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Study on hydrogen in ports and industrial coastal areas

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Context and objectives

Objectives and tasks of study on hydrogen in ports and industrial coastal areas



The study feeds into the work of the **Global Hydrogen Ports Coalition**, launched at the latest Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM12). This important international initiative brings together ports from around the world to work together on hydrogen technologies.

* Dates refer to expected delivery date of final reports © 2022 - Deloitte Belgium

Framework for the study

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The link between future hydrogen demand and supply with European ports: overview of the general approach



Hydrogen demand high-level results

Demand projection

Overview of hydrogen demand projections until 2050 in Europe across all demand subcategories



Key messages:

Totals on EU level and per cluster are obtained via summation of hydrogen demand per individual port and areas outside of ports Low-carbon/renewable hydrogen demand will likely only start to take off from 2030 onwards. Industry will likely be the first to deploy low-carbon hydrogen, followed by the transport sector and port activities. Finally, buildings in urban areas may adopt hydrogen from 2040 onwards In 2030, total hydrogen demand is projected to be between 283 TWh and 389 TWh (8.5 to 11.7 In 2050, total hydrogen demand is projected to be between 545 TWh and 1764 TWh (16.4 to 52.9 Mt). By 2050, industry will likely be the largest demand sector for low-carbon Hydrogen, followed by transport, urban areas and finally port activities.

Development of demand scenarios

Hydrogen demand in Europe per demand subcategory and scenario for 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050

Projected hydrogen demand in Europe per year



Note: The large differences in estimates of future hydrogen demand reflect the great degree of uncertainty that currently exists in the adoption of hydrogen as a replacement for fossil fuels in some sectors, notably the 'Buildings' sectors (heating of residential and service buildings). For all the other sectors in scope of this study (industries, transport and port activities), all three scenarios foresee a role for hydrogen, at least to some extent.

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Hydrogen supply high-level results

The base scenario¹ evolves to a 75% - 25% split of local production vs. import of hydrogen by 2050, with important variation between clusters...



Note: (1) The ambitious scenario is the default demand scenario for which supply is matched, unless stated otherwise. (2) Turquoise hydrogen via pyrolysis was also considered an option in the model, however, LCOH was higher than for GHR and thus not an outcome of the model. © 2022 – Deloitte Belgium Hydrogen in ports and industrial coastal areas

New supply projection

... for which the cheaper local production and blue imports are complemented with more expensive local production and green imports



Key messages:

Local PV and hybrid systems are the most cost-effective hydrogen sources and have the possibility to provide at least 15 Mt of hydrogen at a cost lower than 2,5 EUR/kg Further, local hydrogen supply is based on other onshore wind, PV and hybrid systems at a cost between 2,1 and 3,3 EUR/kg and offshore wind at a cost between 3 and 3,5 EUR/kg Blue hydrogen imports are expected from Algeria and Qatar at a cost below 3 EUR/kg Green hydrogen imports are expected from Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Egypt at around **3,5 EUR/kg**. The hydrogen supply model assumes consumption of hydrogen, however in many cases the carrier used for transport, such as ammonia, can be used directly without conversion to hydrogen. Avoiding this conversion step makes the **import** case significantly more competitive (cost reduction of $0,4^2$ to $0,8^3$ EUR/kg) for sectors where direct offtake of these carriers is expected (e.g. shipping). We refer to ongoing initiatives such as HyPort Dugm or HyEx where ammonia will be imported from Oman and Chili, respectively. Finally, we note that the range of LCOH is relatively narrow and change in cost assumptions can cause reshuffling of the merit order curve.

New supply projection

In the increased import supply scenario, with constrained EU renewables deployment, there is a significant shift to 70% hydrogen imports ...



Note: (1) E.g. Belgium (or Belgian ports) are signing memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with Oman, Namibia and Chili; The Netherlands (or ports in the Netherlands) with the United Arab Emirates and Chariot (Africa-focused); Denmark with Australia © 2022 – Deloitte Belgium Hydrogen in ports and industrial coastal areas

New supply projection

... for which Europe will need to significantly tap into more other foreign sources, mainly imports from North Africa and the Middle East

Merit order curve hydrogen supply – increased import scenario in 2050



Note: (1) Hybrid systems: Wind onshore + Solar PV. (2) Since an economic optimum is sought for the complete timeperiod 2030 to 2050, the LCOH of imports per location cannot be directly compared between the scenarios in a certain year, rather all years should be taken into account when comparing the cost and quantity per location © 2022 – Deloitte Belgium

In the increased import scenario, required transport infrastructure will be more focused on import than on distributing locally produced hydrogen

Base supply scenario in 2050

Maritime import



Pipeline import

Increased import supply scenario in 2050

Key messages:

- It is projected that locally produced hydrogen will mostly be supplied to countries within the same cluster. In this case there will be hydrogen transport infrastructure required within a cluster. For the cluster Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark and North of Germany, there will be infrastructure required to transport offshore energy from the North Sea to the mainland.
- There are some exceptions where countries will export to other European countries in not located within their cluster. If this is the case, a pipeline connection between the clusters should be in place. In our analysis, it is projected that Spain will supply hydrogen to France. The hinterland clusters (Eastern central Europe and Western central Europe) are projected to be supplied via the cluster Italy, Croatia and Greece with hydrogen coming from Saudi-Arabia, next to hydrogen being produced directly in the cluster.
- In the base supply scenario, imports from Algeria are the only projected imports from outside of Europe via pipeline. The other countries will export to Europe via ship.
- In the increased import supply scenario, next to pipeline import from Algeria, hydrogen is also projected to be imported via pipeline from Morocco to Spain and Portugal. Also, there will be less hydrogen produced from offshore wind, thus the corridor required between the mainland and the North Sea will be more limited, there is only a connection projected via Denmark.

Notes: (1) Country codes can be found in glossary at the end of the report. (2) for data concerning the other years, we refer to the Power BI dashboards. © 2022 – Deloitte Belgium

Intra European transport

Detailed insights via dashboards main functionalities



Detailed insights via dashboards

Overall perspective: hydrogen demand and related CO₂ abatement

EU activity



Hydrogen demand per category



Hydrogen demand per subcategory



CO₂ abatement potential per category



${\rm CO}_2$ abatement potential per subcategory



Detailed insights via dashboards

Overall perspective: hydrogen supply and required infrastructure

LCOH supply



Supply sources



Storage capacity



Production capacity and investments



Import capacity and investments



Refueling stations capacity



Detailed insights via dashboards Individual port perspective: hydrogen demand, supply and investments

Hydrogen demand per port



Hydrogen supply per port



Hydrogen investments per port



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Join us at our second Network Meeting on 23 November 2022 in Brussels, during which the main results of the report will be presented and discussed







Registration link second European Hydrogen Ports Network event on 23 November 2022 in Brussels





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