

# EU Hydrogen Valleys Days 2026

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# Opening Session



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# Hydrogen Valleys – A Success Story for Europe

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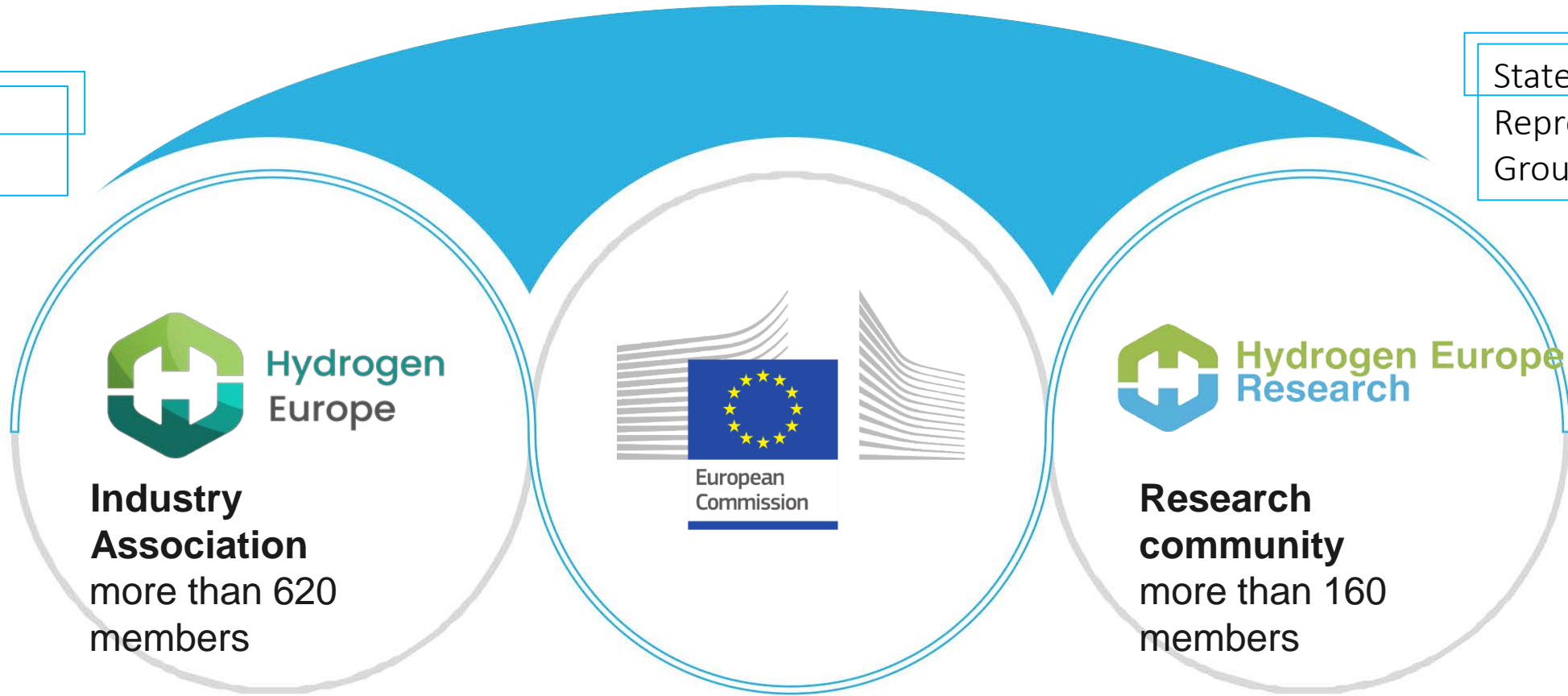
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# Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking

EU Institutional Public-Private Partnership (IPPP)

Stakeholder  
Group

States  
Representative  
Group



25 Projects  
€ 320 million

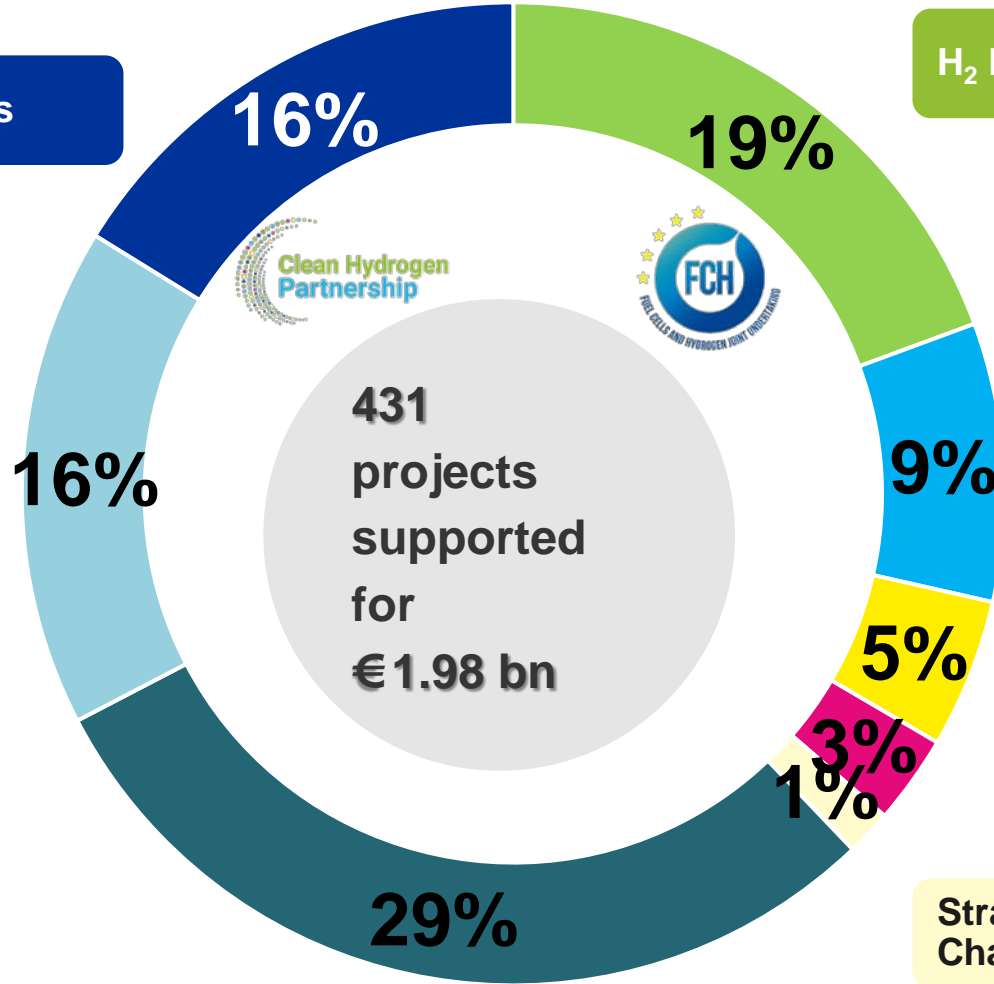
**H<sub>2</sub> Valleys**

**H<sub>2</sub> End Use: Clean Heat and Power**

93 Projects  
€ 325 million

**H<sub>2</sub> End Use: Transport**

86 Projects  
€ 583 million



**H<sub>2</sub> Production**

100 Projects  
€ 383 million

**H<sub>2</sub> Storage & Distribution**

45 Projects  
€ 181 million

**Cross-cutting**

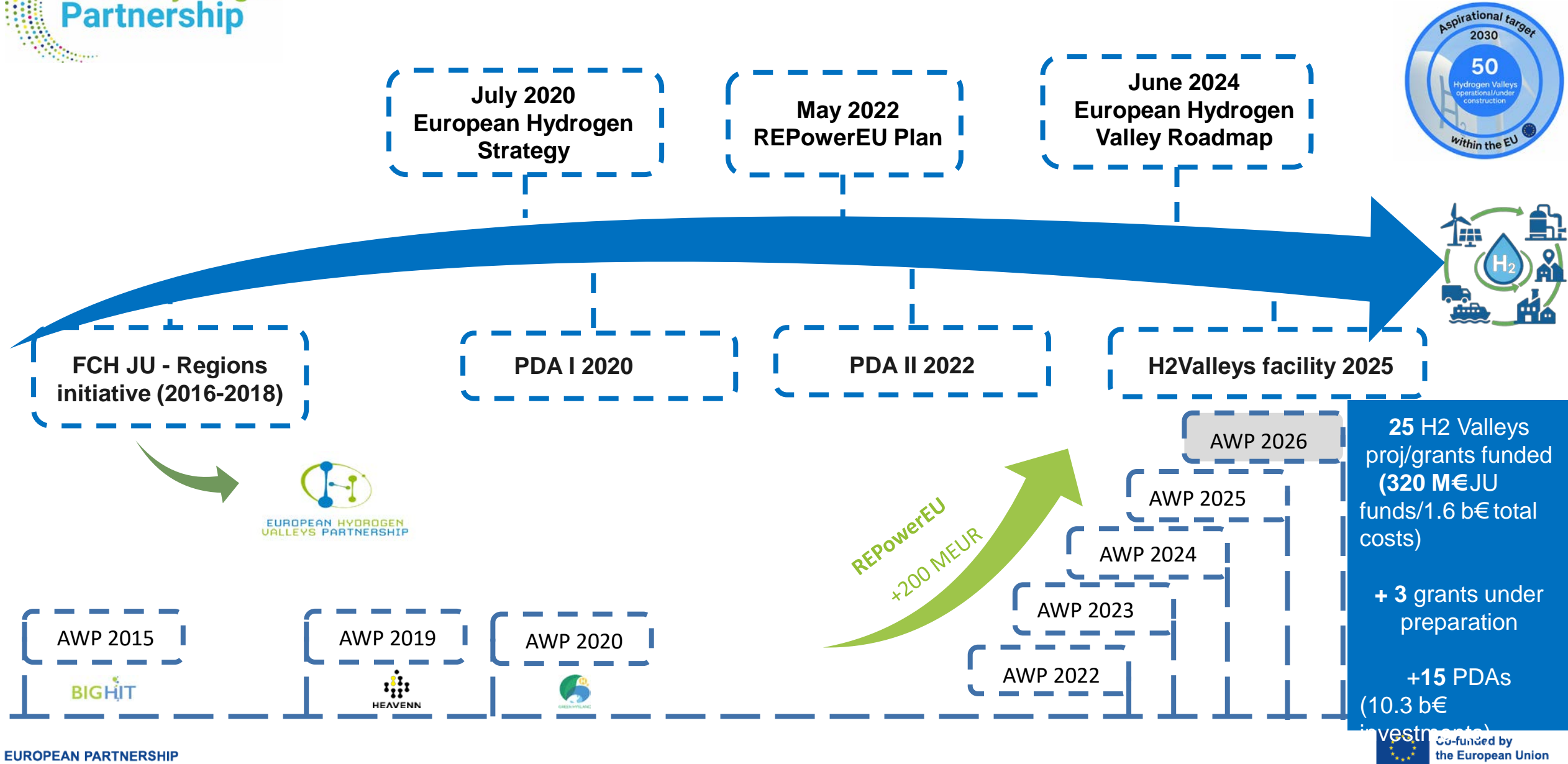
61 Projects  
€ 97 million

**Supply Chain**

18 Projects  
€ 58 million

**Strategic Research Challenge**

3 Projects  
€ 29.6 million



**25 H2 Valleys proj/grants funded (320 M€JU funds/1.6 b€ total costs)**

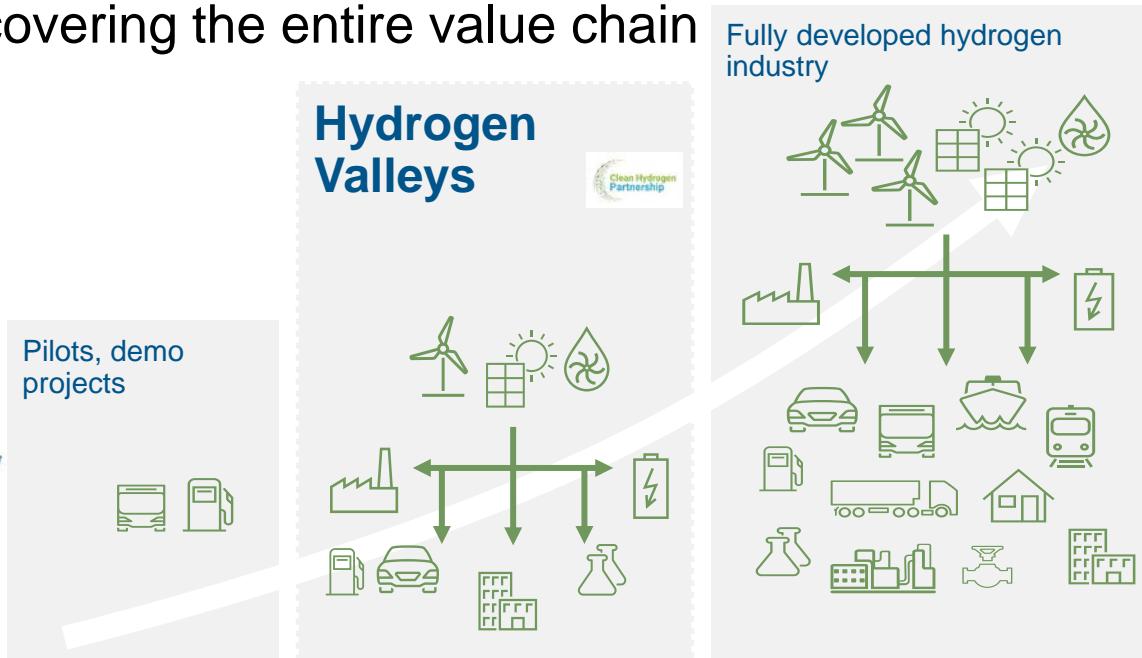
**+ 3 grants under preparation**

**+15 PDAs (10.3 b€ investments)**

# “Hydrogen Valleys” are local market creators for clean H2 – Integrated infrastructure projects along the whole value chain

## Bottom-up contribution to market development

- Next-generation H2 market development
- Integrated (and larger-scale) projects covering the entire value chain

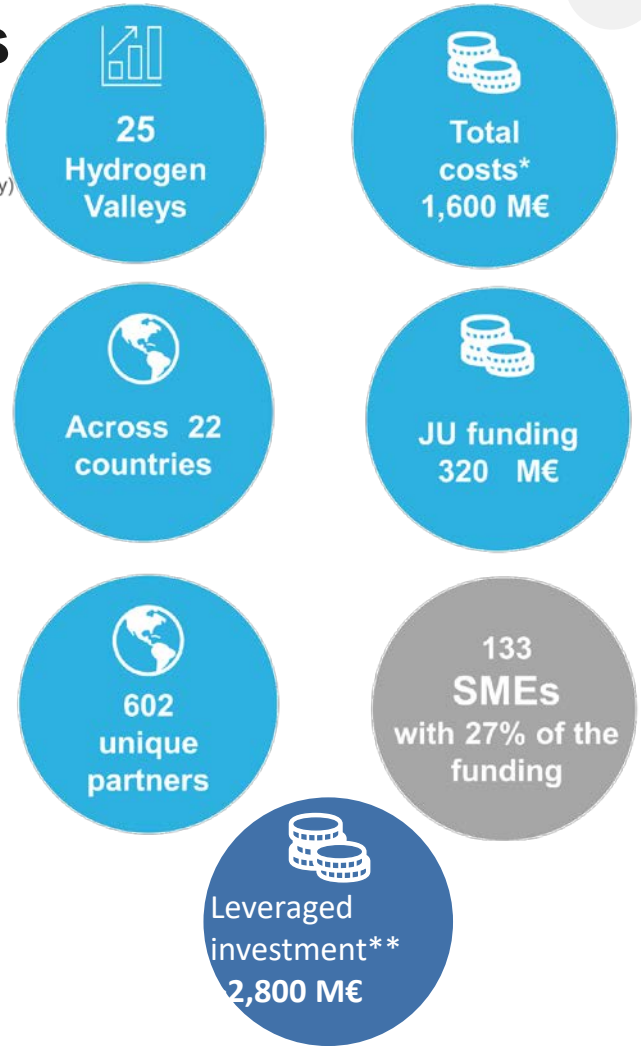
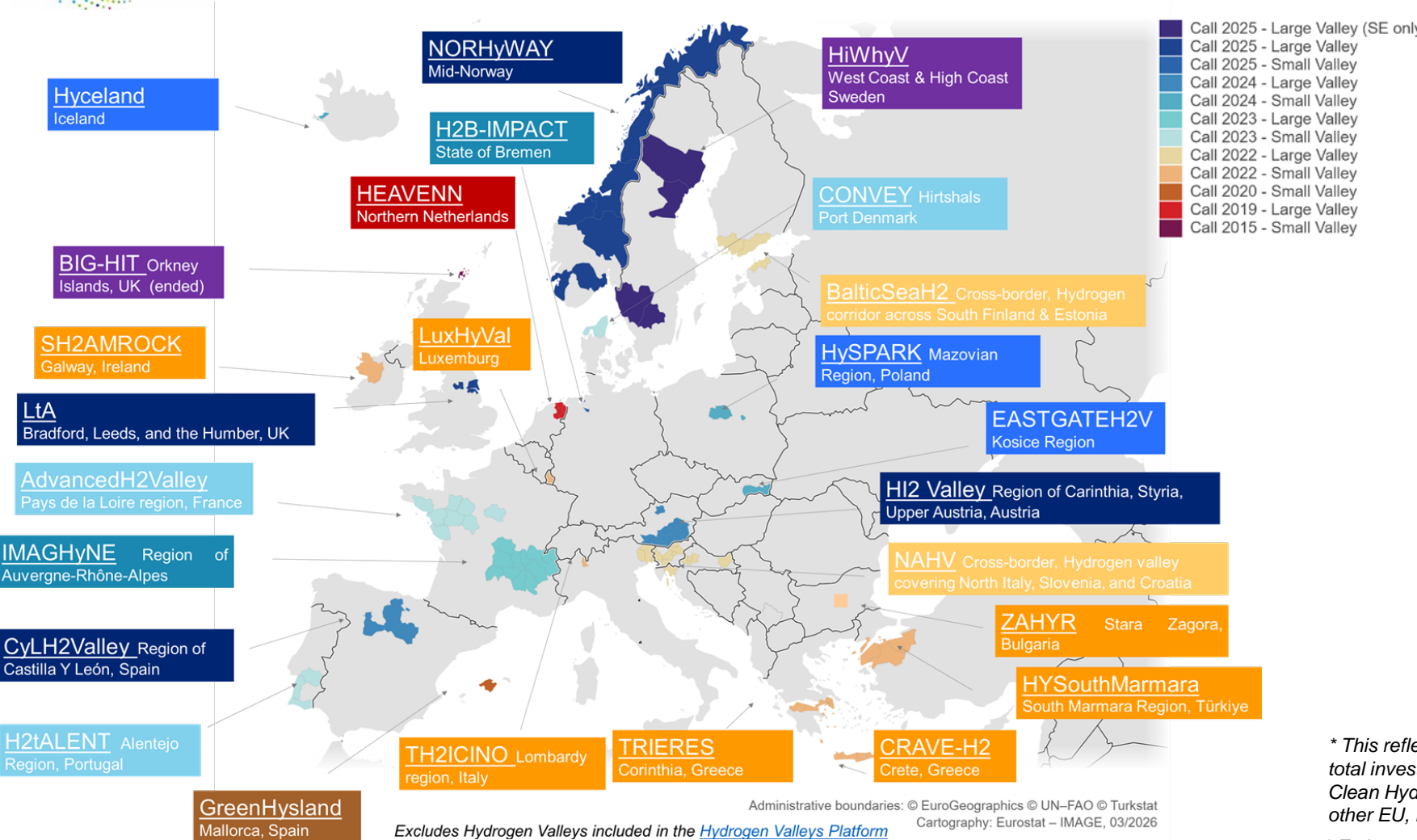


## What they're made of

- **Large-scale joint investment** (x10 m EUR and up to multi-bn EUR)
- **Full hydrogen value chain coverage**
  - Centralized clean hydrogen production (*de facto* mostly green H2)
  - Shared infrastructure (e.g., pipelines, refueling stations)
  - Multiple end-uses (e.g., petrochemical industry, hydrogen road mobility)
- **Geographically defined scope** (from local, regional to international/cross border)

# Repowering the EU with Hydrogen Valleys

## Grant support to pre-FID activities & CAPEX



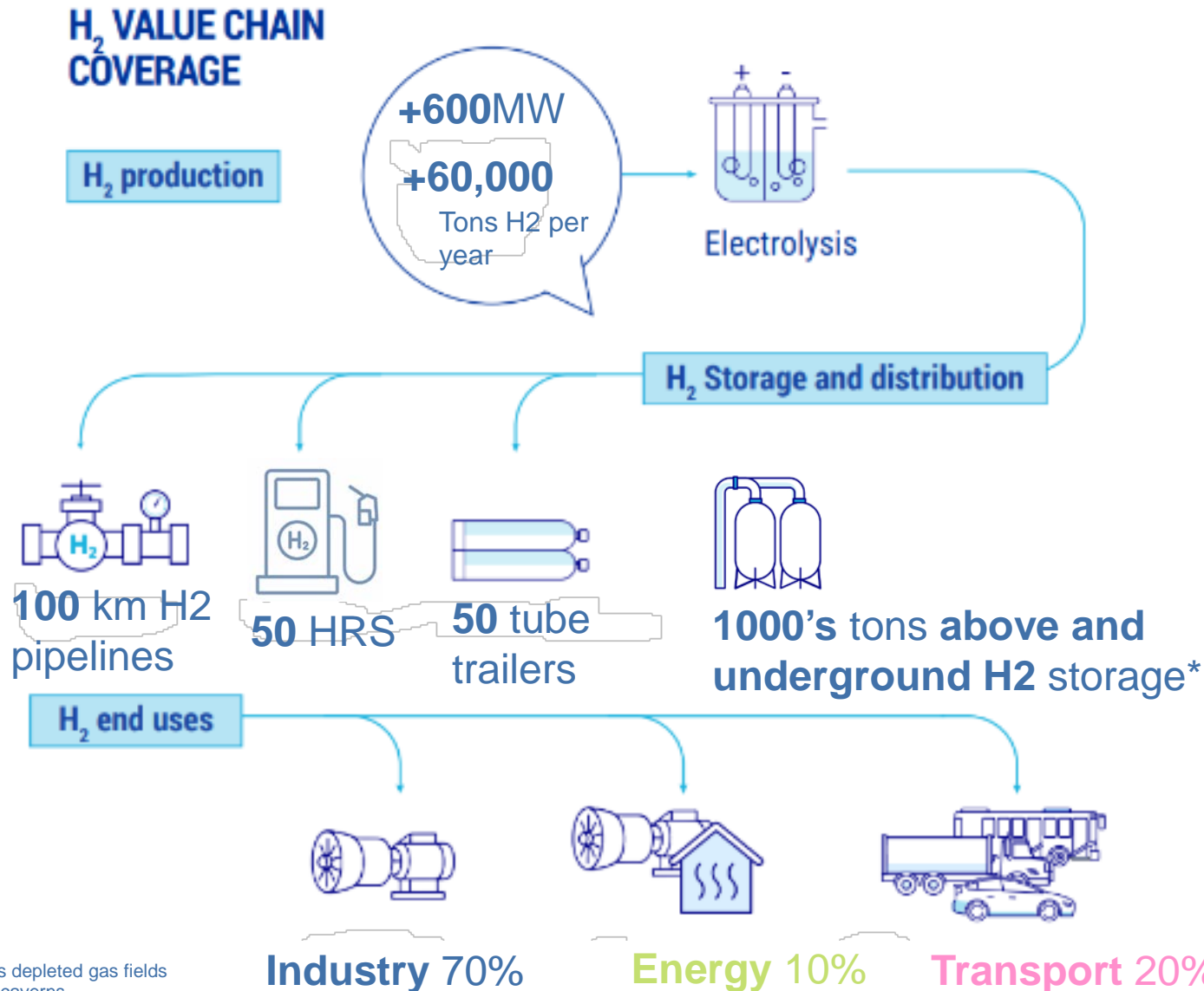
Administrative boundaries: © EuroGeographics © UN-FAO © Turkstat  
 Cartography: Eurostat – IMAGE, 03/2026  
 Excludes Hydrogen Valleys included in the [Hydrogen Valleys Platform](#)  
 Excludes 1 grant recently signed (TH2ISTLE, Scotland, UK), and 2 yet to be signed (Call 2025)

\* This reflects project (grant) costs, which for some projects are lower than the total investments (CAPEX) to deploy the Hydrogen Valley as outlined in the Clean Hydrogen Partnership grant. Co-funding is provided by a combination of other EU, National/Regional funding, as well as from private investments

\*\* Estimated investment (CAPEX) with technology and infrastructure leveraged by the first 14 Hydrogen, beyond project costs (965 M€ for 14 projects).

# Hydrogen Valleys - Value Chain Coverage

*Indicative plans (call 2025 not included yet)*



## Energy

**100 MW** fuel cell for heat & power  
 Gas/H<sub>2</sub> turbines  
**H<sub>2</sub> blending** gas grid  
**Heat only** (domestic, commercial, industry)

## Industry

**Ammonia production**  
**Refineries**  
**Steel making**  
**Other chemical industry**

## Transport

**+150** buses  
 ~**200** Long-Haul trucks  
 ~**7** garbage trucks  
 ~**4** vessels  
**+150** vans  
**Light duty** vehicles (taxis)  
 non-road-mobile machinery (forklifts, tractors, etc.),  
**Others**

\*Includes depleted gas fields and salt caverns

## Ongoing challenges...

- Business cases** (e.g. agreements with H2 off-takers & sync production and uses H2 )
- Difficulties in accessing **national/regional co-funding** (delaying FID)
- Technical challenges** as first-of-its kind solutions (technology related but not only)
- Volatility/fragility of **suppliers** of end-use solutions (long delivery times, price)
- Increased presence of **overseas suppliers**
- Unclear **regulatory framework** including permitting
- Track record of performance** not always available
- Strong leadership and vision are key** ('valleys' do not 'just happen')



**Still substantial progress  
has been already achieved...**



Production (electrolysis)

+600 MW



2.5 MW  
GREEN HYSLAND

20 MW  
3 MW  
BalticSeaH2

NEW  
30 → 50 MW  
TRIÈRES  
EPHYRA  
RFF

6 MW  
H2FUTURE  
2 by 1 MW  
NEW  
HI2 VALLEY

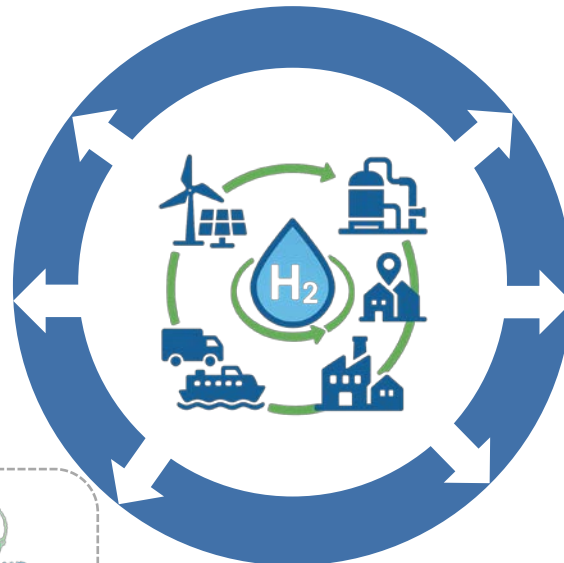
10 MW  
IMAGHyNE

2 MW  
EASTGATEH2V  
2 by 2,5 MW  
LuxHyVal  
NEW



**Distribution**

**50 HRS, 100 km H2 pipelines, 50 tube-trailers**



**GREEN HYSLAND**

3 km H2 pipeline



2 tube-trailers

7 HRS



**IMA3HyNE**

8 tube-trailers

1 filling station  
Trailers  
1 HRS

**HEAVENN**



**NEW**



**Storage**

**1000's tons above and Underground storage**



1 HRS

**CEF Transport**

**TRIÈRÈS**

3 tube-trailers



**NEW**

3 trailers  
2 filling stations



**HI2 VALLEY**

**NEW**

2 trailers  
1 HRS

**EASTGATEH2V** 1 HRS

**LuxHyVal**

Tests salt caverns

**HEAVENN**

**hyster**





Transport



Energy



Industry



✓ 5 buses



✓ 7 coaches



✓ 4 buses



✓ 1 truck



✓ 35 buses



✓ 8 buses



⚠ 10 buses

⚠ 10 buses



NEW



✓ 5 garbage trucks



✓ 5 taxis

✓ 1 salt-barge



Heavy duty trucks



Hydrogen injection in gas grid



FCs for heat and power

E-methane, eSAF, food industry



Steel production



Domestic heating



Process gas



NEW

## H2 Valleys bring European added value and foster collaboration!



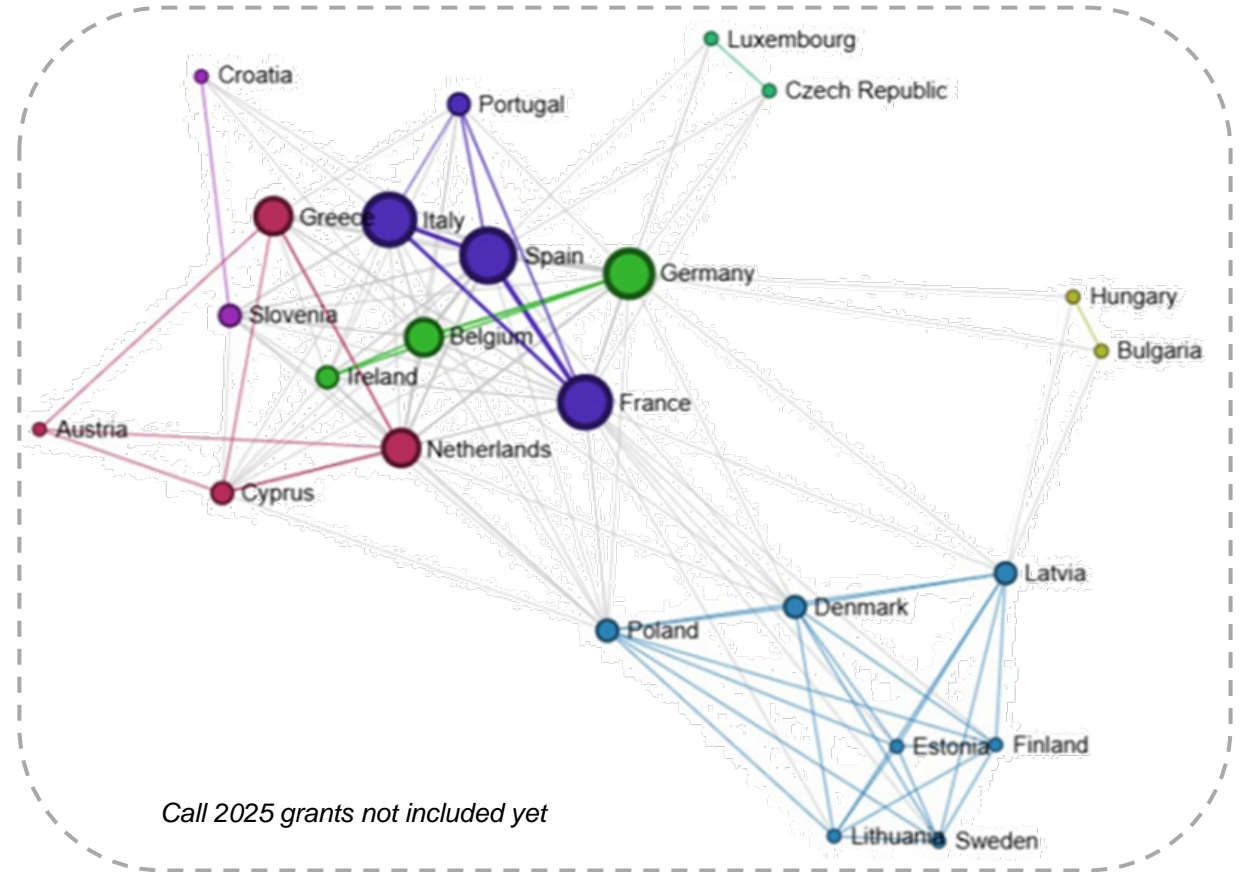
- The support of the Clean Hydrogen Partnership to Hydrogen Valleys requires the involvement of **replicating partners and facilitates knowledge exchange** across supported projects.



- This fosters **strong collaboration at the European level**



- These projects contribute (indirectly) to activate **Europe's Supply Chain** and therefore EU competitiveness and leadership



*Collaboration network of EU countries in the portfolio of Hydrogen Valleys projects/grants supported by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership*

# Hydrogen Valleys Facility: Accelerating the deployment & FID of Hydrogen Valleys


The Hydrogen Valleys Facility at a glance

**State as of 2026**

**81**  
EU Hydrogen Valleys on the H2V Platform

**24**  
EU Hydrogen Valleys on the H2V Platform operational/under construction

**Dedicated support via the Hydrogen Valleys Facility**

by 

- 1** Project Development Assistance
- 2** H2V Knowledge Centre & Capacity Building
- 3** H2V Platform

Delivery partners: Roland Berger, worley, Inycom

As per the 2024 European Commission Roadmap for Hydrogen Valleys



The H2V Facility addresses support needs in the market with the aspiration of achieving 50 Hydrogen Valleys operational/under construction in the EU by 2030

# Tailored Support for Hydrogen Valleys

Holistic approach



### »» Looking ahead »»

- Clean Hydrogen JU Calls 2026 and 2027

and/or incl.

- Intensify support to pre-FID activities -> derisking tool for project developers and investors
- CAPEX support conditionally granted to projects reaching FID (incl. contracts with off-takers)
- Market activation incentives (e.g OPEX support)
- Synergies by design with other EU, national and regional programmes etc

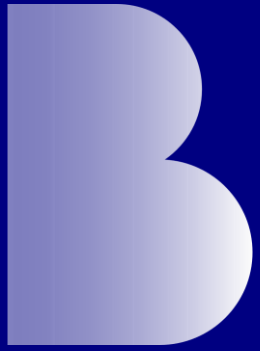


# THANK YOU



<https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/>





# The Hydrogen Valley Facility and insights from the H2V Platform

Antwerp, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Roland  
Berger

# The H2V Facility delivers dedicated support to hydrogen practitioners via PDA


The Hydrogen Valleys Facility at a glance




[h2v.eu](https://h2v.eu)

Dedicated support via the Hydrogen Valleys Facility by



**1**  **Project Development Assistance**

Provision of dedicated Project Development Assistance (PDA) for Hydrogen Valleys projects towards Final Investment Decision

**2**  **H2V Knowledge Centre & Capacity Building**

Sharing & dissemination of knowledge and provision of capacity building for Hydrogen Valleys and the broader hydrogen community

**3** **H2V Platform** 

Maintenance & extension of the Hydrogen Valley Platform to enhance its positioning as the global one-stop-shop for hydrogen flagship projects



**Delivery partners**

# Hydrogen Valleys are operating in a difficult market environment - The clean H<sub>2</sub> hype cycle reached its peak in 2022; since then, market reality hit

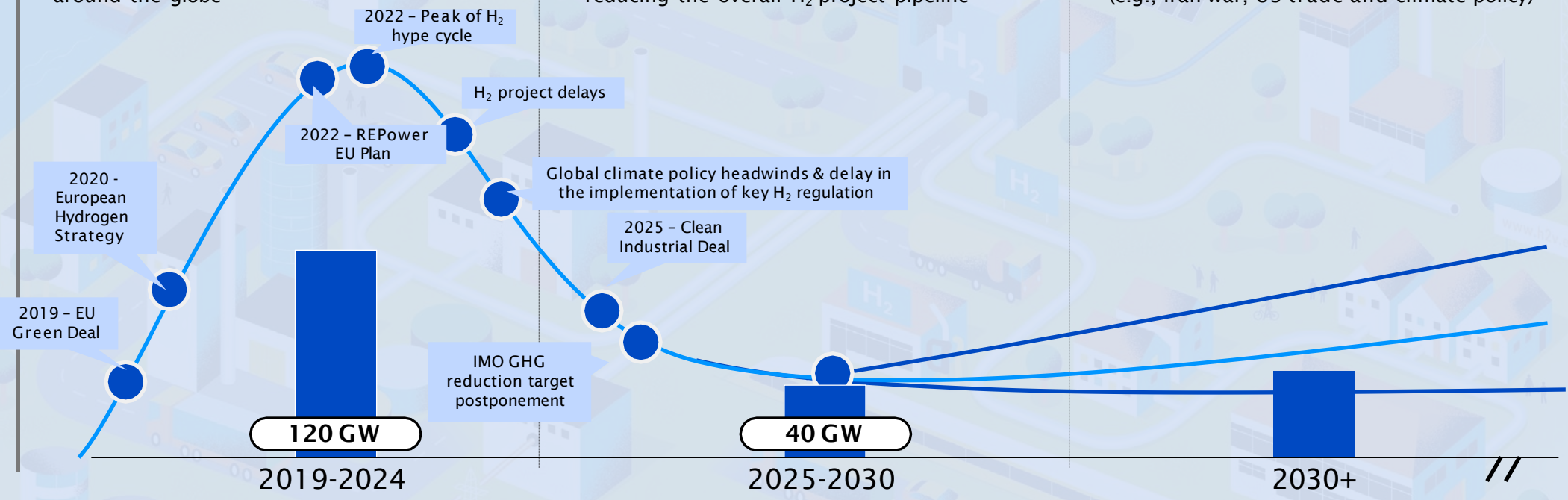
From hype to reality

## H<sub>2</sub> market sentiment and landscape

- Establishment of a **comprehensive hydrogen policy framework**, incl. EU Hydrogen Strategy, REPowerEU Plan, RED III and delegated acts on H<sub>2</sub>
- Skyrocketing H<sub>2</sub> **project announcements** around the globe

- **Delayed or incomplete implementation of H<sub>2</sub> regulation** that would unlock large-scale H<sub>2</sub> demand
- First announcements of **downsizing, delays or cancellations** of H<sub>2</sub> projects significantly reducing the overall H<sub>2</sub> project pipeline

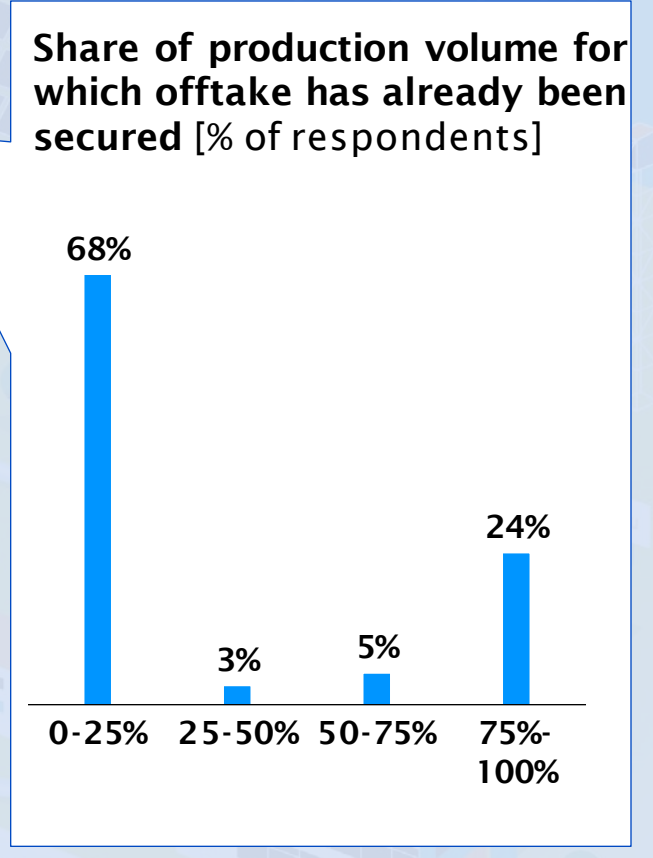
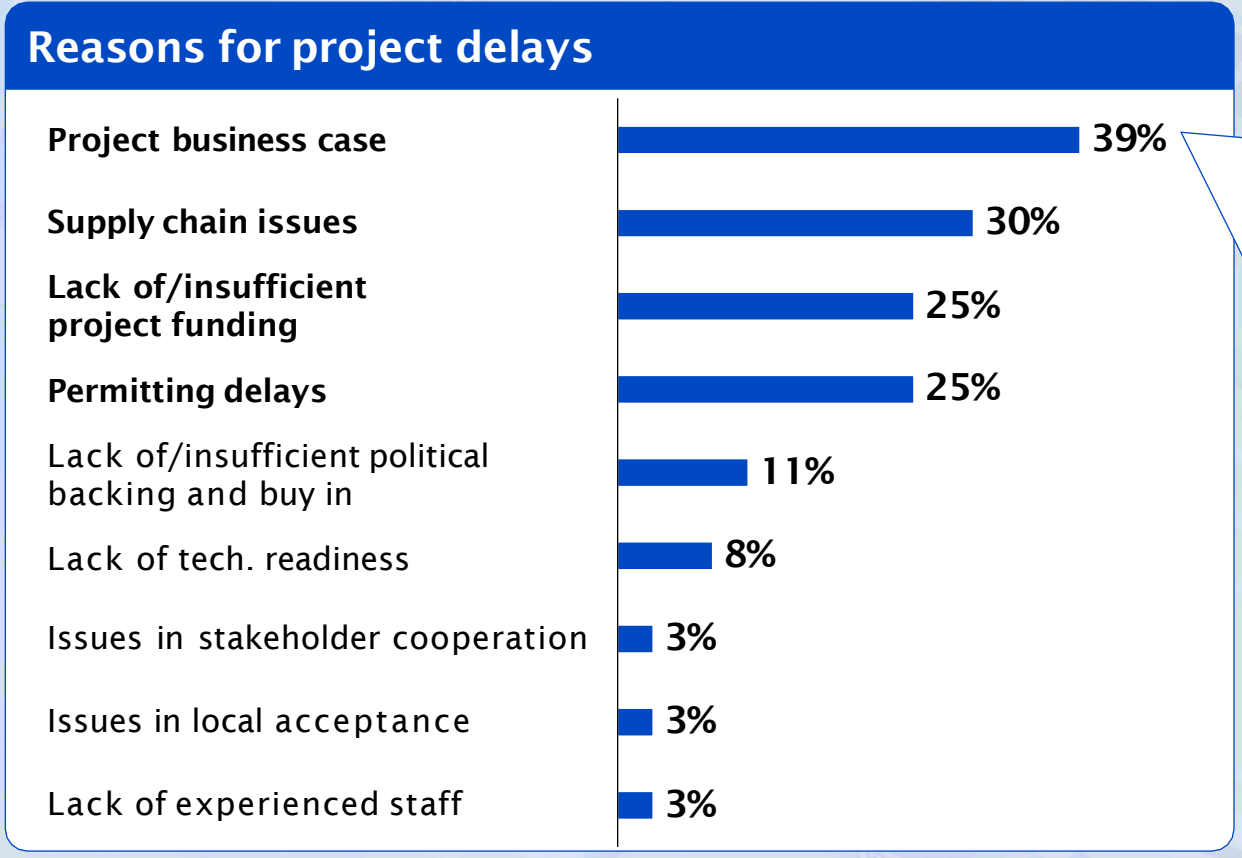
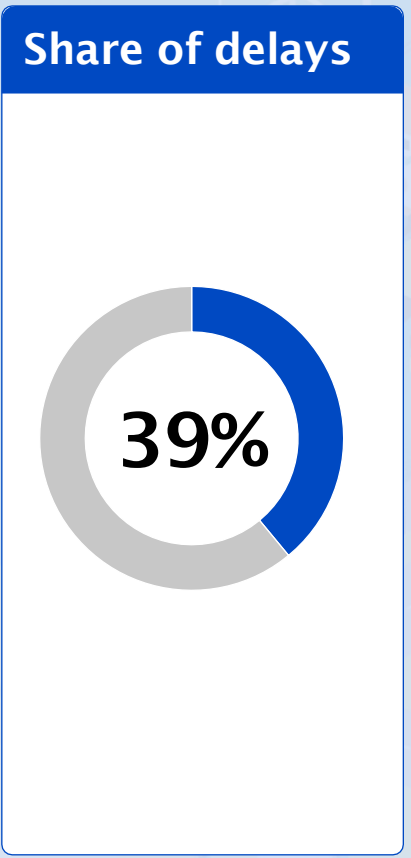
- Ongoing wave of **project consolidation** expected due to market headwinds
- **High uncertainty** regarding global **climate policies and implementation of H<sub>2</sub>-specific regulation and geopolitical developments** (e.g., Iran war, US trade and climate policy)



■ Cumulative RB electrolyzer forecast for 2030 [GW]

# 39% of Hydrogen Valleys face delays, mainly due to commercial and financing reasons – Offtake as key make-or-break condition for business case

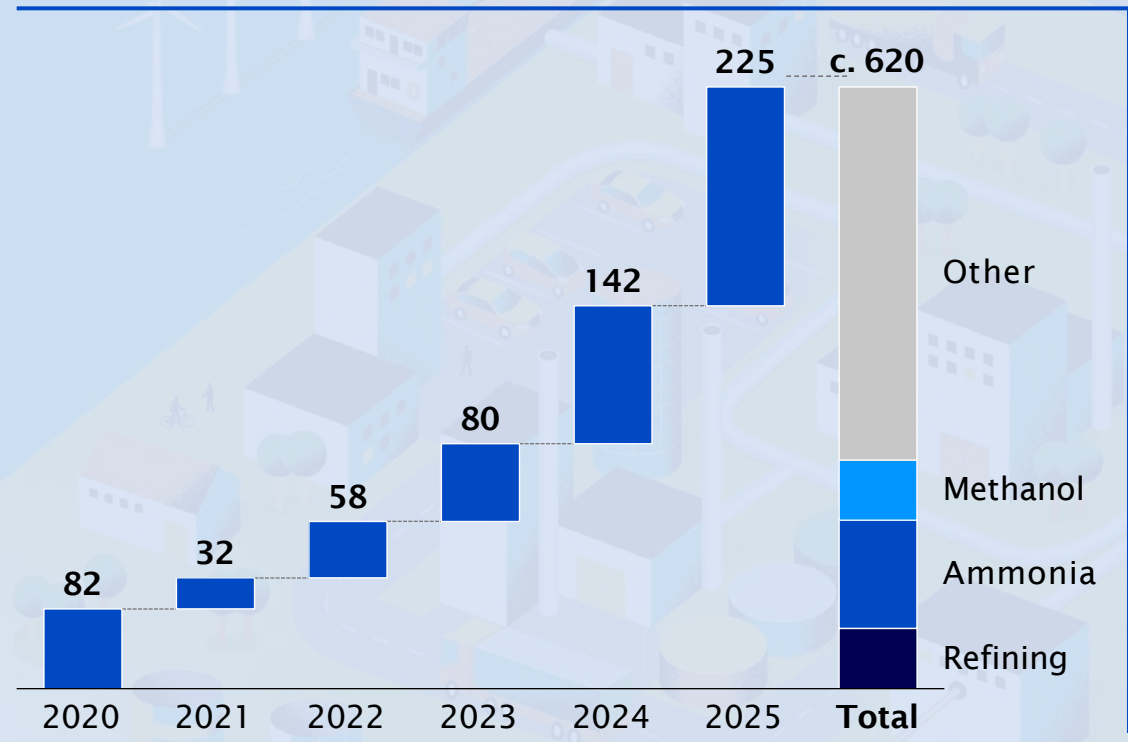
Reasons for project delays in H<sub>2</sub> Valleys and offtake commitments [% of respondents]



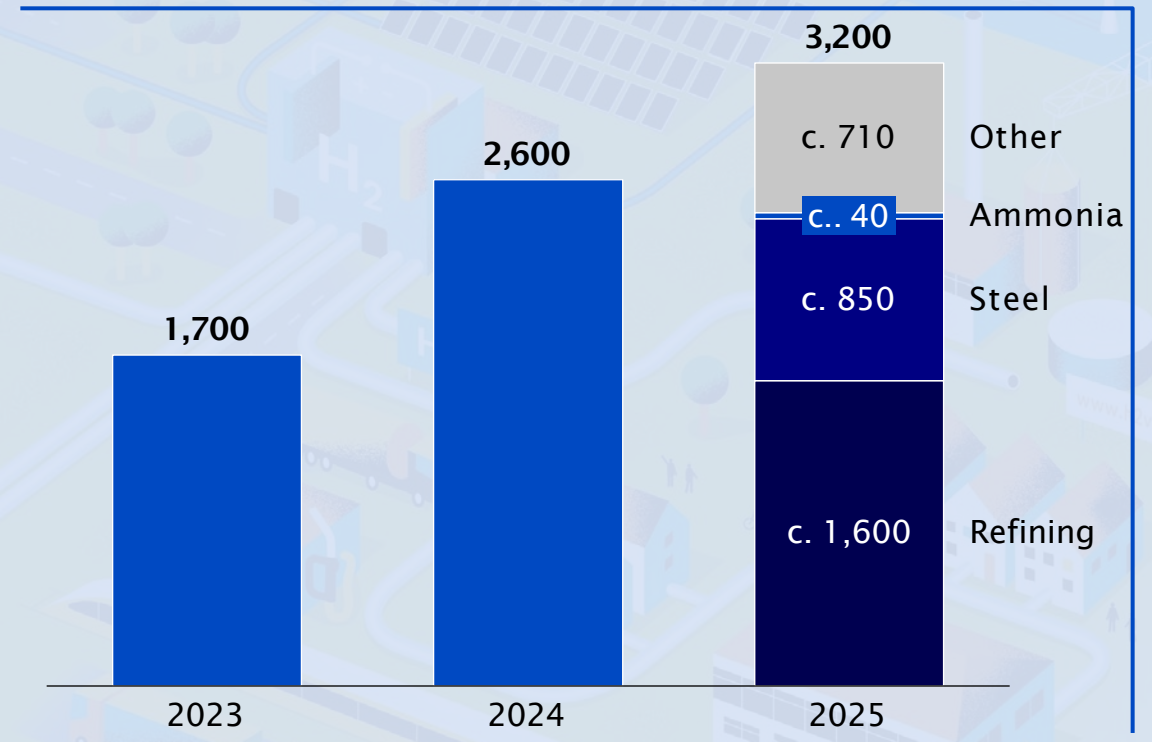
# Nevertheless, the H<sub>2</sub> sector in Europe is ramping up – Operational electrolyzer capacity increased to more than 600 MW, with another 3.2

Operational & FID hydrogen projects in Europe [MW]

Operational electrolyser capacity in Europe [MW]

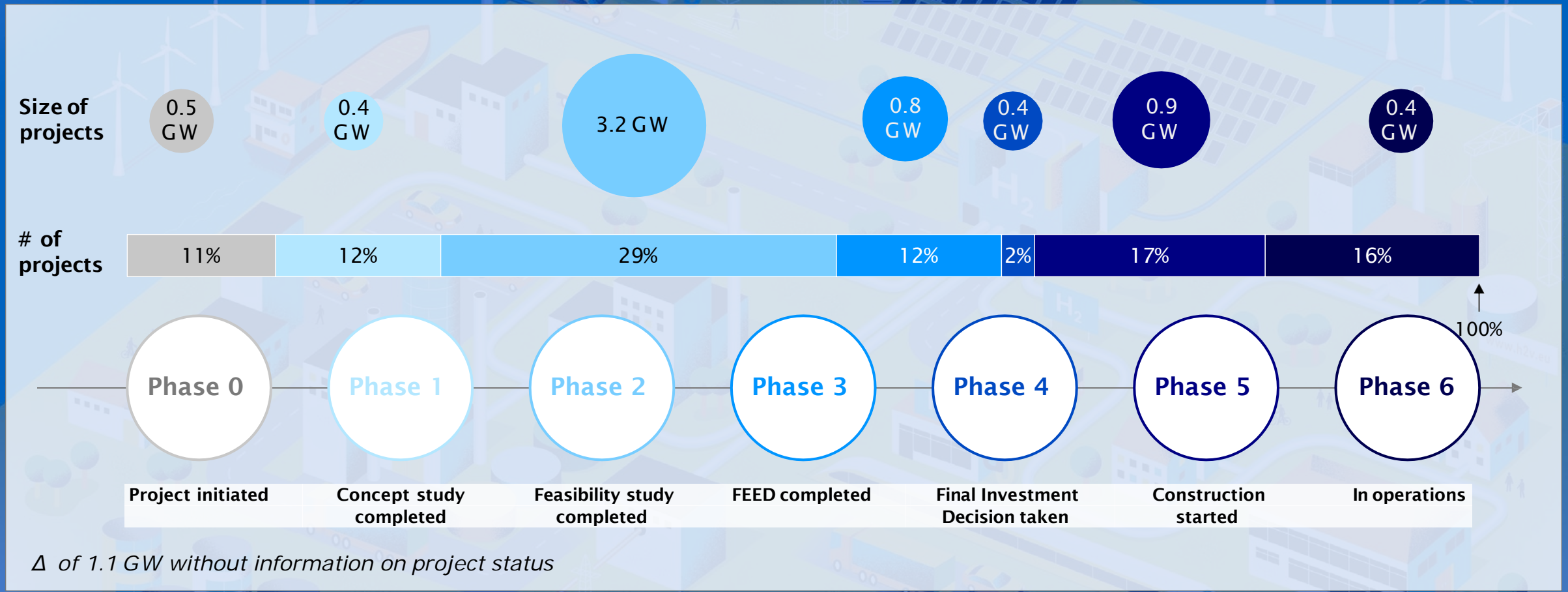


Electrolyser capacity under construction/past-FID in Europe [MW]



# Hydrogen Valleys are a key driver of this growth story in Europe – 400 MW electrolysis already operational in Valleys, another 1.3 GW

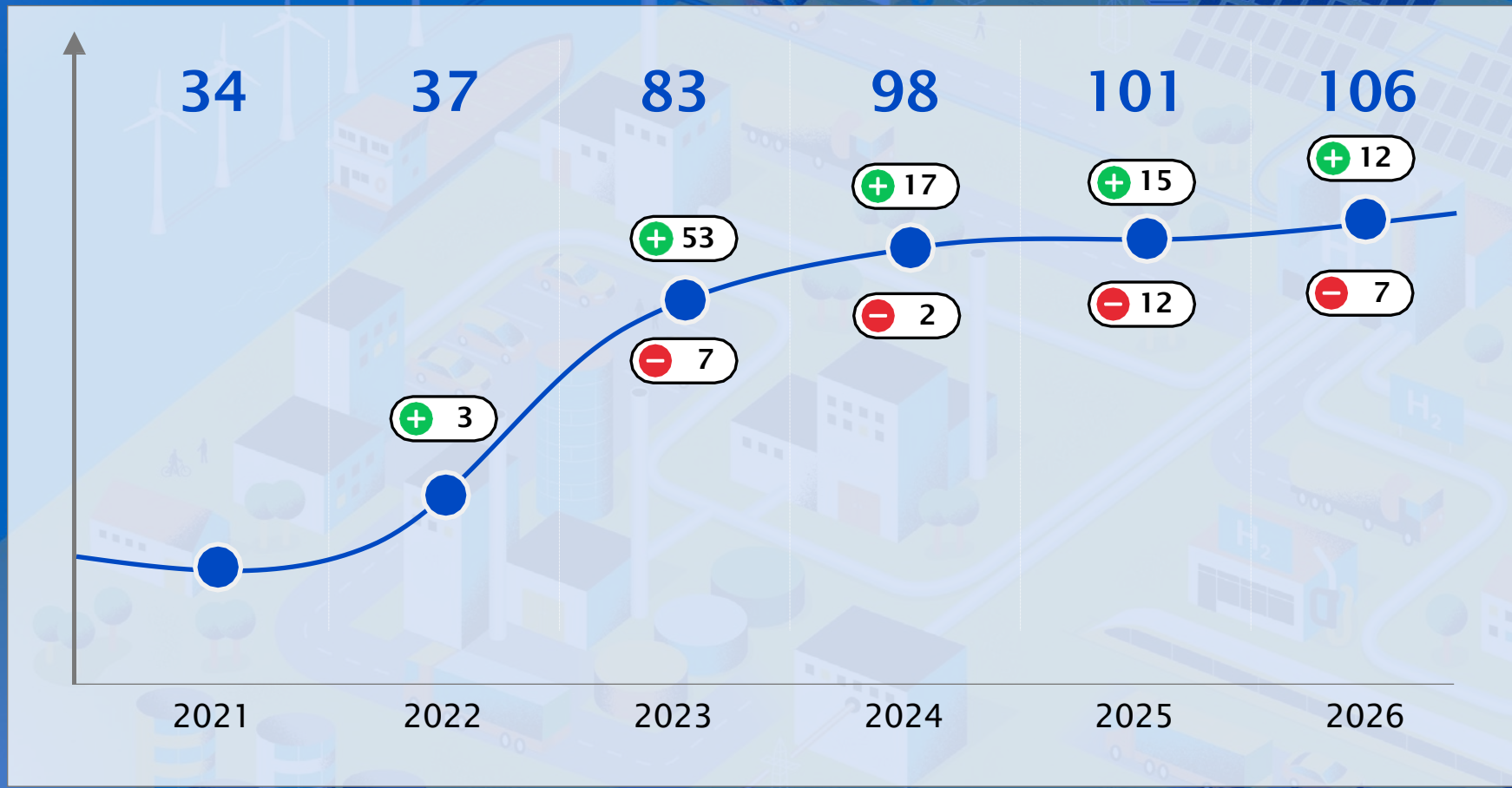
Status of European Hydrogen Valleys on the H2V Platform (n = 82)<sup>1</sup>



1) Figures only refer to those Hydrogen Valleys with known information about project status

# The H2V Platform has grown significantly over the last years to 106 Hydrogen Valleys – Steady growth even through market consolidation

The Hydrogen Valley Platform



## Hydrogen Valley Platform

**Objective:** Position the H2V Platform as the digital go-to one-stop-shop for the global Hydrogen Valley community

Hydrogen Valleys at a glance

Interactive statistics

Join us

Watchmaking

106 Hydrogen Valleys

35 Countries

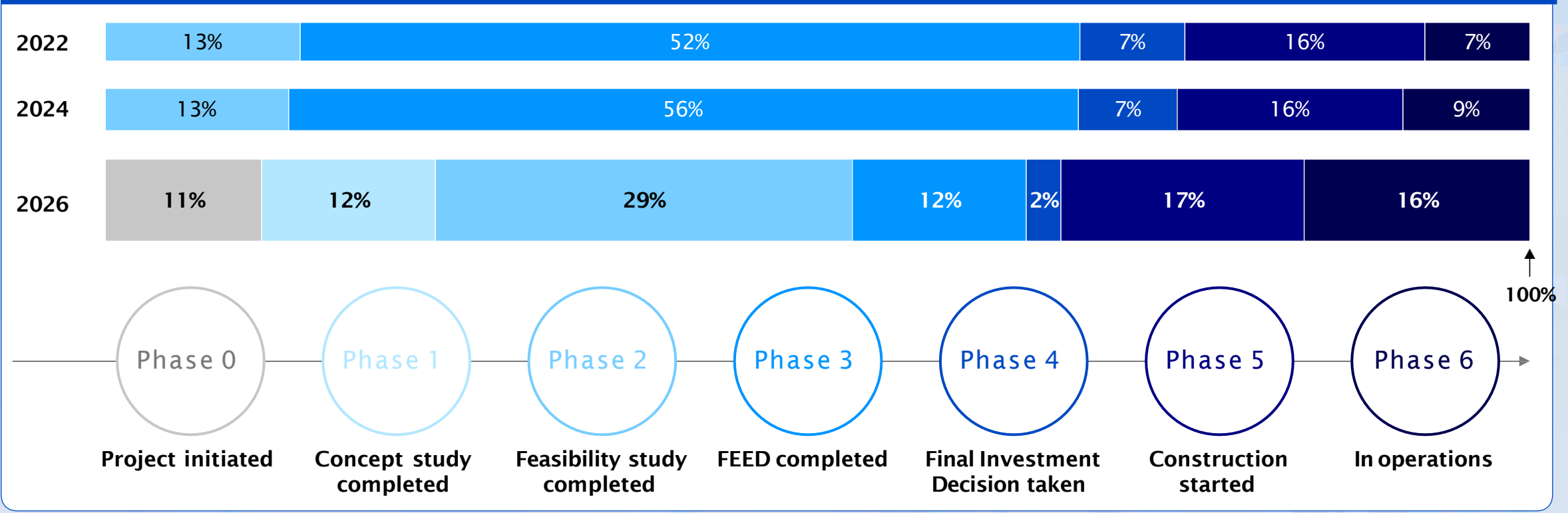
6,949,702 Planned H2 Production

h2v.eu

# Valleys on the platform have matured over the years – showing a clear and steady trajectory from initiation to implementation

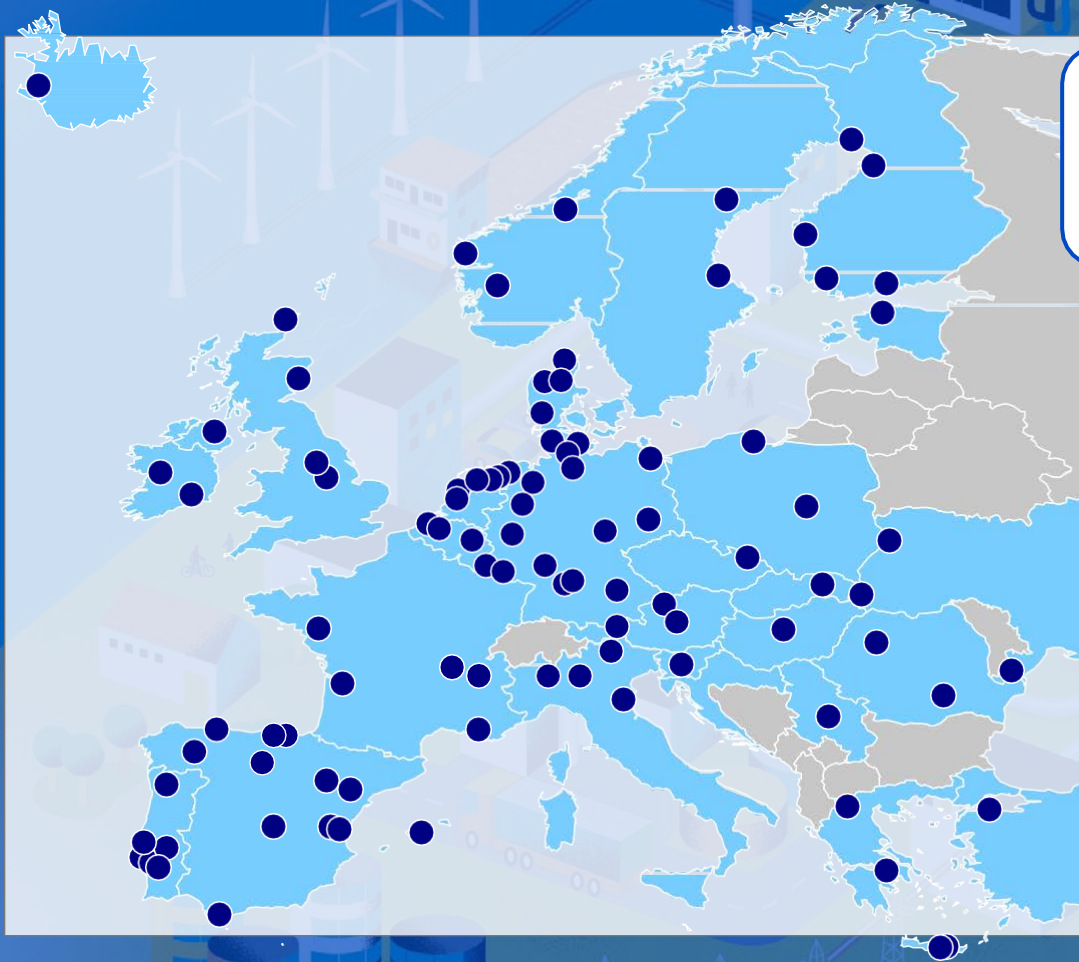
Status of European Hydrogen Valleys on the H2V Platform [# of Hydrogen Valleys, in % per phase]

## Status of Hydrogen Valley development



# Today, the H2V Platform features 97 European Valleys, with a planned electrolyser capacity of 7.8 GW and CAPEX of EUR 46 bn in Europe

Geographic spread of Hydrogen Valleys in Europe



**97** European Hydrogen Valleys  
out of 106 globally on the H2V Platform

**7.8 GW**

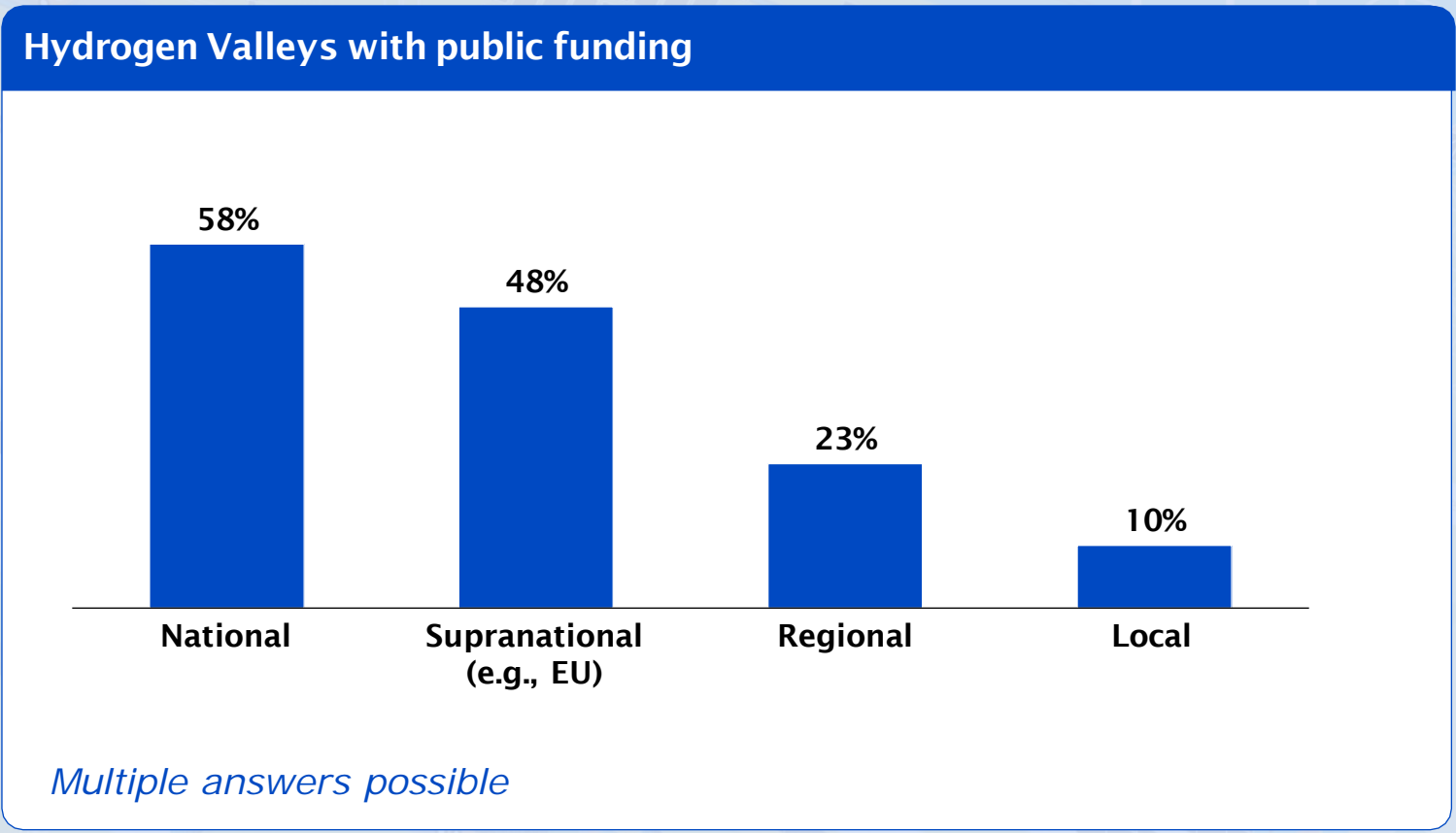
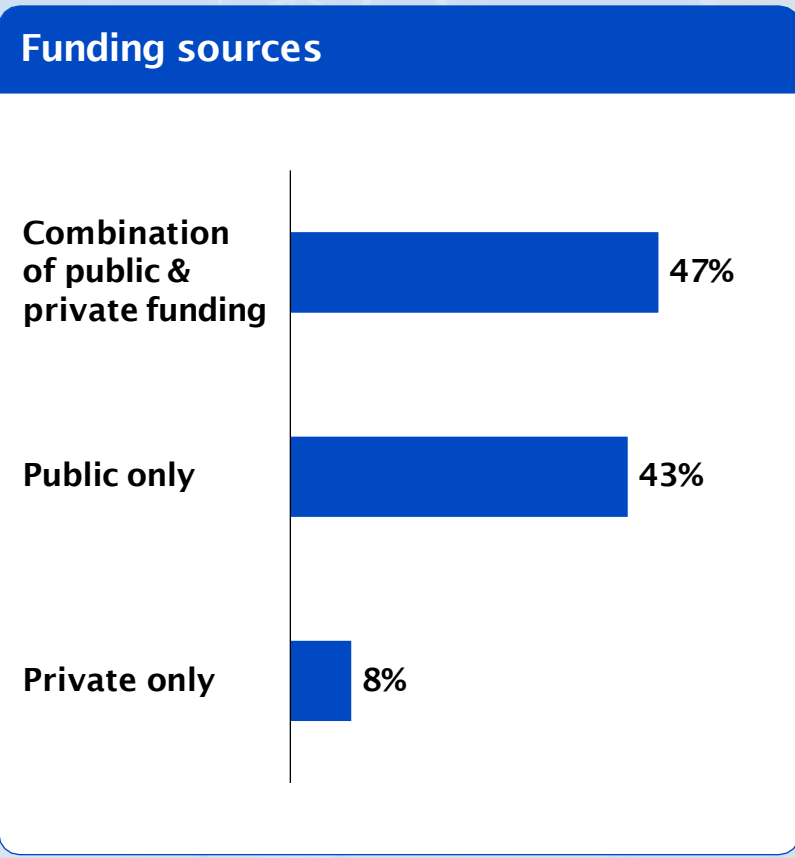
Planned electrolyser  
capacity

**EUR 47 bn**

Planned CAPEX  
investment

# Most European Hydrogen Valleys rely on a combination of public and private funding – National budgets and EU programs are key funding sources

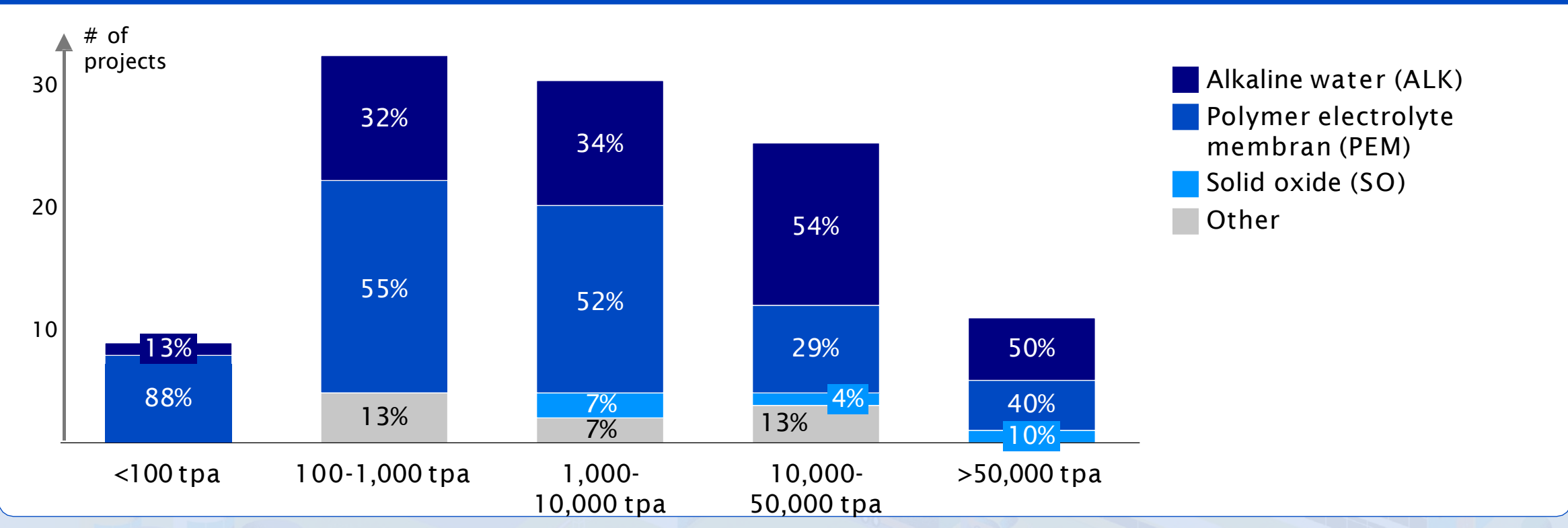
Funding sources [% of respondents]



# Majority of European Hydrogen Valleys plan to produce up to 10 ktpa H<sub>2</sub>, mostly relying on PEM, while ALK electrolyzers dominate in larger projects

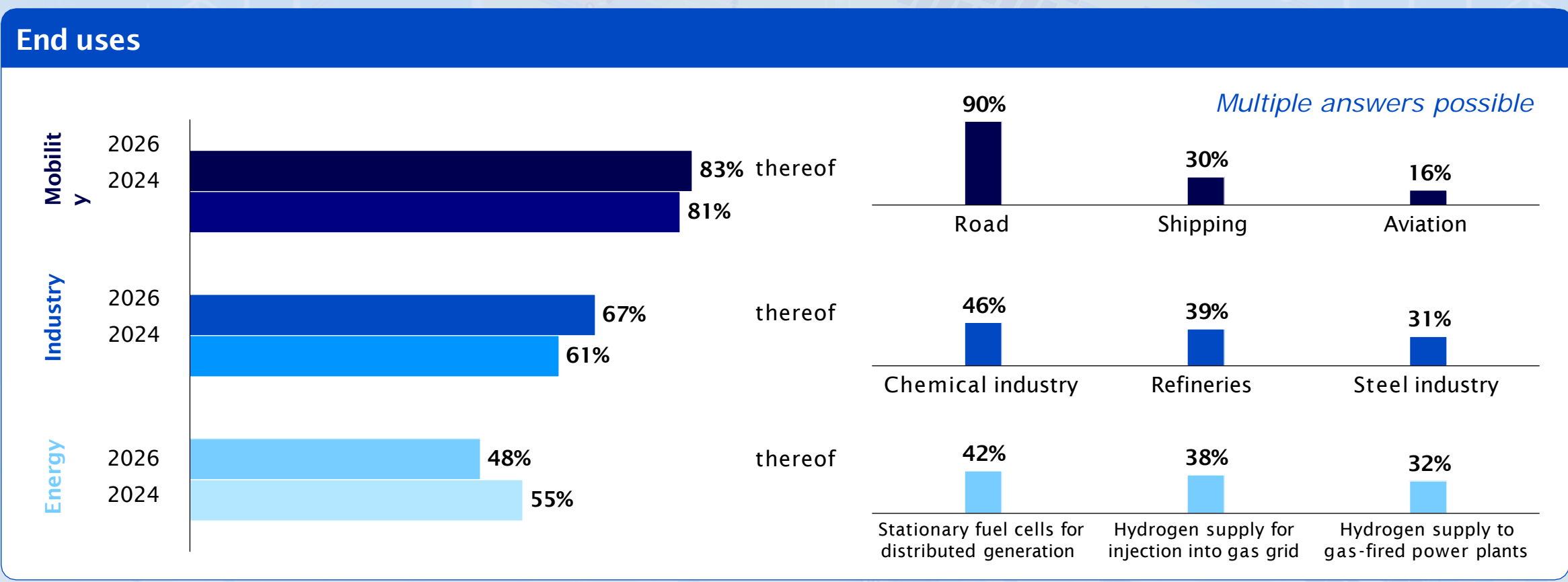
Electrolyser technology per H<sub>2</sub> production volume in Europe [% of respondents]

Electrolyser technology per H<sub>2</sub> production volume



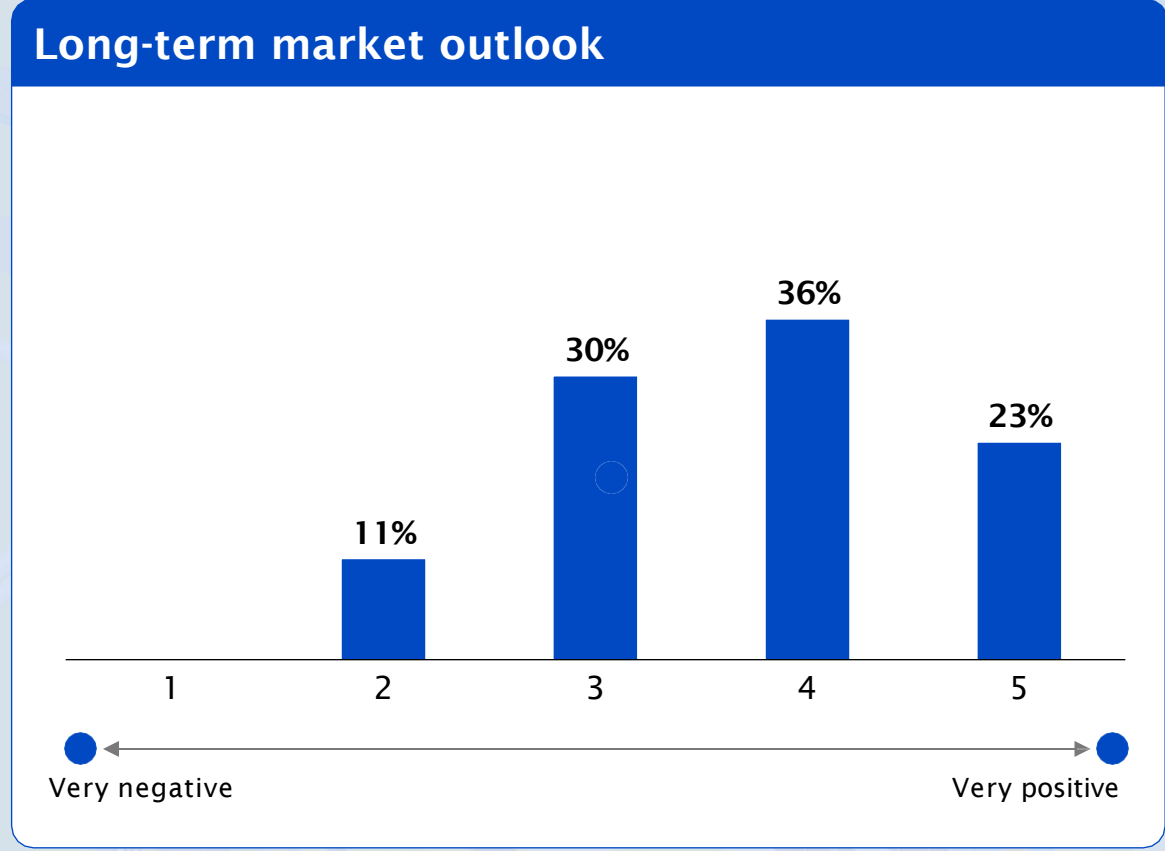
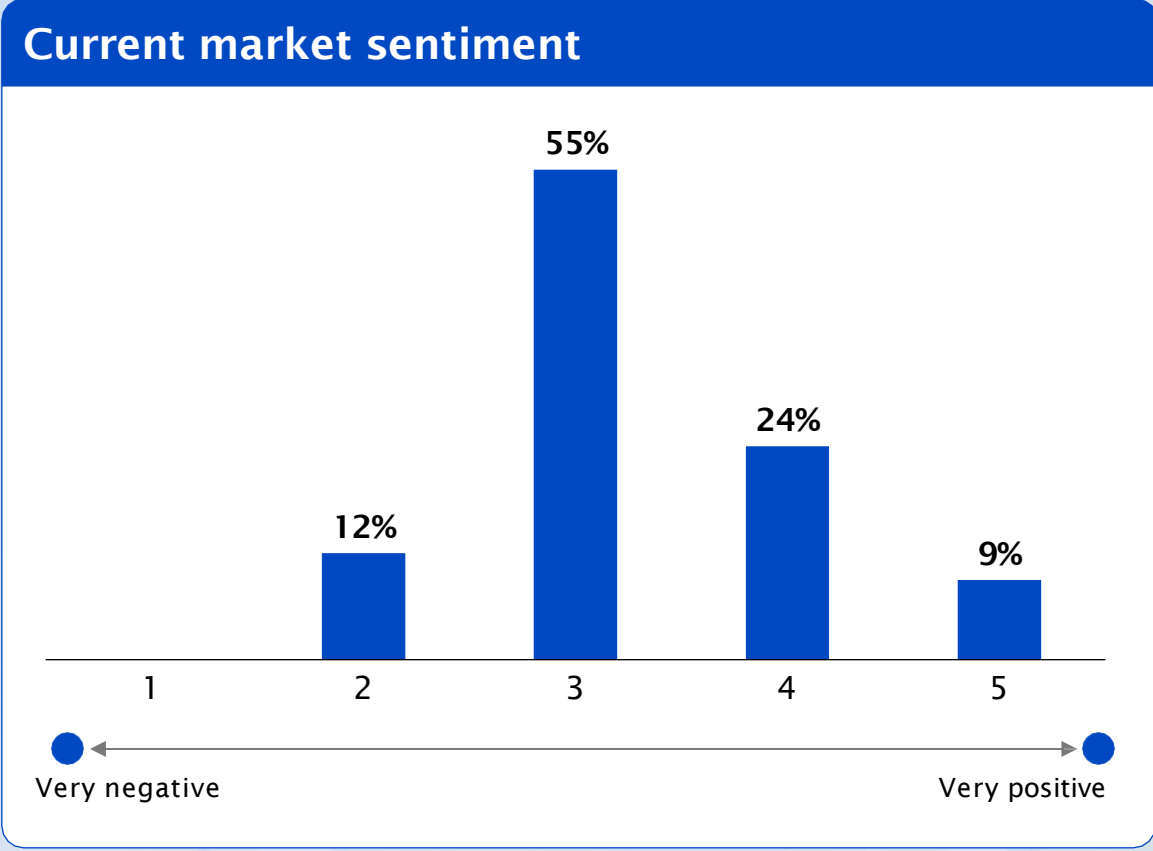
# Hydrogen Valleys serve multiple end-use sectors simultaneously – Mobility as most frequently targeted end-use sector

Planned end uses of European Hydrogen Valleys [% of respondents]



# While current market sentiment amongst Hydrogen Valley practitioners is rather mixed, they display a strong confidence in H<sub>2</sub> as long-term solution

Hydrogen Valley practitioners view on H<sub>2</sub> project development [% of respondents]



# We have completely redesigned the H2V Platform – As of today, it is live with new features, content and functionalities, try it out now!

The revamped Hydrogen Valleys Platform

The screenshot shows the 'Hydrogen Valleys at a glance' dashboard. It features a map of Europe with green and blue markers indicating hydrogen valleys. Below the map is a table listing various valleys with columns for Name, Lead developer, Region, Country, and Investment (€ bn).

NAME	LEAD DEVELOPER	REGION	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT (€ bn)
Agden hydrogen hub	FED & Government	Europe	UK	1.5
Athens Hydro Valley	UHyV SA	Europe	FR	1.4
Ardor Hydrogen Valley	Orion S.A.	Europe	ES	2.000
Ardurion Green Hydrogen Valley, with two main locations, Ardurion 1 (100) and Ardurion 2 (100)	Mitsui	Europe	ES	5.000
Ardurion Hydrogen Ecosystem	Business Tower Oy	Europe	FI	1.300

**Comprehensive Hydrogen Valleys overview**

## Enhanced Hydrogen Valley profiles of all 106 Valleys

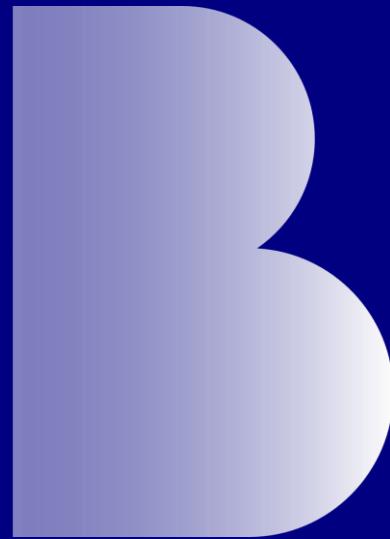
The screenshot displays a detailed profile for the 'Gascogne Region Hydrogen Ecosystem'. It includes a 'Summary' section with key statistics, a 'Project details' section with a map, and a 'Production volume' section with a bar chart showing production levels over time. The profile also lists 'Production volume', 'Value chain coverage', and 'SMB use'.

The screenshot shows the 'Data & Insights' feature, which allows users to build their own individual statistics by selecting up to 2 data fields or combinations. It includes a 'Project fundamentals' section with filters and a 'Market & project dynamics' section with a bar chart showing production volume over time.

**New interactive statistics feature on Hydrogen Valleys data**

Scan the QR code and explore h2v.eu now!





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# Supporting Hydrogen Valleys A Journey from Policy to Implementation

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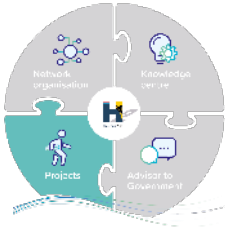
# WaterstofNet

> 17 years of H2 experience

- Knowledge and collaboration platform on hydrogen
- Focus on Flanders / Belgium / Netherlands / Benelux
- Nonprofit / 13 employees
- Offices in Turnhout (BE) and Helmond (NL)



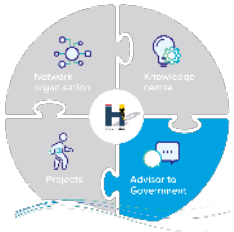




# Projects

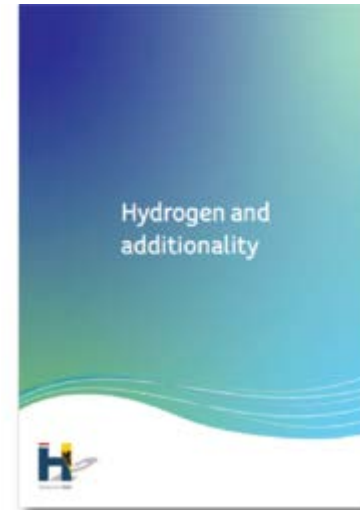
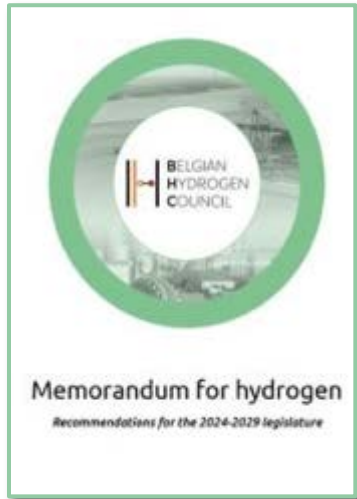
Identifying and facilitating 'next step' projects

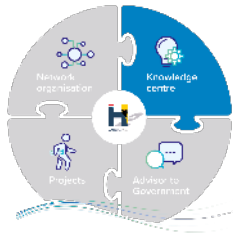




# Advisor to governments

## Flanders, Belgium, Benelux, Europe





# Knowledge centre

Studies, conferences, hydrogen academy, public awareness



**Benelux**  
BENELUX HYDROGEN NETWORK

**STUDY**

**CROSS-BORDER HYDROGEN VALUE CHAIN IN THE BENELUX AND ITS NEIGHBOURING REGIONS**

IDENTIFYING AND CONNECTING RENEWABLE HYDROGEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY VIA THE CROSS-BORDER HYDROGEN BACKBONE

February 2023



Belgium as a hydrogen importhub

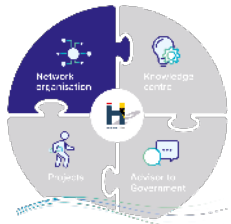
Roadmap towards 2030 and beyond



**Hydrogen Academy**

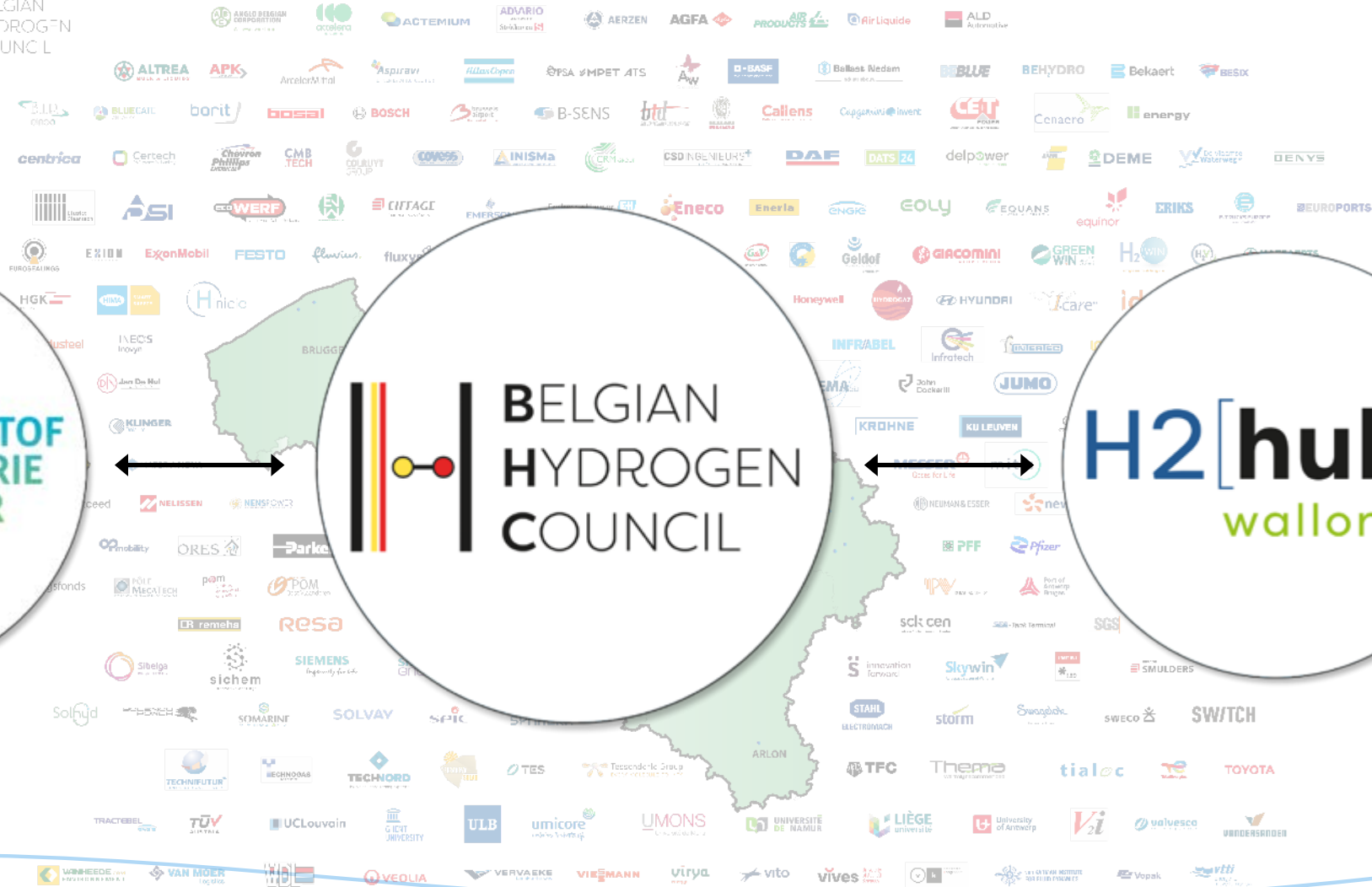
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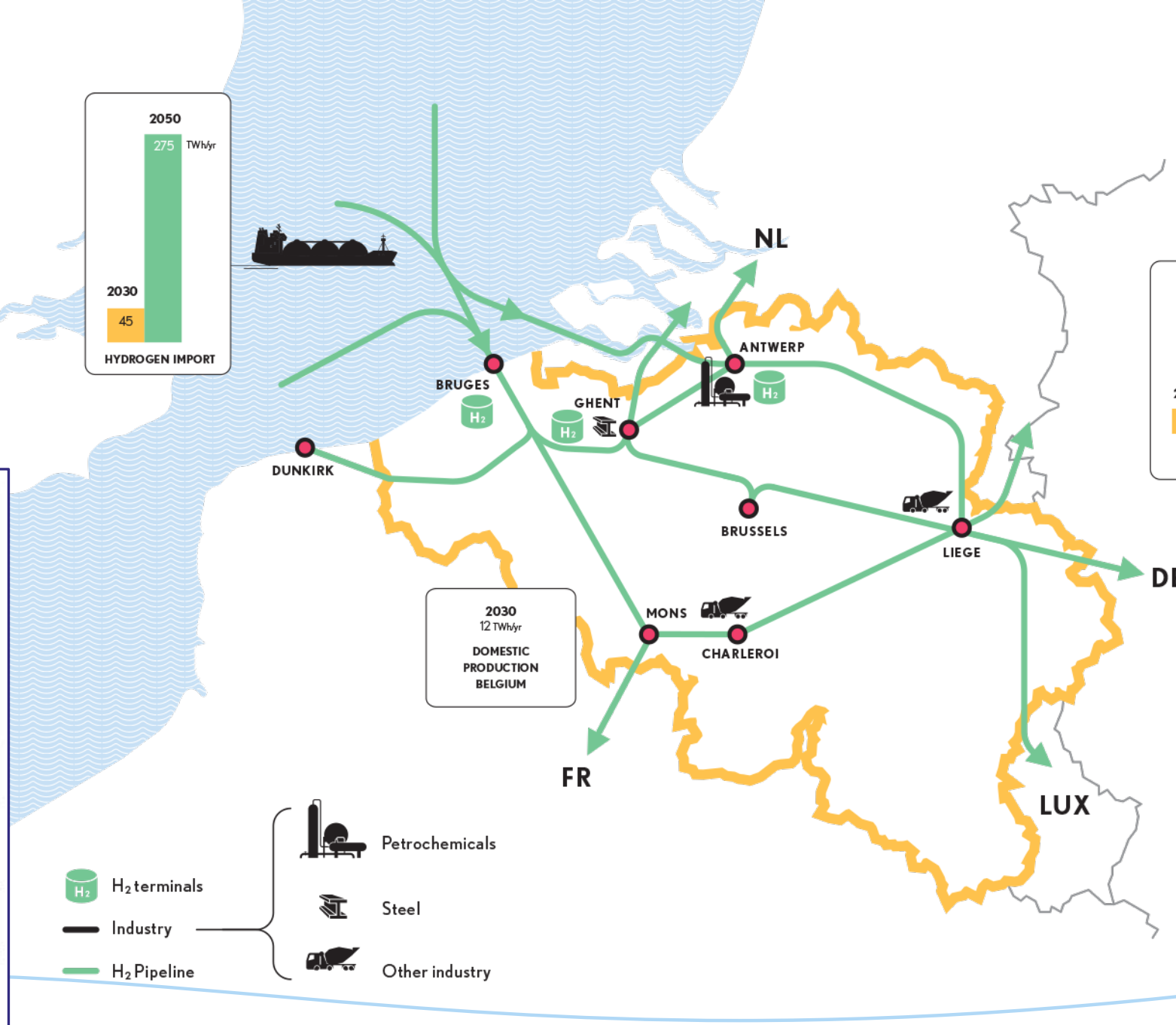
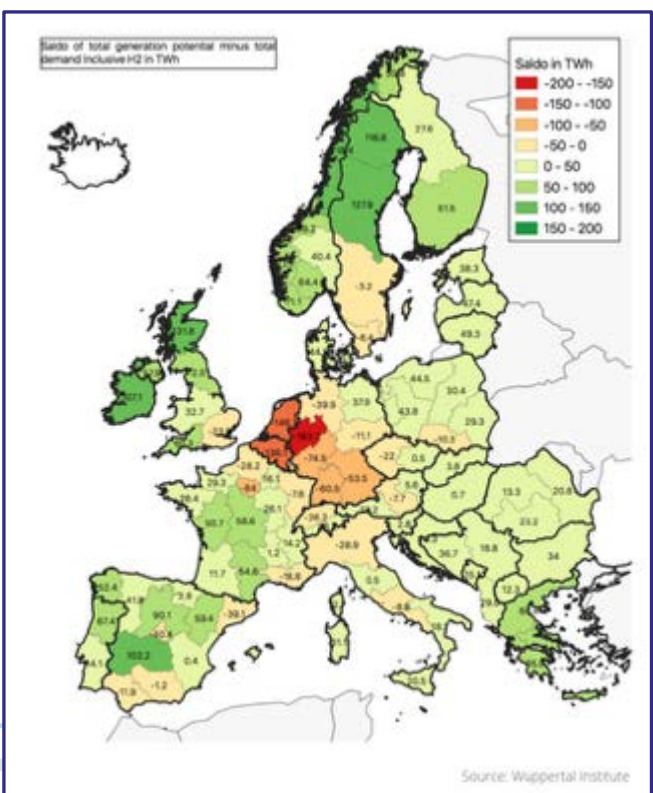
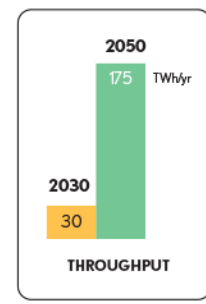
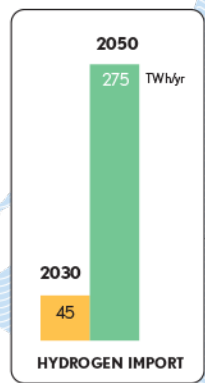
# Belgian Hydrogen Council (BHC)

Program office: policy, promotion, international collaboration









# HUB FOR IMPORT AND THROUGHPUT OF HYDROGEN

Central location in EU

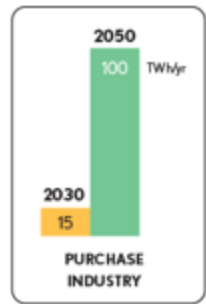
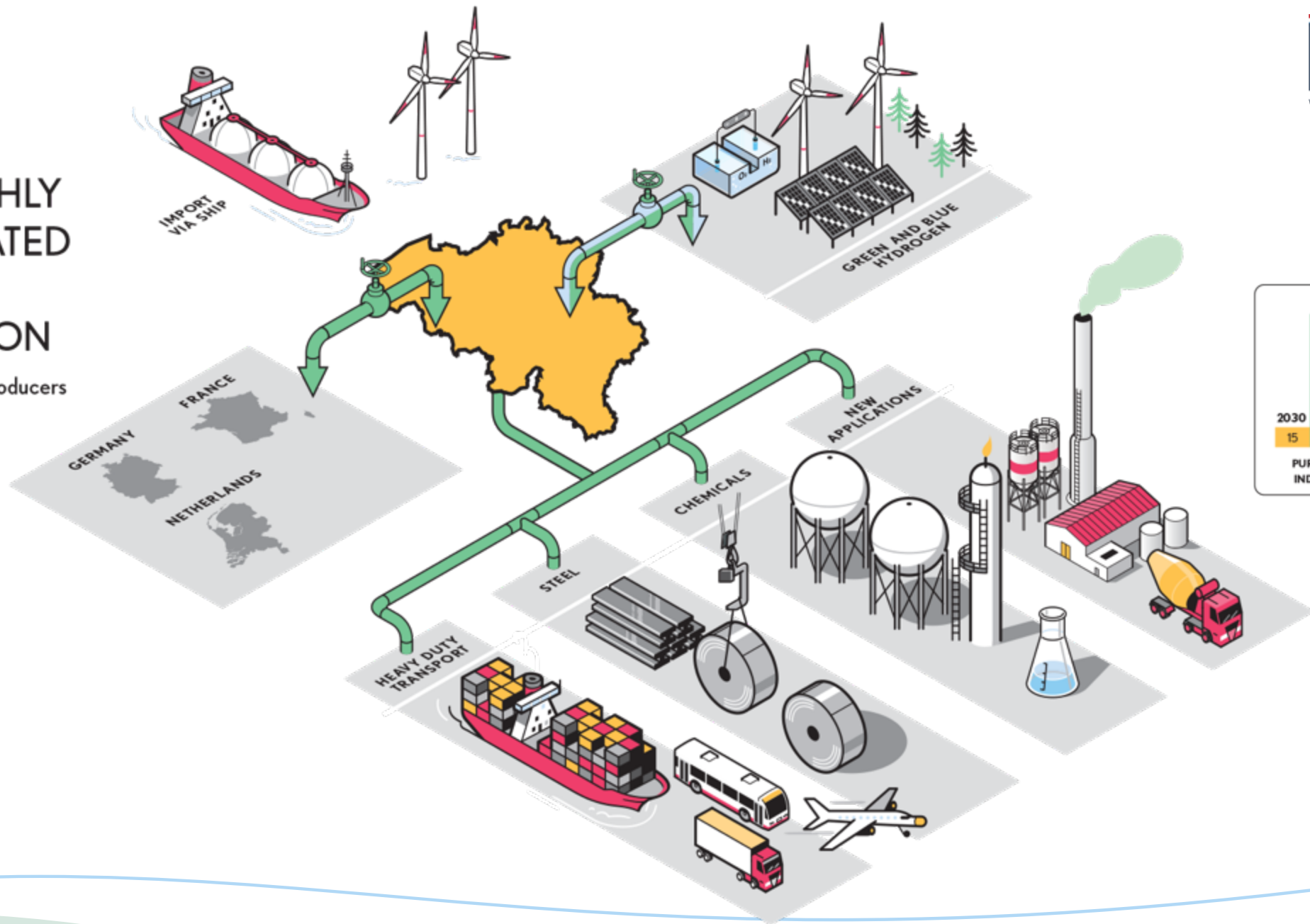


2030  
12 TWh/yr  
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION  
BELGIUM

-  H<sub>2</sub> terminals
-  Industry
-  H<sub>2</sub> Pipeline
-  Petrochemicals
-  Steel
-  Other industry

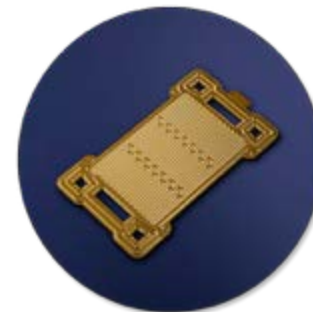
# LARGE & HIGHLY CONCENTRATED HYDROGEN CONSUMPTION

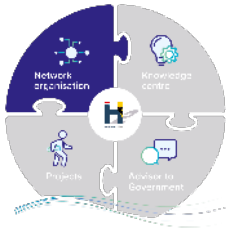
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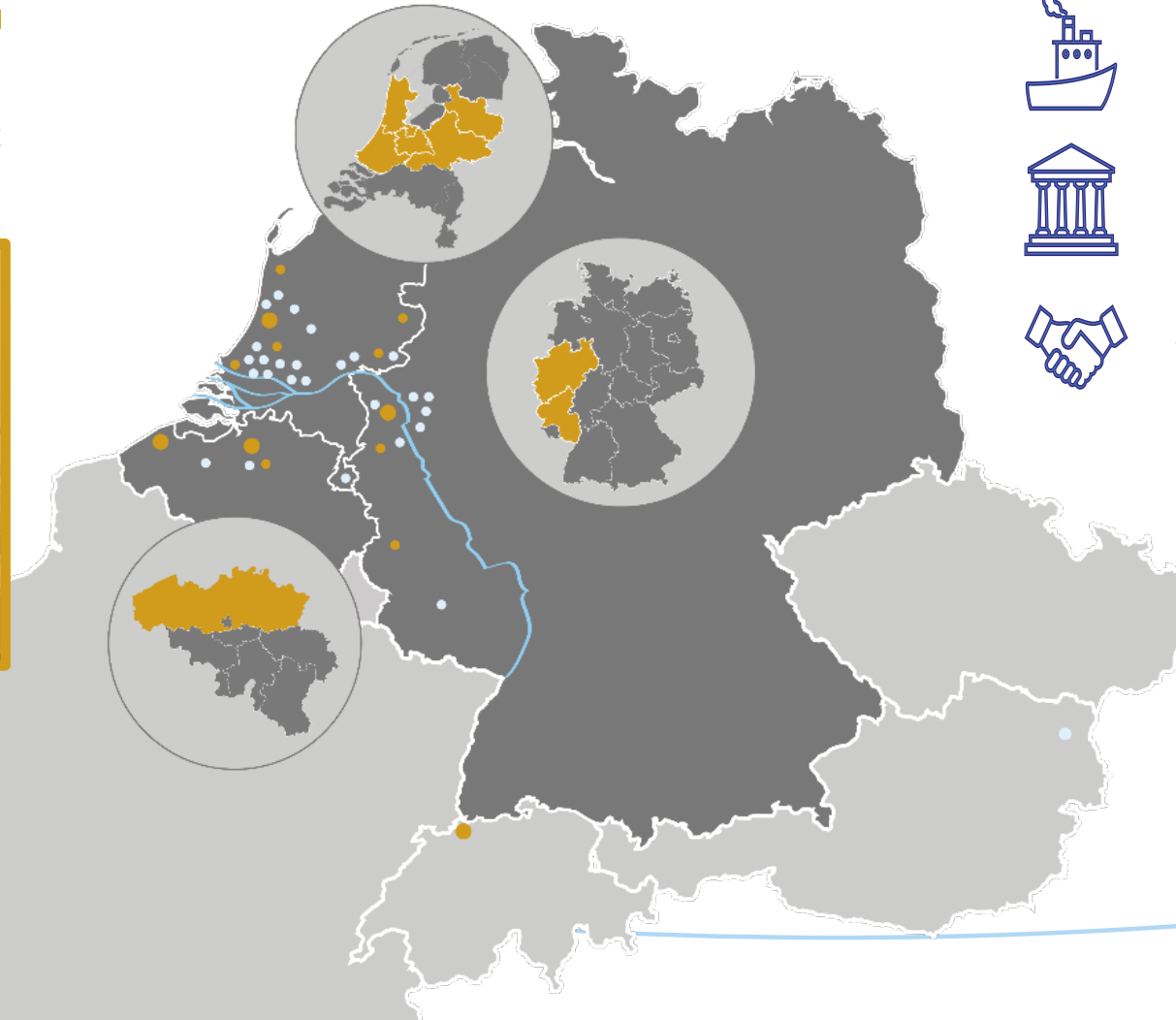
# HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONS





# RH2INE – Inland shipping

Program office: policy, projects



4 ports



12 governments

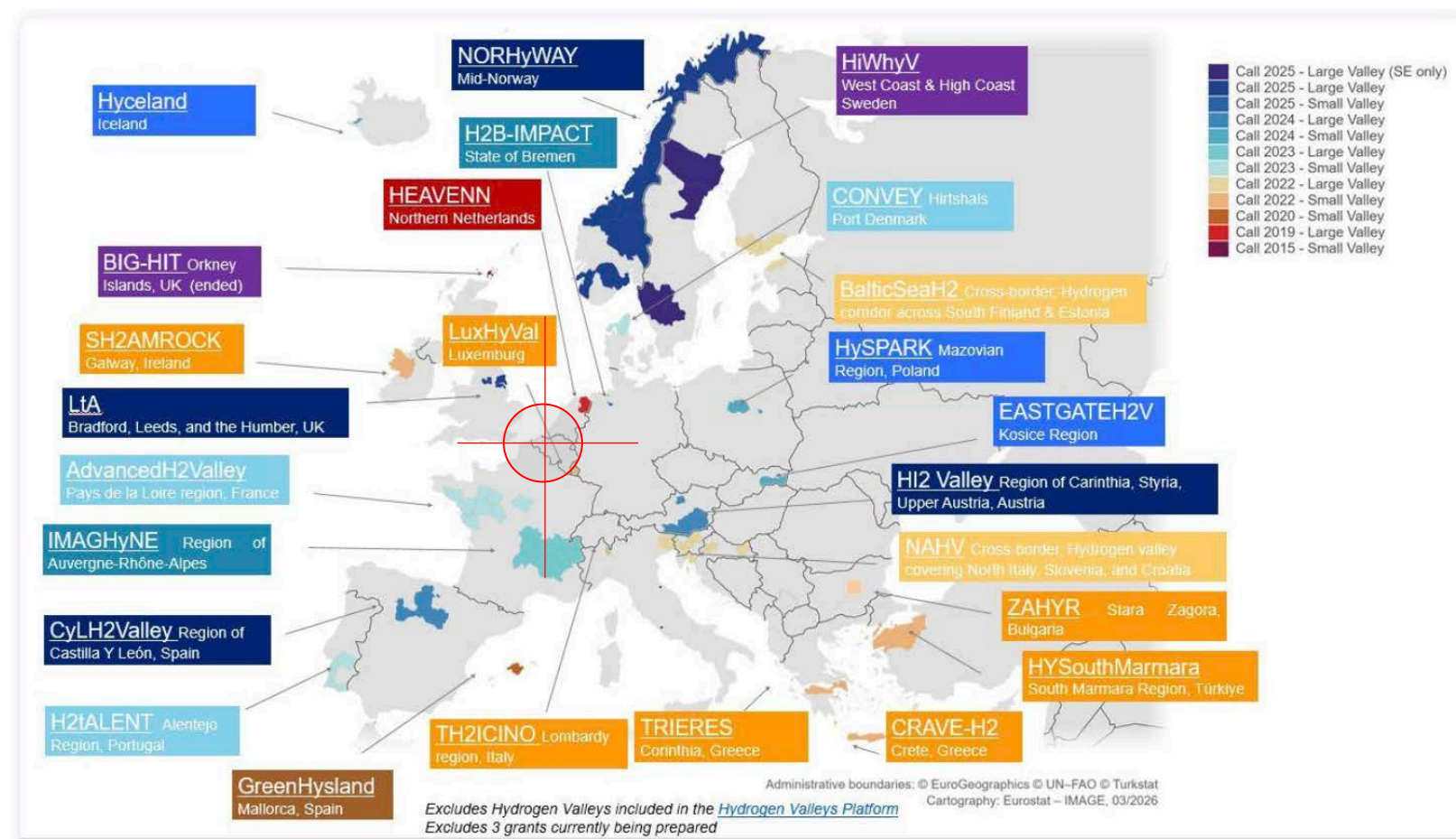


30+ partners



# 1. FLHyPorts:

Target : a hydrogen valley in Flanders



Hydrogen Valleys supported by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership

# 1. FLHyPorts:

## Several stand-alone hydrogen projects in Flanders



### 1. HyOffWind

- 25 MW alkaline electrolyser
- EU technology
- RFNBO compliant
- SOP Q4 2026
- Tubetrailer, pipeline & gasgrid

### 2. H2 Backbone, Fluxys BE HNO

- First capacity in 2026
- 30 TWh by 2030

### 3. Harbours

- Import/terminals
- Straddle carrier

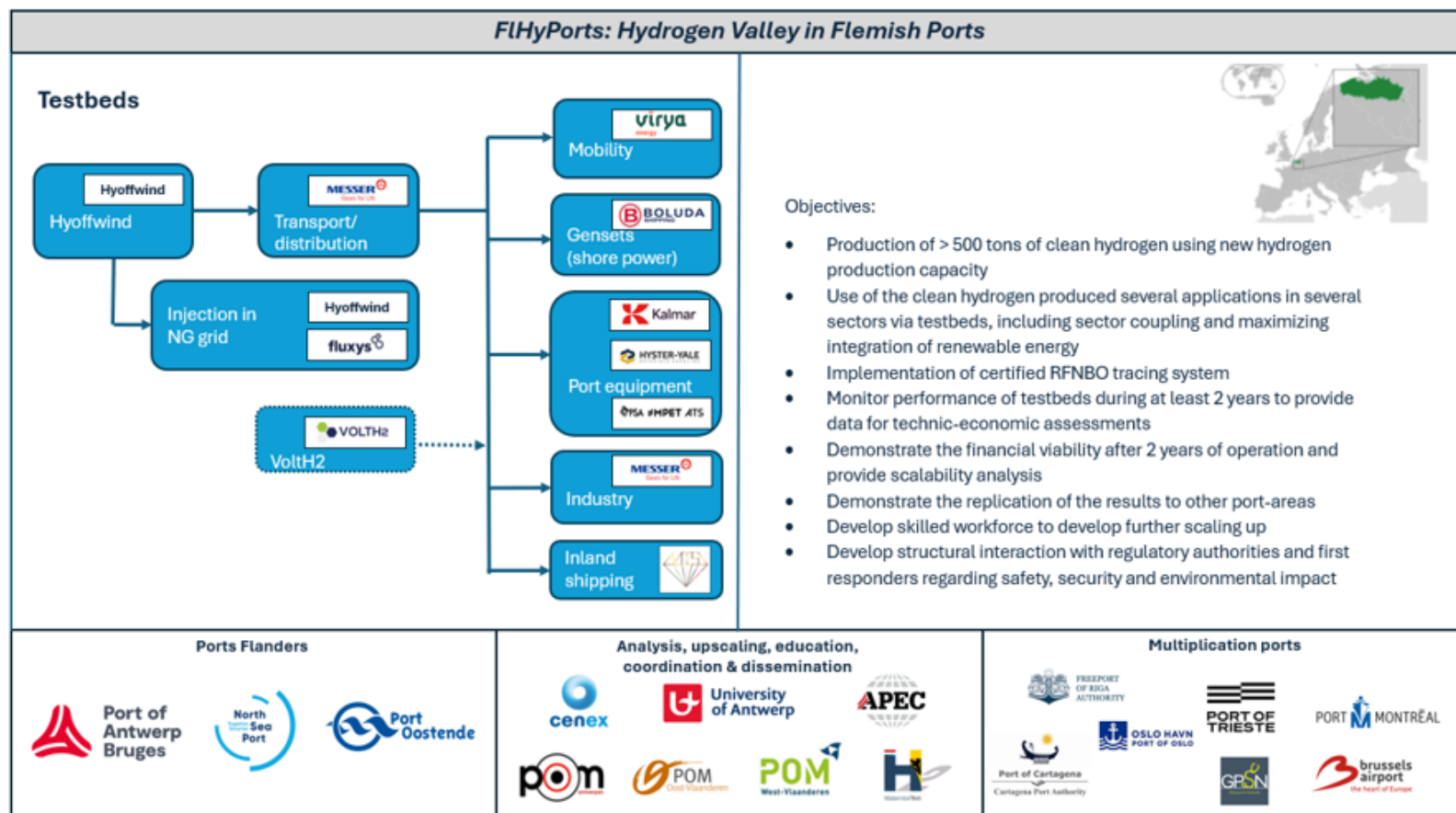
### 4. Shipping

- Inland & tugboat

### 5. Mobility

- DATS H2 stations

# 1. FLHyPorts: from isolated projects to an integrated Minimal Viable ecosystem



- Our guarantee for success:**
- Cooperation of ports: PoAB, NSP & Ostend
  - Hydrogen Ambassadors: Virya & Messer
  - Hydrogen Application : from TRL 6 → 8
    - trucks
    - industry
    - port equipment
    - shore power for tug boats
    - inland vessel

Project	Cost [M€]	Grants [M€]	Private Funding [M€]	Status
Hyoffwind electrolyser	80	30	50	FID 2024, under construction
FLHyPorts	12,1	8,9	3,2	
multipurpose fuelling				concept/permit ready
injection natural gas grid				concept/permit ready
distribution equipment				TRL 6 equipment
RFNBO-compliant tool				tool to be developed/certified
port equipment				TRL 6 equipment
gan sets /shore power				TRL 6 equipment
mobility/trucks				6 HRS operational
industry grey/green				existing end users
inland vessel				TRL 6 equipment
evidence based plans for: upscaling FLHyports area replication other ports education/civil servants				experienced partners
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,1</b>	<b>38,9</b>	<b>53,2</b>	CHP funding (8,9 M€) required as 9,7% of overall budget, remaining budget is already committed

## 2. Connect the H2 valley/dots : ValHyCon (2026 – 2028)

### Learn

- transnational information exchange
- best practices/lessons learned

### Scale

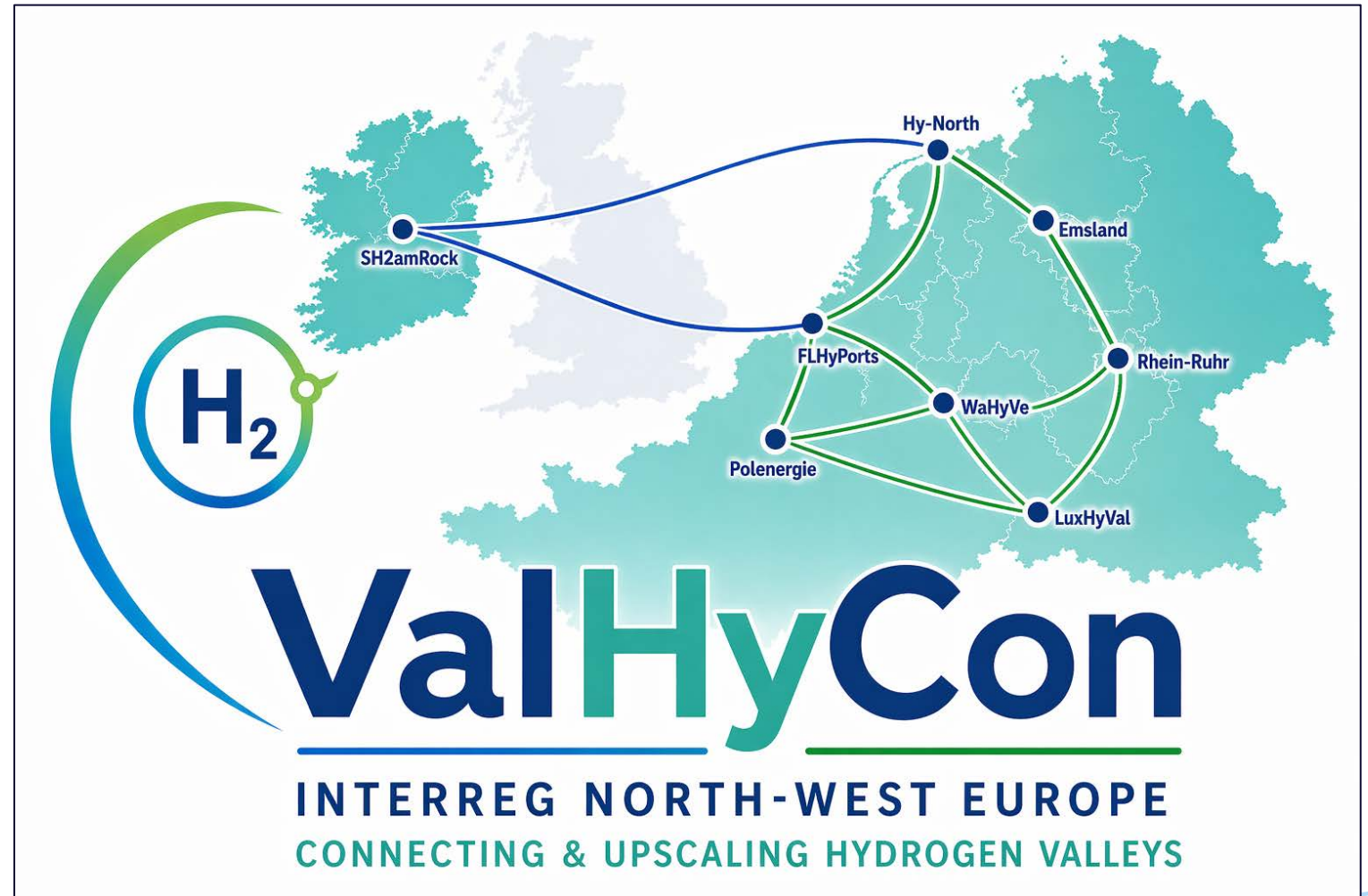
- exchanging experiences on scaling
- joint scaling plans

### Connect

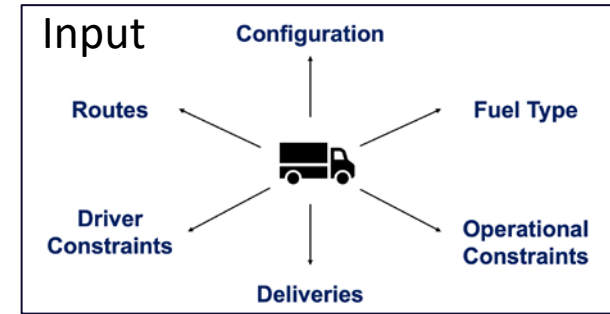
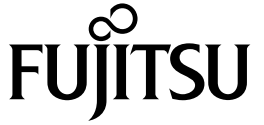
- transnational connection between hydrogen valleys

### Joint Implementation strategy

- roadmap for Interreg NWE-area (2030 – 2040) based upon the hydrogen valleys



# 3. H2 in heavy duty transport



## Conclusion & advice

- Decarbonisation → energy independency & electric grid congestion
- Scale matters : minimal viable ecosystem
- Connecting the H2Dots : organic growth
- Valley strategy:
  - Pursue your own valley; local strength, available assistance & CHP advice
  - Link up with others
  - Develop local applications

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# Coffee break

# Session 2: Learning from experience – Recent developments in the H2 Valleys



**Luigi Crema**

President, Hydrogen Europe Research

# *Hydrogen Valleys as Europe's Scale-Up Platforms: From Research Excellence to Market Deployment*

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Hydrogen Europe Research

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# Hydrogen Valleys: Turning Research into Deployment

*Hydrogen Valleys connect R&I excellence with real economic transformation*

Source: <https://www.clean-hydrogen.europa.eu/>



Source: GreenSkills4Hydrogen



Source: <https://economy.ac/>

- *Europe* has **world-class hydrogen research**, technology providers and industrial users
- The challenge is no longer only invention — it is industrialisation, deployment and scale-up
- *Hydrogen Valleys* are the bridge between laboratories, pilots and functioning markets
- *Hydrogen Valleys* are one of the EU answers to EU **Sovereignty, Energy security, Resilience and Climate**

# Our Members

We represent the European Hydrogen Research Community with > 170 members in 30 countries



**900+ scientists**  
involved in defining priorities  
for the FCH sector



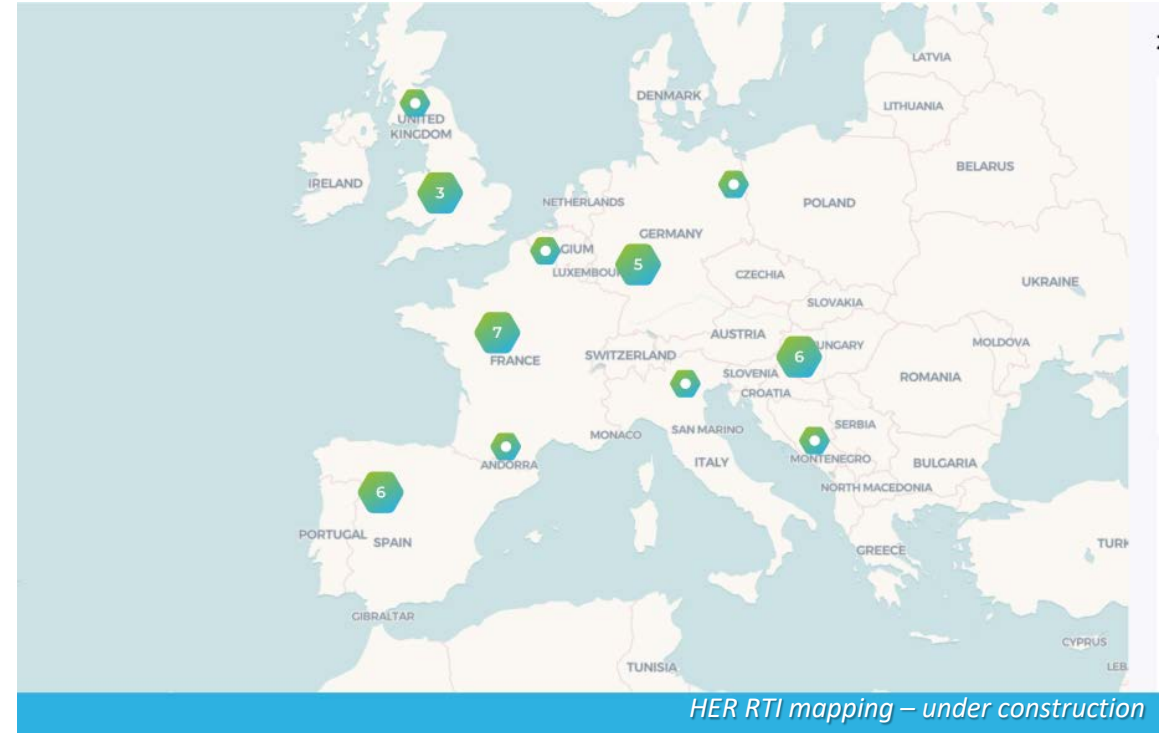
# The Role of Hydrogen Europe Research

*R&I is not upstream only — it is essential throughout deployment*



Hydrogen Europe Research contributes by supporting:

- Advanced **research** and emerging technologies
- Translational **innovation** from low TRL to pre-commercial scale
- Access to **research infrastructures** and testing facilities
- **Cross-border** scientific collaboration and networking
- **Policy** input for innovation-friendly frameworks
  
- **Skills** development and talent pipelines



European Hydrogen Observatory



Skills Working Group



Skills Task Force



Green Skills for Hydrogen

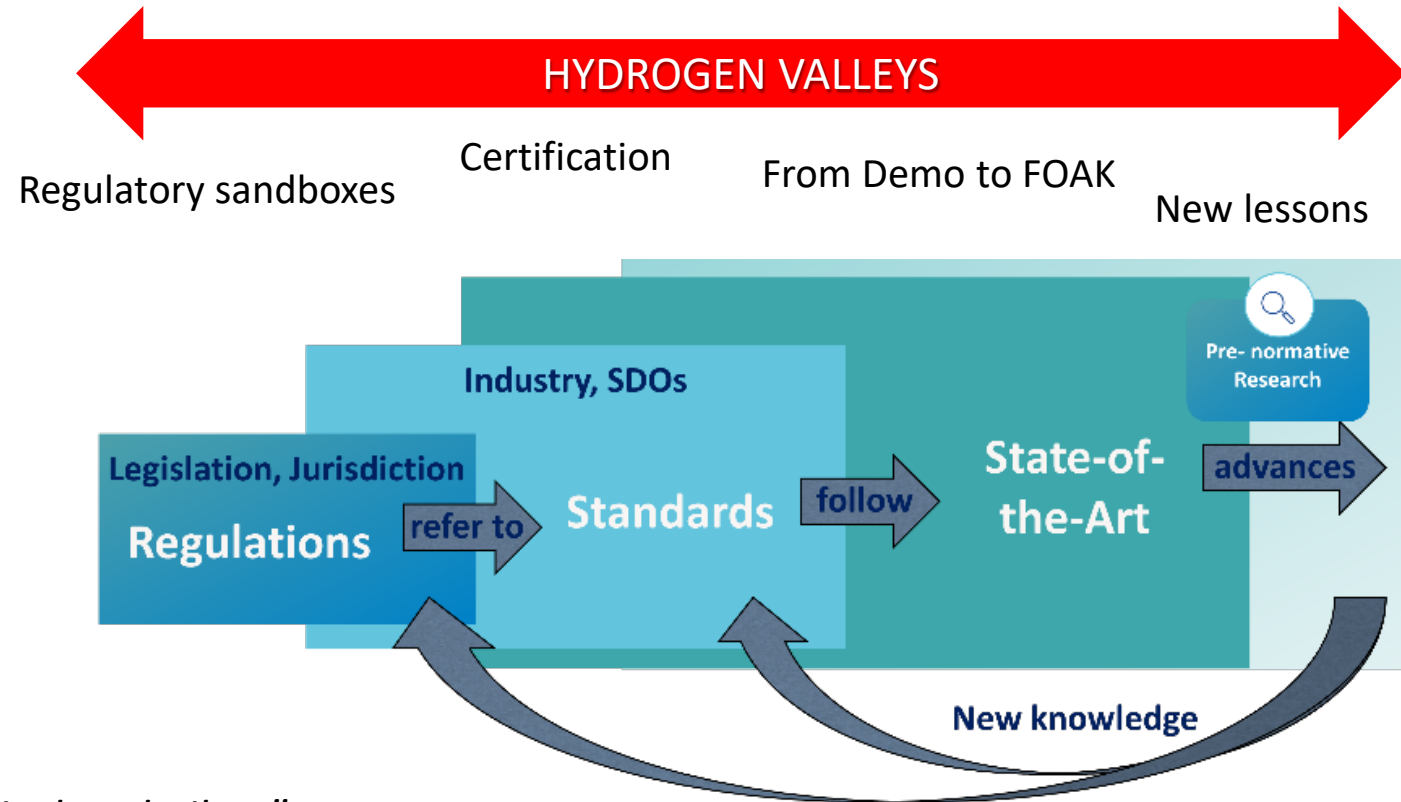


# Why Hydrogen Valleys Matter for R&I

*Real-World Laboratories for Innovation*

**Hydrogen Valleys** provide **environments** where research can be validated in practice:

- **System integration** under real operating conditions
- Performance, durability and reliability **learning**
- **Safety** and operational protocols
- **Digital** optimisation and AI-based control
- Multi-user **infrastructure design**
- **Replication** models for future regions



*“Valleys accelerate learning curves faster than isolated pilots”*

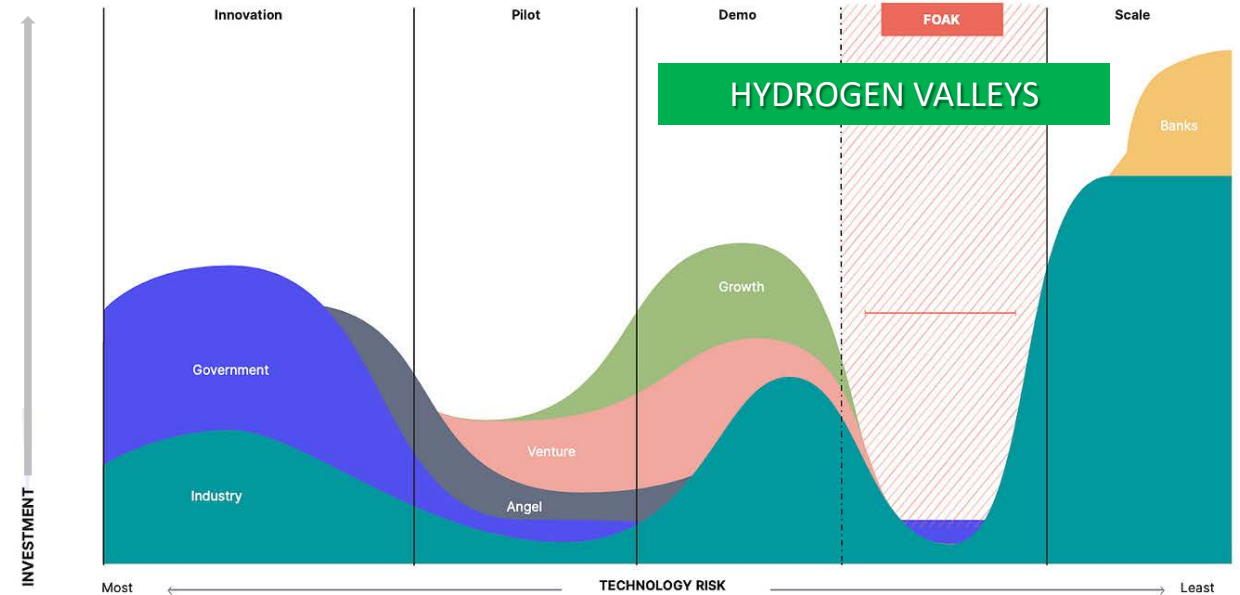
# From Low TRL to Industrial Scale

*The Missing Middle of Innovation TRL1-3→TRL4-6→TRL7-9→Market*

Europe is strong in research and growing in deployment, but the difficult zone remains

- **Demonstration** financing
- **First-of-a-kind** Engineering and Techs
- Integration risk
- **Certification** readiness
- **Investor** confidence
- **Supply-chain** maturity

FOAK is the first step to *Scale*



Source: Sightline Climate, RMI, McKinsey

# Clean Hydrogen Partnership & SRIA

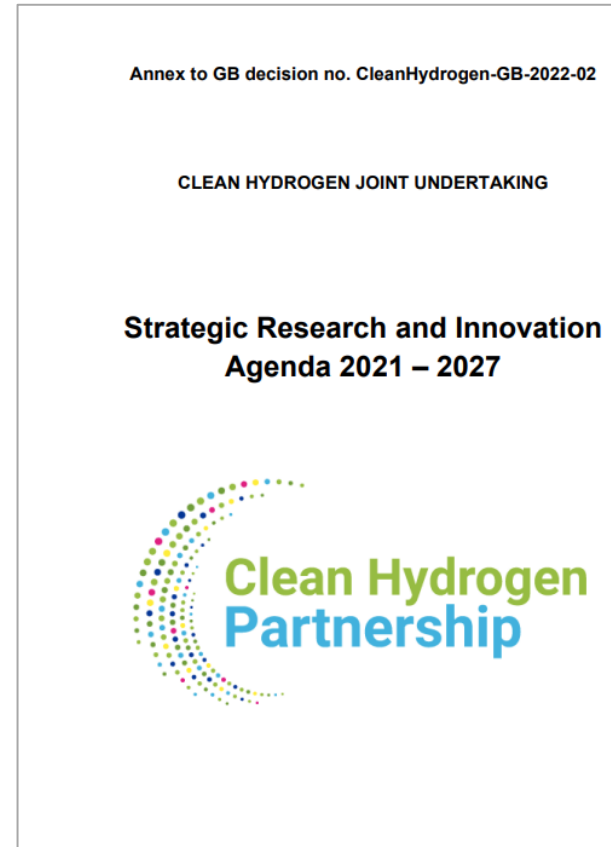
*The SRIA links science priorities with industrial deployment needs.*



## Strategic Direction for European Deployment

Clean Hydrogen Partnership and its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) help align priorities across:

- Hydrogen production technologies
- Storage and transport systems
- End-use applications
- Hydrogen Valleys and regional ecosystems
- Safety, standards and sustainability
- Skills and competitiveness



*Circular approach to identify Research Priorities inside the Clean Hydrogen JU and HER*



# Challenges Faced by New Hydrogen Valleys

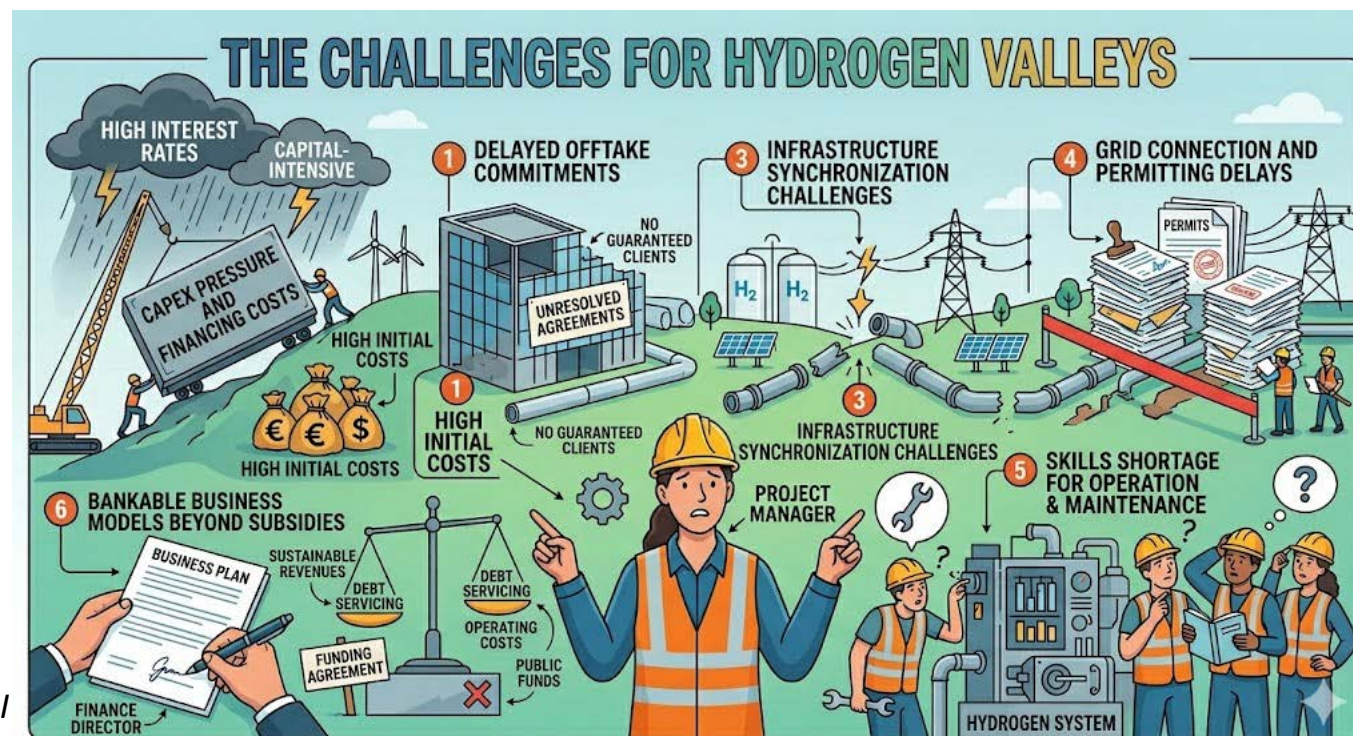
*Why Scale-Up Is Harder Than Innovation*

Indicator	Value	Key Insight
Operational valleys	<b>8%</b>	Very early deployment phase
Under construction	<b>15%</b>	Pipeline is building up
Pre-/post-FID	<b>41%</b>	Critical scale-up bottleneck
Concept / feasibility	<b>11%</b>	Innovation pipeline still active
Leading countries	Spain (~18), Germany (~15), Italy (7), Portugal (6), France (~6)	Industrial ecosystems drive deployment
Countries with <3 valleys	Majority of EU	Strong regional imbalance

Reality check

“Only 8% are operational, the challenge is scale-up”

Source: HER



# Success Factors for Scaling Up

*What Works in Practice*



The strongest Hydrogen Valleys combine:

- Proven technology + continuous innovation
- Anchor industrial demand
- Modular expansion pathways
- Public-private governance
- Strong regional acceptance
- Skilled workforce pipelines
- Ongoing R&D support during operation

Number of Hydrogen Valleys	<b>85</b>	Europe has reached continental scale
Total planned H <sub>2</sub> production	<b>&gt; 3.6 Mt/year</b>	Significant contribution to future demand
Average investment (EU-funded valleys)	<b>€140 million</b>	Medium-scale demonstrators
Average investment (national/regional)	<b>€810 million</b>	Larger, more industrial-scale projects
Total EU funding to valleys	<b>~€542 million</b>	Strong but still limited leverage
Funding via Clean Hydrogen Partnership	<b>~€250 million</b>	Central role of the Partnership

Source: HER

“We are no longer discussing pilots, we are building a European system”



# Hydrogen Valley Concept 2.0

*Valleys must now become engines of industrial transformation*

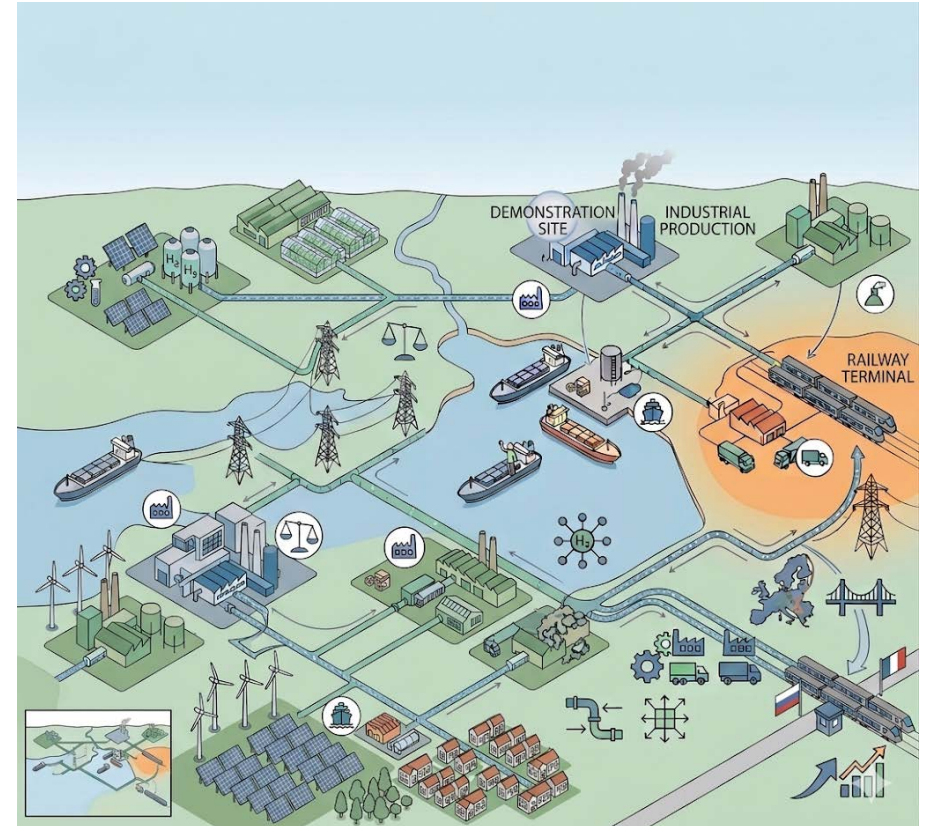
## From Demonstrators to Growth Platforms

### Old concept

- Showcase projects
- Technology focus
- Limited scale

### New concept

- Industrial ecosystems
- Corridor and cross-border logic
- Demand aggregation
- Flexible infrastructure
- Long-term competitiveness focus



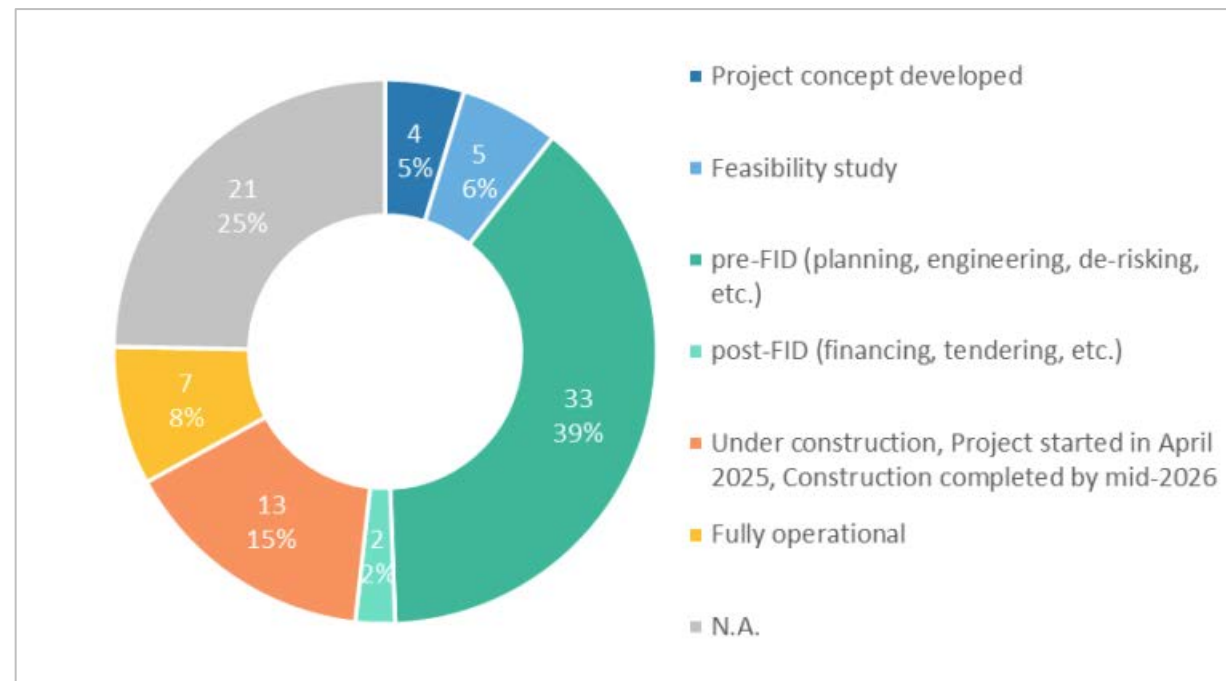
# What Europe Needs Next

*Innovation policy and industrial policy must converge*

**Strengthening the Research-to-Market Chain, Europe should reinforce**

- Continued funding for **breakthrough R&I**
- Demonstration and **first-commercial** support
- Faster **regulation** and **permitting**
- **Demand-side** market creation tools
- Access to **test infrastructures**
- Skills academies and reskilling
- Stronger links between regions and EU instruments

Source: <https://set4h2.eu/>



*“Acceleration will become a key priority!!!*

*This could be streamlined by a **CLEAN HYDROGEN PARTNERSHIP 2.0**”*

# Closing Message

## Hydrogen Valleys Are Europe's Scale-Up Infrastructure

- They transform research into jobs, assets and competitiveness
- They reduce the distance between invention and market uptake
  - They allow Europe to lead not only in ideas, but in implementation

*“Europe does not lack hydrogen innovation,  
Europe must now win the race on deployment and scale-up”*

# THANK YOU!

# Session 2: Learning from experience – Recent developments in the H2 Valleys



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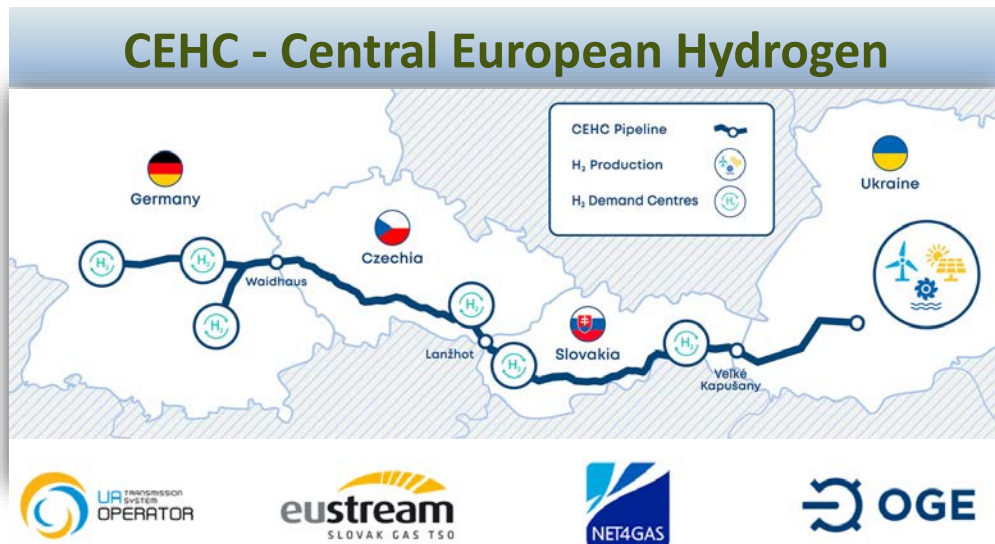
# EASTGATEH2V

## Learning from practice: Slovakia's first Hydrogen Valley

*From pilot operation to a scalable Hydrogen Valley in an EU13 region*

## EASTGATEH2V at a glance

- First Hydrogen Valley in Slovakia (EU13)
- Integrated renewable hydrogen value chain:
  - 4 MW electrolysis (2 × 2 MW)
  - hydrogen distribution via trailers
  - mobility, industrial end-use end energy sector



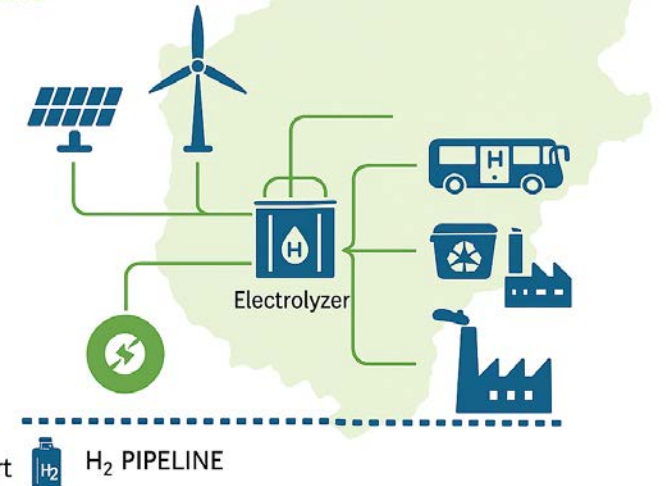
## EASTGATE HYDROGEN VALLEY Summary and Status

Deployment of an integrated hydrogen ecosystem in the Kosice Self-Governing Region of eastern Slovakia, at the border with Ukraine



Production Capacity  
4 MW

Off-takers  
450 tonnes H<sub>2</sub>/year transport



- Currently in project development phase
  - preparation of public procurement
  - permitting and stakeholder coordination
- Regional and cross-border relevance (SK-CZ-DE-UA gateway)

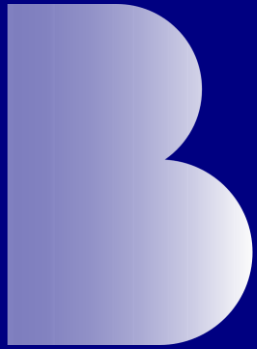
# Lunch break

# Session 3: Moving towards FID – First-hand insights from PDA Beneficiaries



**Markus Kaufmann**

Partner, Roland Berger



# Insights into the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of the PDA programme

Presentation of the Results Report to the Project Development Assistance Programme as part of the Hydrogen Valleys Facility

Antwerp, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Roland  
Berger

# The H2V Facility delivers dedicated support to hydrogen practitioners via PDA


The Hydrogen Valleys Facility




[h2v.eu](https://h2v.eu)

Dedicated support via the **Hydrogen Valleys Facility** by




**1**  **Project Development Assistance**

Provision of dedicated Project Development Assistance (PDA) for Hydrogen Valleys projects towards Final Investment Decision

**2**  **H2V Knowledge Centre & Capacity Building**

Sharing & dissemination of knowledge and provision of capacity building for Hydrogen Valleys and the broader hydrogen community

**3** **H2V Platform** 

Maintenance & extension of the Hydrogen Valley Platform to enhance its positioning as the global one-stop-shop for hydrogen flagship projects



**Delivery partners**

# One of the core pillars of the H2V Facility is to advance Hydrogen Valley projects with Project Development Assistance closer to their Final Investment Decision

- Project Development Assistance programme

Development

Regulatory support

Valley governance support

Delivery partners

- The tailored expert support is delivered by **Roland Berger** and its technical subcontractor **Worley**.



## PDA light

Idea stage

Concept stage

6 weeks

Commercial support  
Technical support

up to **40** (2025-2027)

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## PDA plus

Concept stage

Feasibility stage

12 weeks



Project status at start



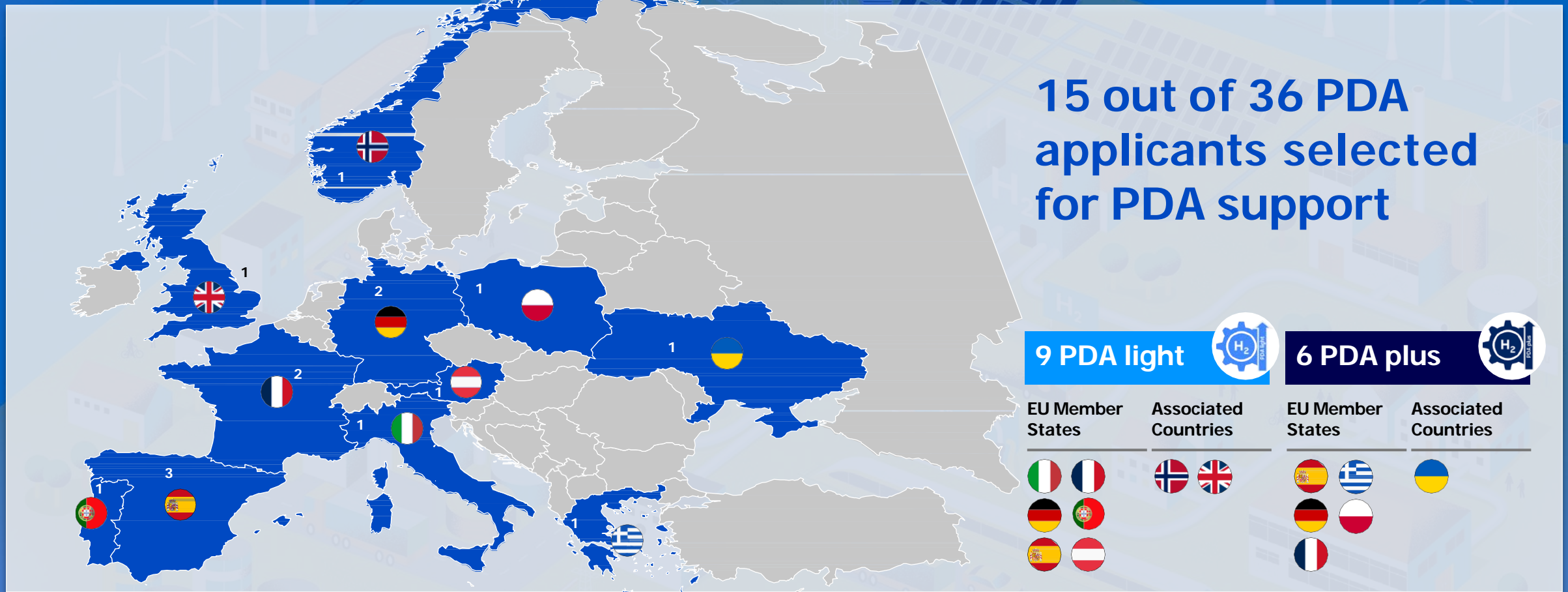
Project status at end



Programme duration

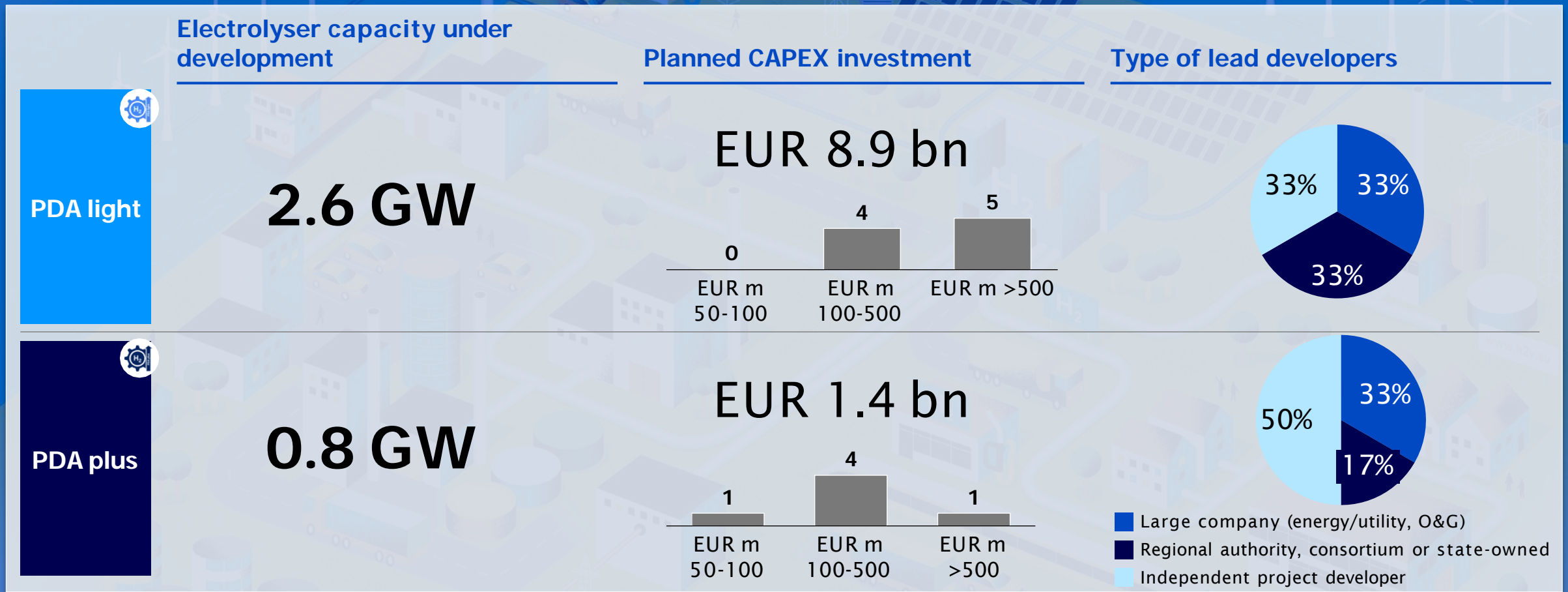
# The PDA support was in high demand - The first PDA wave supported 15 out of 36 applicants across Europe with dedicated expert support

Geographical distribution of PDA Beneficiaries of 1st PDA cohort



# The 15 PDA Beneficiaries reflect a broad mix of lead developer types, spanning all key stakeholder groups and investment scales

Type of lead developer and CAPEX range of PDA Beneficiary Hydrogen Valley Projects



- Large company (energy/utility, O&G)
- Regional authority, consortium or state-owned
- Independent project developer

# The 15 supported projects develop a broad variety of assets along the entire H<sub>2</sub> value chain

## Hydrogen value chain assets of PDA Beneficiaries

### Renewable energy sourcing



- Onsite renewable energy sources (solar PV, onshore wind, hydropower)
- Use of renewable energy sources via PPAs
- Use of grid electricity

### H<sub>2</sub> production



- Small alkaline and PEM electrolyzers (<10 MW)
- Mid-scale alkaline and PEM electrolyzers (<50 MW)
- Large-scale alkaline and PEM electrolyzers (50-500 MW)

### H<sub>2</sub> storage



- Pressure & storage systems, incl. line pack storage, carbon steel tanks, maritime bunkering
- Compressors and compression stations
- (Salt) cavern storage
- Underground and on-site mobile storage
- Buffers & tanks

### H<sub>2</sub> transport & distribution



- H<sub>2</sub> connecting pipelines (incl. to European Hydrogen Backbone)
- Tube trailers
- Hydrogen refuelling stations
- Dispensers
- Short- and medium-distance logistics (incl. rail & trucking)
- Onsite pipelines
- Gas grid adaption

### H<sub>2</sub> end use



- Industry
- Energy
- Mobility

# The Hydrogen Valley projects extend over the entire value chain with lead developers mostly covering the upstream parts of the H<sub>2</sub> value chain coverage of PDA Beneficiaries

Hydrogen Valley	Lead developer	H <sub>2</sub> value chain coverage					
		Renewable energy sourcing <sup>1</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> production	H <sub>2</sub> storage	H <sub>2</sub> transportation & distribution	H <sub>2</sub> end use	
PDA plus	North-1	Hellenic Hydrogen	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	Amber	Orlen	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered partially
	H2SUD	Region SUD	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered partially
	Anklam	Enertrag	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	Orange.bat	Smartenergy	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	GreenWest	Hydrogen Partners, UDP Renewables	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
PDA light	Zamora	Enertrag	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	HyCoast	Energy Transition Norway	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	RHYNE-UP	E-Mobil BW	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	HydrogER	Hera SpA	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered partially	Covered
	Galileu	Smartenergy	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered partially	Covered
	TAJUNA H2	RIC Energy	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	Coast 2 Coast	East Midlands Pipeline Ltd	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered partially	Covered
	HyNA	Région Nouvelle Aquitaine	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
	HyHope	Wien Energy, Hydroeconomy	Covered partially	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered

1) Not part of Hydrogen Valley definition as per Call for Applications

Covered directly by lead developer
  Covered by other members of the Hydrogen Valley/third parties
  Covered partially by lead developer

# The produced hydrogen and its derivatives is planned to be delivered to a broad range of industry and mobility end uses

Planned hydrogen products and end use segments



# We have supported PDA Beneficiaries in a broad range of topics relevant to mature the Hydrogen Valley projects to FID

## Selected PDA support areas

### Commercial

#### 1 H<sub>2</sub> & derivatives market review

- H<sub>2</sub> & derivatives **market study** regarding H<sub>2</sub> demand & supply
- **Willingness to pay** for different end uses

#### 2 Business case & financing

- **Business model** calibration
- (DEVEX) **financing** approach
- Update and refinement of **financial model**

#### 3 Securing offtake

- **Offtake strategy**
- **Go-to-market**
- Guardrails for **offtake agreement design**



### Technical

#### 4 Techno-economic optimization

- Techn. **validation & benchmarking**
- **Optimization** of technical concept, incl. CAPEX/ OPEX
- **Power sourcing** concept with focus on LCoH improvement



### Regulatory

#### 5 Regulatory aspects

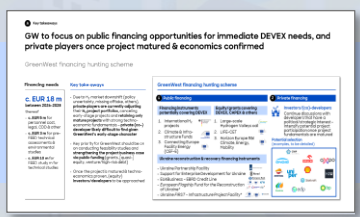
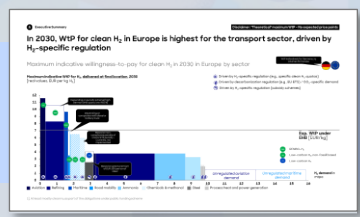
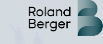
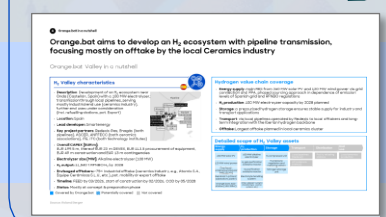
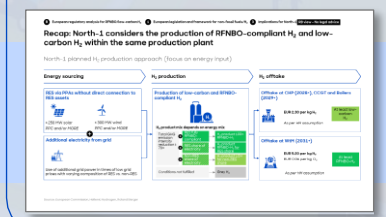
- Regulatory analysis of
  - RFNBO-H<sub>2</sub> and LCH regulations
  - RED III
  - EU ETS
  - Certification schemes
- **Socio-economic impact assessment**



### Governance

#### 6 Valley concept & other

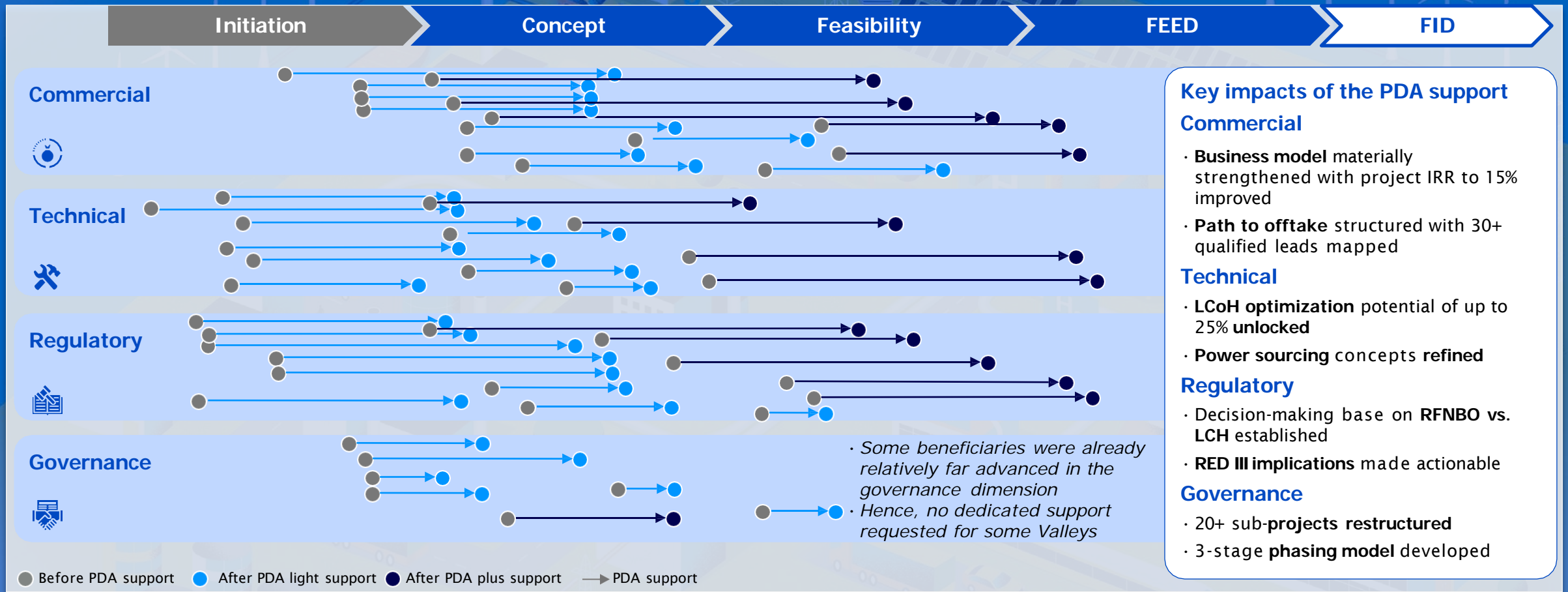
- Development of **project storyline**
- **Stakeholder organization**
- **Project planning & dependencies**

• Development of action roadmap to FID

# With the PDA, the Hydrogen Valley projects of the PDA light Beneficiaries could advanced from initiation to concept stage, PDA plus from concept to feasibility

Key impacts of the PDA programme



# The H<sub>2</sub> project development landscape is under pressure, but there are several enablers that can successfully advance Hydrogen Valley projects

Key H<sub>2</sub> market insights from our PDA support

## 1 Finding offtake is tough, but clearly possible

- Signing binding offtake as **major hurdle** for positive business case & financing
- H<sub>2</sub> projects that have **local industrial anchor offtakers** (e.g., refineries) can **address this challenge better**

## 2 Regulation is key enabler, but also stumbling block

- **Business cases are strongest with clear and binding H<sub>2</sub>-specific regulation** (e.g. refining)
- **Delayed RED III implementation** poses high **uncertainty** for H<sub>2</sub> demand & willingness to pay
- **LCH is gaining traction alongside RFNBO** – **pragmatic certification** for both will be key to unlock investments

## 3 There are (still) few positive business cases

- Business cases **need to yet achieve desired equity returns**
- **LCoH is to be lowered** to meet WtP in most offtake segments, e.g., via techno-economic optimization
- **Additional revenue streams to be explored** (e.g., sale of H<sub>2</sub>, grid services)

## 4 Early-stage funding support is a bottleneck

- Most project financing instruments are CAPEX-related – there is a **blind spot for DEVEX support**
- **PDA services as DEVEX support in-kind** are an **efficient tool to address this gap** and keep projects in the game during difficult market phase

# All these findings and more in our PDA Results Report! Apply now and spread the word for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications

PDA Results Report and 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications for PDA support

## PDA Results Report out now



## Details for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PDA call

### What is offered?

Up to 13 PDA light/plus



### Who can apply?

Hydrogen projects in EU/Horizon Europe countries meeting the valley criteria

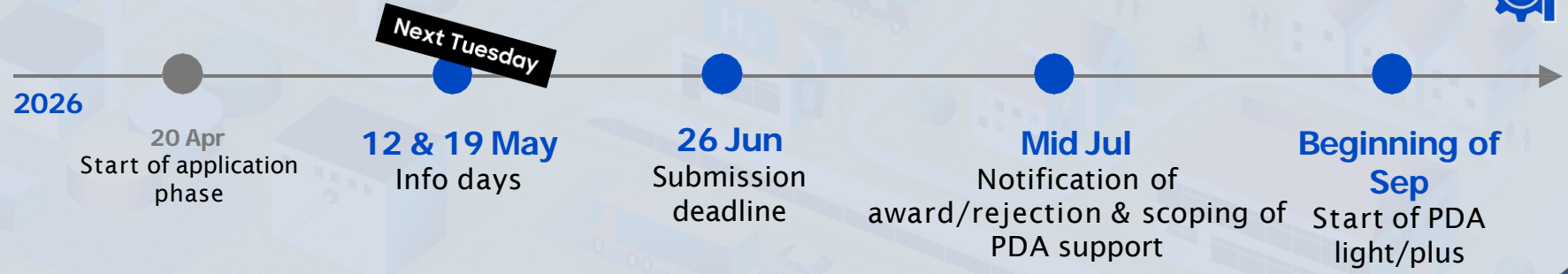


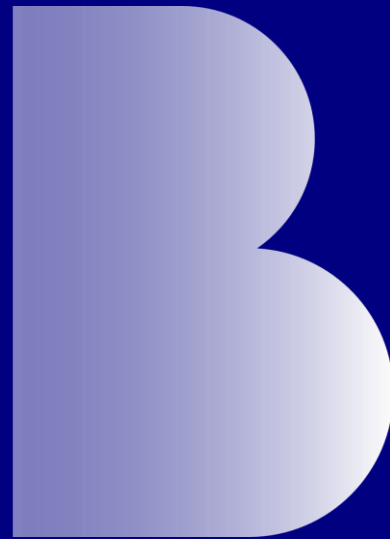
### How to apply?

Complete application on dedicated application platform as part of the H2V Platform



## Timeline application / award process





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# About H2SUD: a large-scale project



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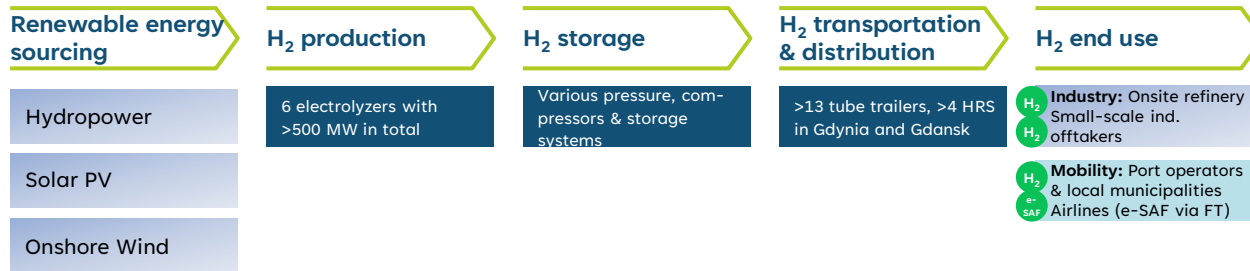
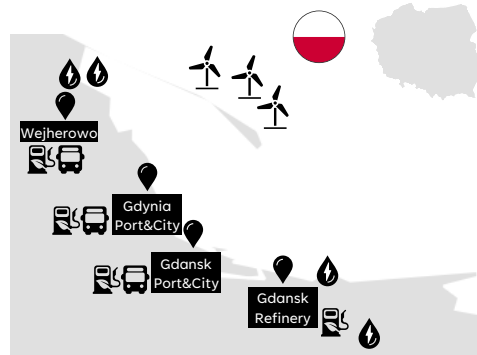
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# Amber Hydrogen Valley

Project details and PDA+ summary

## Amber Hydrogen Valley in a nutshell

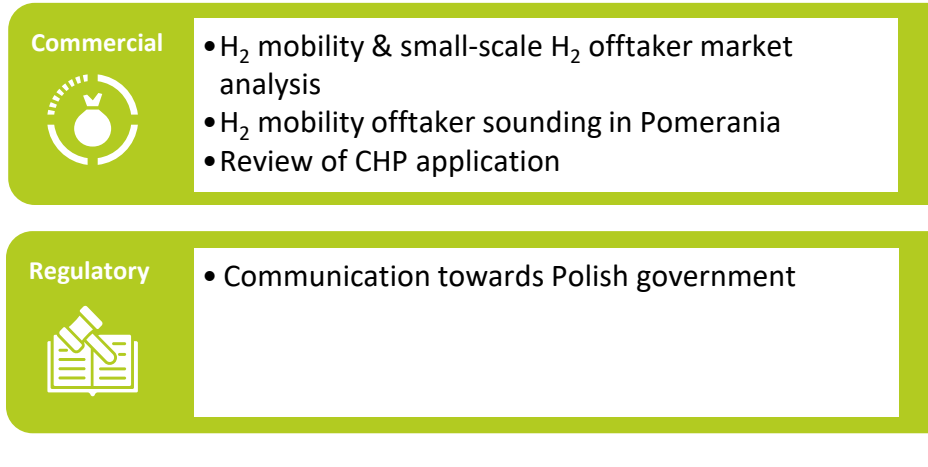
- **Description:** The Pomerania Hydrogen Valley centers on decarbonizing the Pomerania public transport, Gdańsk refinery and a Gdynia port ecosystem through over 500 MW of electrolysis and large-scale H<sub>2</sub> and derivative production, including Sustainable Aviation Fuel. It integrates renewable power, H<sub>2</sub> production, storage, transport via tube trailers, and expanding refuelling infrastructure to serve mobility end uses and industry end uses.
- **Lead developer:** ORLEN (Multi-energy group)
- **Electrolyzer size [MW]:** >500 MW
- **H<sub>2</sub> & derivatives output:** <55 ktpa H<sub>2</sub>, e-SAF
- **Timeline:** Various FID and COD for sub-projects
- **Status:** Preparatory phase (large scale electrolyzers), Construction (Pure H<sub>2</sub>, HRSEs)



■ Covered directly by PDA Beneficiary (ORLEN)
 ■ Covered by other members of the Hydrogen Valley/third-party off-takers

H<sub>2</sub> Hydrogen
 e-SAF e-SAF

## Key areas of PDA support



## Planned next steps in the Hydrogen Valley development

- Submission of the revised Amber Hydrogen Valley application reflecting PDA Plus recommendations
- Review of options to reorganize and optimize the Hydrogen Valley concept based on analysis and market feedback
- Launch of structured engagement with the Ministry, including a meeting to present the STEP Seal status, EU-level funding gap, and rationale for national support
- Advancement of follow-up actions to secure offtake and speed up implementation, focusing on H<sub>2</sub> mobility and regional demand

# Fireside chat on Role of Infrastructure and Storage on Connecting H2 Valleys



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# Coffee break

# Session 4: Making Hydrogen Valleys happen – Connecting Valley practitioners, policymakers and investors



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# State of Play of the deployment of large-scale hydrogen projects

HYDROGEN VALLEYS: CREATING IMPACT TOWARDS THE CLEAN HYDROGEN TRANSITION

06 May 2026, Antwerp, Belgium

# State of Play of the hydrogen Sector

**very ambitious targets,**  
**but failed in introducing an**  
**enabling policy framework, even**  
**for industrial sectors where clean**  
**hydrogen is the most viable**

## Delivery was further hampered by

- **Unfavorable rules and regulatory uncertainty** — temporality, additionality, geographic correlation of RFNBO rules made many projects uneconomical; uneven national frameworks compounded uncertainty.
- **RED III implementation delay** — only 2 Member States transposed on time, leaving no credible demand signal; projects cancelled not for lack of ambition but lack of off-takers.
- **Financing delays and poor sequencing** — projects applied before regulatory clarity existed, then faced stricter-than-expected RFNBO rules. IPCEI disbursements were slow, RRF windows missed, national schemes fragmented.

## REPowerEU Objectives by 2030

Renewable H <sub>2</sub> Production	20 Mt/y =v10 Mt/y domestic + 10 Mt/y imported
Electrolyser Capacity	40 GW

### Status of key regulatory frameworks

<b>RED III</b>	42% of industrial H <sub>2</sub> from RFNBO by 2030 – only 2/27 MS transposed on time
<b>EU H<sub>2</sub> Bank Funding</b>	> €20bn allocated; 7/18 round-2 projects withdrew
<b>H<sub>2</sub> &amp; Gas Decarbonisation</b>	Directive + Regulation (transposition by Aug 2026)
<b>Low-carbon H<sub>2</sub> Framework</b>	Delegated Reg. adopted Jul 2025; nuclear H <sub>2</sub> deferred 2028
<b>EU H<sub>2</sub> Mechanism</b>	Buyer-supplier matching launched Jul 2025, until Dec 2029

**8–10%**

of EU hydrogen projects reach FID

### Installed Capacity

**~1 GW**

Target: 6 GW (end-2024)

↓ Only 17% of the 2024 EU target — well below any credible 2030 trajectory

### Projected Capacity 2030

**~7 GW**

Target: 40 GW

↓ At current growth rates, only ~18% of 2030 target will be reached

### Cost of Renewable H<sub>2</sub> (RFNBO)

**~8 €/kg**

Fossil H<sub>2</sub> benchmark: ~2 €/kg

↑ 4x more expensive than fossil H<sub>2</sub>; no near-term convergence expected

### Electrolyser Growth 2024

**+51% YoY**

Under construction: 1.8 GW

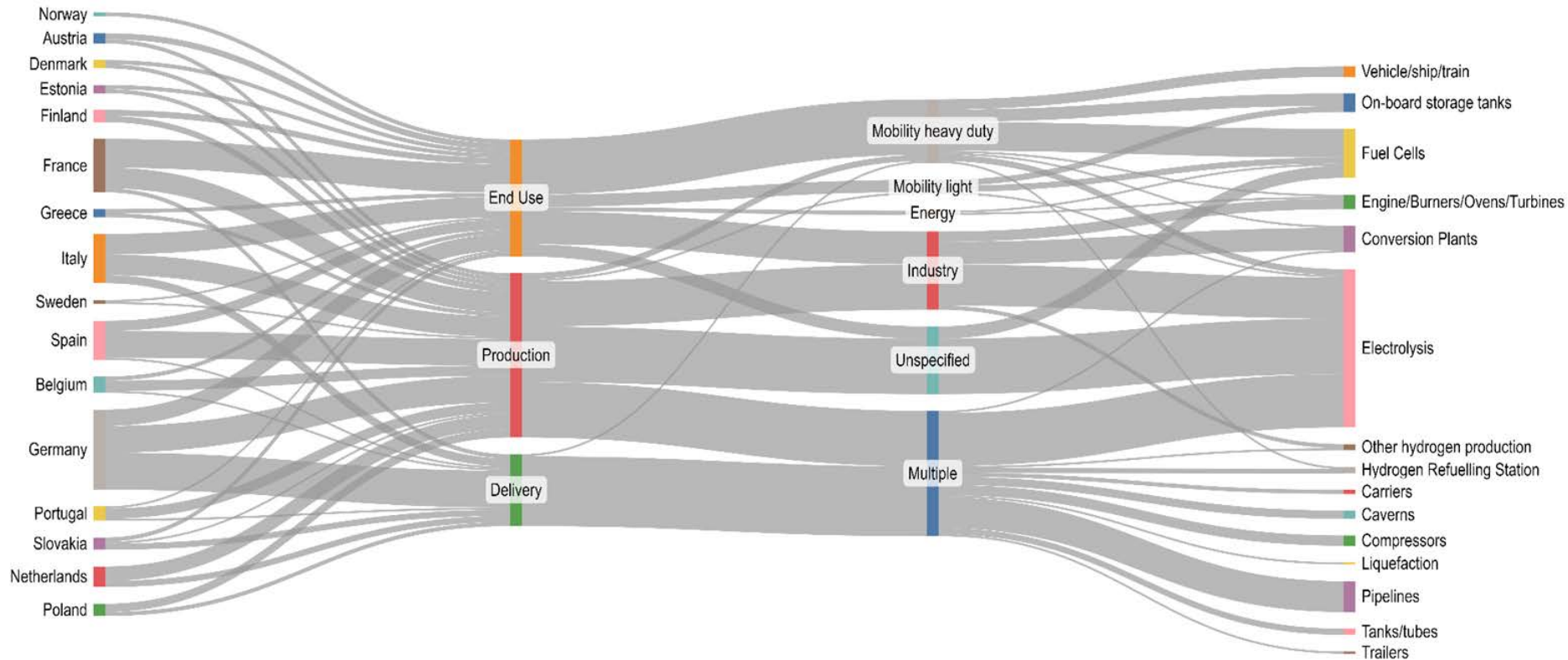
↑ Growth rate positive but must accelerate dramatically to close gap

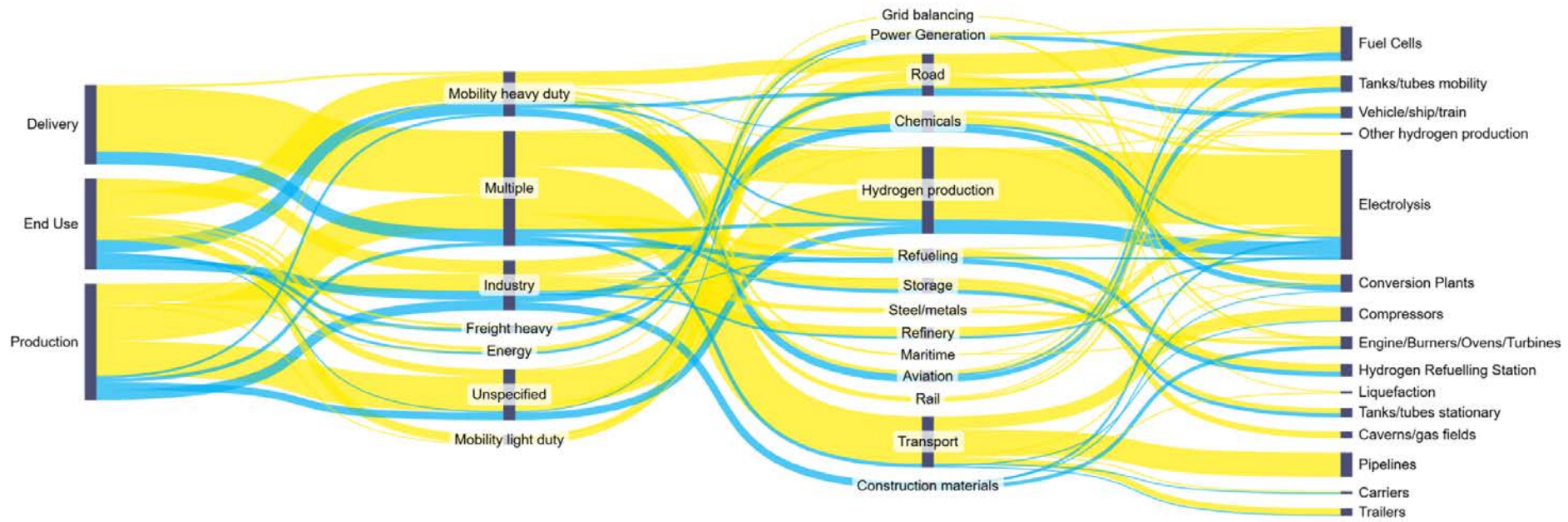
# IPCEI projects – implementation

Project status	Number of projects	Percentage of the total number of projects
Not yet started – No funding received or granted*	10 projects	10.6%
Projects delayed or seeking extension	23 projects - yellow 41 projects - red	68.1%
On schedule - Green	20 projects	21.3%
Final Investment Decision	19 (Hy2Infra and Hy2Use)	20%

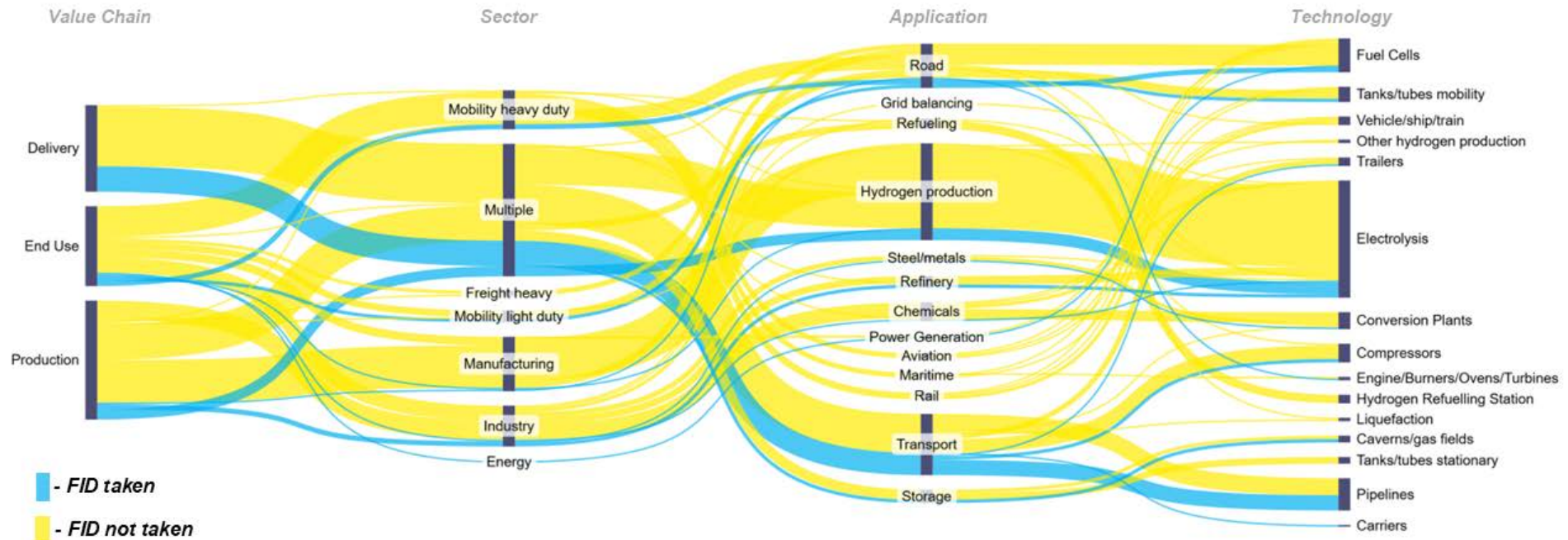
## Project Delivery

**29** projects withdrawn  
**€12.8bn** of €18.9bn state aid allocated by MS

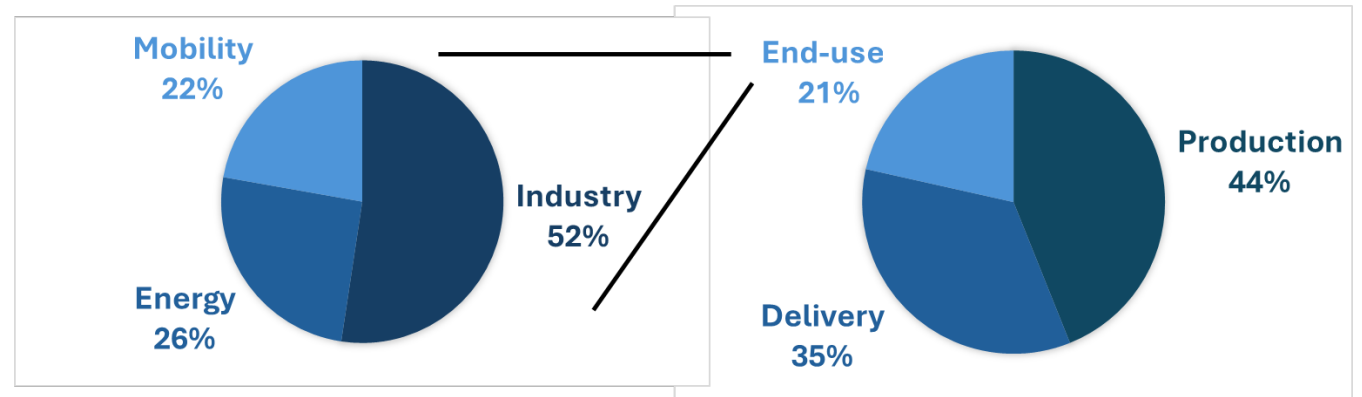
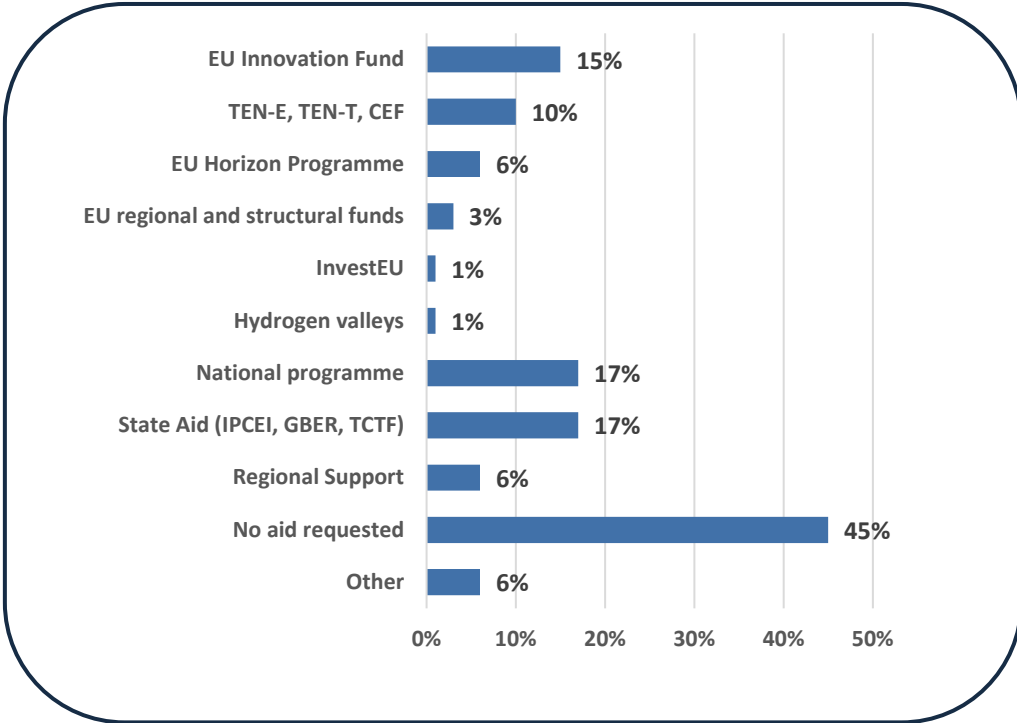




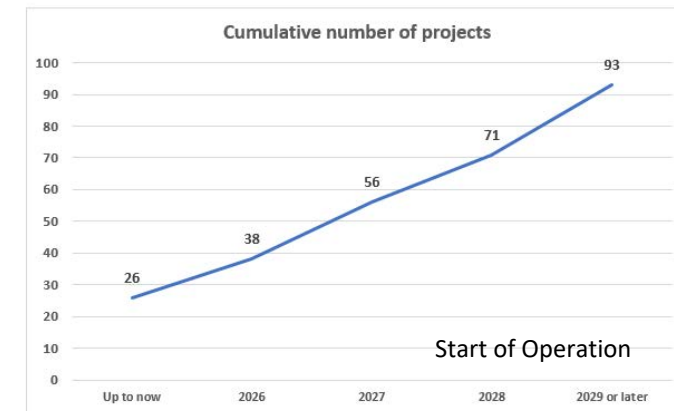
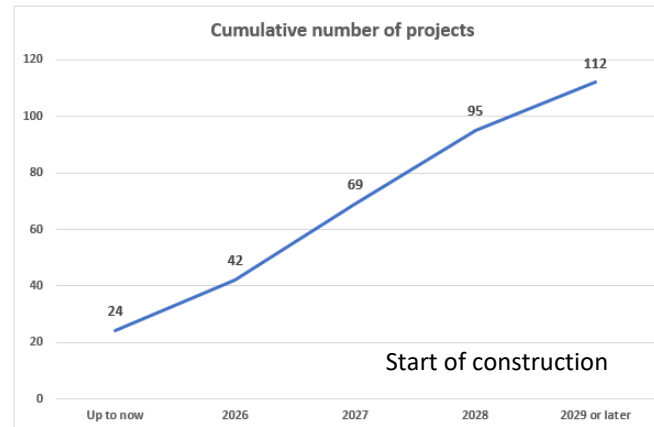
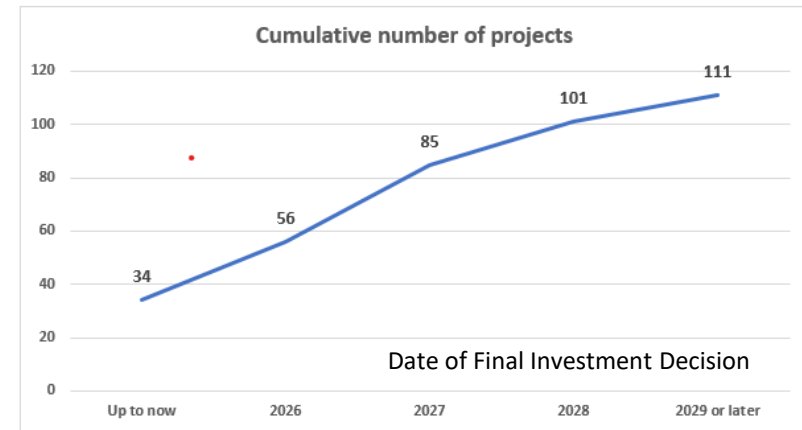
Sankey diagram – General overview of the four hydrogen IPCEIs, highlighting the type of projects that have withdrawn and taken FID (in blue)



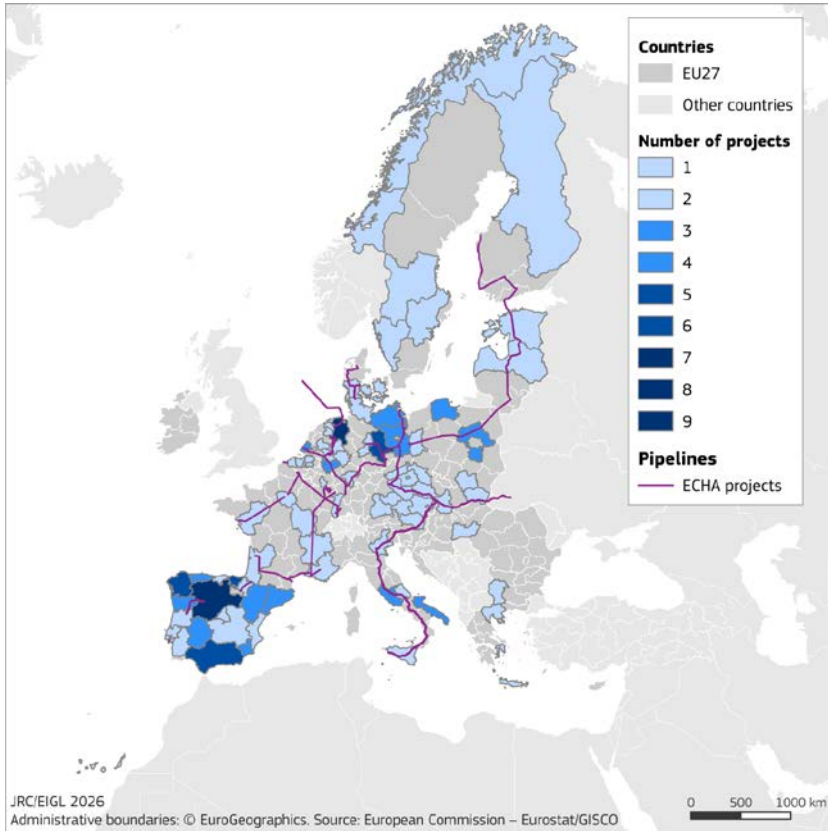
# ECH2A projects pipeline



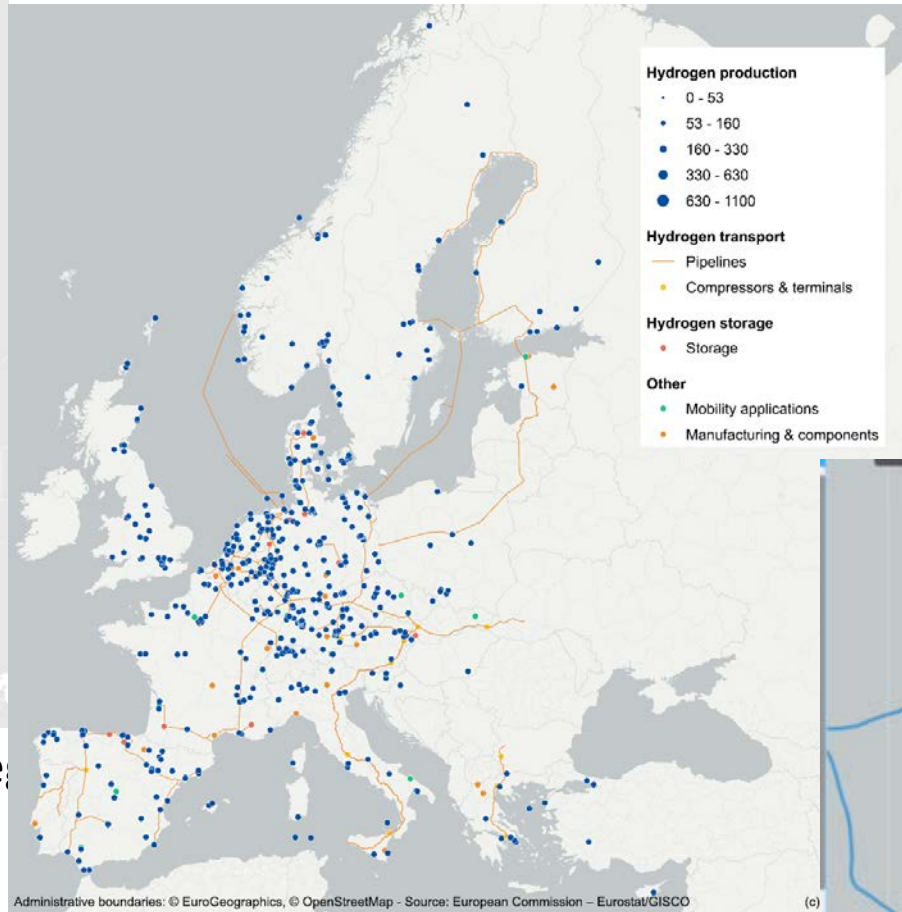
Off-take type / end use



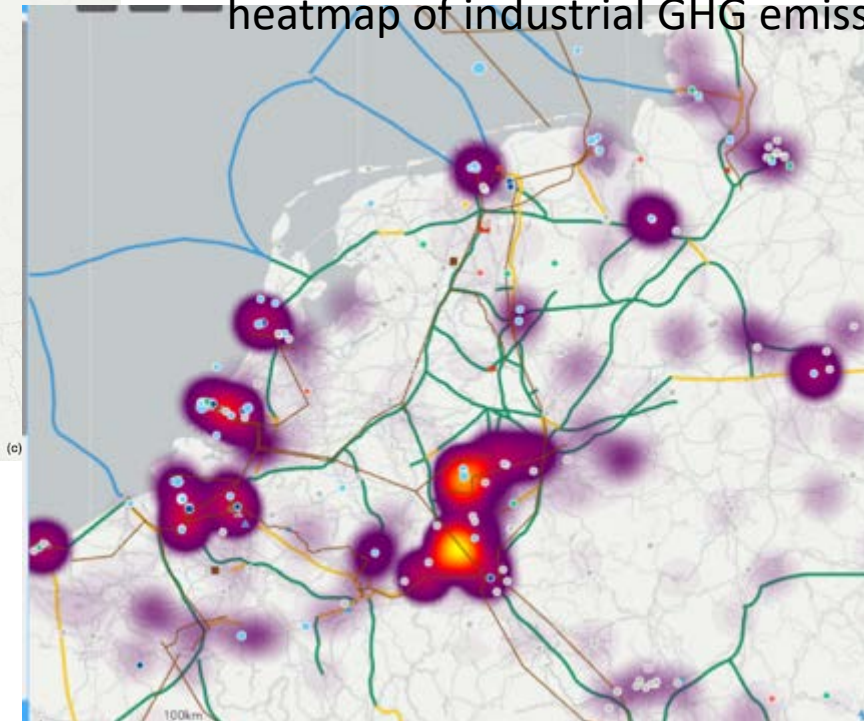
# EIGL – The Energy and Industry Geography Lab



Map of ECHA project distribution by region



Hydrogen projects in Europe



European hydrogen backbone map  
current hydrogen projects and  
heatmap of industrial GHG emissions

# Challenges and Barriers to implementation and deployment (1/2)

- **Regulatory Challenges**
- **Technological, market and economic**
- **Funding and financing**
- **Permitting**
- **Supply chain and Infrastructure**

# Challenges and Barriers to implementation and deployment (2/2)

- ❑ The main hurdles turn out to be high costs for renewable and low-carbon electricity, strict RFNBO rules (additionality & correlation), evolving European legislation and slow national implementation thereof, uncertain offtake, supply chain risks and slow permitting processes.
- ❑ The hydrogen market is characterized by significant uncertainties, including lack of commitment from off-takers, uncertainty on the customer side, and a lack of mature off-take markets for e-fuels.
- ❑ Competition from other technologies (e.g. as to other hydrogen carriers, electrification, carbon capture and storage) reduces investor confidence in hydrogen as a near-term growth market.
- ❑ Emerging competition from extra-EU countries (such as China) which could reduce expectations on future revenues and market shares of EU technology on both European and international markets.
- ❑ Overall, the market needs to continue to mature. The fact that governments are beginning to work on setting up demand-side support schemes to ensure visibility on price and volumes for off-takers is very much welcome.
- ❑ The limited availability of funding, high cost of capital, and lack of a stable revenue stream for hydrogen producers poses significant challenges for the industry.
- ❑ Inflationary pressure on CAPEX equipment and operation & maintenance (O&M) costs led to increased total project expenditure, prolonged payback periods, and overall a reduced overall financial viability for hydrogen investments.
- ❑ Project promoters mentioned that further incentives and additional funding support from the EU and national governments are strongly needed. There is a need for flexibility to adapt to the changing market situation.

# Conclusion

The development of a European market for clean hydrogen requires a long-term vision and strategy, including the establishment of a comprehensive regulatory framework, investment in research and development, and the development of infrastructure.

## Key elements in a hydrogen business case

- **Regulatory stability and predictability.**
- **Risk mitigation**
  - long-term offtake agreements.
- **Affordable delivery**
  - Access to hydrogen pipeline infrastructure and storage.
  - Support schemes for initial deployment.
- **Market demand**
  - Creation of lead markets, suitable for all low-emission products.
  - IAA, NZIA, RED industry targets, etc.

**A large number of different industries could benefit from access to affordable hydrogen via pipeline, as a flexible source of input or energy to processes and manufacturing. These include hard-to-abate industries and other industries. Below some examples:**

Substitution of **current hydrogen** use has most potential for fast market uptake. This covers **refining, ammonia and methanol.**

- 6 mt hydrogen demand in total
- Required hydrogen cost for a business case: 3-4/kg hydrogen delivered.

Mandated sectors in ReFuelEU (**e-SAF, maritime**) to increase demand.

- Increasing demand for hydrogen at current cost, thanks to high compliance penalty for failing to meet mandate.
- The ReFuelEU targets include dedicated e-SAF share, providing investment security.

**Steel** is the largest new demand and has already proved demand in car manufacturing.

- Realistic hydrogen demand around 1mt/a.
  - a 100% substitution for primary steel would require 2,5mt/a, possible by 2040.
  - Currently ~0,3mt/a in STEGRA, SALCOS, Tata
- Business case requires hydrogen at around €4/kg and would benefit from CBAM protection for downstream goods.
- The steel sector faces global competition, with the risk that any new demand for green steel in EU could be met with imports into EU.

# Thank you

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# Fireside chat: Bridging Big Industry and Start-up Innovation in Hydrogen Valleys



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# Summary and closing notes



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# Networking Reception

# Final Feedback survey:

