

# Teaching Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Science and Engineering Across Europe within Horizon 2020

Prof Robert Steinberger-Wilckens

University of Birmingham



www.teachy.eu

Email r.steinbergerwilckens@bham.ac.uk









Hvdroa

Partnership

2/12

the European Union



### **Synergies With Other Projects And** Programmes LoughboroughUniversity

- EPSRC, 2013-22 PhD training programme **Imperial College** action: use of module material and LMS structure
- TrainHy FCH JU, 2010-12 - JESS Summer School, curriculum **action:** use of curriculum in TeacHy programme development
- KnowHy FCH JU, 2013-17 - Level 6 blended learning CPD courses action: know-how and experience with blended learning CPD modules used in TeacHy
- KICStartH2 EIT-KIC InnoEnergy, 2022-24 - 4 modules in H2 topics for university & CPD use action: alignment of 2x (3x) module content with TeacHy
  - private funding (UoB, DTU, FZJ) platform for PhD and CPD training **action:** alignment of 2x module content with TeacHy



4

//EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

CDT

JESS





The University of Nottingham

London





## **Project Motivation and Approach**

- there is a complete lack of specialised university degrees in FCH technologies
- on the other hand, ~50,000 engineers will be required in the industry by 2030
- TeacHy has built a 'blended' approach in which 20 to 40% of teaching content occurs in face2face teaching and the remainder is offered online
- project is still 'ahead of the curve' in responding to increasing demand for education and training in FCH technologies and in online education







//EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

## **Project Methodology**

courses may differ considerably across partners

 modules can be picked and mixed according to specialisation and/or orientation:

6

//EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

- \* basic sciences, practical lab work, applied topics
- \* can include compulsory and optional modules
- large degree of freedom to shape courses
- courses can be built for 12, 18 or 24 months
- student workload can be adapted to university expectations for credit points (additional reading, amount of coursework)



### **MSc Programme Structure**

7

//EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

	Introductory modules (15 ECTS)	Core modules (20 to 25 ECTS)	Optional modules (20 to 25 ECTS)	
Fuel Cells Hydrogen Low temperature technology (PEFC, AFC, DMFC) High temperature technology (SOFC) Fuel Cell Systems, energy systems and storage	<ul> <li>Electro- chemistry</li> <li>Fuel Cell Technology</li> <li>Hydrogen &amp; Hydrogen- Based Fuels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Modelling</li> <li>Chracterisation</li> <li>FCH Lab</li> <li>Hydrogen Safety (10 ECTS, Ulster)</li> <li>or</li> <li>Hydrogen Safety (5 ECTS, UoB)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low / High Temperature Fuel Cells</li> <li>Fuel Cell Systems</li> <li>Energy Storage</li> <li>Renewable Energy Systems</li> <li>Hydrogen Policies and Standards</li> <li>Advanced Electrochemical Applications</li> <li>Electrolysers</li> <li>Hydrogen Infrastructure</li> <li>Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles</li> <li>Innovation Management and Business Development</li> </ul>	Research Project 30 ECTS

Week /

\* - 1

----

## Project Status

8

EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

- third cohort currently studying in Birmingham
- 16 modules implemented and in operation, 4 more in preparation (electrolysis, H2 infrastructure, innovation management, e-fuels)
- complete programme successfully transferred to UCTP / VSCHT, start date 2024/25
- all MSc modules have been registered for CPD use
- working with KICStartH2 and its partners to upgrade and implement modules
- TeacHy partner POLITO has established a H2-themed MSc programme with a.o. Universities of Catalunya and Eindhoven







### Lessons Learnt

9

EU HYDROGEN

**RESEARCH DAYS** 

15-16 NOVEMBER

- reluctance of universities to take over external materials due to issues of \* ownership of teaching material (copyright)
  - \* stewardship of teaching material (who 'delivers' it locally)
  - \* lack of dedicated lab space
  - \* setting of exam papers
- universities will have their own LMS and need to use this (instead of using a centralised server)

\* this creates issues of transferrability

- partner universities will have to have a licence for
  - \* course content, and for
  - \* access to LMS
  - \* but are not inclined to pay licence fees







#### 10

EU HYDROGEN

RESEARCH DAYS

15-16 NOVEMBER

### Lessons Learnt

- languages translate:
  - \* captions only / captions and audio / captions , audio, and slides
  - \* learners outside the UK have issues with accents
- differences in national and individual university regulations on accreditation, degrees, exams etc. require adjustments
- a favourable balance has to be held between online and in-person content
- tutorials are extremely important to participants / students
- a blended module / course for students looks different from a CPD course in the way of
  - \* tutorials
  - \* length
  - \* assessment







//EU HYDROGEN RESEARCH DAYS 15-16 NOVEMBER

11

## Future Plans & Impact

### <u>Future Plans</u> HyAcademy.EU

- expansion of activities to a network of 100 universities, 500 schools, and 5 teaching labs
- supply of 12 open access textbooks for teaching and studying
- online platform to give access to educational resources, incl. detailed information on degrees and qualifications available
- train-the-trainer and teach-the-teacher courses
   Clean Hydrogen

Partnership

### <u>Impact</u> Project achievements

- 12 universities using TeacHy materials across Europe
- growing network of institutions working together in university and vocational training (TeacHy, KnowHy and KICStartH2 consortia, adding H2Academy.EU in the future)
- better understanding of requirements of blended teaching and upskilling



### Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

Prof Robert Steinberger-Wilckens University of Birmingham www.teachy.eu Email <u>r.steinbergerwilckens@bham.ac.uk</u>

TeacHy gratefully acknowledges the support from the FCH 2JU under contract no. 779730.



**//EU HYDROGEN** 

RESEARCH DAYS

**15-16 NOVEMBER** 







Co-funded by the European Union