better regulation to support the uptake of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies



Analytical documents  
Policy Papers (Recommendations)



Communicate, Disseminate and follow-up

## Market

**Describe legal and administrative processes** which apply when deploying key Hydrogen technologies (coherent, user friendly, online database)



User friendly database



Communicate, Disseminate and follow-up

- ~55 Legal and administrative processes
- 20 hydrogen applications
- 8 categories
- ~55 000 data points

## Categories of applications

1. Production of hydrogen



2. Storage of hydrogen



3. Transport and distribution of hydrogen



4. Hydrogen as a fuel and refueling infrastructure for mobility purposes



5. Vehicles



6. Electricity grid issues



7. Gas grid issues



8. Stationary power; fuel cells (other issues than gas grid and electricity)





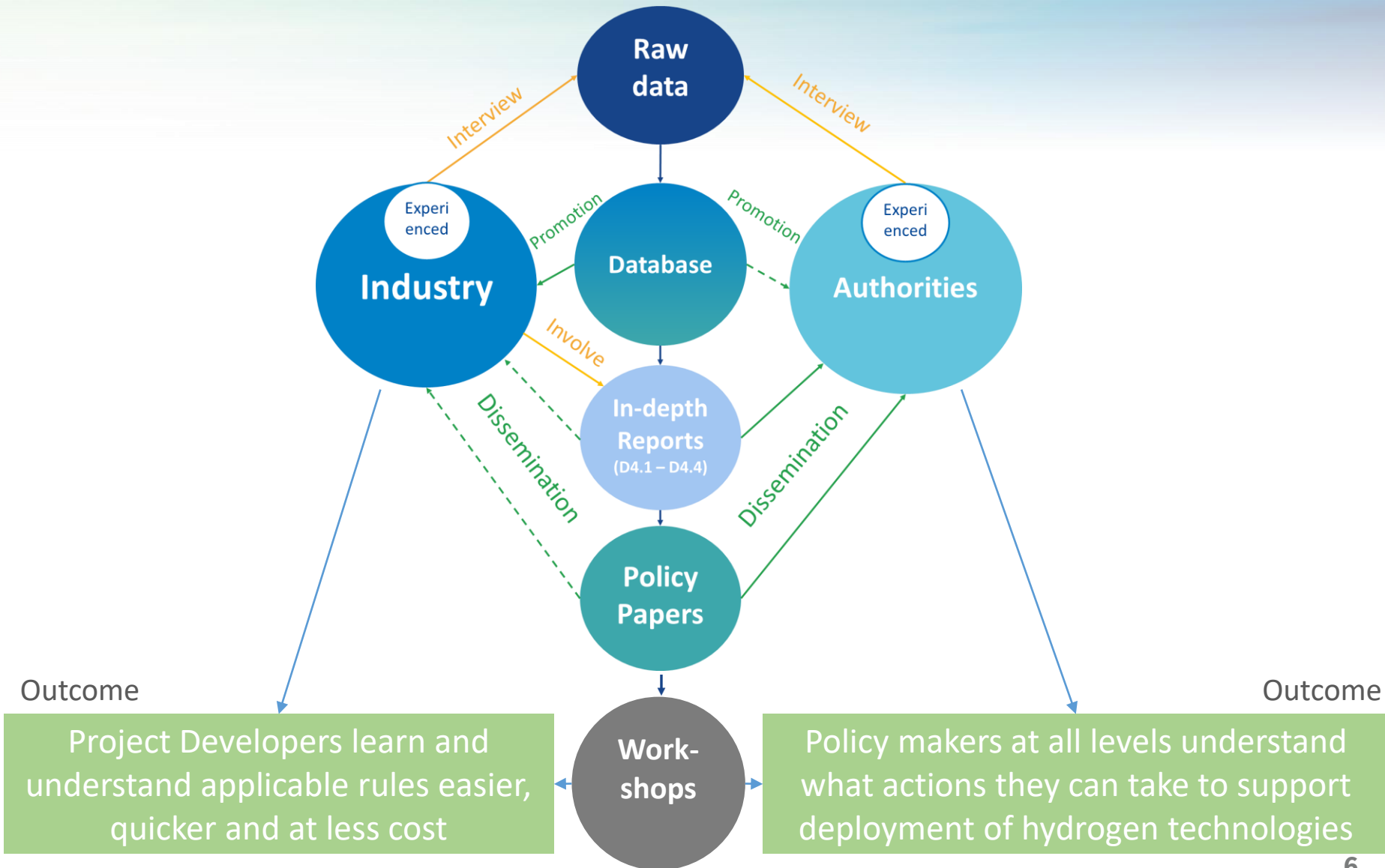
# Geographical coverage

- HyLaw's covered 17 EU Countries + Norway.
- 23 Partners contributed to the work, providing details on the legal and administrative processes applicable in their countries





# Hylaw Information and Knowledge Flow





# Create and Inform HyLaw Database

- Database is online on [www.hylaw.eu/database](http://www.hylaw.eu/database)



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## Database

**Production of hydrogen** **Centralised (Electrolysis, Steam-Meth** **Please select a LAP**

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The HyLaw database is structured along the nine categories which can be seen below. Within each category, a number of relevant hydrogen applications and different legal and administrative processes (LAP's) are covered. These can be selected from the drop-down menu found below. Once selecting the category, application, legal and administrative process (LAP) and the country you are interested in, you will be directed to a page displaying the data collected in the course of the project.

### Production of hydrogen

#### Centralised (Electrolysis, Steam-Methane reforming, and H2 liquification)

This application concerns the production of hydrogen at one location, in quantities to cover the needs of hydrogen over a relatively large geographic area for a relatively large number of points of use, implying hydrogen transportation

- Land use plan (zone prohibition)
- Permitting process (include former LAP: emission regulation)
- Permitting requirements (include LAP: safety-distances)

#### Localised (Electrolysis, Steam-Methane reforming, and H2 liquification)

### Stationary Storage

### Transport and distribution of hydrogen

### Hydrogen as a fuel and refueling infrastructure for mobility purposes

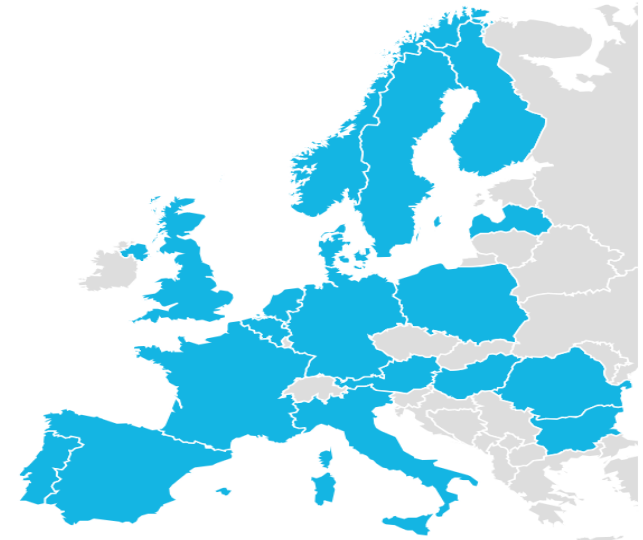
### Vehicles

### Electricity grid issues for electrolyzers

### Gas grid issues

### Stationary power: fuel cells

### Introduction of green hydrogen in Industry





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## Land use plan (zone prohibition)

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### Land use plan (zone prohibition)

This LAP refers to the land use plan and analyses the legal requirements for building a centralised hydrogen production facility (including potential zone prohibition), identifies the authority responsible for delivering the land use permit, gives an estimate of the time needed to change the land use plan, and finally highlights if the permit process is uniform throughout the country.

**Germany**

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a - What are the main regulations/requirements regarding land use plans for building a hydrogen production facility (e.g. permitting regime, agreement)?

b - Are there specific requirements or zone prohibitions for building a hydrogen production facility in the land use plans?

Which is the authority responsible for delivering the land use permit ?

The preparatory and legally binding land use plans are developed and adopted by the municipalities in the framework of national legislation.)

Is there a uniform permit process at local level throughout a country? (uniform interpretation?)

If needed, what is required and how much time does it take to change the land use plan?

Is it a barrier? No

Assessment Severity **0**

Assessment The LAP is important for identifying the types of land use plans and their requirements resp. prohibitions for building of an industrial hydrogen production plant.

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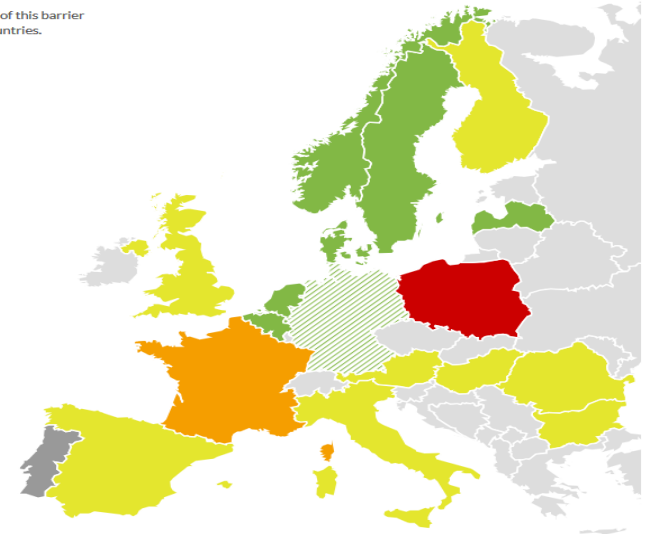
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This map depicts the severity of this barrier across the HyLaw Partner countries.

- No barrier
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Data not available
- Selected countries



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France

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b - Are there specific requirements or zone prohibitions for building a hydrogen production facility in the land use plans?

Which is the authority responsible for delivering the land use permit ?

Is there a uniform permit process at local level throughout a country? (uniform interpretation?)

If needed, what is required and how much time does it take to change the land use plan?

Is it a barrier? Yes

Type of Barrier Structural barriers

Assessment Severity 2

Assessment A hydrogen production unit cannot be installed everywhere; The PLU should be analysed before the planning of the project to choose the appropriate area. This means that the ground parcel on which the H2 production unit will be installed should be eligible for this activity. The process duration to change to land use plan is estimated to be the longest from all other countries studied

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## Questions and Answers:

- A starting point to understand the process and requirements
- Future work (possible follow-up) could go deeper or answer additional questions

## Assessment:

- Project partners tried to assess whether the process represents a barrier for industry
- Somewhat subjective, but reasoning is explained for each country and on pan-European level (see below)

**Applicable Legislation** (National and EU, incl. standards) as well as links to the legal acts where available

**Glossary** (to explain terms used) and **Pan European Assessment** (to explain the severity of assessment)

**Export** and other display functionalities

**Stakeholder feedback** (multiple functionalities, including editing)



# HyLaw – Online Database preview

Gas grid issues ▼ Injection of Hydrogen at transmissio ▼ Legal framework: permissions and re ▼

Database | Compare LAPs | Legislation

## Legal framework: permissions and restrictions (and Ownership constraints (unbundling))

This LAP concerns the legal framework status covering authorised bodies overseeing and involved with the injection of hydrogen and varying hydrogen concentration levels in the TSO high pressure gas transmission system, along with potential changes to the regulatory framework to support enhanced hydrogen injection and utilisation

The Netherlands ▼		Germany ▼
<a href="#">Expand all answers</a>		
Which is the responsible authority/legal entity for the permission of the connection/injection of hydrogen in the gas grid?		
<p>Ministry of Economic Affairs is responsible for the Ministerial Decree 'Gas Quality'. Injection of hydrogen is only allowed within the maximum, specified in the Ministerial Decree. Since the TSO is regulated under the Dutch Gas Law and pure hydrogen does not qualify as natural gas the transport of pure hydrogen is not allowed for the TSO.</p>	The respective gas network operator	
What is permitted or restricted according to national legislation under your responsibility as TSO regarding the transport of pure hydrogen and mixtures of hydrogen and natural gas.		
Is there a maximum concentration defined that you are allowed to transport as a TSO? (e.g. are you allowed to transport 100% hydrogen)		
What is the maximum allowed concentration in your country for injection in the gas grid on transmission level?		
In case the maximum hydrogen concentration in your transmission grid (system) is less than 100%, is it allowed to inject pure hydrogen- 100%? into gas grid on transmission level (up to the allowed concentration)? If no, who is responsible for the blending with natural gas? Is there an obligation for the TSO to provide the necessary natural gas for blending the hydrogen (with several EU Directives transposed into national legislations the functions of gas grid operator and natural gas supplier are separated)		
Are there specific requirements for increasing or decreasing the admissible threshold of hydrogen concentration (upstream and downstream networks, infrastructure elements and appliances with lower tolerance)? If yes: please describe.		
Are there specific restrictions/permissions for the transport of hydrogen other than "concentration" and "quality", if yes which ones?		
If it can be guaranteed that the gas is on the required quality specification (on spec) at the next customer, is it allowed to feed in off-spec gas (read: a higher concentration of Hydrogen)?		
Which part of the connection facility (the injection installation is part of the connection facility) is owned by or under the responsibility of the TSO?		
0 As TSO, do you see legal and administrative restrictions with regard to the ownership of your part of the connection facility (the injection installation is part of the connection facility) of hydrogen into the grid?		
1 Is there a difference in legal and administrative restrictions between connections for hydrogen injection into TSO and DSO-networks? If so could you please specify the differences?		
2 Are there specific national (add-on) restrictions for the connection/injection of hydrogen in TSO networks compared to the connection/injection of natural gas? If yes: please name them. Are there other requirements for the injection of H2NG-blends compared to pure Hydrogen?		
3 Is it foreseen to review the current regulation to consider hydrogen injection into natural gas network and if yes on which term?		
Is it a barrier?	Yes	Yes
Type of Barrier	Regulatory	Structural barriers
Assessment Severity	3	3




# HyLaw – Keeping database up-to-date

## EDITS AND UPDATES BY PARTNERS

- Periodic (First update in 2019)
- Each Country Partner responsible to keep it up –to-date
- Commitment beyond the lifetime of the project:
  - further updating for 3 years post project completion
  - the portal to be available for at least 5 years post project completion

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## EDITS BY USERS

### Your suggestions for Portugal

#### Questions & Answers

Question 1a - What is the legal status of hydrogen as a fuel?

Hydrogen is seen as an alternative fuel regardless of the primary energy source.

Question 1b - Is the EU legislation (Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Directive) transposed in your country, and how has it been assessed?

Question 2 - At European level, no binding guarantee of origin certification system of hydrogen origin is established yet, while there are initiatives (e.g CertifyHy project and others) - Is a certification system of hydrogen origin established at national level?

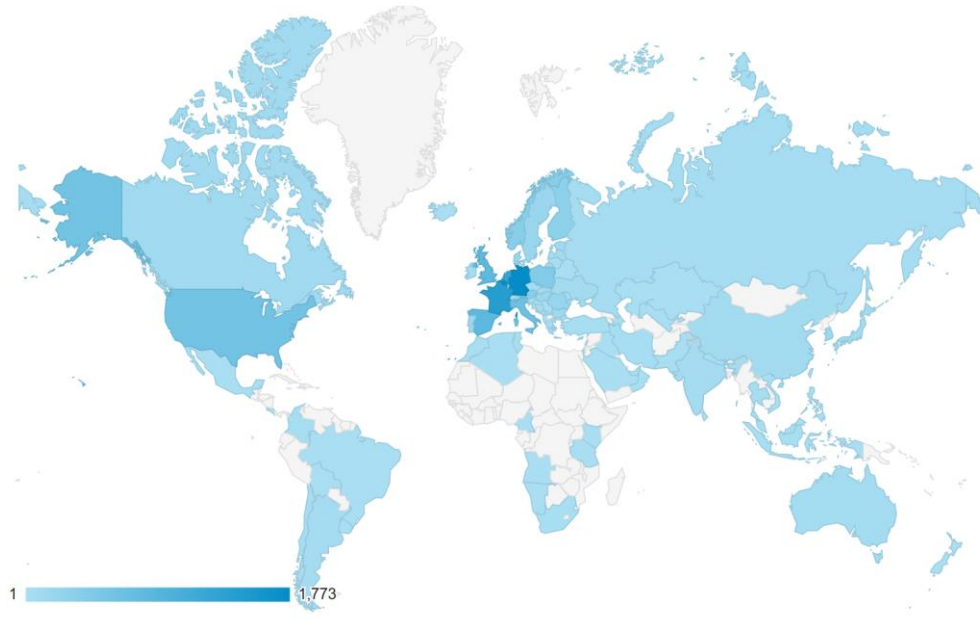
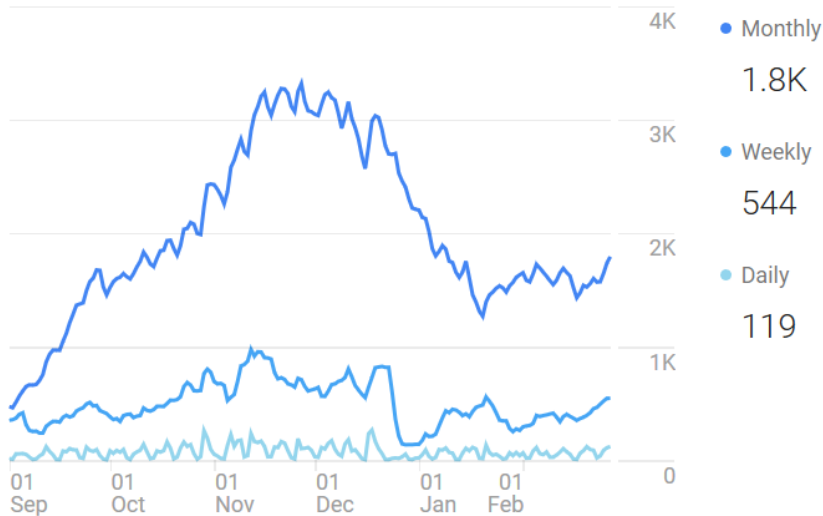
a - There is no requirement for certification of origin for hydrogen produced solely for purposes related to mobility. Punctual projects guarantee the quality of hydrogen as a fuel through the companies producing industrial gases and chemicals.



# Create and Inform HyLaw Database

## Interest in the database is extremely high!

Active Users



1.  Germany	<b>1,773</b> (13.70%)	6.  United Kingdom	<b>798</b> (6.16%)	15.  Denmark	<b>165</b> (1.27%)
2.  Belgium	<b>1,751</b> (13.53%)	7.  Italy	<b>649</b> (5.01%)	18.  South Korea	<b>136</b> (1.05%)
3.  France	<b>1,398</b> (10.80%)	8.  United States	<b>594</b> (4.59%)	21.  Canada	<b>89</b> (0.69%)
4.  Netherlands	<b>1,219</b> (9.42%)	9.  Poland	<b>422</b> (3.26%)	23.  Japan	<b>78</b> (0.60%)
5.  Spain	<b>824</b> (6.36%)	10.  Norway	<b>353</b> (2.73%)	25.  China	<b>77</b> (0.59%)
				27.  Australia	<b>64</b> (0.49%)
				30.  India	<b>60</b> (0.46%)
				34.  Chile	<b>38</b> (0.29%)
				46.  Mexico	<b>14</b> (0.11%)
				70.  Saudi Arabia	<b>3</b> (0.02%)

\* data extracted on 28 February 2019



- D4.1: Detailed **cross-country analysis**: For each process
  - Presentation of the problem
  - Assessment of root causes
  - Recommendations
- D 4.2: **List of legal barriers**, prioritized by degree of severity
- D 4.3: **Horizontal position papers by application**
- D 4.4. **List of the most relevant EU legislation**
- D3.5. **National Policy Papers**
- D4.5. **EU Policy Paper**



# HyLaw Workshops: Disseminating results and recommendations

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## EU Workshop

A HyLAW EU workshop is scheduled to take place in Brussels on the **6th of December 2018** – for details, contact Alexandru Floristean: [a.floristean@hydrogeneurope.eu](mailto:a.floristean@hydrogeneurope.eu).

Country	City	Location	Date	Contact Person	Contact Email
EU	Brussels	Hydrogen Europe, Avenue de la Toison d' Or 56- 60	06/12/2018	Alexandru Floristean	<a href="mailto:a.floristean@hydrogeneurope.eu">a.floristean@hydrogeneurope.eu</a>

## National Workshops

A key national workshop will be organised in each country to present the results of the HyLAW project . Please check below for a schedule of events.

Country	City	Location	Date	Contact Person	Contact Email
AT	Vienna	AEA Executive Committee	06/11/2018	Alfred Schuch	<a href="mailto:Alfred.Schuch@energyagency.at">Alfred.Schuch@energyagency.at</a>
BE	Brussels	Avenue de la Toison d' Or 56- 60	23/10/2018	Isabel Francois	<a href="mailto:isabel.francois@waterstofnet.eu">isabel.francois@waterstofnet.eu</a>
BG	Sofia	Sofia	06/11/2018	Daria Vladikova	<a href="mailto:d.vladikova@bas.bg">d.vladikova@bas.bg</a>
DK	Copenhagen	Danish Energy Association	25/09/2018	Chris Holst Preuss	<a href="mailto:TLJ@brintbranchen.dk">TLJ@brintbranchen.dk</a>
FI	Espoo	Dedicated Hydrogen Seminar	07/11/2018	Mikko Kotisaari	<a href="mailto:mikko.kotisaari@vtt.fi">mikko.kotisaari@vtt.fi</a>
FR	Paris	To be announced	06/11/2018	Christelle Werquin	<a href="mailto:Christelle.werquin@afhypac.org">Christelle.werquin@afhypac.org</a>
DE	Berlin	Dedicated Workshop	08/11/2018	Dennitsa Nozharova	<a href="mailto:dennitsa.nozharova@encon-europe.de">dennitsa.nozharova@encon-europe.de</a>
HU	Budapest	MTA TTK building, XI.district Budapest, Magyar Tudósok krt. 2.	27/09/2018	Mayer Zoltan	<a href="mailto:mayer.zoltan@hfc-hungary.org">mayer.zoltan@hfc-hungary.org</a>
IT	Milan	National Forum on FC&H technologies, 2018	25/10/2018	Viviana Cigolotti	<a href="mailto:viviana.cigolotti@enea.it">viviana.cigolotti@enea.it</a>
LV	Riga	The Environment and Energy trade fair	19-21/10/2018	Dainis Boss	<a href="mailto:dainis@h2lv.eu">dainis@h2lv.eu</a>
NL	The Hague	Dedicated HyLAW Workshop	09/11/2018	Remco Perotti	<a href="mailto:remco.perotti@nen.nl">remco.perotti@nen.nl</a>
NO	Oslo	Citybox, Prinsens gate 6	11/10/2018	Heidi Bull-Berg	<a href="mailto:Heidi.bull-berg@sintef.no">Heidi.bull-berg@sintef.no</a>
PL	Warsaw	HyLAW National Workshop	21/11/2018	Marcin Blesznowski	<a href="mailto:marcin.blesznowski@ien.com.pl">marcin.blesznowski@ien.com.pl</a>
RO	Băile Govora, Vâlcea	Energy Storage Symposium	24-26/10/2018	Ioan Iordache	<a href="mailto:office@h2romania.ro">office@h2romania.ro</a>
ES	Madrid	CDTI (Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial)	18/09/2018	Miguel Zarzuela	<a href="mailto:mzarzuela@hidrogenoaragon.org">mzarzuela@hidrogenoaragon.org</a>
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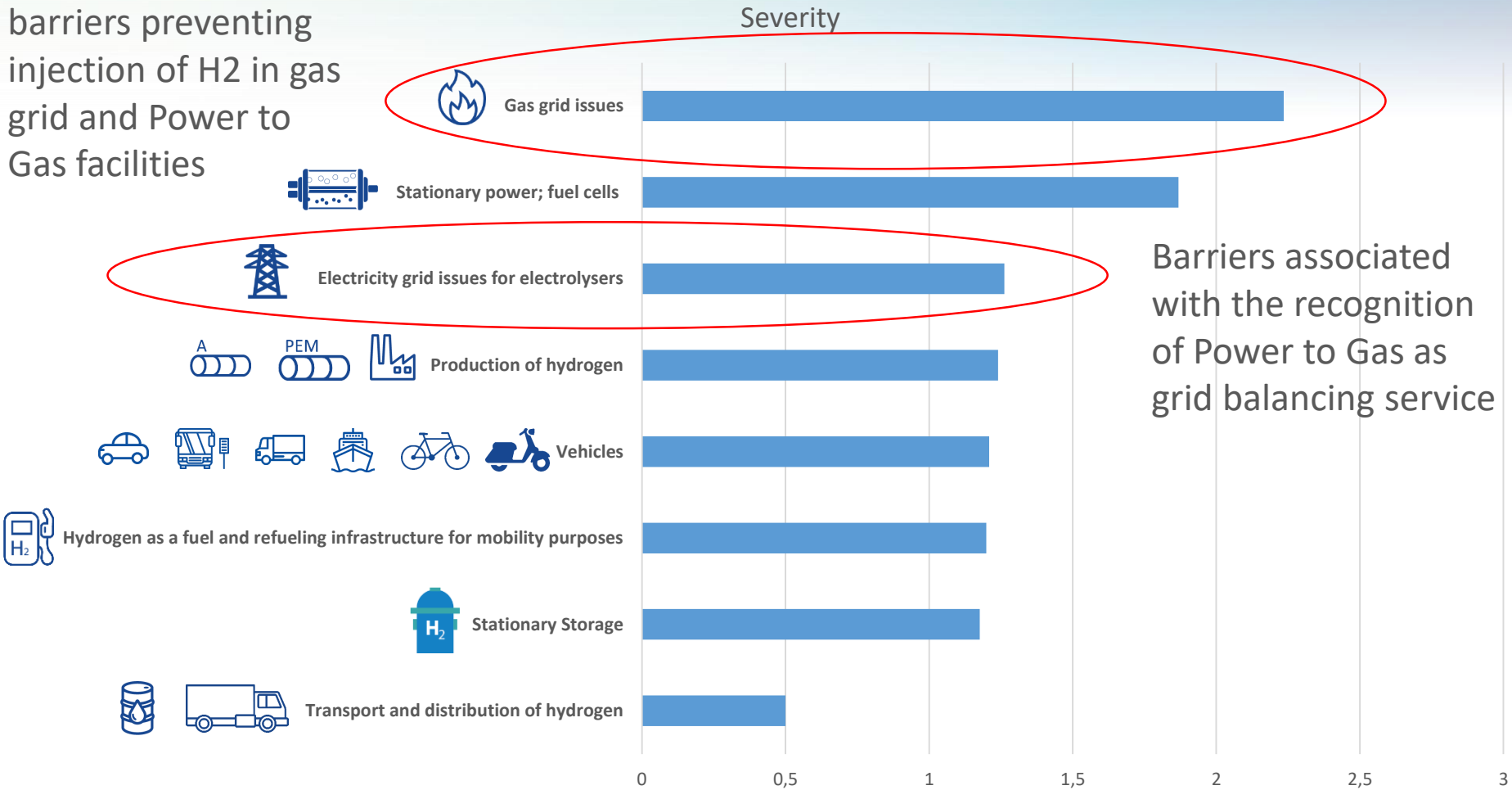


## Findings

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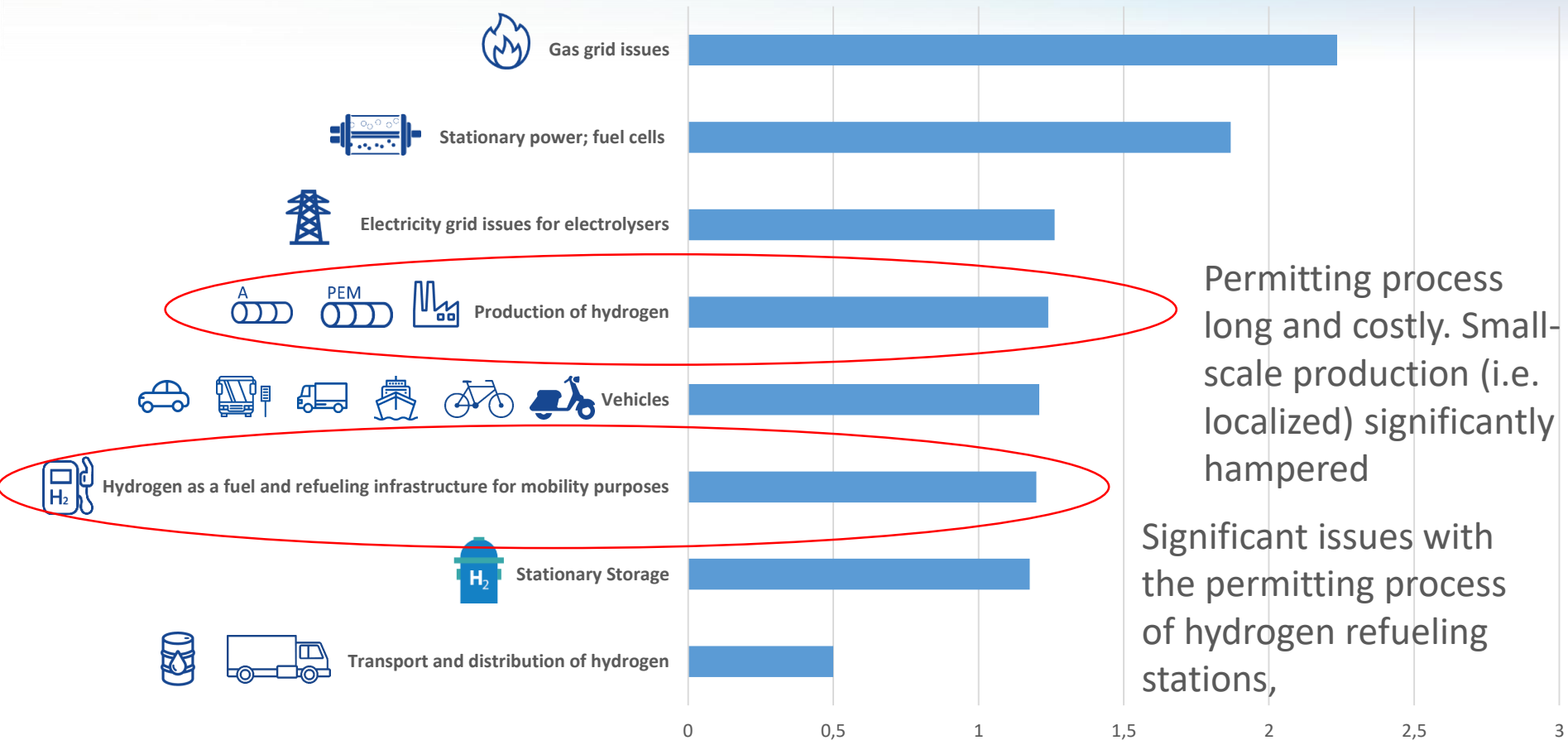
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Major structural barriers preventing injection of H<sub>2</sub> in gas grid and Power to Gas facilities



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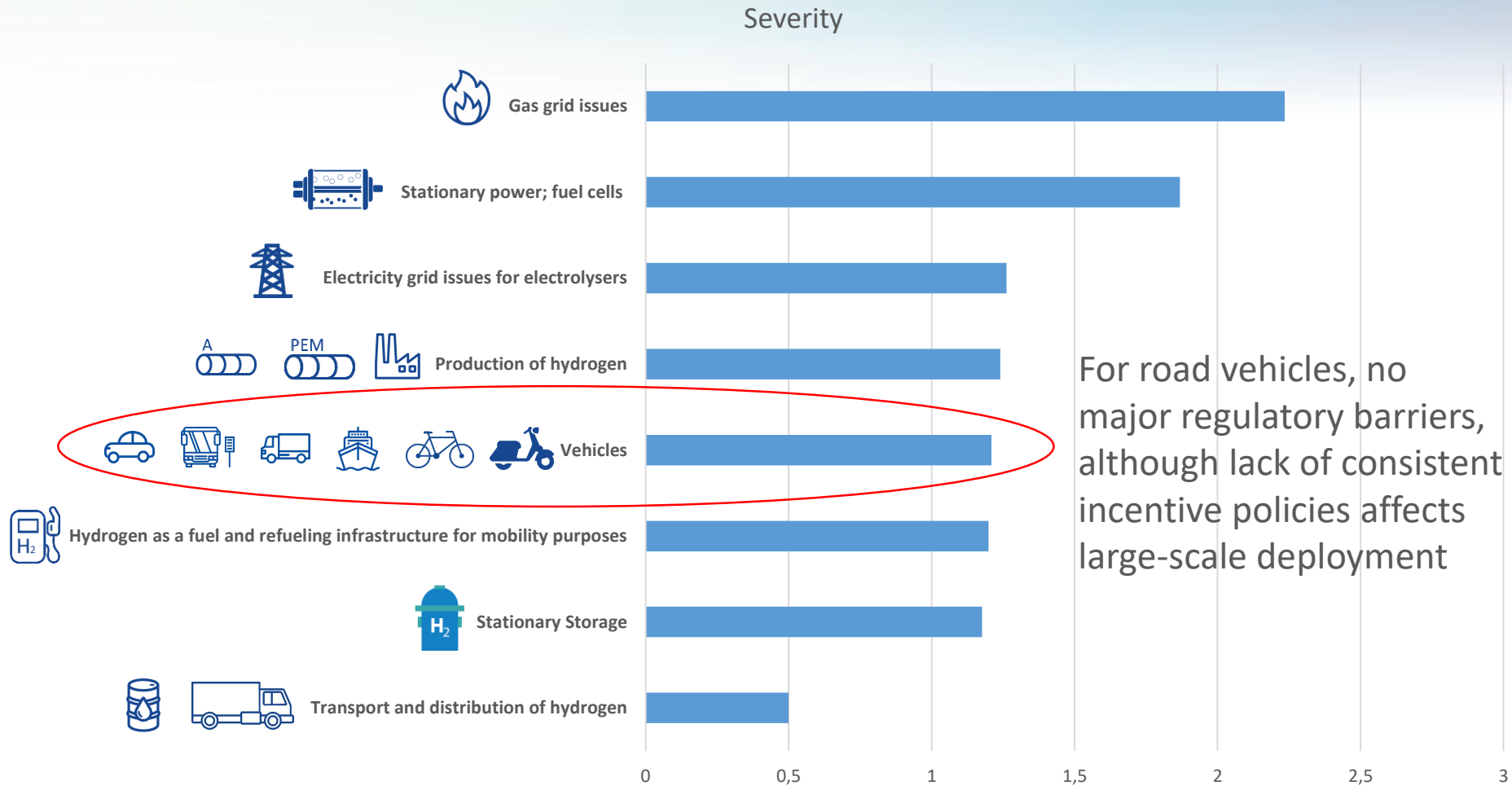
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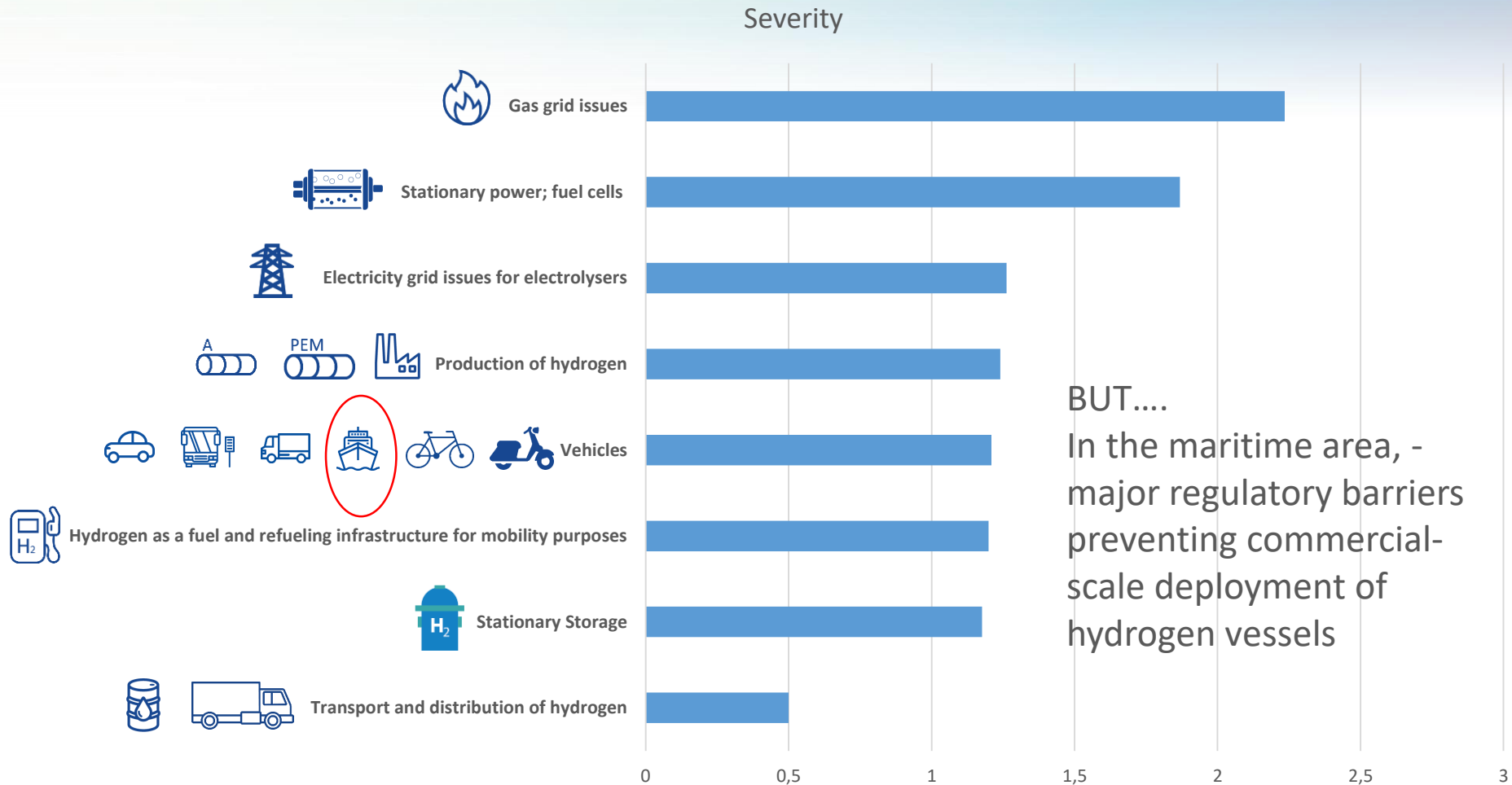
Permitting process long and costly. Small-scale production (i.e. localized) significantly hampered

Significant issues with the permitting process of hydrogen refueling stations,

# Severity of barriers in each category



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What is next?

What is next?

# What is next?

- Each barrier identified by HyLaw requires bespoke solutions (there is no silver bullet).
- Different stakeholders need to act in a concerted manner.
  - The European Commission,
  - Member States,
  - Regional and Local authorities,
  - Industry,
  - Standardisation bodies,
  - Researchers,
  - the FCH JU
- Recommendations target everyone! –
  - Policy papers summarize actions required
  - D4.1. goes into details



What is next?

And us?



# What is next?

- We will continue to develop the database
  - Provide updates
  - Work with stakeholders to ensure that users take ownership and contribute to development
  - We will answer questions and provide a service based on the knowledge generated

## But it is not enough!

- We need to go deeper in priority topics and contribute towards short and long term solutions!
  - We must follow-up on key recommendations and support industry and policy makers with additional analysis and explanations (e.g. guides)
    - What should be our priorities?
      - Workshop follow-up survey to be launched!

Thank you for your  
attention

Questions?

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