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#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

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Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH (FZJ)	Germany	
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#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

- To provide a well-defined, validated and practical framework for LCSA of FCH systems.
- To facilitate robust decision-making processes in the field of FCH by adding sustainability criteria to the characterisation and benchmarking of FCH systems.
- Development and application of specific guidelines for the environmental, economic and social life cycle assessment of FCH systems, and their consistent integration into a sound LCSA framework.





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#### **FCH-LCSA GUIDELINES**



- I document of FCH-LCA guidelines
  - 1 material criticality indicator
  - 1 document of FCH-LCC guidelines
- I document of FCH-SLCA guidelines
- I document of FCH-LCSA guidelines





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#### SH2E LCSA guidelines

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#### **FCH-LCSA TOOL**

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⊖ No			⊖ Hydrogen use
			O Hydrogen production and use





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#### **FCH-LCSA TOOL**

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eco-design Guidelines for Hydrogen Systems and Technologies



# eghost

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#### **Objectives**

- First milestone in the eco-design of FCH products.
- First preparatory study under Eco-design Directive.
- To provide robust eco-design guidelines for FCH products at different levels of development.
- Towards sustainable-by-design FCH products.
- Specific guidelines for two different products: PEMFC stack and SOE stack.









#### **Re-design methodology**



E. Bargiacchi et al. Life cycle sustainability assessment of eco-designed solid oxide. II CIBIQ, Buenos Aires, 2023



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#### New product concepts



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#### Sustainability assessment of new product concepts

- Average reductions:
  - Short-term concept: 37%
  - Mid/Long-term concept: 54%
  - Optimistic concept: 75%
  - Disruptive concept: 86%
- Freshwater eutrophication is the only impact category where ecodesign actions increase the environmental impact (due to the platinum recycling process – TRL5)
- Climate change reductions:
  - Short-term concept: 31%
  - Mid/Long-term concept: 52%
  - Optimistic concept: 74%
  - Disruptive concept: 85%



Gramc et al (2024) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2024.08.020





- Production scale increase (from 100 to 50,000 stacks/yr.) causes significant cost reductions:
  - from -93% (reference case) to -96% (disruptive concept)
- Cost reduction due to the ecodesign (at 10,000 stacks/year):
  - Short-term concept: 28%
  - Mid/Long-term concept: 37%
  - Optimistic concept: 49%
  - Disruptive concept: 52%







#### Sustainability assessment of new product concepts







#### Mass-based reduction (capital goods)

- Lesson 1. The push to the technical limits in the size of sub-components.
- Lesson 2. The push to technical limits at the technology level, including factors such as current density and power density.
- Lesson 3. Reduction applied to the usage of electrocatalyst materials precious versus non-precious.
- Lesson 4. Leading to increased efficiency and performance in FCH products (enhanced consumption at the operational phase).

#### Materials impacts and availability

Lesson 5. Implementation of EoL strategies.

#### Methodological aspects

- Lesson 6. Inclusion of the social component.
- Lesson 7. (S)SbD approach.
- Lesson 8. Prospective approach.
- Lesson 9. Continuous process and collaborative efforts.





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