RoRePower

Robust remote power supply



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The overall objective of this project is to develop and demonstrate solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC) systems for off-grid power generation with harsh climate conditions.













- Primary market areas are gas and oil infrastructure in remote regions and the telecommunication towers.
- Provide remote power generation in harsh climate conditions (from -40 to +50°C)
- Offer reliable and long service life of systems
- Increase electrical efficiency and minimize emissions and offer energy and carbon savings
- Achieve cost reduction on both stack integration and the specific BOP components
- Decrease maintenance costs and develop concepts for remote monitoring
- Reduce the Total cost of ownership (TCO).
- Create track record for market introduction
- Increase of trust towards **new customer** groups











- 30 units have been installed or are in installation process in customer sites
- It is around 64% from the RoRePower target
- Most of them are in telecommunication sector
- Rest of the units (17) will be installed before the end of next year (2022)









- Target: Start-up and operation at -40°C to +50°C ambient temperature for natural gas
- Target: Start-up and operation at -20°C to +50°C ambient temperature for Propane and LPG
- +50°C can be reached well with good ventilation
- Sunfire Fuel Cells: -20°C with NG and -35°C with Propane, SolidPower: -20°C with NG
- The operation between -40 and -20°C ambient temperature is uncritical, as long as a well-designed thermal
 insulated enclosure is used that keeps the system warm by utilizing the waste heat of the fuel cell device
- Start-up between -40 and -20°C: A low temperature capable start heater will be started and operated and heats up the cabinet until -15 ... -10°C is reached







- Sunfire Fuel Cells: Maintenance duration 1 hours
- SolidPower: Maintenance frequency 12 months
- SolidPower: Maintenance duration 4 hours







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Risks, Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Realization of all demo sites
- Finalizing of binding contracts with customers
- Long enough demonstration times during project duration
- Readiness of the production lines
- System manufacturing in the project timeframe
- Budget restrictions
- Delays caused by Covid-19

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- RoRePower project is very challenging but moving all the time to right directions
- Contains some uncertainties like all other projects do





Exploitation Plan/Expected Impact

Exploitation

The main exploitation of the project results will be realised in the coming generation of the products:

- Sales volume
- Turnover
- Jobs
- Synergies with other products
- Supplier collaboration

<u>Impact</u>

- Nearly all components for RoRePower units have been manufactured and sourced in Europe to strengthen the European value chain
- RoRePower technology has been introduced to niche markets for approval at international customers' sites under real conditions such as telecommunication and oil and gas companies
- The Sunfire-Remote units has provided a bestin-class electrical efficiency in comparison to the alternative generation technologies







One example from the communication activities of the project partners:

https://remote.sunfire.de/





