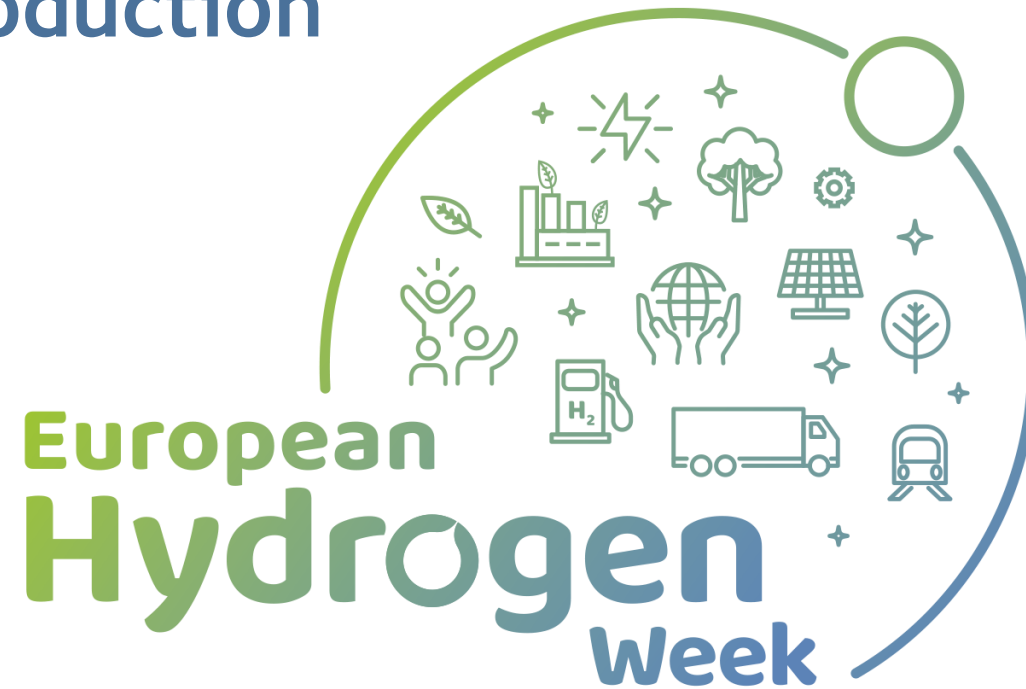


# Hydrogen Production

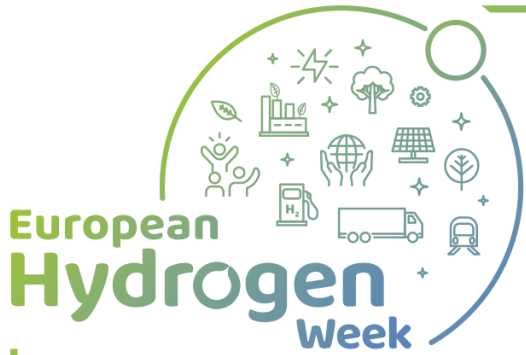


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# PRD parallel sessions on H<sub>2</sub> Production

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 11:00 - 12:20



Electrolysers for Industrial Applications - 1

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Electrolysers for Industrial Applications - 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 14:30 - 15:50



Next Generation Electrolysers

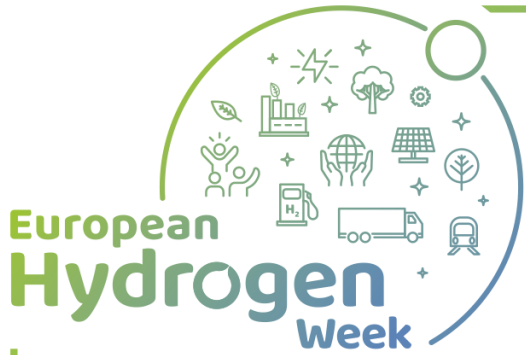
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Early Research on alternative routes for Hydrogen production

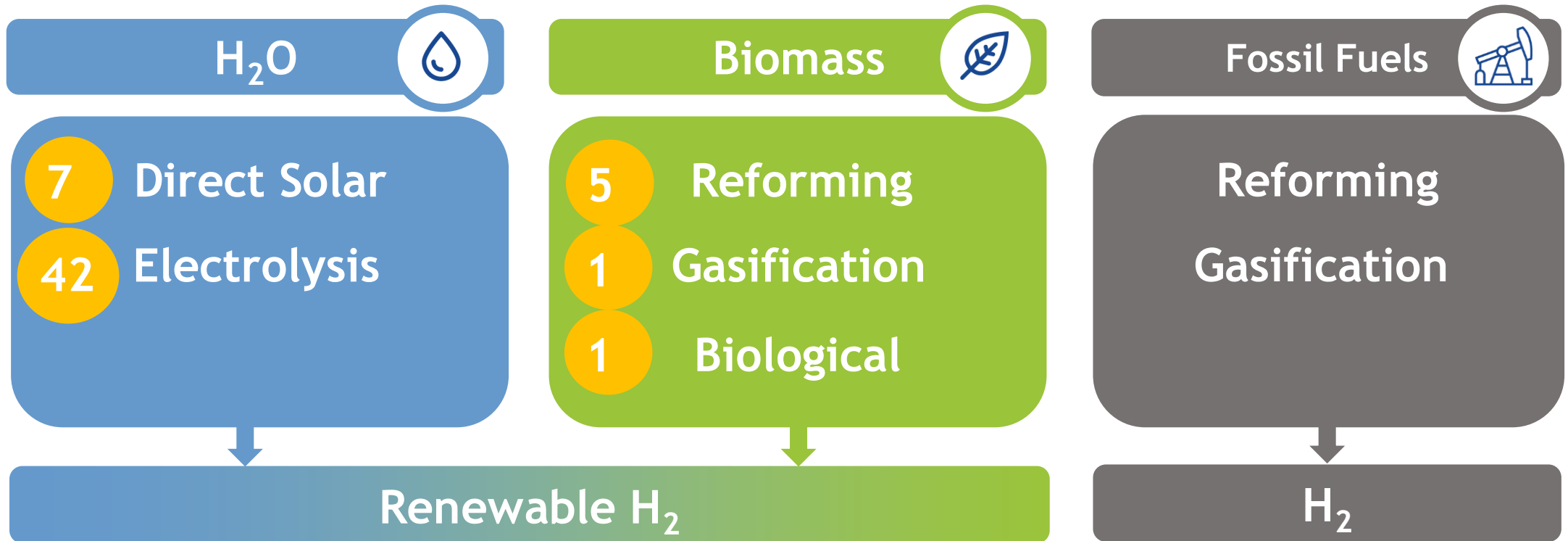
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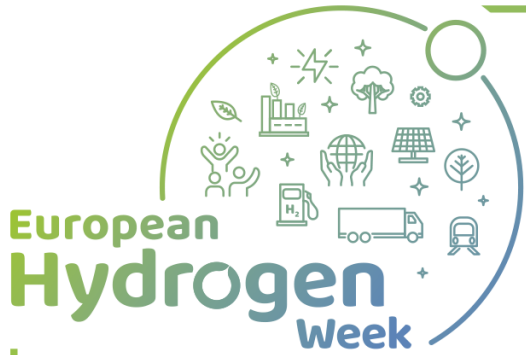




# Hydrogen Production Technical Coverage

56 projects, 177.4 MEuro, 16.5% of FCH JU support. Only renewable H<sub>2</sub>

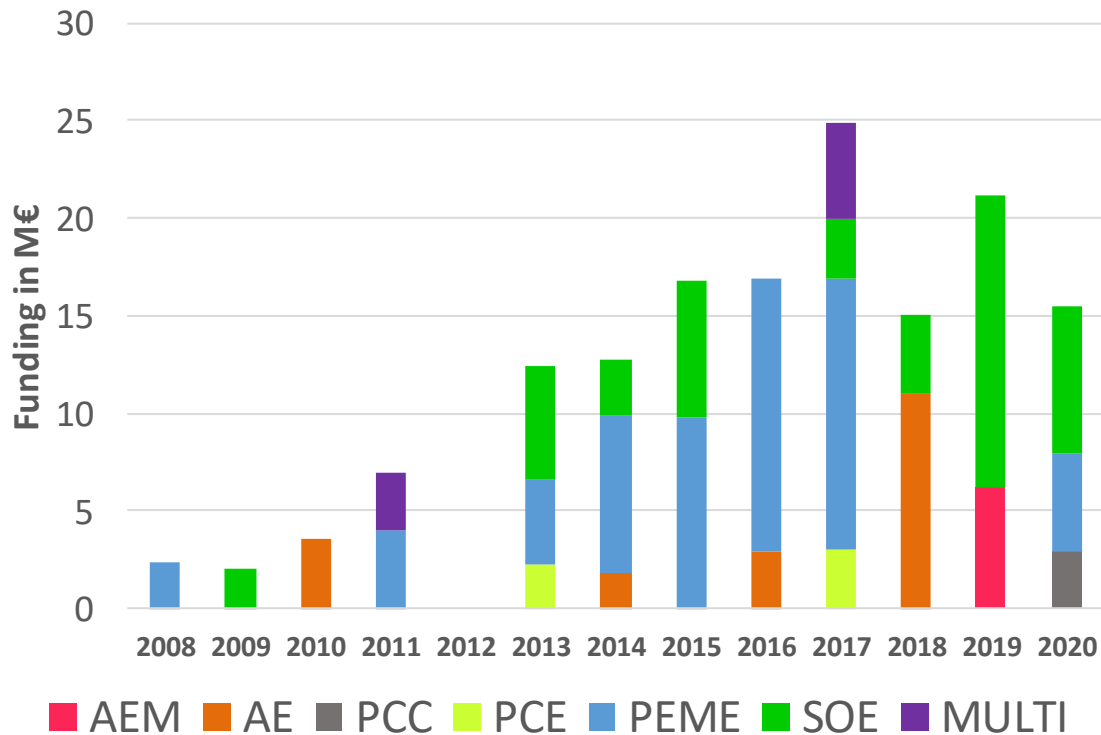




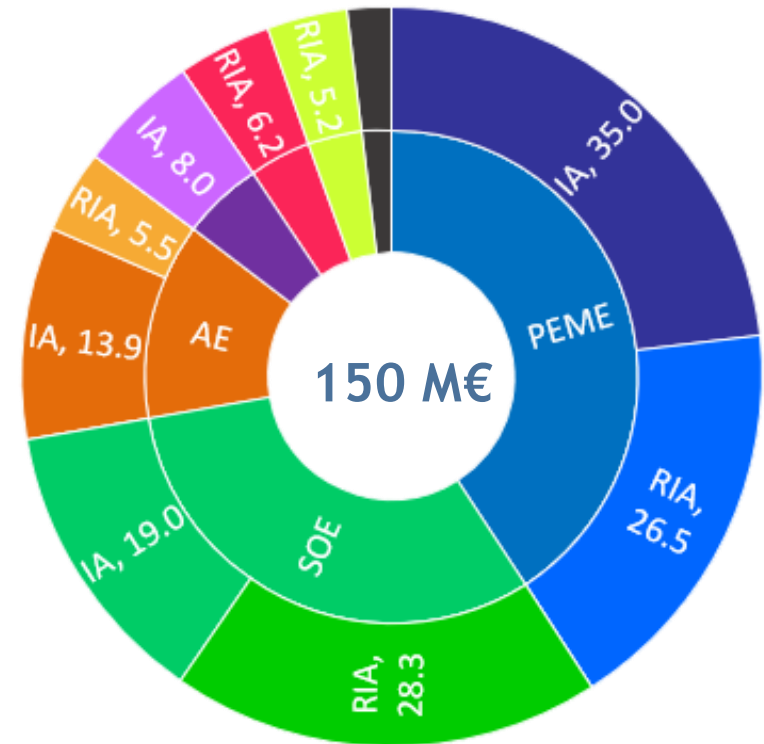
# Electrolysis Research and Demonstration

Support increasing annually, covering different types of electrolyzers

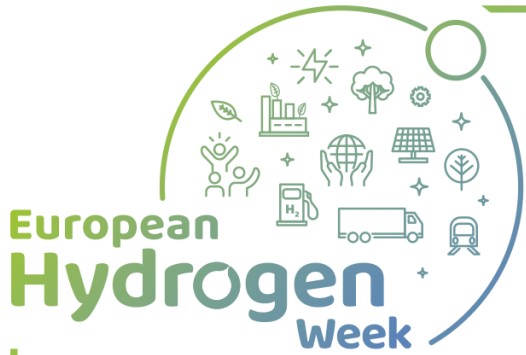
FCH JU funding per technology



Electrolyzers, M€ FCH JU support



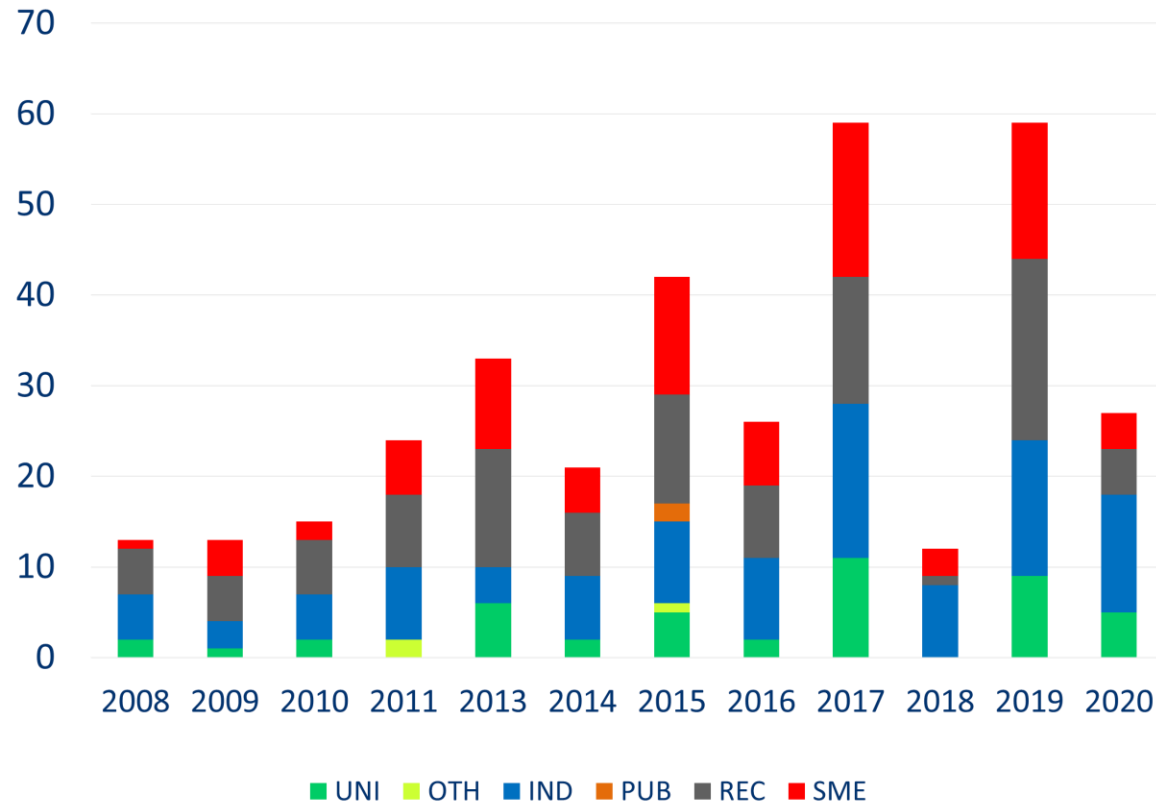
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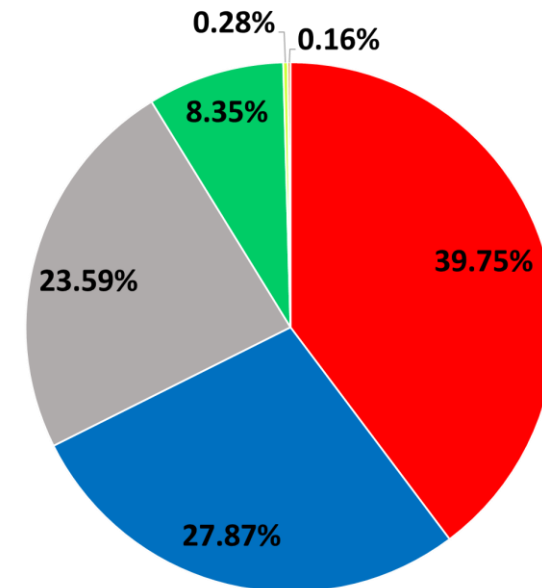
# Electrolysis Research and Demonstration

Support mostly to SMEs and Research Institutions

No. & Type of beneficiaries



FCH JU contribution per type of Beneficiary

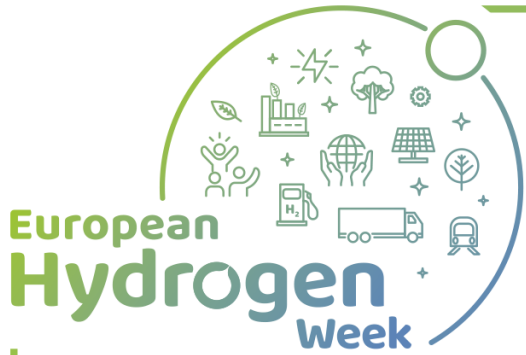


■ SME ■ IND ■ RES ■ UNI ■ OTH ■ PUB

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# LT Electrolysis Demonstration projects

In 11 years electrolyser capacity increased 500x and funding per MW installed reduced 100x

Project: Don Quichote  
Place: Belgium  
Date: 2011  
Electrolyser: Hydrogenics  
Funding: 5.0 m€



0.15 MW

Project: Haeolus   
Place: Norway  
Date: 2017  
Electrolyser: Hydrogenics  
Funding: 5.0 m€



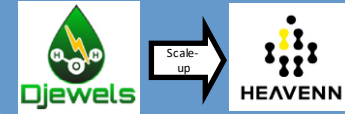
2.5 MW

Project: H2future  
Place: Austria  
Date: 2016  
Electrolyser: Siemens  
Funding: 12 m€




6.0 MW

Project: Djewels   
Place: The Netherlands  
Date: 2018  
Electrolyser: McPhy  
Funding: 11 m€



20 MW → 60MW  
3x100 MW

Project: Hybalance   
Place: Denmark  
Date: 2014  
Electrolyser: Hydrogenics  
Funding: 8.0 m€



1.2 MW

Project: Demo4grid   
Place: Austria  
Date: 2016  
Electrolyser: IHT  
Funding: 2.9 m€



3.2 MW

Project: Refhyne  
Place: Germany  
Date: 2017  
Electrolyser: ITM  
Funding: 10 m€



10 MW

Green Deal Projects   
• Refhyne II  
• GreenHyScale  
• GreenH2Atlantic  
Date: 2021  
Funding: ~30 m€



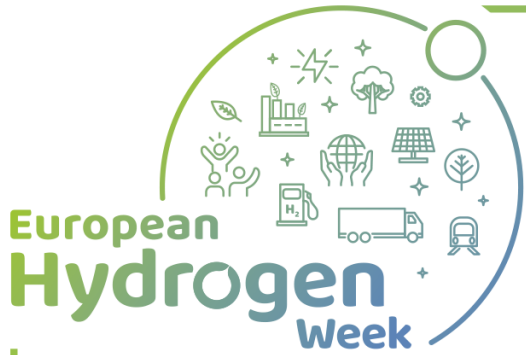
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# LT Electrolysis Demonstration projects

EU Electrolyser industry ready to support EU H<sub>2</sub> policies

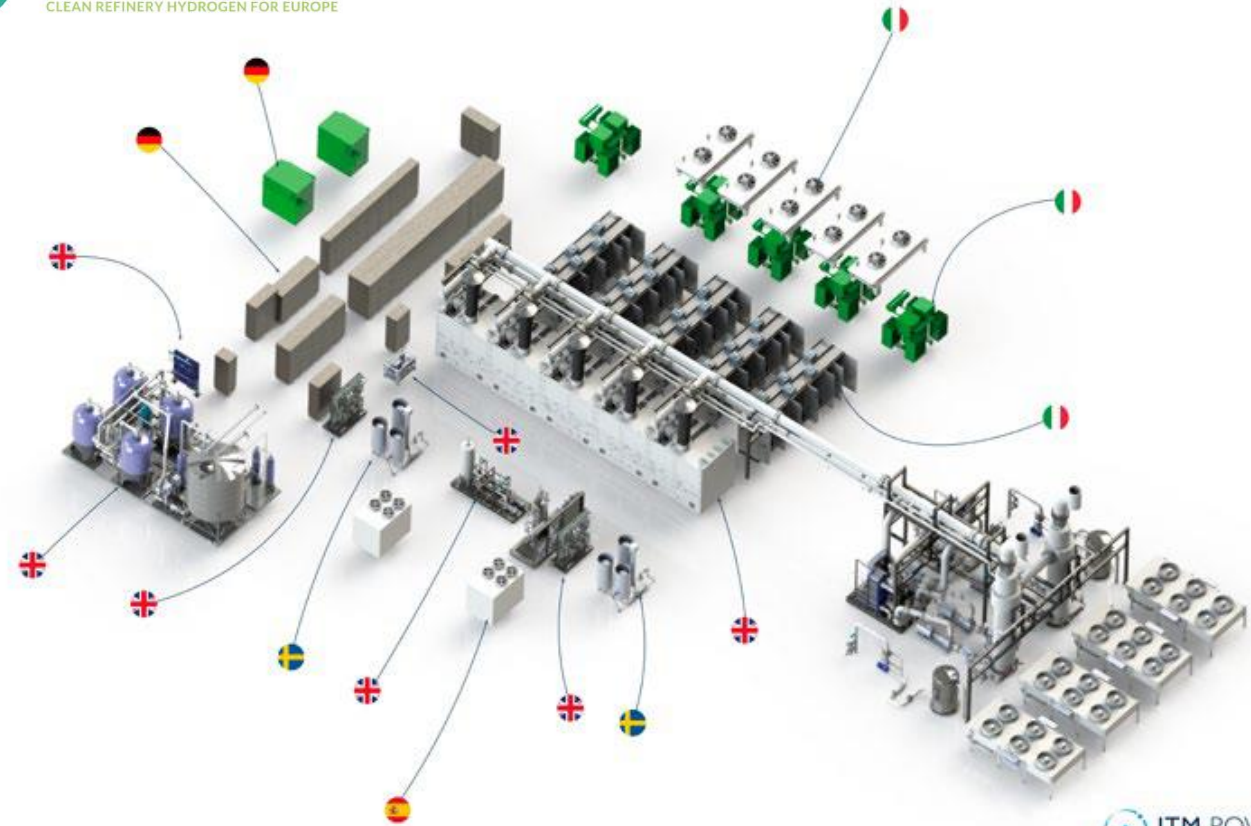


Electrolyser OEMs addressing new techno-economic challenges when operating electrolysers in industrial courtyards

Industry familiarising with novel electrolysis, updating risk analysis

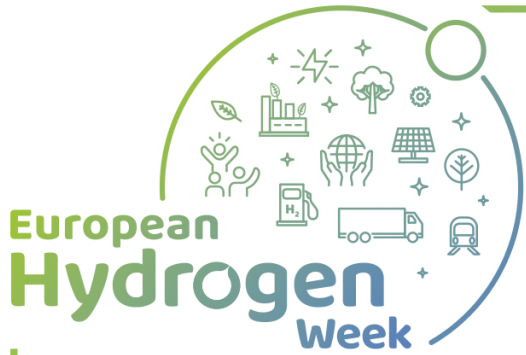
Established a solid basis on which the EU H<sub>2</sub> strategy was built

Supporting the European value chain



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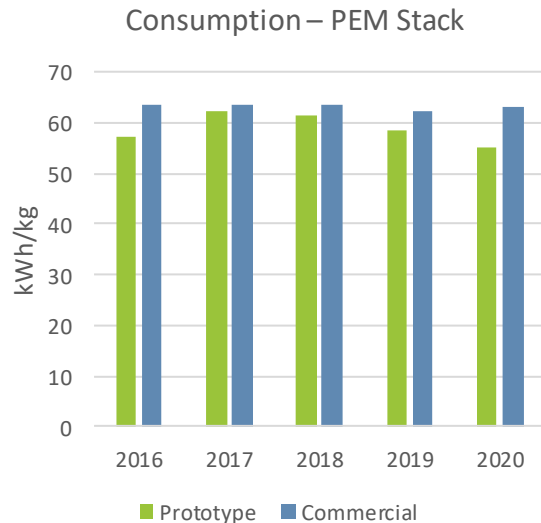
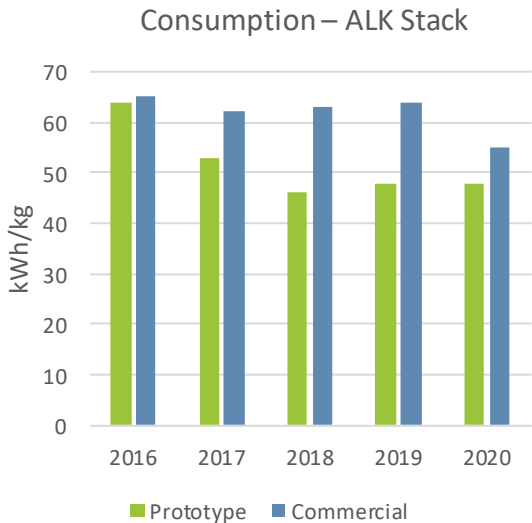




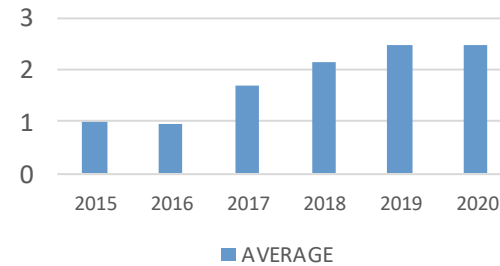
# LT Electrolysis R&I projects

Achievement of MAWP targets safeguards Europe's leading position

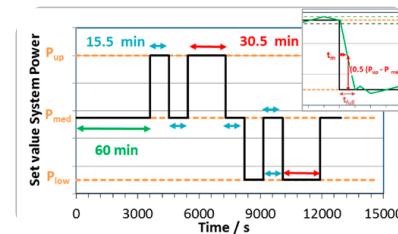
**Energy cons. @ system level <55 kWh/kg**



**PEM Current density > 3 A/cm<sup>2</sup>**



**Standardised Testing Protocols**



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# LT Electrolysis R&I projects

2018: 2 projects on game-changer low temp electrolyzers

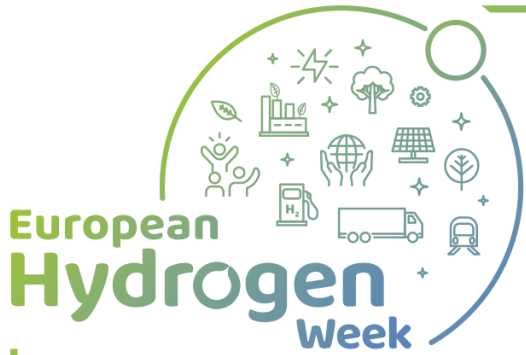


- 25kW, 100bar self-pressurising PEM electrolyser with simplified BoP
- MEA degradation rate @ 4 A/cm<sup>2</sup> & 80°C, 4.4 μV/h/cell > 2,000h
- endurance & dynamic testing



- 25 kW, 100bar PEM electrolyser system
- $\eta=77\%$ , Ti PTL 6 A·cm<sup>-2</sup> @ 52C, non-precious metal coatings
- endurance testing





# LT Electrolysis R&I projects

2020: 3x Anion Exchange Membrane electrolyser projects



2 kW AEM electrolyser

Reinforced AEMs, no CRM electrocatalysts

Novel stack designs to reduce CAPEX



2 kW AEM electrolyser

1 A/cm<sup>2</sup>; 0.1M KOH

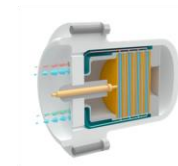
< 600Euro / kW CAPEX



2 kW AEM electrolyser, hydraulic compression

Pure H<sub>2</sub>O feed

40 bar; 45° C operation



H<sub>2</sub> evol catalyst @ 0.1 M KOH



O<sub>2</sub> evol catalyst @ 0.1 M KOH

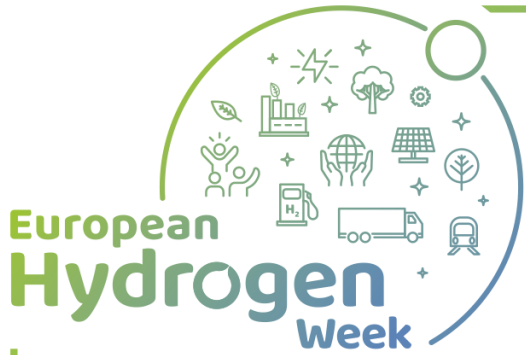


AEMEL Testing protocols



AEMEL hub





# HT Electrolysis Demonstration projects

HTEs finding their place in the industrial courtyard, facilitating strategic partnerships

PAUL WURTH BECOMES NEW LEAD INVESTOR AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNER OF SUNFIRE



Rotterdam  
Neste Biorefinery  
2019  
2.4MW



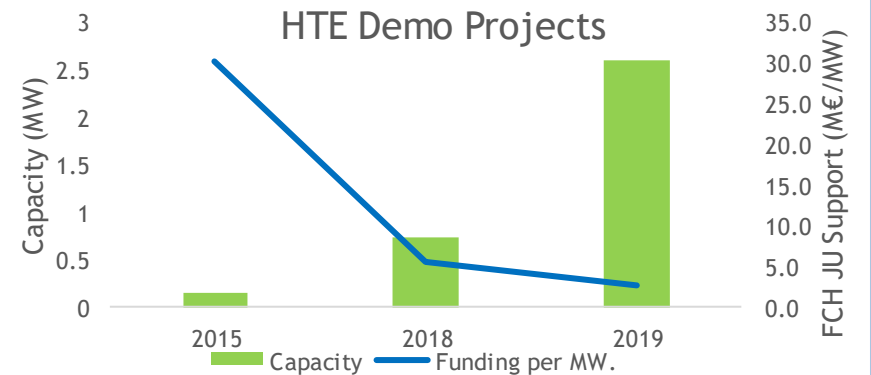
NESTE INVESTS IN SUNFIRE



Salzgitter  
Iron and Steel Works  
2018  
720kW



Salzgitter  
Iron and Steel Works  
2015  
150kW



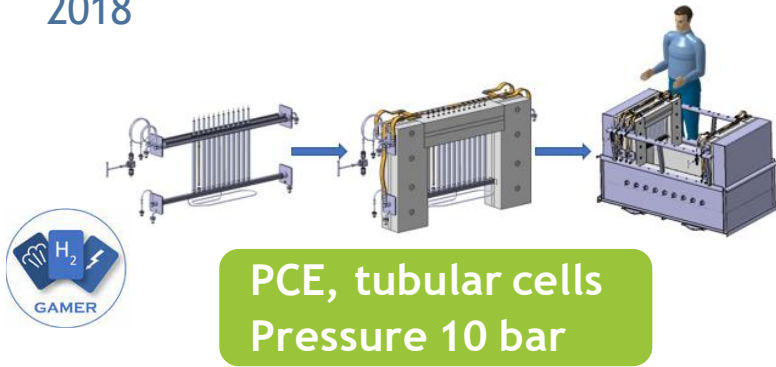
In 5 years capacity increased >10x and support reduced by 5x

# HT Electrolysis R&I projects



Higher efficiencies, improved durability, innovative concepts

2018



PCE, tubular cells  
Pressure 10 bar

2018



RE FLEX

Electricity consumption < 40 kWh/kg ✓

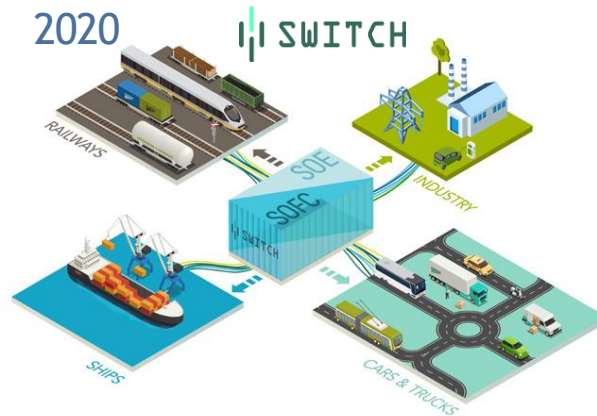
CAPEX < 4,500 €/kg/d ✓

2019



Prod loss < 0.4%/kh ✓

2020



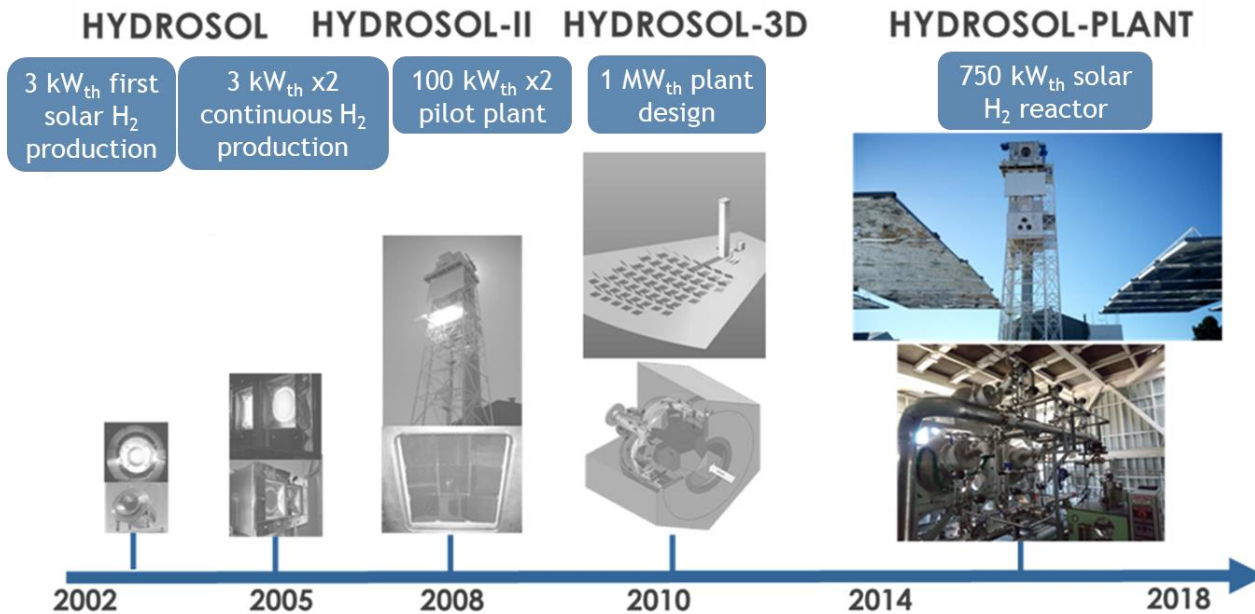
Availability >95% ⚠

Current density 1.25A/cm<sup>2</sup>  
Steam conversion rate > 85% ✓

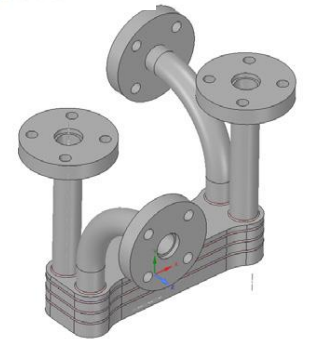
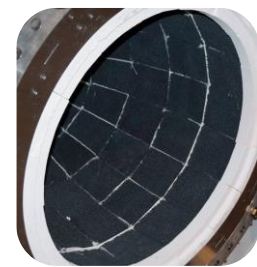
# HT Direct production of H<sub>2</sub> from sunlight

Large improvement of redox thermochemical cycles for water dissociation using concentrated solar-thermal power

## Previous HYDROSOL-projects



- Production of structured redox materials and aging > 150 cycles (out of 1000)
- Improvements of the reactor design for laboratory efficiency of ≥ 10%
- Demonstration of efficiency > 5% in the field tests of the 750 kW<sub>th</sub> plant



# LT Direct production of H<sub>2</sub> from sunlight

Scale-up and outdoor demonstration of a photo-electrochemical (PEC) system with an PV area exceeding 10 m<sup>2</sup>



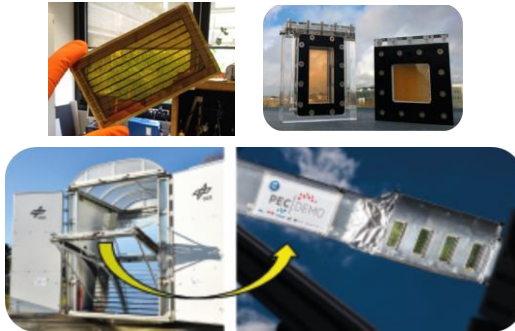
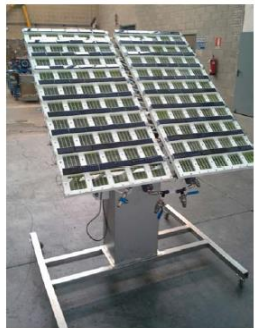
- 1.6 m<sup>2</sup> irradiated surface ( $\eta=3\%$  STH)



- Hybrid PEC-EV  
-  $\eta = 9\%$  STH  
- 4x50 cm<sup>2</sup>



- PV-electrolyser concept  
- 10 m<sup>2</sup> prototype  
-  $\eta = 9\%$  STH  
- LCOH = 4 - 10 €/kg



Demonstration of 10 m<sup>2</sup> direct coupled PV-EC device



Efficiency record of 14 % for SHJ PV-PEM electrolyser



6 €/kg achievable with integrated PV-EC approach



Constraints in scaling-up an integrated PV-EC device

2011

2013

2016

# Biomass gasifiers & reactors; Biogas reformers

Singular projects on biomass; Recent emphasis on raw biogas compact reformers

Dry biomass:  $H_2 < 5 \text{ €/kg}$  from biomass gasification

2012



UnifHy 1MWth plant - 500kg/d

Wet biomass: Dark fermentation at lab scale

2012



HYTIME 1MWth plant - 1 kg/d

Biogas without  $CO_2$  prior removal

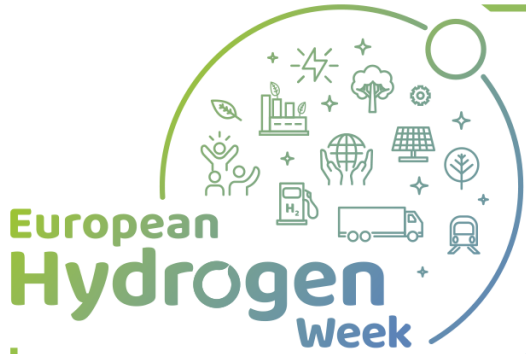
100kg/day  $H_2$  Conversion  $\eta = 71.5\%$

2015



2017





## Conclusions



Best in class electrolysers have met 2020 KPIs



FCH JU projects proved electrolysers as a reliable enabler for Sectorial Integration and helped bring renewable  $\text{H}_2$  to the centre of EU energy policy



More ambitious cost and performance targets, improvements in manufacturing & recyclability coming up to keep EU leadership



Alternative routes for renewable  $\text{H}_2$  production have moved from lab to field, further improvements required for market readiness