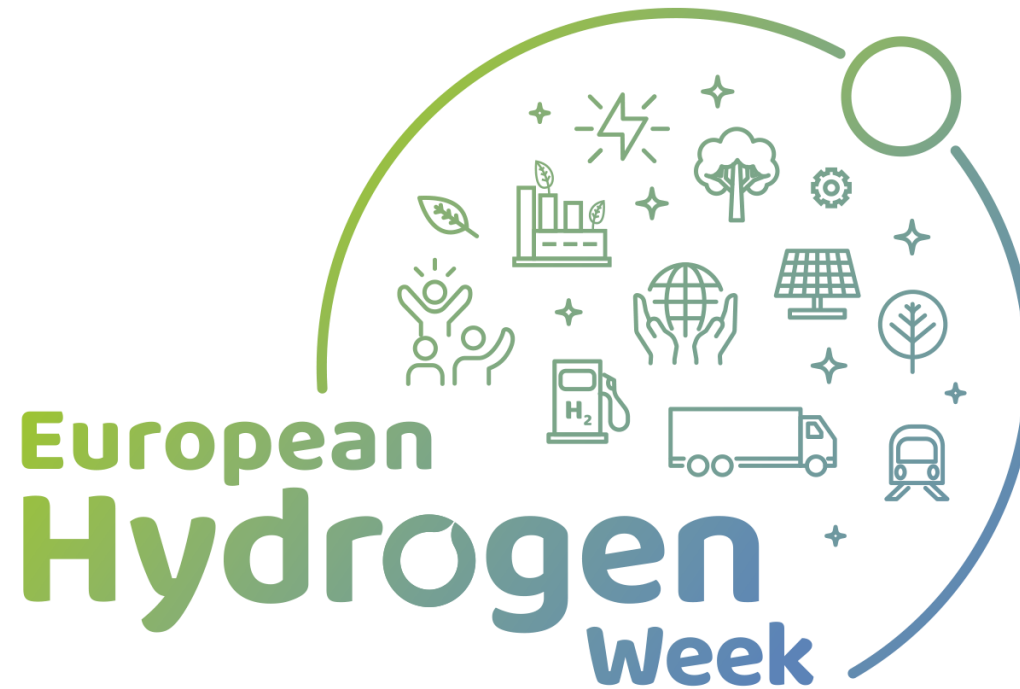


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Fuel Cell HYdrogen System for AircraFt Emergency operation



Fuel Cell Hydrogen System for Aircraft Emergency Operation



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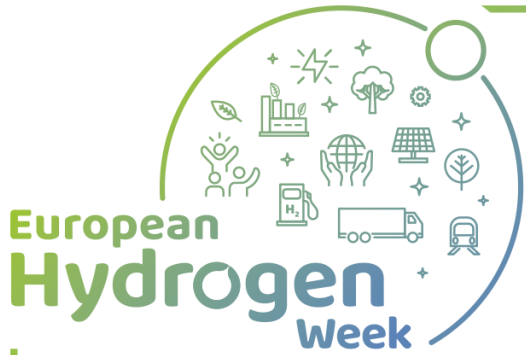
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# Project Overview

FLHYSAFE - Fuel Cell HYdrogen System for AircraFt Emergency operation

**Call year:**  
**2017**

**Call topic:**  
FCH-01-1-2017  
Development of  
fuel cell system  
technologies for  
achieving  
competitive  
solutions for  
aeronautical  
applications

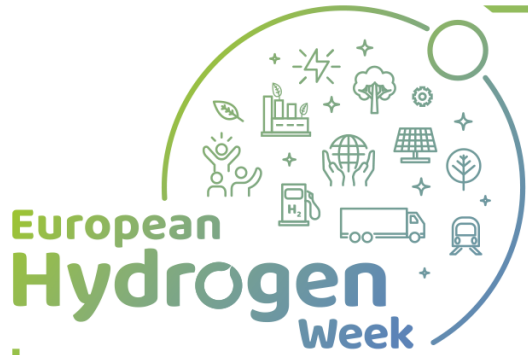
**Project dates:**  
**01/2018 - 09/2022**

**Total project budget:**  
**7,311 M€**

**FLHYSAFE**

**% stage of implementation**  
**30/11/2021: 60 %**

**FCH JU max. contribution: 5,063 M€**  
**Other financial contribution: -**



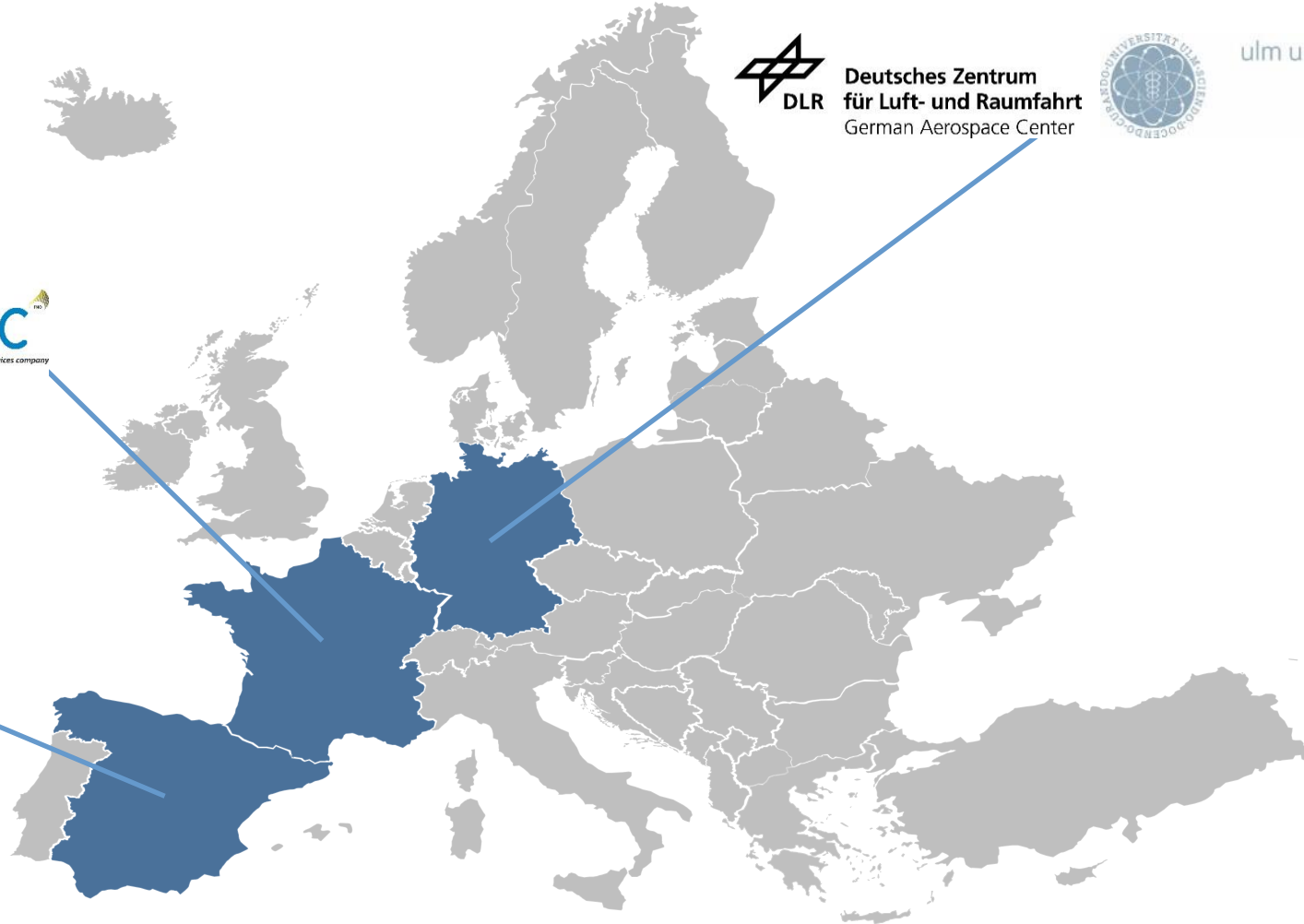
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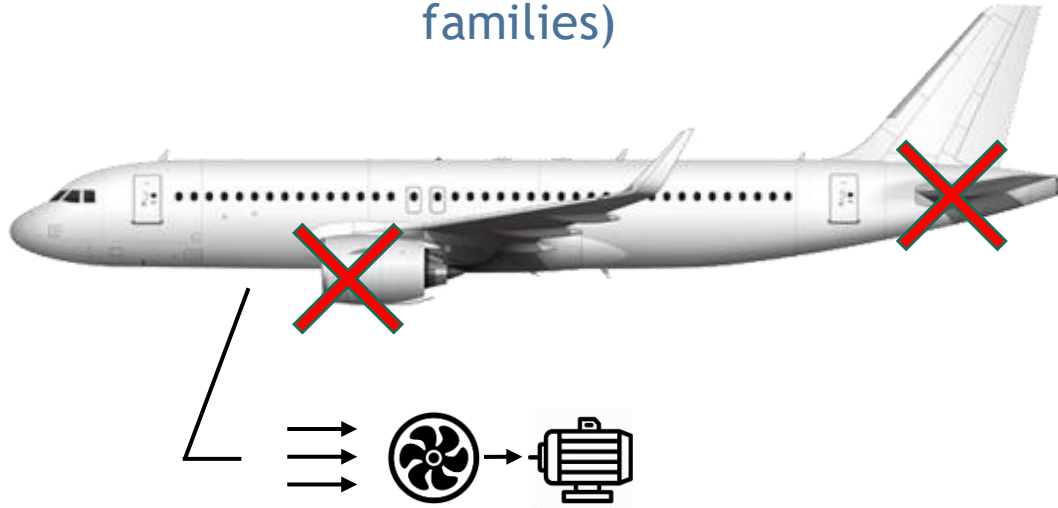
European  
Commission

# Project overview

International SoA: No similar other product / project known

## Context:

Single aisle aircraft (mainly A-320 and B-737 families)



*Ram Air Turbine (RAT) : wind turbine deployed in case of main electric supply failure, as an emergency system*

## Objective:

To evaluate whether the current Ram Air Turbine of a commercial aircraft can be replaced by a fuel cell based modular system



# Project Progress/Actions - Durability



Achievement to-date: **212 cycles**

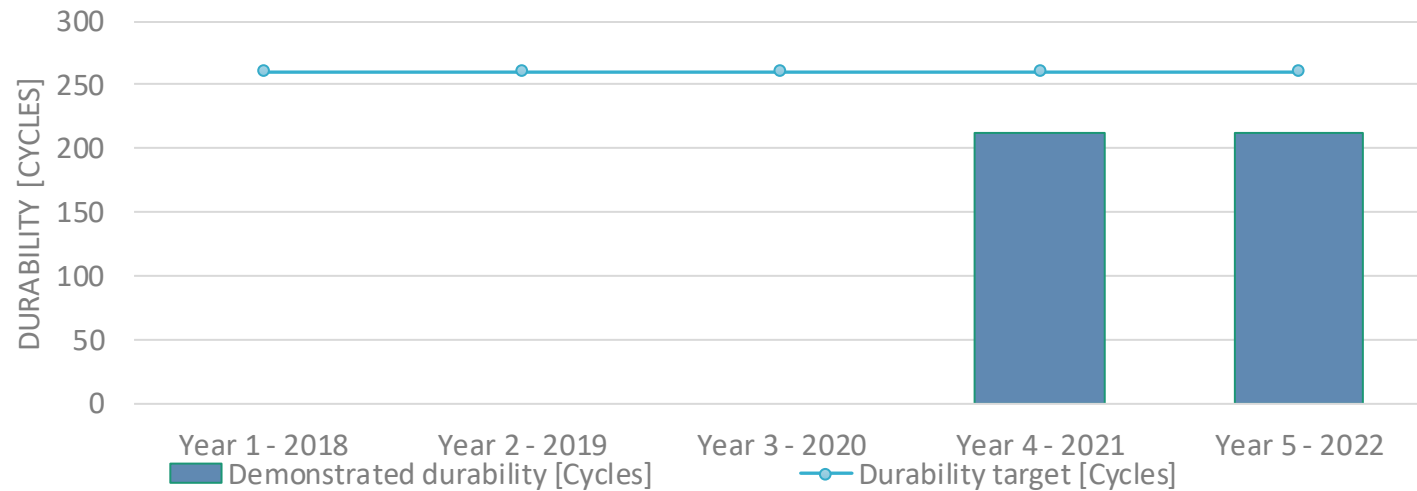


**260 cycles**

25%

50%

75%



# Project Progress/Actions - Technological Readiness level



Achievement to-  
date: TRL 4

25%

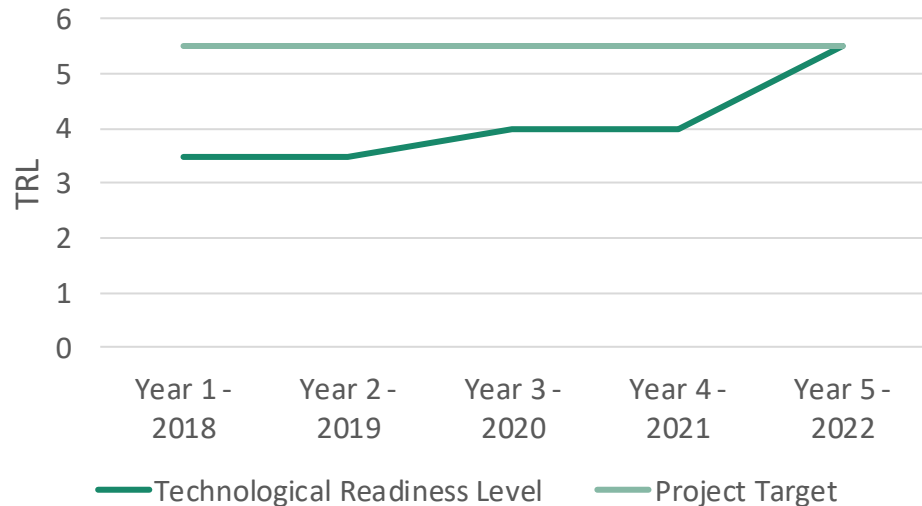


25%

50%

75%

TRL 5 - 6



*“FLHYSAFE’s objective is to conclude the project with a maturity level of TRL 5 for the components of the sub-system, and partially TRL 6 at system level starting with available technologies at TRL 3 and TRL 4.”*

# Risk mitigation

Technological risks are mitigated with 5 main test campaigns:

At sub-system level

Start / stop short stack tests

Durability short stack tests

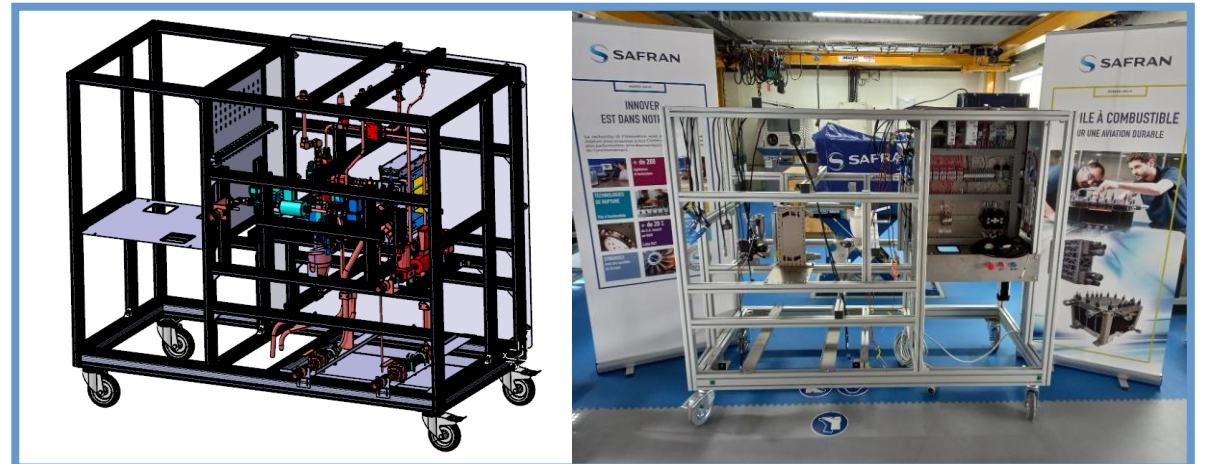
H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> short stack tests



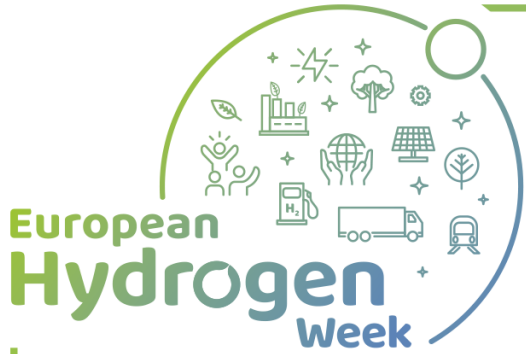
At system level

Anode / cathode performance tests on a system test rig

Control and regulation tests on a system test rig







# Exploitation Plan/Expected Impact

## Exploitation

**Main exploitation objective:** to bring the PEM Fuel Cell technology to TRL5-6 for the EPU application

**Safran PU:** Develop and market an industrial Emergency Power Unit (retrofit and new A/C)

**DLR:** Improve a modular testing framework for time-effective analysis of FCS for aerospace and automotive applications

Improve the Model Based Safety Analysis for the use in systems engineering projects for safety critical systems

**UULM:** Power converter technology improvement for aerospace application (compact, multi-channel and high efficient design, increased power density)

**CEA:** FC technology improvement (lifetime, durability, power, weight, cost, etc.)

**INTA:** Improve test facilities and become a European/world-wide reference in environmental tests of fuel cell systems for A/C applications

## Impact

**Main impact:** maturing the technology and paving the way towards applications

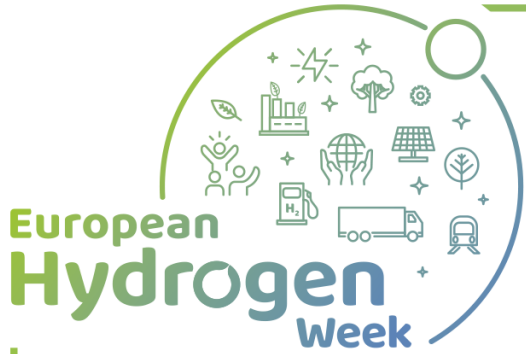
**Impact on FC and H<sub>2</sub> sectors:** contributing to the development of technologies that reduce costs and improve efficiencies and performance of FCH applications

**Impact on environment:** fuel cells are a promising solution for generating electrical power on aircraft, providing solution to minimise the environmental impact

**For aeronautic industry:** FLHYSAFE will raise and partially answer questions about:

- Certification and corresponding regulations
- Aeronautical integration constraints, business models, ...
- Environmental regulations at the airport level





# Dissemination activities

## Presentations at conferences:

[ESREL 2019](#) (DLR) “Towards Standardizing the Generation of Component Fault Trees through the Engineering Life Cycle”

[SDWES 2019](#) (INTA) “FC technology onboard aircrafts”

[FCH JU Programme Review Days 2019](#) (Safran PU) “Emergency Power Unit system for aircraft applications using Fuel-Cell technology”

[ESREL 2021](#) (DLR) “A Seamless Functional Hazard Analysis for a Fuel Cell System Supported by Spreadsheets”

MEA 2021 & [IHAC 2021](#) (Safran PU) “Emergency Power Unit system for aircraft applications using Fuel-Cell technology”

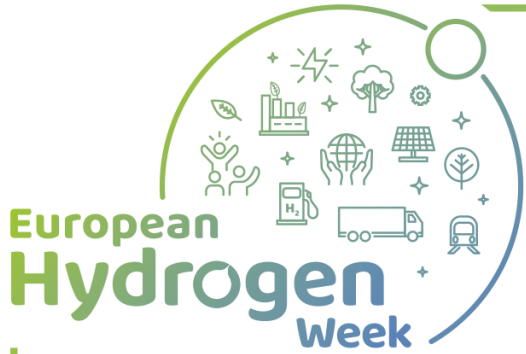
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# Communication: project website and social media presence



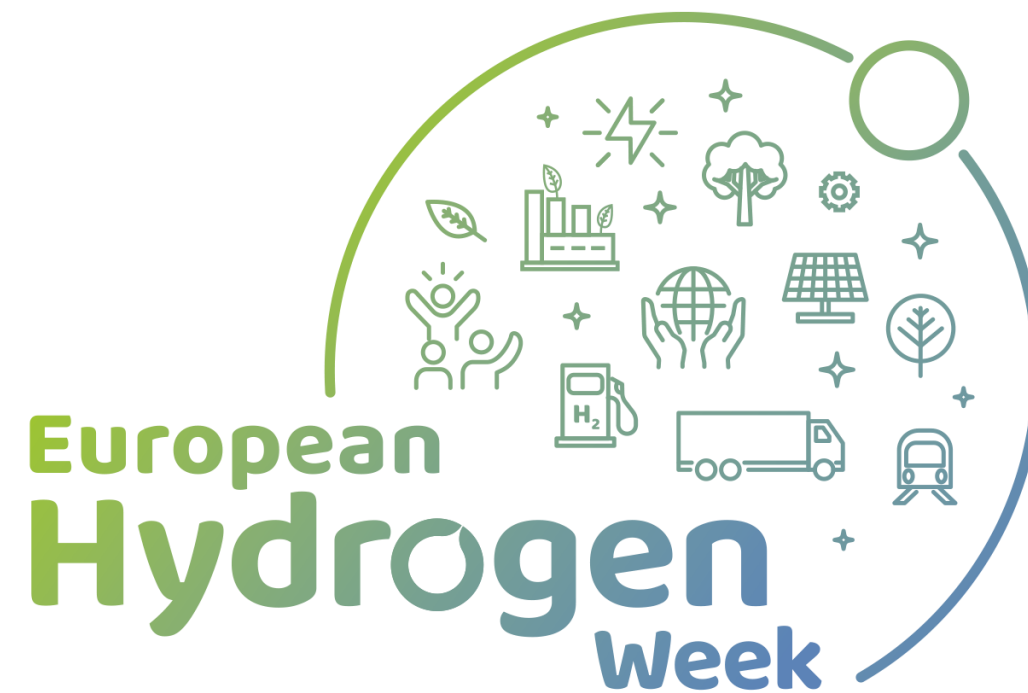
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