### H2ME | Hydrogen Mobility Europe

ZEFER | Zero-Emission Fleet vehicles for European Roll-out







### H2ME Projects Overview



- Call year: 2014 and 2015
- Call topics:

#### FCH-01.7-2014 & FCH-03.1-2015

Project dates:

#### 06/15-11/20 & **05/16-06/23**

- % stage of implementation : c. 80%
- Total project budget: €170m
- FCH JU max. contribution: €67m

Partners:





- To date the project has deployed another 3 models / generations of FCEVs and x3 the number of vehicles on the road in Europe.
- Added HRS at key nodes of the EU infrastructure in 8 countries and increased the number of equipment OEMs / operators.

### H2ME Projects Summary







### **ZEFER Project Overview**

- Call year: 2017
- Call topic: FCH-01-6-2017: Large scale demonstration of Hydrogen Refuelling Stations and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) road vehicles operated in fleet(s)
- Project dates: 01/09/2017 31/08/2022
- % stage of implementation: c.90%
- Total project budget: €17.56 million
- FCH JU max. contribution: c. €5 million



Partners:







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- ZEFER FCEV taxis in London and Paris, plus the MPS police vehicles in London, have reported 5 763 000 km driven between April 2018 and June 2021 (both incl.).
- Peak of data-reporting vehicles (102) was reached in Q4 2019. However, the Covid pandemic caused the number of taxis deployed by GTC to reduce by 50% in London, while STEP could not operate any taxis in Paris. The number of vehicles reporting data as of June was around 40.
- Fortunately, GTC are increasingly deploying more vehicles while STEP restarted operations on all 60 taxis in July 2021.







- HRS in France and the UK have dispensed 51 600 kg H2 to ZEFER vehicles.
- The two most popular stations are Orly in Paris (10 300 kg) and Teddington in London (12 900 kg), together dispensing 23 200 kg (45% of the total H2 dispensed to ZEFER vehicles).
- Due to the Covid pandemic, only 11 800 kg of hydrogen have been dispensed from Q2 2020 to Q2 2021 (both incl.).





- GTC's 50 FCEV taxis have driven 3 840 000 km since April 2018
- The average distance driven by each taxi per month is 3 670 km (~170 km/day).
- The average annual distance driven by each FCEV taxi is 44 000 km. This compares favourably to the fleet's petrol/diesel and plug-in hybrid vehicles, which drive 39 000 km/year on average.
- The furthest driven by one of the vehicles in a month was 12 647 km over a busy Christmas month in 2019.







**BEVs** with specifications comparable to those of the Toyota Mirai have a range of 300 to 500 km and would require 30 to 45 minutes for a full charge on a high-power chargepoint. However, the vehicle depicted on the map refuelled in only 3 minutes each time, maintaining uptime at much higher levels than a comparable BEV.

## **GTC: INTENSIVE OPERATION**



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- Unfortunately, STEP stopped operations in Paris in March 2020 due to the pandemic, but all their 60 vehicles restarted operations in July 2021.
- The ZEFER Hype/STEP FCEVs have reported a total of 1 743 000 km driven. The ZEFER taxis drive an average of 3 260 km per month (150 km per day and 39 000 km/year).
- The furthest driven by one of the vehicles in a month was 7 470 km.







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due to factors including:

resistance

reduced battery, fuel cell

increased rolling & wind

## **STEP: SEASONAL FUEL ECONOMY**



- There is an evident seasonal variance in fuel economy, with a 22% difference between the worse value (78 km/kg in Mar-20) and the best (100 km/kg in Aug-18). In comparison, BEVs present a 14 to 21% difference in energy use when comparing cold with warm months\*. The FCEVs compare well with BEVs.
- The average fuel economy across all STEP (ZEFER) vehicles and months is 92 km/kg, as opposed to GTC's 106 km/kg in London.





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- In London, HRS located inside ring road are preferred by fleets as evidenced by quantities of H2 dispensed.
- In Paris, HRS placement easier due to smaller size of city and possibility of locating HRS in two airports. Drivers use these when dropping off or picking up passengers, more convenient locations.







**EXAMPLE OF TEDDINGTON HRS** 

### **Objectives of the simulation**

- HRS back-to-back (B2B) refuelling capability as the number of vehicles deployed and the station load increases is one of the key learning aims of FCH JU projects.
- If B2B refuelling capability is exceeded regularly, it is likely that issues will being to emerge i.e lack of sufficient H2 availability for immediate refuelling, leading to increased waiting time for vehicles to refuel.
- The simulation aims to understand the usage point at which HRS operational issues may become problematic.

#### Key findings

- In line with HRS operators, we define back-to-back (B2B) refuelling as a refuelling event that occurs within *ten minutes* of a previous event. By this criterion, 9% of refuels at Teddington are B2B.
- When comparing this to stations with lower load (% of HRS capacity in kg/day that is actually dispensed), the lower the station load, the lower the B2B refuelling probability.







OUTPUTS

- The top graph shows a limited run (10 weeks) simulation of 100 Mirai B2B refuelling behaviour for varying number of refuels, showing:
  - Proportion of 2 B2B refuels
  - Proportion of 3 or more B2B refuels
- As the usage reaches ~70 refuellings per day:
  - The chance of B2B refuelling exceeds 40%
  - The chance of 3 or more B2B approaches 10%
  - The HRS average daily load approaches 180kg, near the 200 kg/day limit of many H2ME2 HRS



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### Conclusions : Further efforts needed to prepare for the commercial roll-out of FCEVs

- FCEVs exceed drivers and operators' expectations in terms of reliability & performance.
- Long ranges and quick refuelling times are essential to elevating the value of FCEVs above zero-emission alternatives.
- HRS have provided a good foundation for the deployments but limited infrastructure networks and challenges with reliability can prevent the full operational advantages of FCEVs being realised.
- At low levels of demand (<200kg/day) the cost of supplying H2 can be high. Network planning is key to ensuring economies of scale and adequate proposition to customers.
- FCEVs still have a significant cost premium compared to diesel vehicles but can reach parity in 2025.
- An unsubsidised business case could be just one generation away.
- Success stories are linked to financial incentives/tax exemptions for zero emission vehicles, as well as support from local authorities and restrictions placed on diesel vehicles.

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\* https://www.fch.europa.eu/sites/default/files/4.%20Eynon\_ZEFER.pdf | https://www.fch.europa.eu/sites/default/files/3.%20Speers%20%26%20Jodecke\_H2MEs.pdf









### **EXAMPLE OF TEDDINGTON HRS**

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- HRS B2B refuelling capability as the number of vehicles deployed and the station load increases is one of the key learning aims of FCH JU projects.
- If B2B refuelling capability is exceeded regularly, it is likely that issues will being to emerge. For example, lack of sufficient hydrogen availability at the HRS for immediate refuelling, and therefore increased waiting time for vehicles to refuel.
- Given the current relatively low levels of usage at HRS, we have simulated increasing Teddington HRS usage to understand the usage point at which HRS operational issues may become problematic.





Monte Carlo (MC) simulation recreates a chance process, runs it many times, and observes the results.

**INPUTS** 

#### Procedure

- 1. Generate weighted inputs (scenarios) according to the distribution of refuelling observed in reality. For these refuelling simulations, there are three input variables:
  - I. Day of week (16% weekdays, 9% weekends)

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- II. Time of Day
- III. Amount of hydrogen refuelled
- 2. Simulate a week's refuelling based on the inputs.
- 3. Run the simulation multiple times to ensure statistical validity.







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## Project Progress Today's business case

### Taxi TCO compared to alternatives (€/yr)



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To make a commercial case for fleet operators the TCO of an FCEV is required to reach parity with current petrol hybrids.

PRO TOL

- ZEFER funding has been vital in reducing the TCO premium of FCEVs from c. 80% to c. 40% above petrol hybrids.
- Although prices still remain above parity, the operational advantages of FCEVs lead to **positive externalities** for operators which can be monetised.



## Project Progress The 2025 business case

#### Taxi TCO compared to alternatives (€/yr)



By 2025 it is widely expected that FCEVs can reach parity with petrol/diesel hybrids<sup>1</sup> and that hydrogen costs can be reduced to €7.50/kg or below as a result of scaled demand.

PRO TOT

- 2025 prices will bring the TCO of FCEVs below parity with current incumbents and into competition with modern battery-electric equivalents.
- An unsubsidised business case is just one generation away and there is appetite for scaled uptake from ZEFER partners.

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