# THYGA

# TESTING HYDROGEN ADMIXTURE FOR GAS APPLICATIONS

| Project ID                       | 874983  |  |  |  |
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| PRR 2024                         | Pillar 5 – Cross-cutting  |  |  |  |
| Call topic                       | FCH-04-3-2019: Hydrogen<br>admixtures in natural gas domestic<br>and commercial end uses  |  |  |  |
| Project total<br>costs           | EUR 2 468 826.25  |  |  |  |
| Clean $H_2$ JU max. contribution | EUR 2 468 826.25  |  |  |  |
| Project period                   | 1.1.2020-31.3.2023  |  |  |  |
| Coordinator                      | Engie, France   |  |  |  |
| Beneficiaries                    | BDR Thermea Group BV,<br>Commissariat à l'énergie atomique<br>et aux énergies alternatives, Dansk<br>Gasteknisk Center A/S, Deutscher<br>Verein des Gas- und Wasserfaches –<br>Technisch-wissenschaftlicher Verein<br>EV, Electrolux Italia SpA, Gas.be,<br>Gaswärme-Institut Essen EV, Groupe<br>Européen de Recherches Gazières |  |  |  |

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#### **PROJECT AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

The THYGA project investigated the amount of hydrogen that can be injected without compromising the safety, emissions and efficiency of existing and new applications. It focused on the end-user perspective, specifically domestic and commercial gas appliances (space heating, hot water, cooking and catering), which account for > 40 % of the EU's gas consumption. The objectives were to close knowledge gaps on the impact blends of  $H_2$  and natural gas (NG), support standardisation activities and identify potential mitigation opportunities.

#### **NON-QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES**

- THYGA aimed to involve external partners in the project. Some laboratories and manufacturers expressed their wish to use the THYGA protocol to create their own tests and contribute to the analysis.
- The project aimed to have an international reach. THYGA's test protocol has been requested for use as a test reference by international partners (in Canada, Chile and the United States).

### PROGRESS AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

• THYGA tested around 100 appliances, including as part of the preparation of reports for work packages 4 (standardisation) and 5 (mitiga-

#### tion).

 Eighteen public deliverables/newsletters were created and distributed, and seven public workshops organised.

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- The project completed its test campaign objectives, with more than 100 appliances (burners) tested, by March 2023.
- THYGA gained support regarding standardisation from stakeholders: European Committee for Standardization technical committees (CEN/TCs), manufacturer associations, notified bodies and national/European technical associations.
- The project identified technical issues linked to H<sub>2</sub> injection into natural gas at different rates and proposed several mitigation methodologies to improve the rate of H<sub>2</sub> injection with which appliances can deal (in terms of safety, efficiency, power, etc.).
- Results were disclosed during the final workshop on 24 March 2023. All results are published on the THYGA website, the results have been disseminated to CEN/TCs and the THYGA experts will be available for further enquiries on the topic.

#### FUTURE STEPS AND PLANS

The project has finished.

| Target source               | Parameter   | Achieved to date by the project   | Target achieved? | SOA result achieved to date (by others)                                    | reported SOA<br>result    |
|-----------------------------|---|---|------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Project's own<br>objectives | Understanding of the actual, theoretical and<br>experimental knowledge regarding the impact of H <sub>2</sub> NG<br>blends on combustion  | 12 public deliverables  | ~                | Several studies and test reports   | 2020                      |
|                             | Understanding of the actual, theoretical and experimental knowledge regarding the impact of H <sub>2</sub> NG blends on materials   | Theoretical and practical reviews released  |                  | Several studies and test reports   | 2020                      |
|                             | Segmentation of the types of appliances   | Segmentation validated with stakeholders (Advisory<br>Panel Group)  |                  | Similar approaches on<br>segmentation                                      | 2020                      |
|                             | Tests of appliances   | 100 % of tests done   |                  | Similar evaluations for<br>national projects (GRHYD,<br>Hydeploy, Hydelta) | 2020, 2021,<br>2022, 2023 |
|                             | Establishing how the existing certification will be<br>modified to allow higher concentrations, including the<br>related additional costs and the required changes to<br>common gas burners | SOA reports (deliverables 4.1 and 4.2)  |                  | CEN/TCs' activities and other projects (Hydelta)                           | 2020, 2021,<br>2022       |
| AWP 2018                    | Recommendations for revision of European or ISO<br>standards or drafting of new standards based on PNR<br>results and a review of the existing testing methods                              | Public deliverable 4.3 published, which includes<br>recommendations, based on test gases, if the current<br>framework is to be kept and provides insights on the<br>risks to be assessed with H2NG blends |                  | CEN/TCs' activities and other projects (Hydelta)                           | 2022, 2023                |







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PROJECT TARGETS