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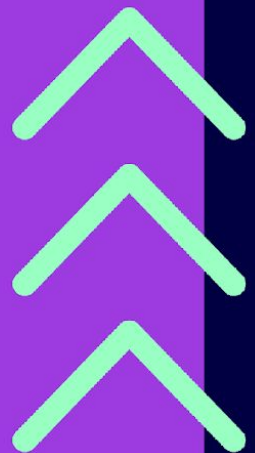
WORKSHOP

Hydrogen Awareness and Perception: Practical Strategies for Public Engagement

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AIM:

Understanding public awareness and perceptions around hydrogen technologies in the EU

As part of HYPOP, the Institute for Methods Innovation (IMI), Environment Park (ENVI) and other partners were commissioned to investigate the current **public understanding of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies** in EU countries.

This was done in order to determine the best **practical strategies for public engagement** on hydrogen energy, transport and infrastructure.

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Tasks:

- Conduct a **secondary analysis** of a previously conducted Public Opinion Survey to inform public engagement
- Conduct an analysis of public engagement with hydrogen technologies on **social media** across the EU27 countries, with a specific focus on the EU13 countries



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Secondary data analysis of previously conducted Public Opinion Survey

Awareness of Hydrogen Technologies survey report (Gallup 2023)

- Initiated and funded by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- Public opinion survey conducted in autumn 2022 in 27 EU countries to analyse and assess European citizens' attitudes and knowledge of hydrogen technologies
- Representative sample of 25,934 citizens aged 15 and above from all EU Member States





Secondary data analysis of previously conducted Public Opinion Survey

Objective

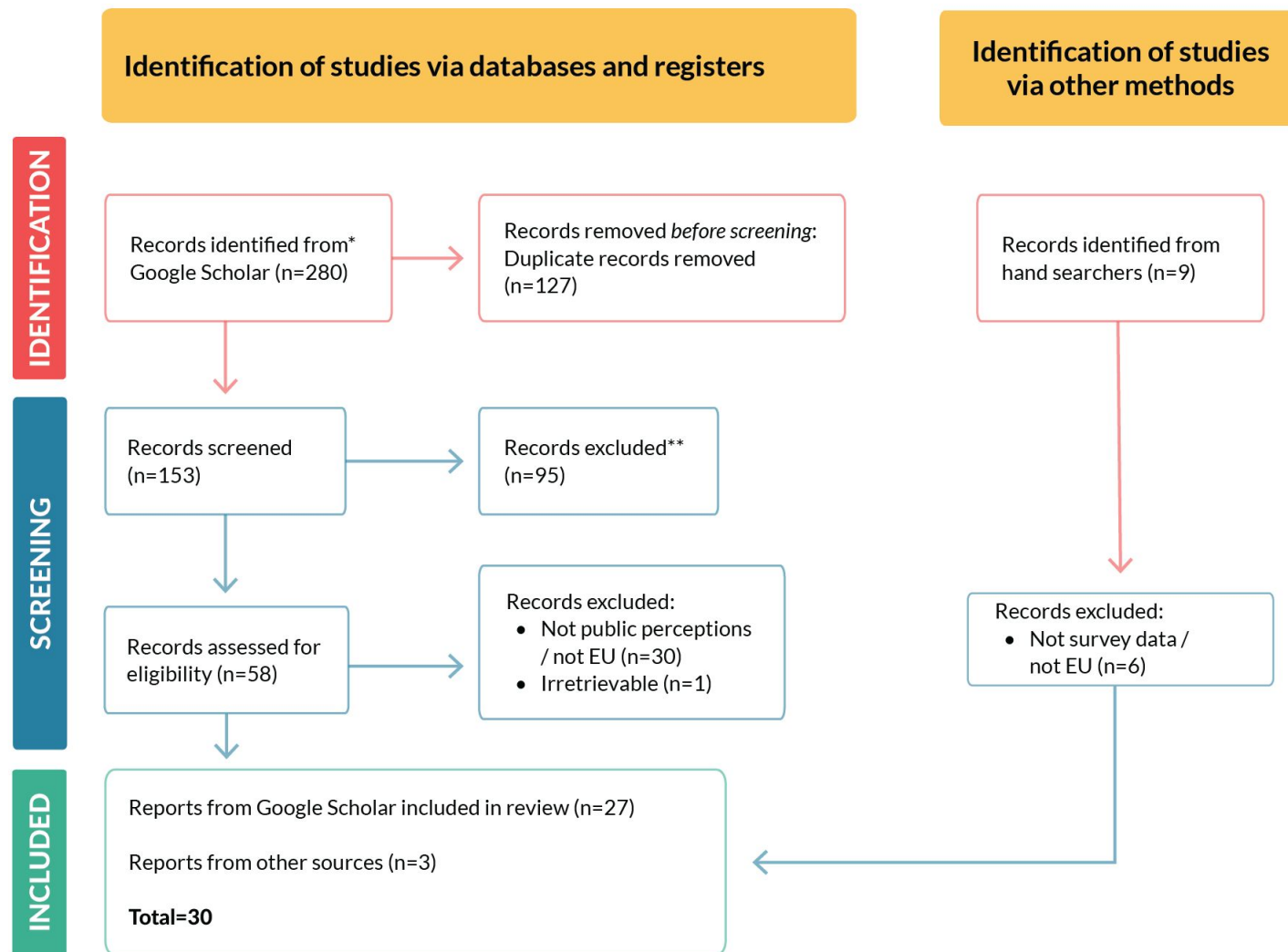
Gain baseline understanding of public opinion on hydrogen implementation in EU countries in terms of technology understanding and acceptance, to inform development of public engagement co-creation workshops.

Work done

- **Literature review** on public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen technologies
- Review and analysis of existing **Public Opinion Survey** and country-specific fact sheets
- Identification of the **main individual-level determinants** of public understanding and acceptance of H2 technologies
- Review of survey data **analytically relevant** to the public understanding of hydrogen technology in the EU27



Literature review on public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen and fuel cell technologies





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Table 1: Relevant sources of survey data with analytical relevance

#	Source type	Title	Link
1	Journal article	Unknowing but supportive? Predispositions, knowledge, and support for hydrogen technology in the Netherlands	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2010.03.091
2	Journal article	The role of attitudes in technology acceptance management: Reflections on the case of hydrogen fuel cells in Europe	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2018.03.266
3	Journal article	Dynamic effects on the acceptance of hydrogen technologies—an international comparison	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2008.02.068
4	Journal article	Are French people ready to accept hydrogen underground storage? An answer through the distance from object model	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2023.02.077
5	Journal article	Hydrogen in future energy systems: Social acceptance of the technology and its large-scale infrastructure	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2021.05.160
6	Journal article	Let's go green with hydrogen! The general public's perspective	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2012.02.126
7	Journal article	Knowing hydrogen and loving it too? Information provision, cultural predispositions, and support for hydrogen technology among the Dutch.	https://doi.org/10.1177/0963662512453117
8	Journal article	Public acceptance of hydrogen in the Netherlands: Two surveys that demystify public views on a hydrogen economy	https://doi.org/10.1177/0270467606290308
9	Journal article	A survey of Finnish energy engineering students' knowledge and perception of hydrogen technology	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2018.04.098



Literature review on public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

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For those culturally predisposed to favour hydrogen technology the addition of adequate knowledge leads to more favourable judgments of hydrogen technology.

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...participants with negative perceptions of hydrogen were more likely than those with positive perceptions to take action against plans to store hydrogen near their homes.

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...the research has shown that public acceptance of hydrogen is very vulnerable to perceptions of decreased safety and thus can be easily swayed by any negatively coloured information presented by the media.

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Trust is vital to a transition to hydrogen as it is a critical aspect of two parts of a transition: safety and information.

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Literature review on public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

Overview of the findings

- Support for hydrogen, but lack of detailed understanding and public awareness
- In Latvia, Germany, and Poland, public support for hydrogen exists despite a low depth of knowledge
- In the Netherlands, cultural predispositions like environmental concern and trust in technology significantly influence support for hydrogen
- Universal call for strategic educational campaigns and clear communication on hydrogen's benefits and safety
- Local infrastructure projects face challenges due to the "Not In My Back Yard" attitude





Literature review on public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

Overview of the findings (cont.)

- Spain and Italy show strong support for hydrogen in public transport, cautious approaches prevail in Germany and the Netherlands regarding residential hydrogen infrastructure
- In Poland and Germany, perceptions vary on hydrogen's reliability and cost-effectiveness
- Increase in European enthusiasm for hydrogen technologies, but concerns about costs and infrastructure persist
- Research gaps exist for Malta, Cyprus, and Sweden, although upcoming datasets may fill these gaps

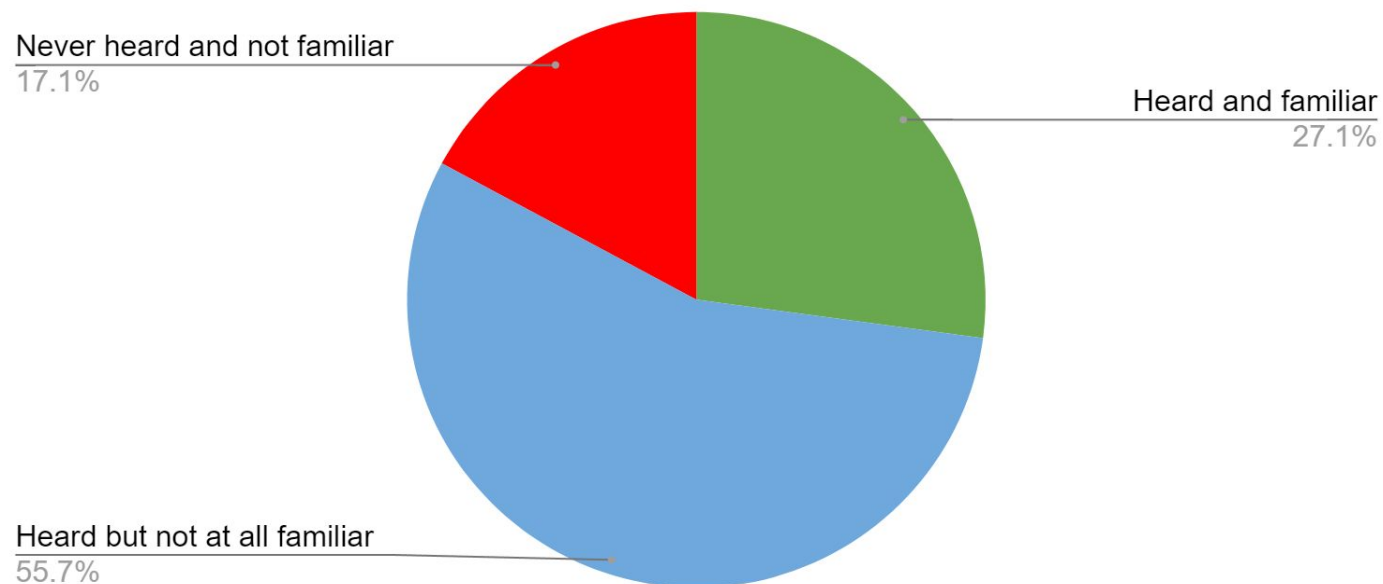




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

Overall awareness levels

- Notable trend that more respondents had heard of hydrogen energy than those who have never heard of it
- General awareness of hydrogen energy but a lack of in-depth knowledge

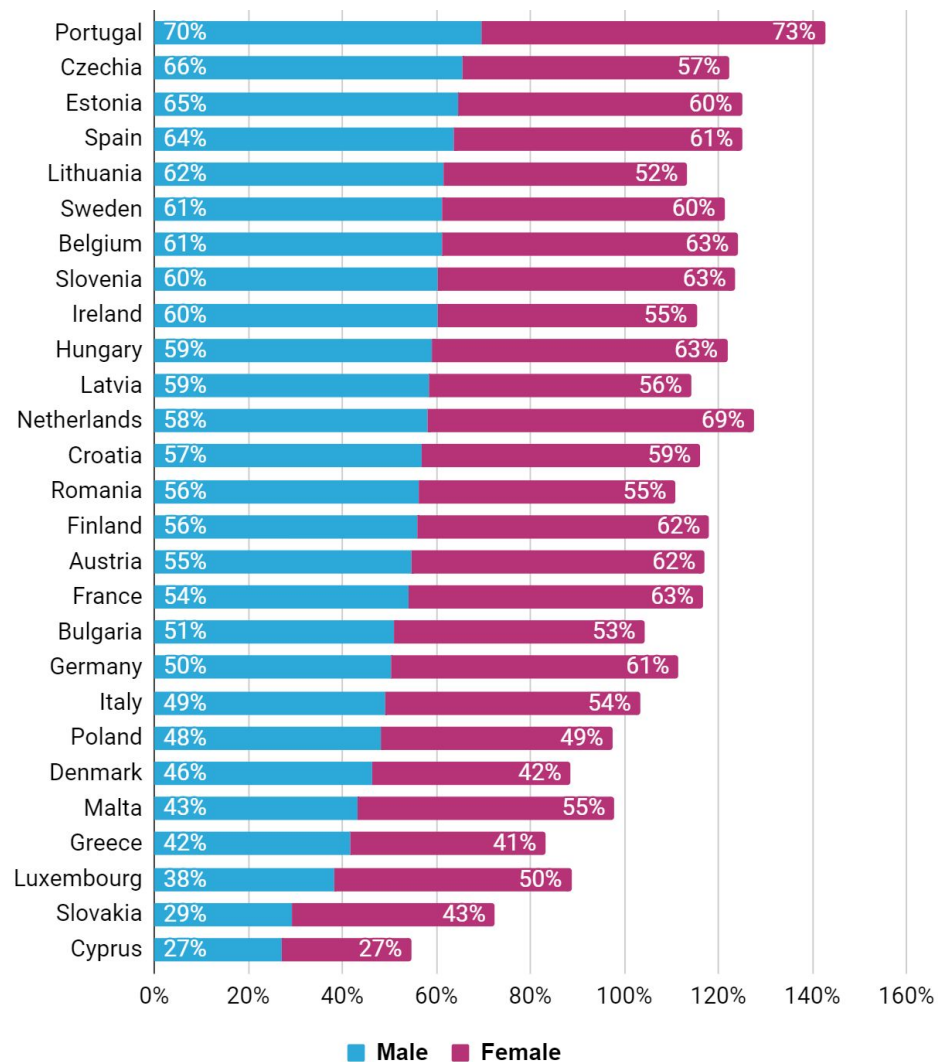




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

The role of gender in public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

- Hydrogen familiarity response distribution by country and gender (Heard but **not familiar** with hydrogen energy)
- While women are nearly as aware as men of hydrogen as an energy source, they feel **less acquainted** with the specifics

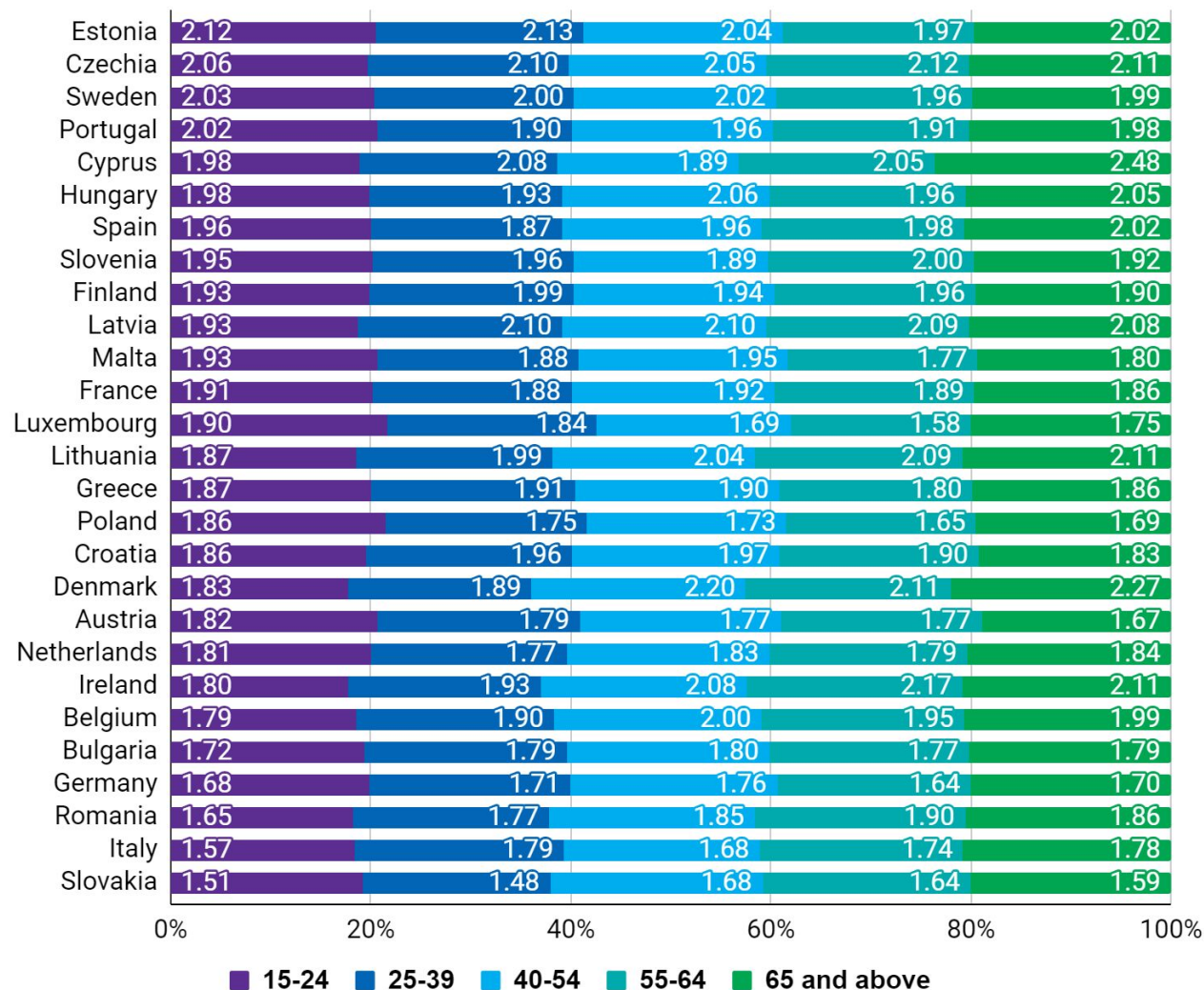




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

The role of age in public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

- Hydrogen familiarity with mean scores by country and age
- Familiarity does not drastically change with age in most countries

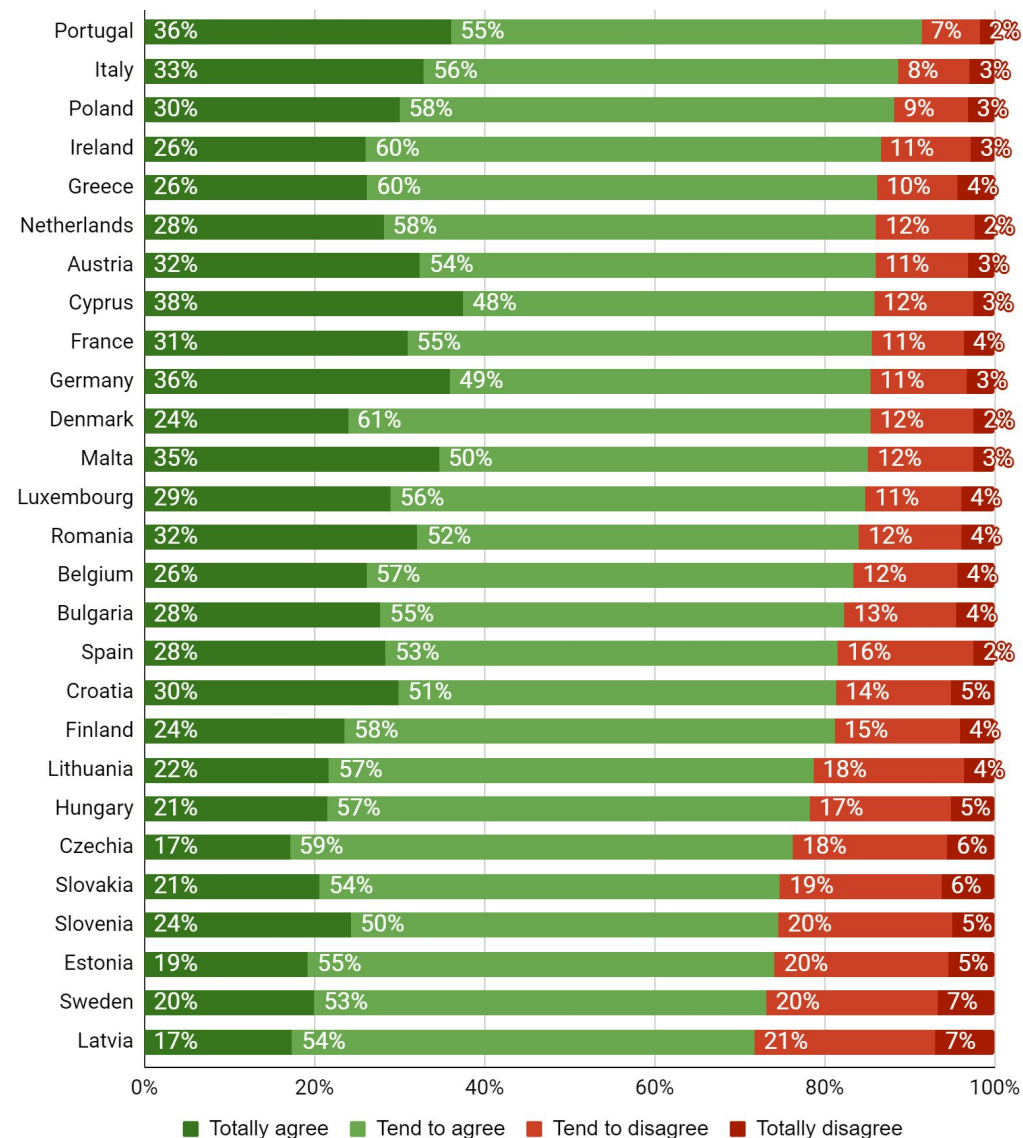




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

Overall views of hydrogen energy and technologies

- Hydrogen is seen as a **good solution for reducing energy dependence** (Trends by country)
- Mostly **positive views and broad acceptance of hydrogen** as a potential energy solution across most countries

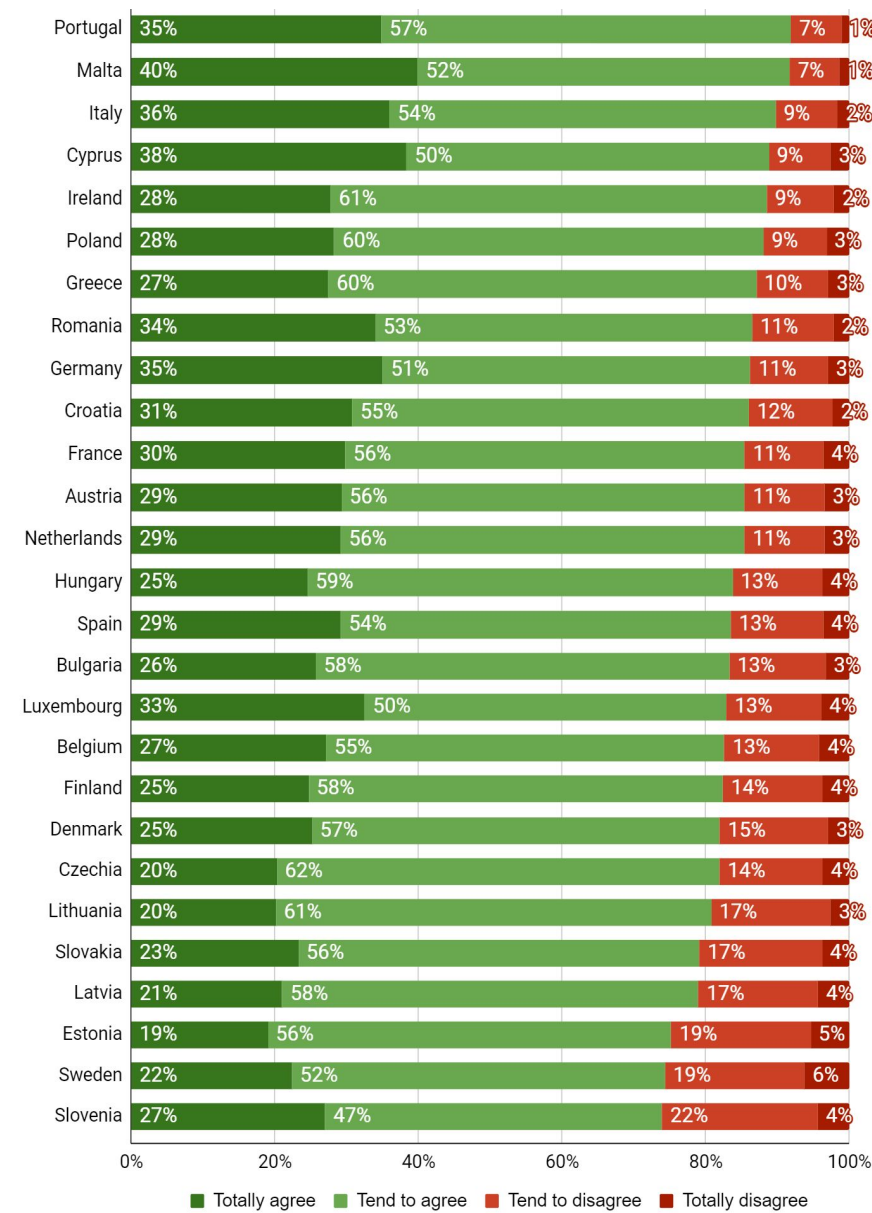




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

Overall views of hydrogen energy and technologies

- Hydrogen is a **sustainable** energy source (Trends by country)
- Broad acceptance of hydrogen as a sustainable energy source across countries

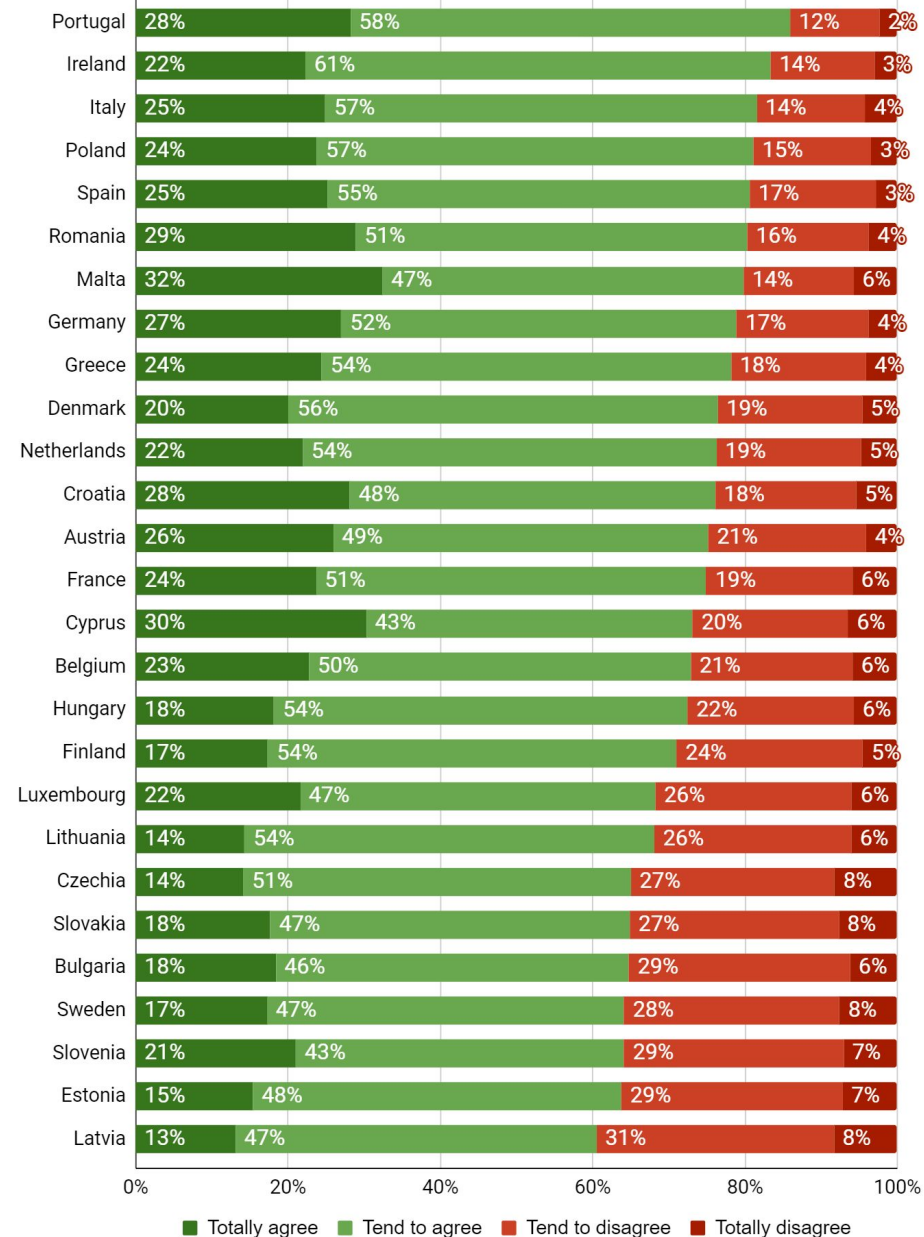




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

Overall views of hydrogen energy and technologies

- Hydrogen's **safety** compared to other energy sources (Trends by country)
- Western European countries showed higher agreement levels with hydrogen safety than Eastern Europe

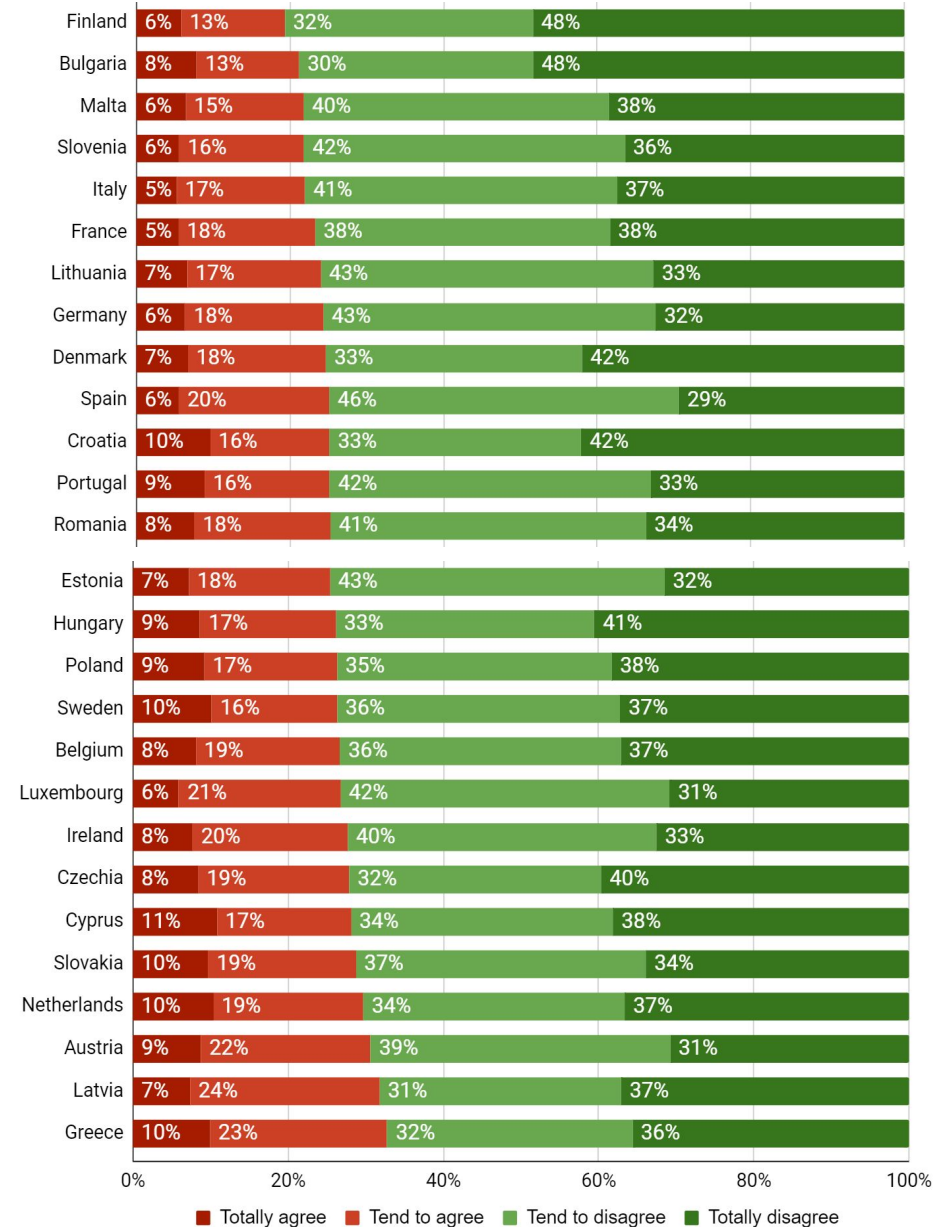




Secondary analysis of public perceptions and reactions to hydrogen

Overall views of hydrogen energy and technologies

- Hydrogen is as polluting as diesel or gasoline (Trends by country)
- Broad perception that hydrogen can be a **cleaner alternative** to traditional fossil fuels





Identification of the main individual-level determinants of public understanding and acceptance of FCH technologies

Work done

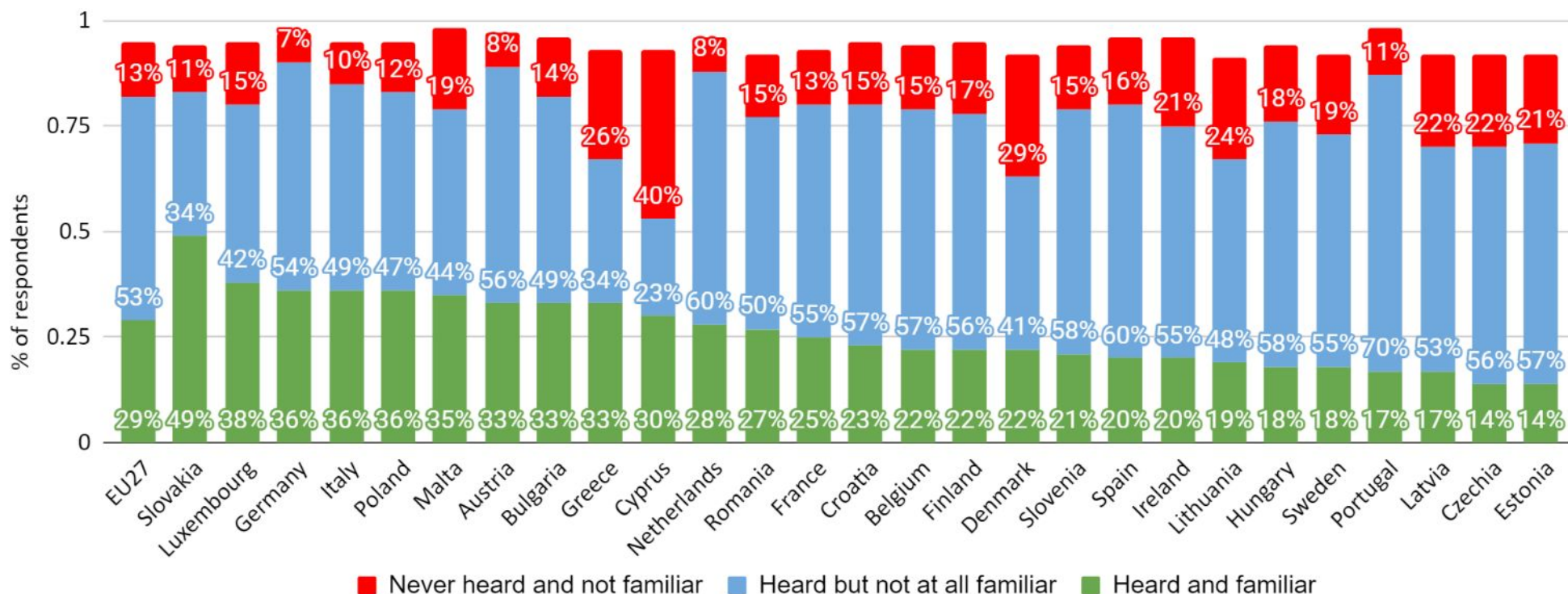
- Deeper analysis of data from the Public Opinion Survey (Gallup In. 2003), focusing on key survey questions and using statistical tests like Generalised Linear Models to assess predictor variables
- To establish a robust framework for **identifying demographic and behavioural variables** that significantly contribute to public opinions on hydrogen





Identification of the main individual-level determinants of public understanding and acceptance of FCH technologies

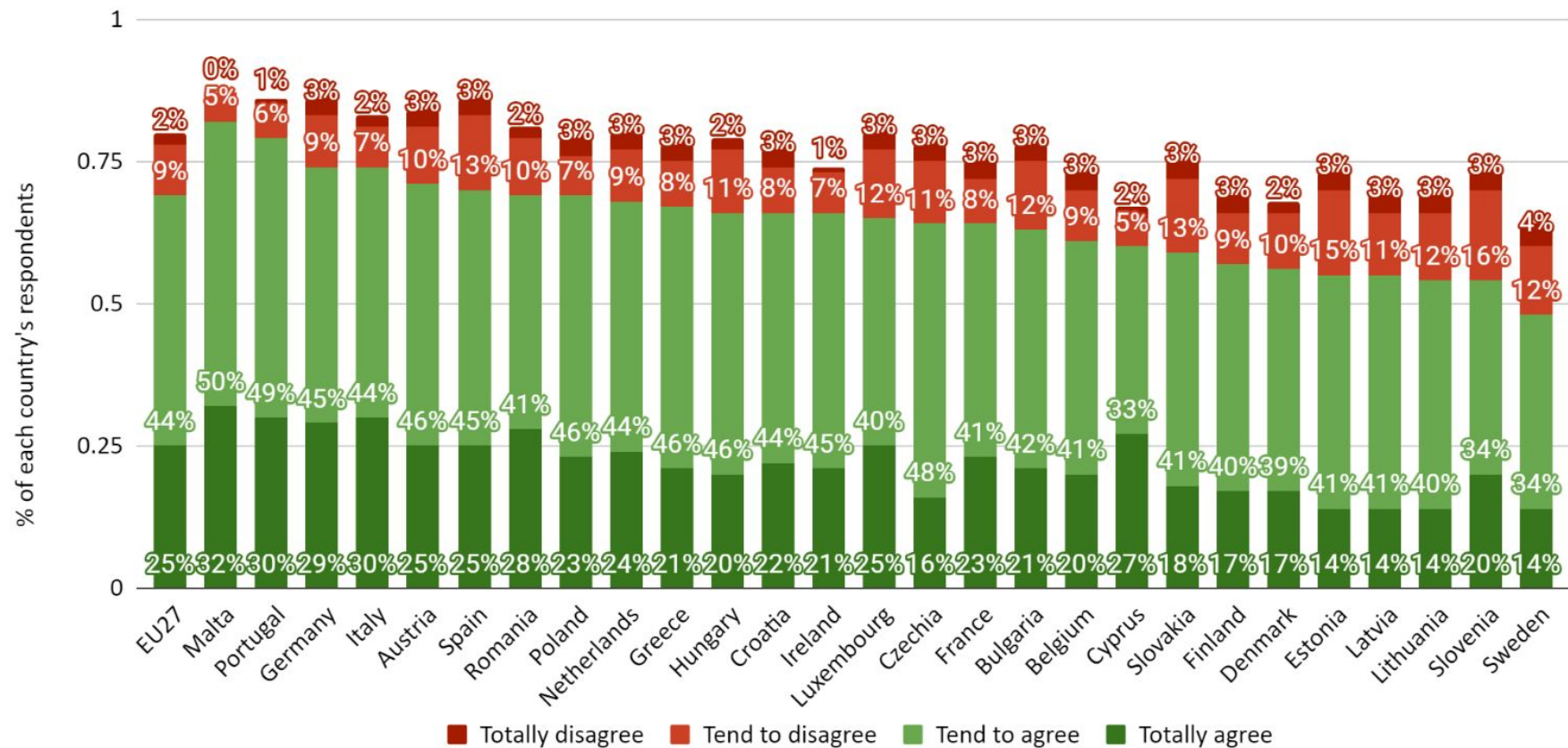
Awareness of hydrogen technology ('heard of' and 'familiar')





Identification of the main individual-level determinants of public understanding and acceptance of FCH technologies

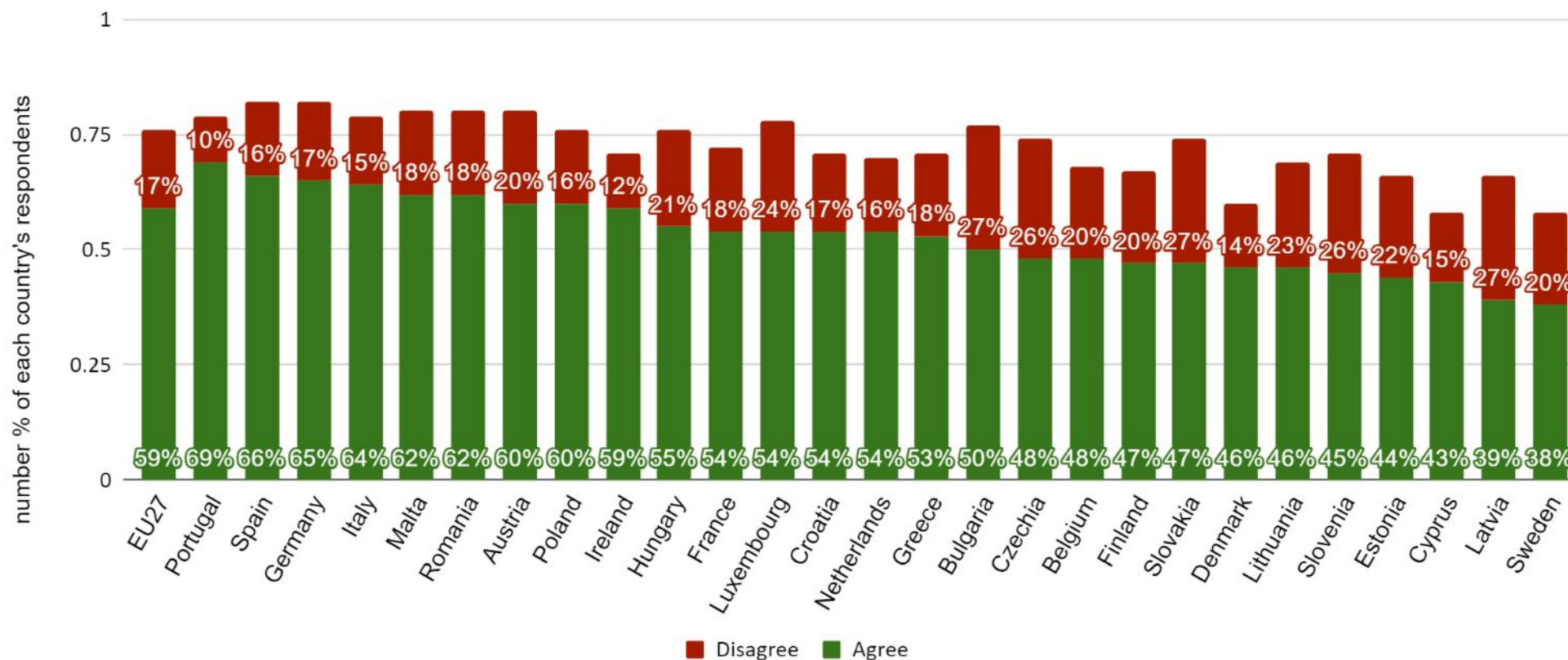
Views of hydrogen as a sustainable energy source





Task 2: Identification of the main individual-level determinants of public understanding and acceptance of FCH technologies

Responses as to whether hydrogen is viewed as being as safe as other energy sources





Identification of the main individual-level determinants of public understanding and acceptance of FCH technologies

Findings summary

- Regional influences are minor, but education significantly enhances support for hydrogen
- High environmental concern scores linked to lower awareness of hydrogen's role in transport, heating, and industrial applications
- Individuals with high environmental concern scores perceive hydrogen positively in reducing energy dependency and environmental impact
- Enhancing understanding of hydrogen's environmental implications could shape public opinion positively
- Social media use currently has limited impact on attitudes towards hydrogen



Recommendations:

- Develop and implement education programs tailored to specific regions and demographics
- Prioritise educational efforts in countries with lower awareness and negative perceptions
- Enhance social media's role in spreading accurate information
- Address safety concerns
- Emphasise hydrogen's environmental benefits





Analysis of public engagement with H2 via social media across the EU27 countries

Objective

Gather information to create a social media snapshot of public engagement with hydrogen in EU

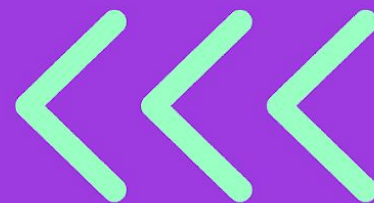
Work completed

Analysis of social media content and search trends to inform future public engagement efforts

Data collection:

- Platforms: Facebook, X, Reddit, YouTube
- Timeframe: October 2023 to January 2024

Weekly searches were conducted with the focus on identifying **keywords, hashtags, users and relevant discussions/comments**





Analysis of public engagement with H₂ via social media channels across the EU27

Key findings

Geographic variability and event-driven peaks

- Public interest in hydrogen technology varied across the EU27
- Engagement levels were influenced by national policies and initiatives, local events, industry conferences or government announcements
- Socio-political factors influence the public perception of hydrogen technology

Topic-specific interest

- Public interest in different aspects of hydrogen technology varies
- There is a higher interest in technological aspects (e.g., hydrogen fuel cells and vehicles)
- There is a lower engagement with infrastructure and policy topics





Implications from all findings

Practical public engagement strategies should:

- Deepen understanding of hydrogen fuel cells, -vehicles, processes, and hydrogen energy technologies in **simple terms**
- Address **misconceptions, economic and safety concerns** about hydrogen, ie. reputation for 'explosiveness' and worries over infrastructure in residential areas ('Not In My Backyard' phenomenon)
- Adapt initiatives to fit the **demographics and regional context** of each country, ensuring they resonate with diverse EU communities
- Actively include women to increase awareness and **decrease gender disparity**



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Implications (cont.)

Practical public engagement strategies should:

- Showcase **real-world examples** of successful EU hydrogen implementations to demonstrate viability and benefits, to convert awareness into informed support
- Highlight **environmental benefits** and safety features of hydrogen technologies as a sustainable energy solution
- Involve industry experts, academics, NGOs, community members, and policy makers to enrich discussions, share expertise, and increase **transparency and trust**



Implications (cont.)

Recommendations for social media:

- Leverage event-driven peaks (such as policy announcements, local projects) and communicate accurate information to address knowledge gaps and counter misconceptions (transparency)
- Geographic (and socio-political) variability requires tailored strategies in different EU partner countries
- Target demographics showing lower awareness
- Emphasise H2 environmental and safety benefits
- Collaborate with partner organisations to increase reach
- Continuously monitor public engagement and sentiment



Thank you for your attention!

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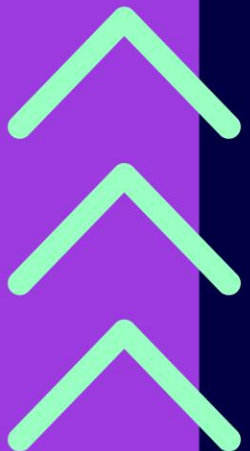


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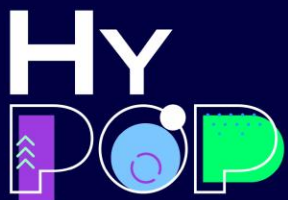


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CNH2 and hydrogen mobility: the example of
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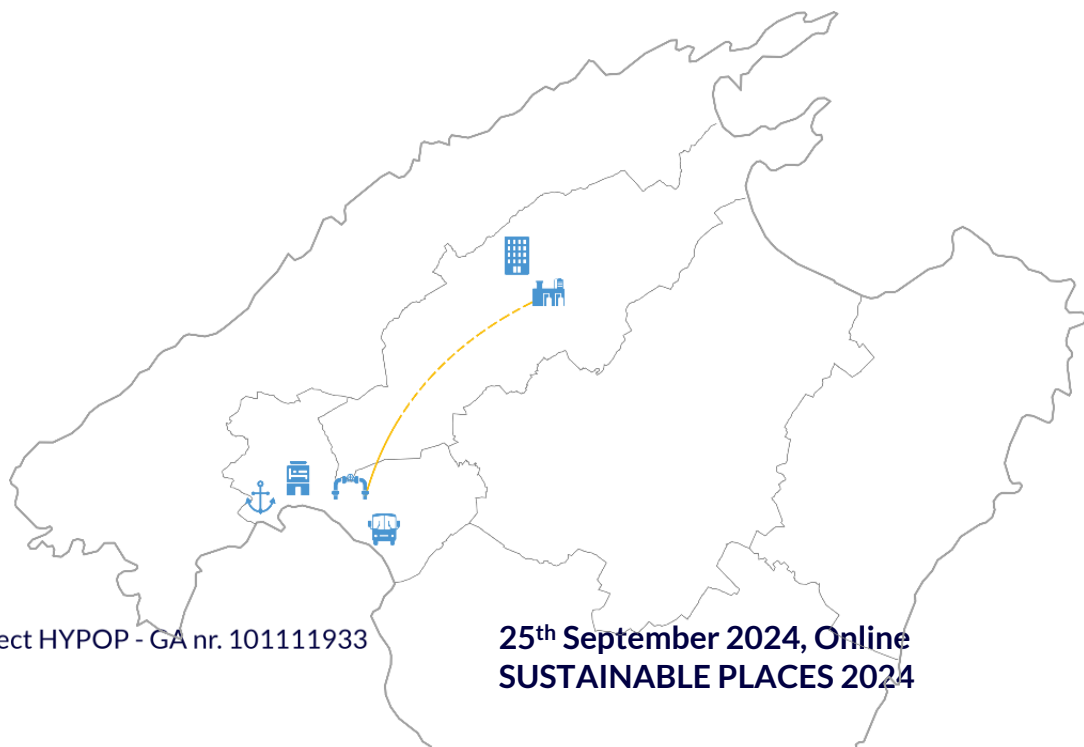
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Introduction to Green Hysland project

Green Hysland project aims to deploy a fully functional hydrogen ecosystem on the island of Mallorca (Spain), making the island the first H₂ hub in Southern Europe.

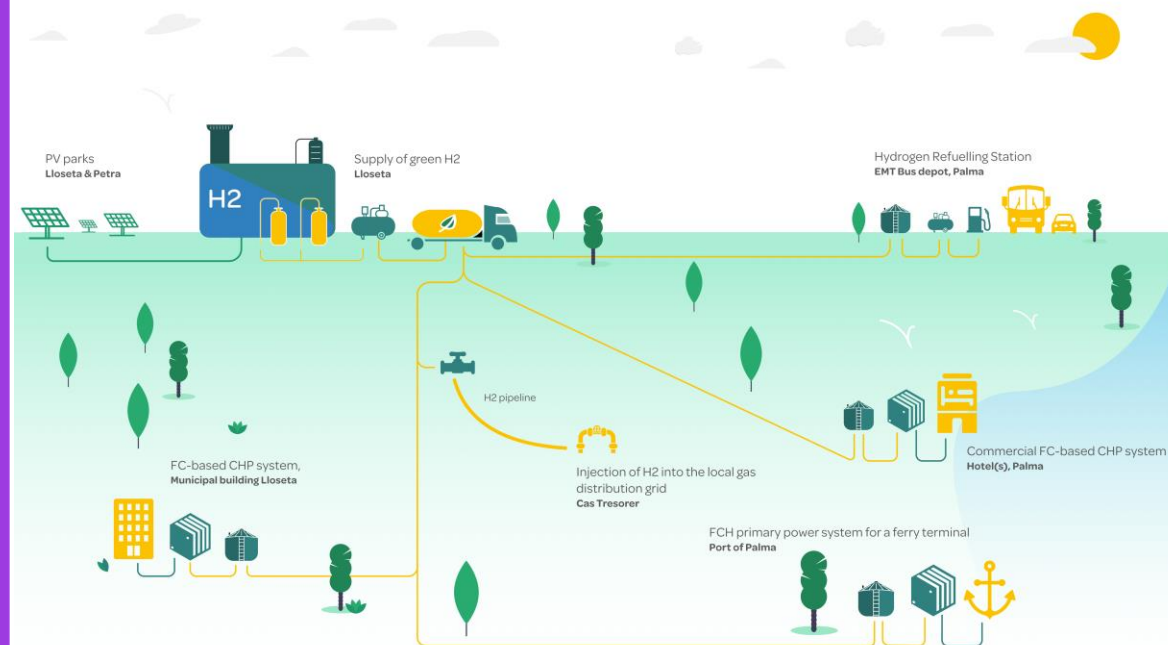


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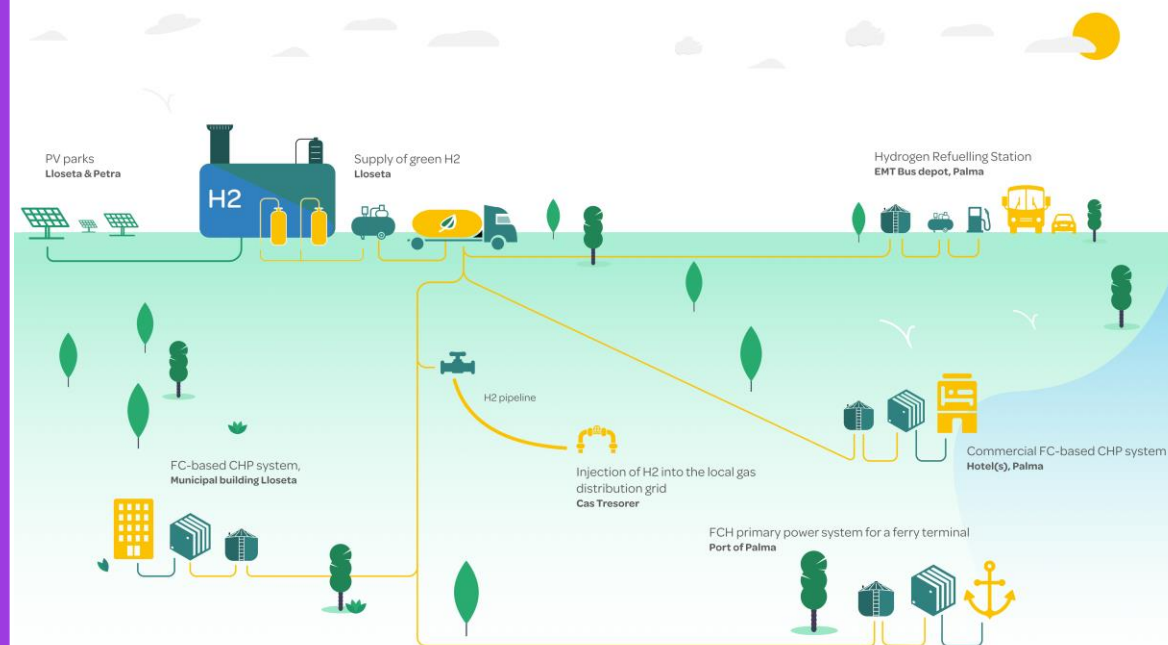
Introduction to Green Hysland project

It is based in the integration of 6 deployment sites:

- Electrolysis plant (Lloseta) connected to local PV plants
- Electricity supply at the port of Palma
- Injection of H₂ into the local gas grid
- m-CHP application at a commercial building (Hotel)
- m-CHP application at a public building
- Mobility uses (buses and cars)



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Introduction to Green Hysland project

Regarding mobility, two hydrogen applications are considered:

- 5 Fuel Cell powered buses
- Fuel Cell powered vehicles in Palma (Toyota Mirai) to be leased/rented in and around Palma.

A transport refueling infrastructure (HRS) will be also developed within this project.



Source: <https://www.toyota.es>



Source: Green Hysland project



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Permitting on Green Hysland project - General

The production of hydrogen has followed different normative which can be classified in:

- **Land use:** Hydrogen production can only be carried out on land designated as industrial (Municipal and regional urban planning).
- **Environment:** Balearic adaptations to permitting procedures (Environmental Impact Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Integrated Environmental Authorisation, etc.) deriving from European Directives.
 - i.e., Law 12/2016 of 17 August, of Environmental Assessment of the Balearic Islands.
- **Industrial security:** Regulations for low/high voltage, pressure equipment, chemical storage, fire protection, etc. have been followed.

Permitting on Green Hysland project – Cars & HRS

For the FC vehicles and the HRS no information about permitting procedures have been found yet in the frame of this project.



Permitting on Green Hysland project – Hydrogen buses

The purchase of the hydrogen buses has been carried out by tender.

Requirements:

- Quantity: 5 units
- Powered by: Electric traction with asynchronous or synchronous motors
- Length of the vehicles: 11.5 - 12.5 meters
- Overall width: <2.55 m. (not including rear-view mirrors)
- Overall height: 3.5 m. max including possible air conditioning equipment.
- Manoeuvrability: The outside turning diameter between walls shall be a maximum of 22 metres
- Fuel tanks: Fuel cell vehicles will have sufficient fuel capacity to be able to travel distances of up to 350 km without refuelling under normal driving conditions. Additional tanks will be offered as an option.



Source: <https://www.solarisbus.com/>



Permitting on Green Hysland project – Hydrogen buses

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Some of the documents to be submitted were:

- **Environmental Product Declaration (EPD):**
 - In accordance to the Product Category Rules for PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSES AND COACHES PRODUCT CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION.
 - List of banned and declarable substances
- **Declaration of compliance with REACH (EC 1907/2006)**
- **Declaration of responsibility** -> Recycling of all components and parts of the vehicle
- **Self-declaration of the manufacturer** -> Compliance of the EU EPC Criteria applicable to transport



Source: <https://www.solarisbus.com/>

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Other examples of Green Hydrogen Mobility

FCH2RAIL (2021-2024)

Objective: To develop, build, test, demonstrate and homologate a scalable, modular and multi-purpose fuel cell hybrid PowerPack applicable to different railway applications (regional trains, freight locomotives and shunting locomotives).

Role of CNH2:

- Develop, build and test a test bench for the FCHHPP.
- Develop and operate a prototype of a HRS
- Propose a regulatory framework for H2 in rail vehicles



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H2PORTS (2019-2024)

Objective: To provide efficient solutions for a fast evolution towards a low carbon and zero-emission sector in the port industry. To develop three pilots to bridge the gap between prototypes and pre-commercial products:

- A reach stacker powered with hydrogen.
- A yard tractor equipped with a set of fuel cells.
- A mobile Hydrogen supply station for guaranteeing the continuous working cycles of the abovementioned equipment.



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Other examples of Green Hydrogen Mobility

Andalusian Guidelines (2024)

Report emitted by Andalusian government with the aim of clarifying the normative currently applicable to any hydrogen installation.

It takes into account that regulations for H₂ are still under development.





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Other examples of Green Hydrogen Mobility

Andalusian Guidelines (2024)

Regarding mobility:

- It explain the different uses of hydrogen in transport and mobility (land, sea or air transport)
- It defines some concepts (i.e., the difference between «hidrogenera» and «hidrolinera»).
- It gives some insight into the paperwork involved in the production, storage and transport of hydrogen (among others): i.e., European Agreement concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road.



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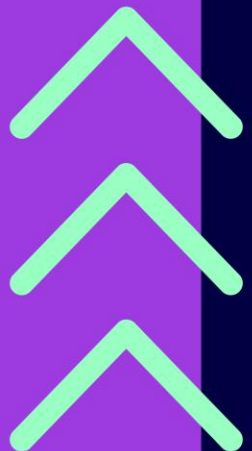


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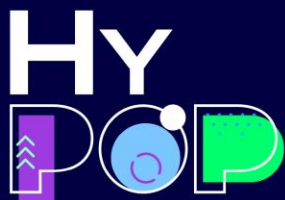


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Tailoring Social Life Cycle Assessment Frameworks to Hydrogen-Related Systems and Target Audience

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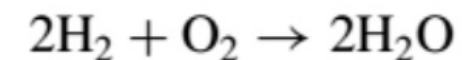
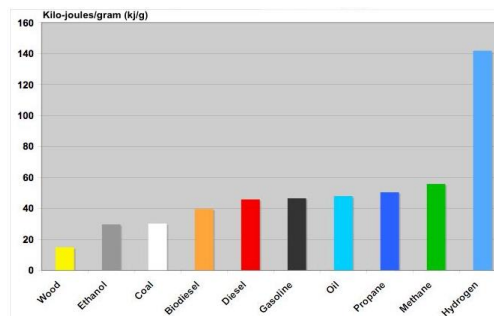


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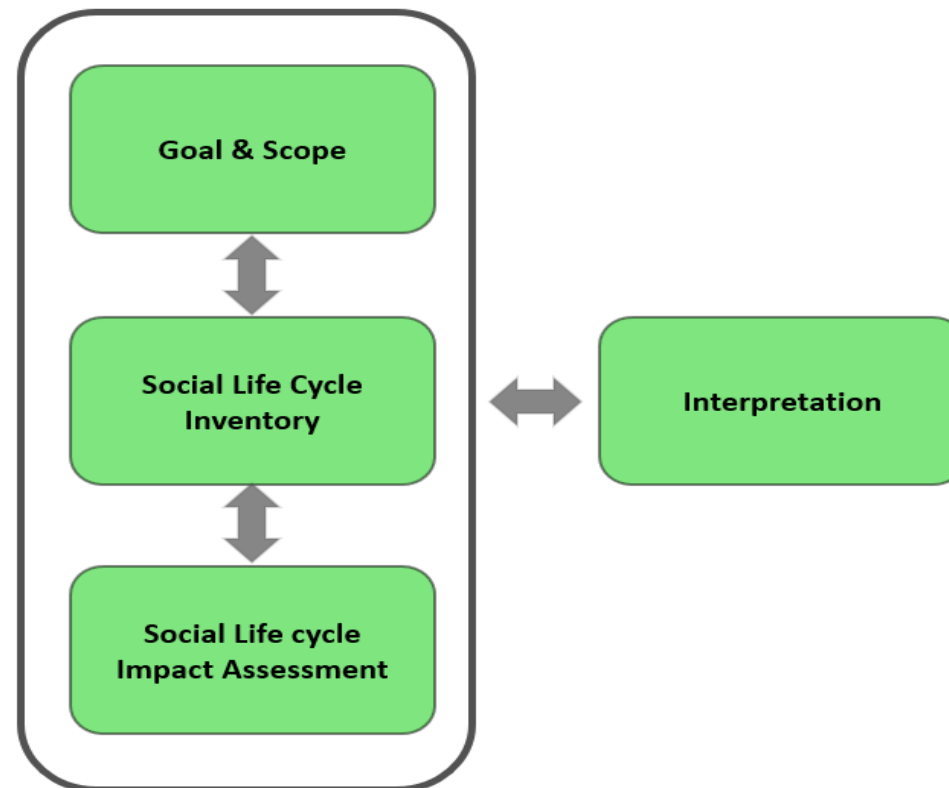
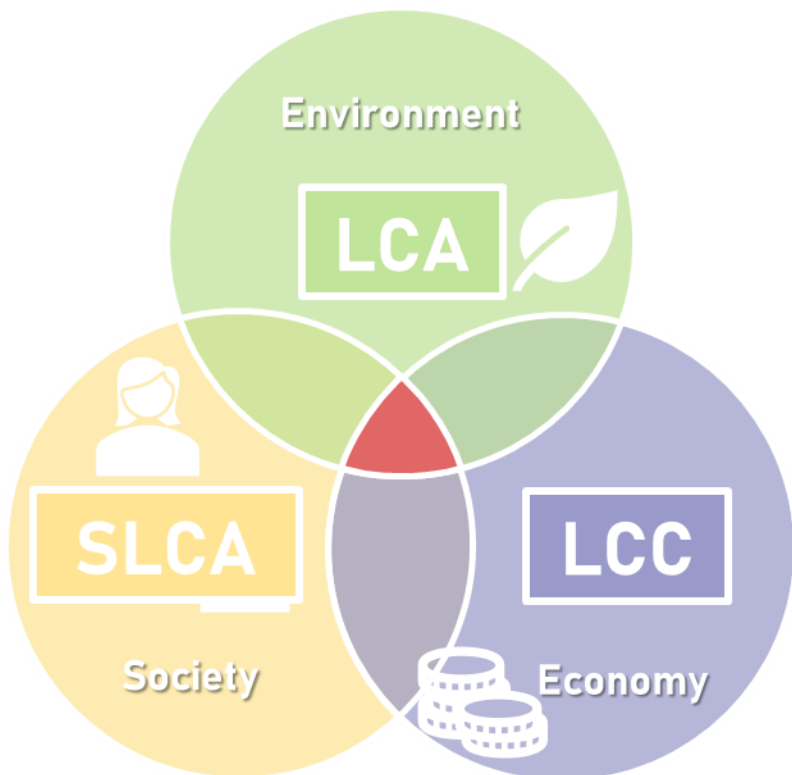


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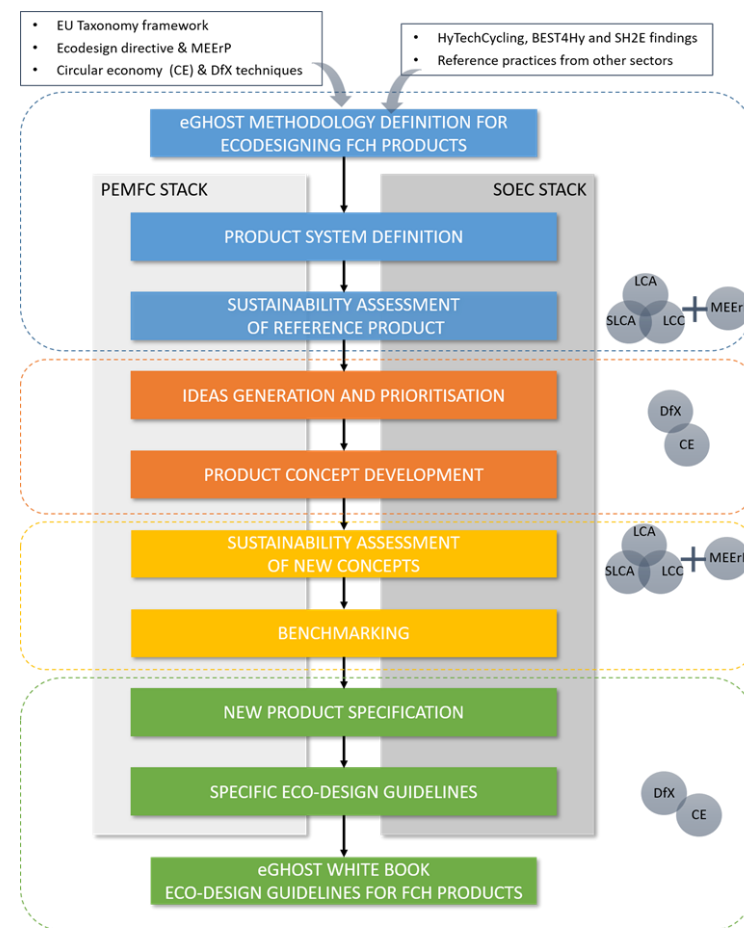
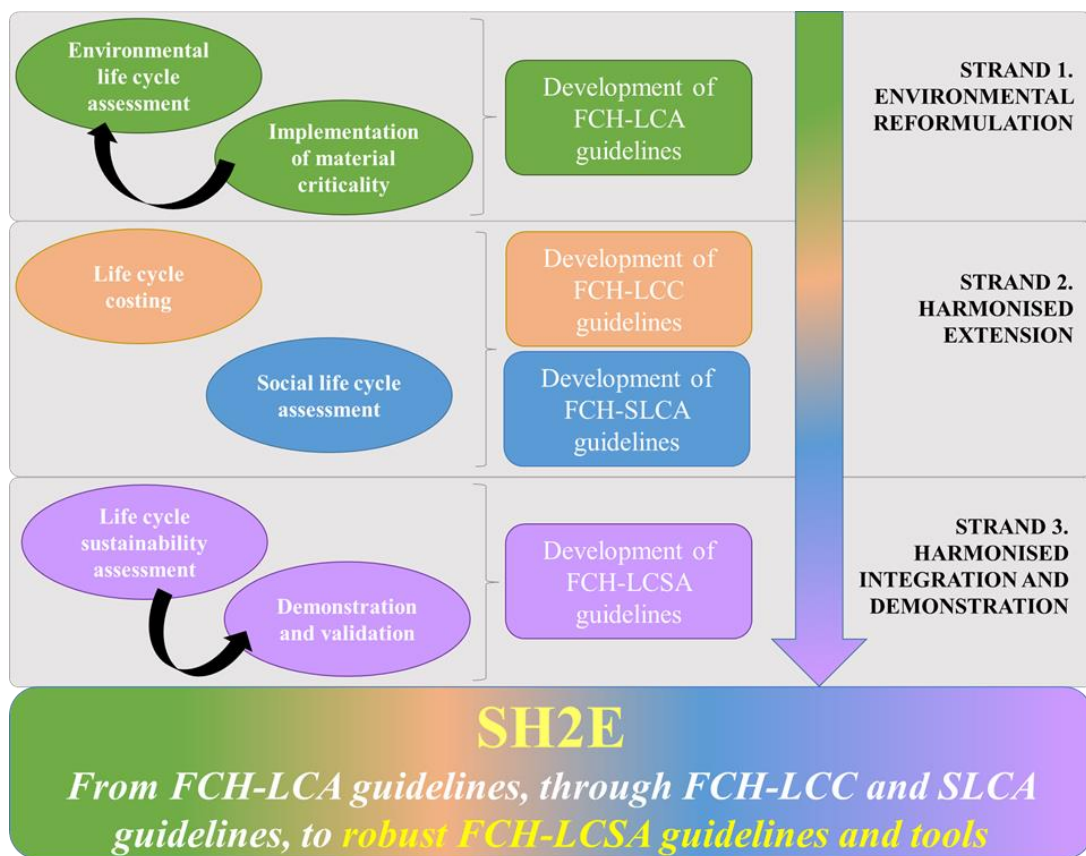


Identification of hotspots and bottlenecks along the hydrogen supply chain under environmental, economic and social aspects

➤ Assessment



➤ Recent contributions to FCH-SLCA

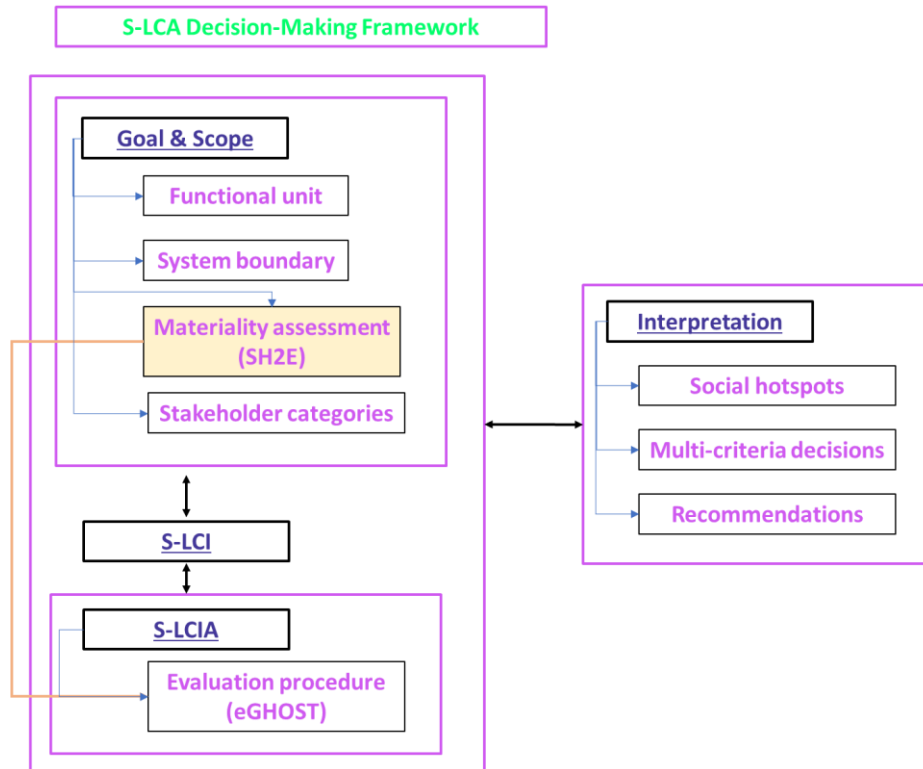


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➤ New contributions within HYPOP

- HYPOP D4.1: Training material for S-LCA addressed to decision-makers (R; PU; July 2024)
 - HYPOP MS4.1: FCH-tailored S-LCA approach targeted at decision-makers



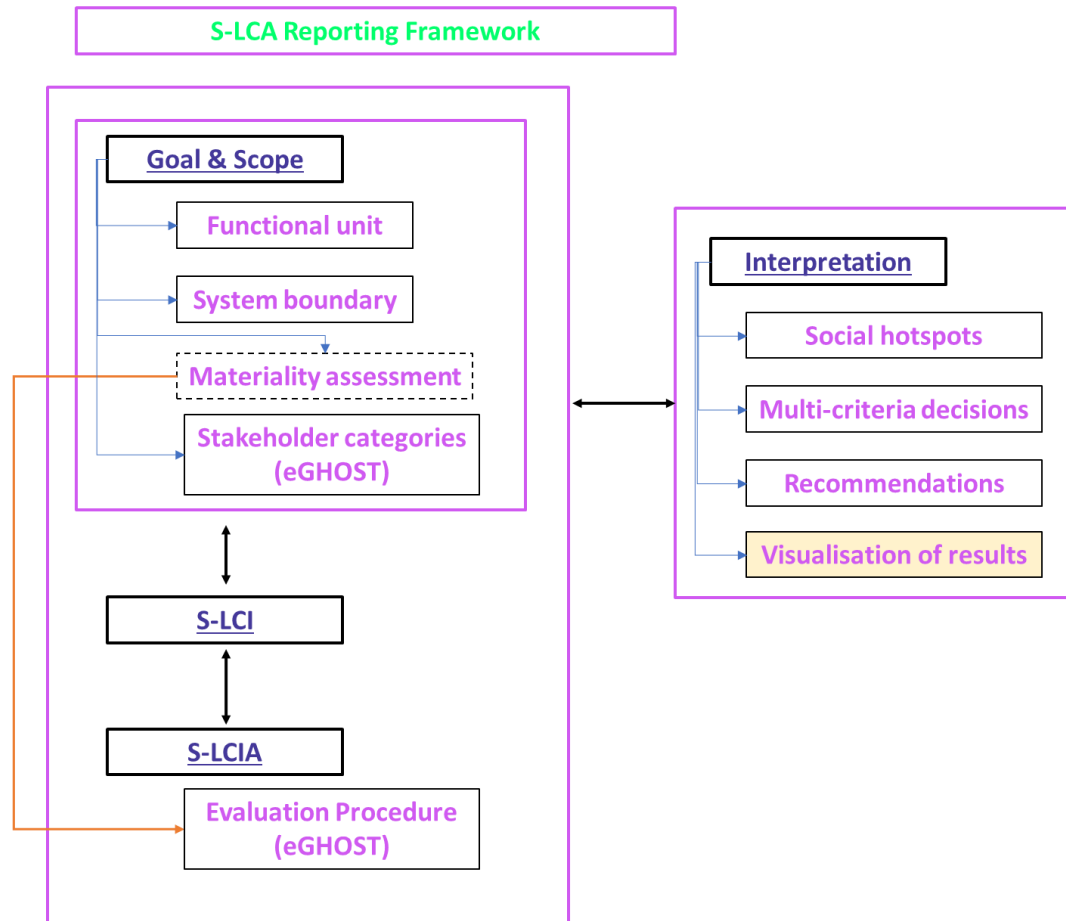
Proposed framework for S-LCA of FCH systems for decision-makers

The HYPOP S-LCA framework for decision-makers emphasises crucial features such as materiality assessment, social hotspot analysis, and multicriteria decision-making



FRAMEWORKS

➤ New contributions within HYPOP (D4.1)



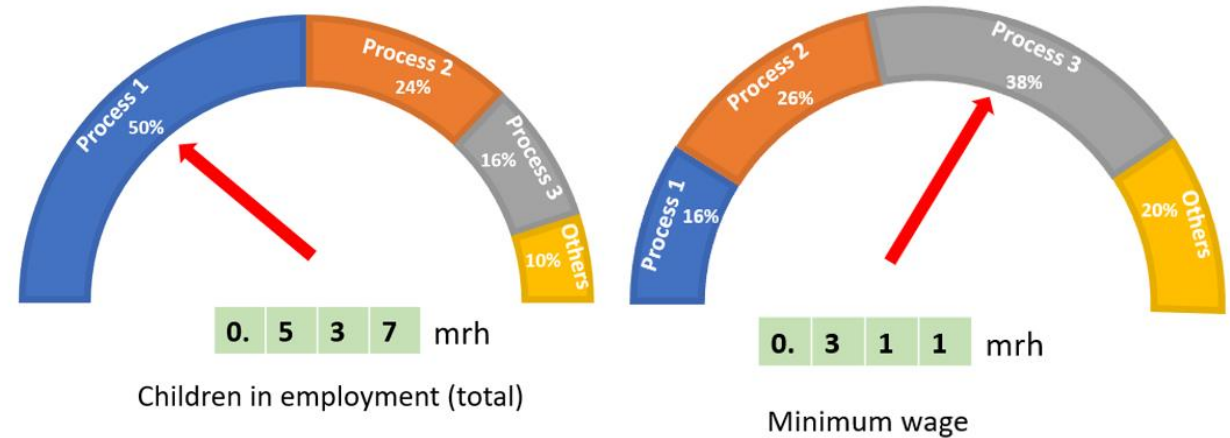
Proposed framework for S-LCA of FCH systems for reporting to citizens

The HYPOP S-LCA framework for reporting (particularly to citizens) specifies default stakeholder categories, impact subcategories and social indicators, and it integrates visualisation techniques to provide individuals with a better grasp of the social factors involved

➤ New contributions within HYPOP (D4.1)

Proposed framework for S-LCA of FCH systems for reporting to citizens

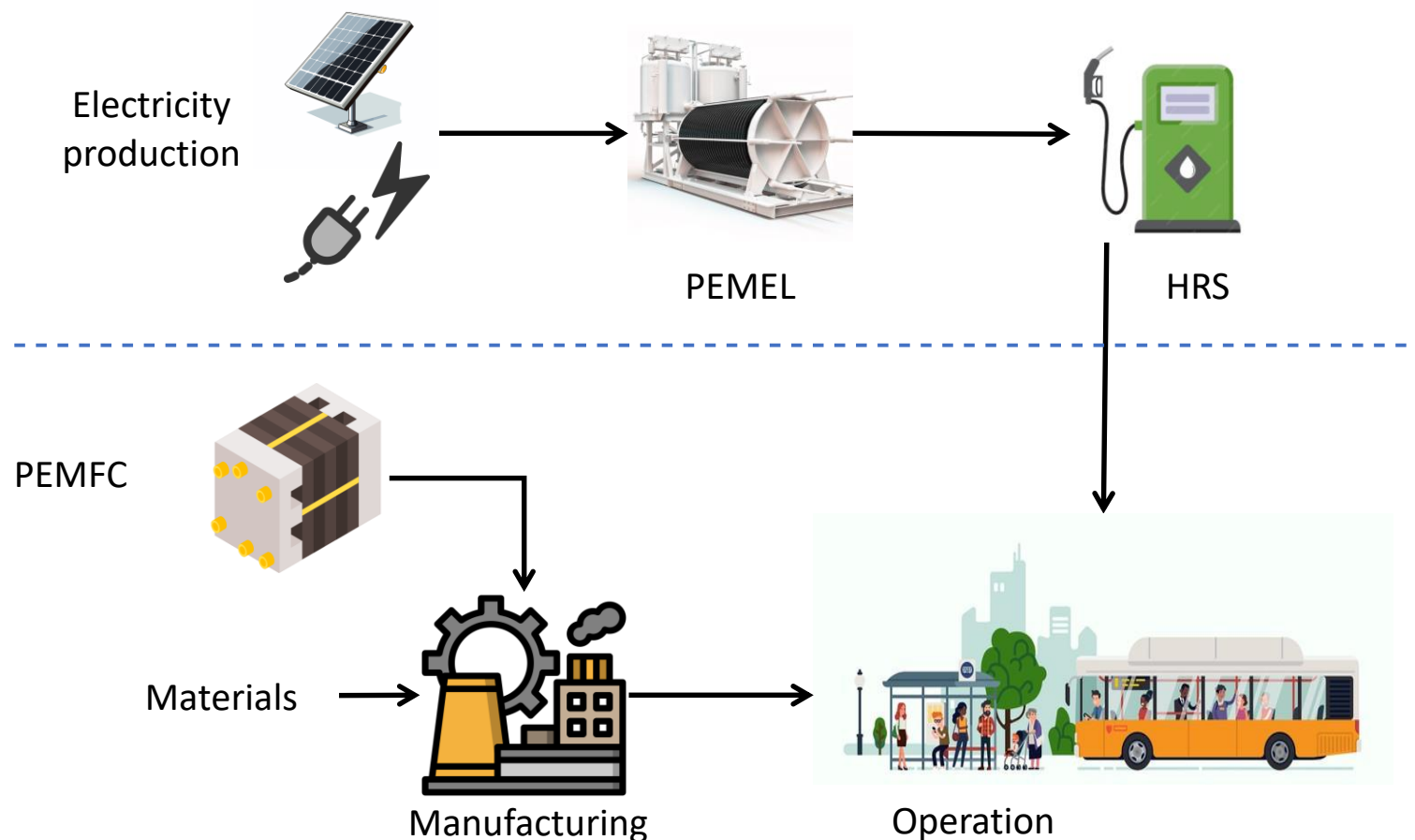
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3  GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING		Health and safety: Health expenditure
5  GENDER EQUALITY		Discrimination: Gender wage gap
8  DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH		Child labour: Children in employment, total Forced labour: Frequency of forced labour Contribution to economic development: Contribution of the sector to economic development





NEXT STEPS

- Hydrogen production case study in HYPOP: hydrogen refuelling station with onsite hydrogen production
- Hydrogen use case study in HYPOP: bus transport
- HYPOP D3.1: S-LCA of two selected hydrogen systems and set of indicators for citizenship (R; PU; March 2025)





TAKE-HOME MESSAGES



- FCH-SLCA frameworks individually designed to meet the requirements and viewpoints of the intended audience
- The proposed frameworks are recommended to be robustly integrated with LCA and LCC approaches in order to increase the depth and breadth of evaluations
- Benchmarking with relevant case studies is advised for contextual clarity
- S-LCA is becoming an important approach for the assessment of FCH supply chains, but still with a strong potential for improvements requiring further effort to robustly support decision-makers, citizens and other stakeholders such as policy-makers



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Engagement workshops are coming...STAY TUNED!

- **October 9-11, 2024 Italy**
«Fueling Tomorrow» event in Bologna
HYPOP (Environment Park) and H2IT seminar on permitting & safety
- **October 7-8, 2024, Poland**
PCHET 2024 Conference Gdynia
HYPOP (RIGP) and hydrogen associations seminar on permitting, safety, certification
- **October 8, 2024 Spain**
PMH2 Conference
HYPOP (CNH2) “Encuentro Sectorial of Hidrógeno”
- **October 10, 2024 Spain**
CNH2 Headquarter
HYPOP (CNH2) Seminar on permitting, safety, certification
- **October 21-23, 2024 Sweden**
SETAC Europe 26th LCA Symposium
IMDEA, S-LCA first results
- **Nov/Dec 2024, Public Engagement Workshops online (IMI, APRE)**
Raising Awareness of Hydrogen: Best Practices from the HYPOP Project
Engaging Non- Technical Audiences: Best Practices for Energy Communication



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European Hydrogen Week 2024

- 18th – 22nd of November, H2WEEK 2024
Project Boot at the EU Project Pavilion
- 19th of November, H2WEEK 2024
HYPOP WORKSHOP on permitting, safety, certification

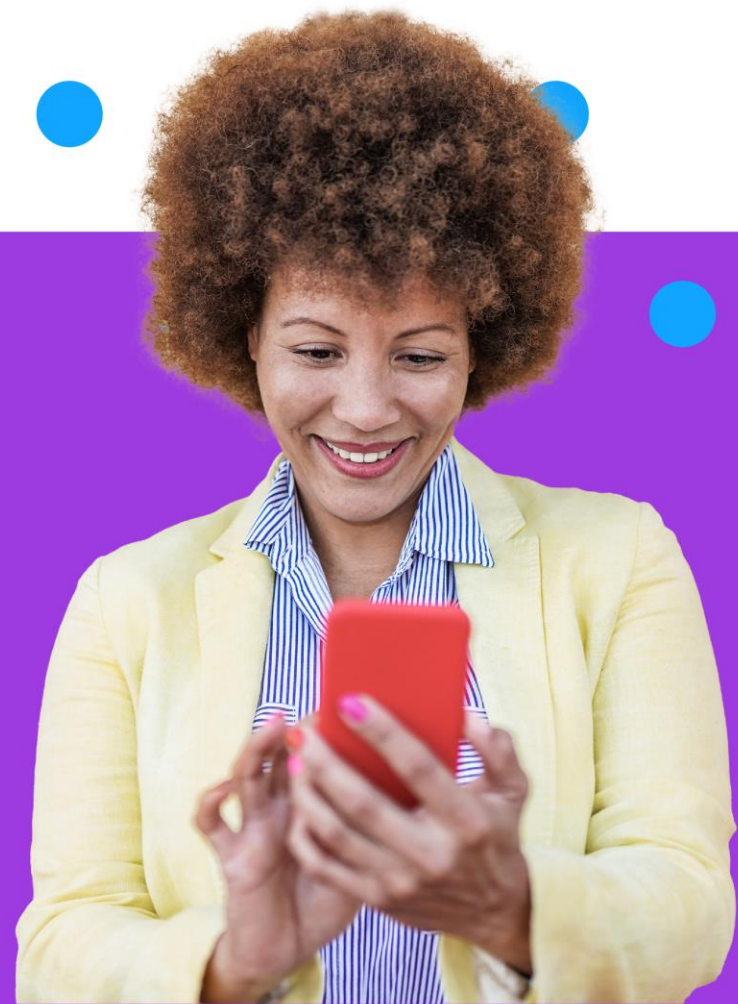


18-22 November 2024

Brussels, Belgium

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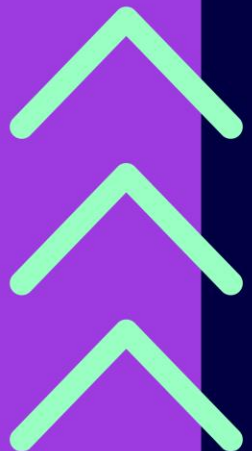
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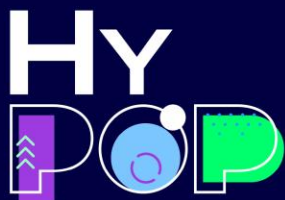


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HYdrogen Public Opinion and acceptance,
HYPOP Project Introduction

Marianna Franchino, ENVIRONMENT PARK



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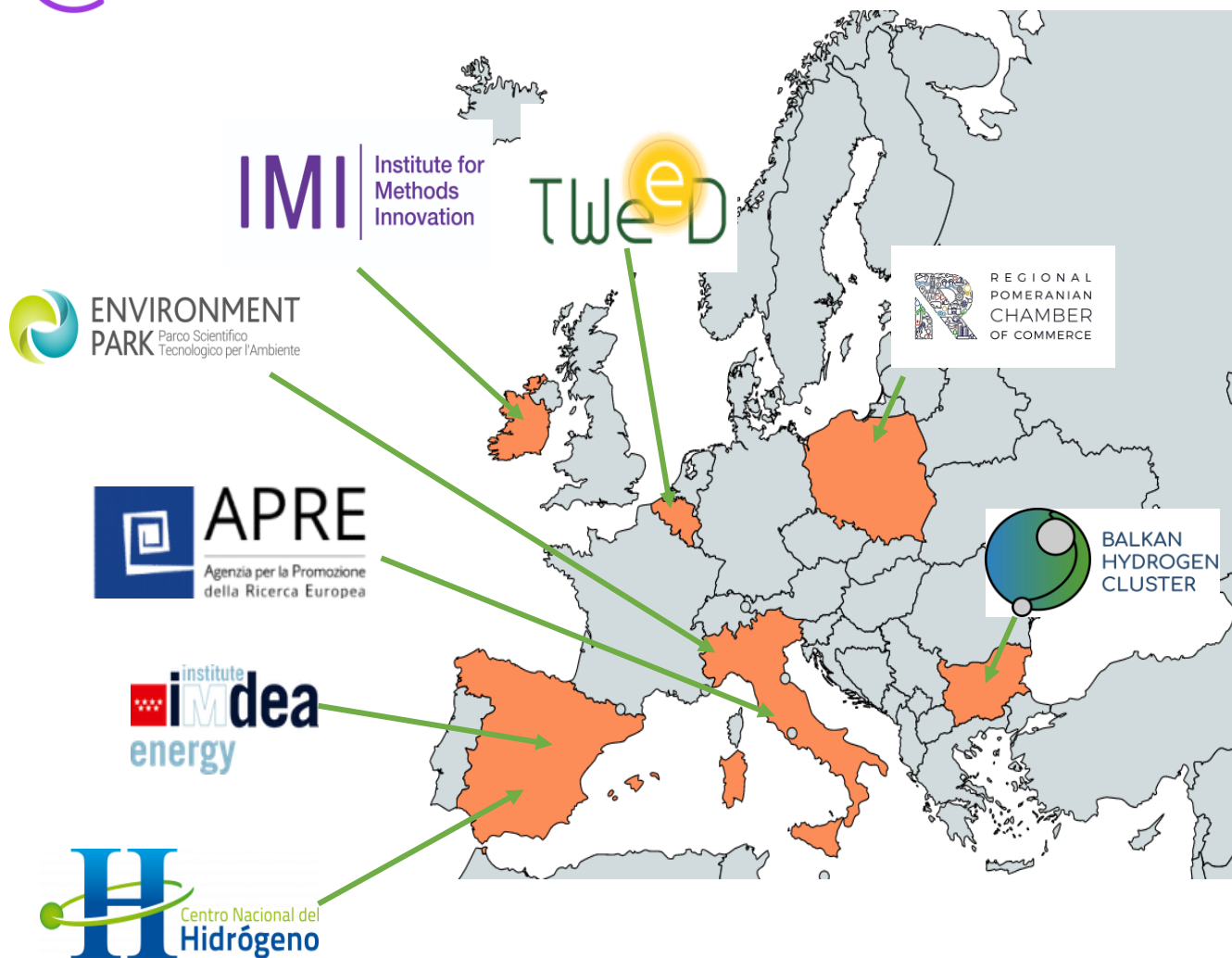
HYPOP Project Objective

HYPOP – **Hydrogen Public Opinion and Acceptance**, is a project funded by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership under the European Horizon Europe programme.

Overall objective is to **raise public awareness and trust towards hydrogen technologies and their systemic benefits**, through the following activities:

- the preparation of **guidelines and good practices** that will help to define more effectively how citizens, consumers/end users, and stakeholders can be involved in the implementation of Hydrogen technologies;
- the **creation of a social platform** collecting communication materials (videos, news, scientific papers) on new hydrogen technologies, developed according to the early findings of the public engagement activities;
- the **definition of indicators** to be used for Hydrogen Social Life Cycle Assessment for public acceptance and informed decision-making.

HYPOP will focus on two applications: **residential and mobility**, which will enter into the daily life of people.



4 Hydrogen Clusters:

- Environment Park
- Cluster TWEED (Wallonia and Brussels)
- The Pomeranian Regional Chamber of Commerce (RIGP)
- The Balkan Hydrogen Cluster

3 Research Organisations:

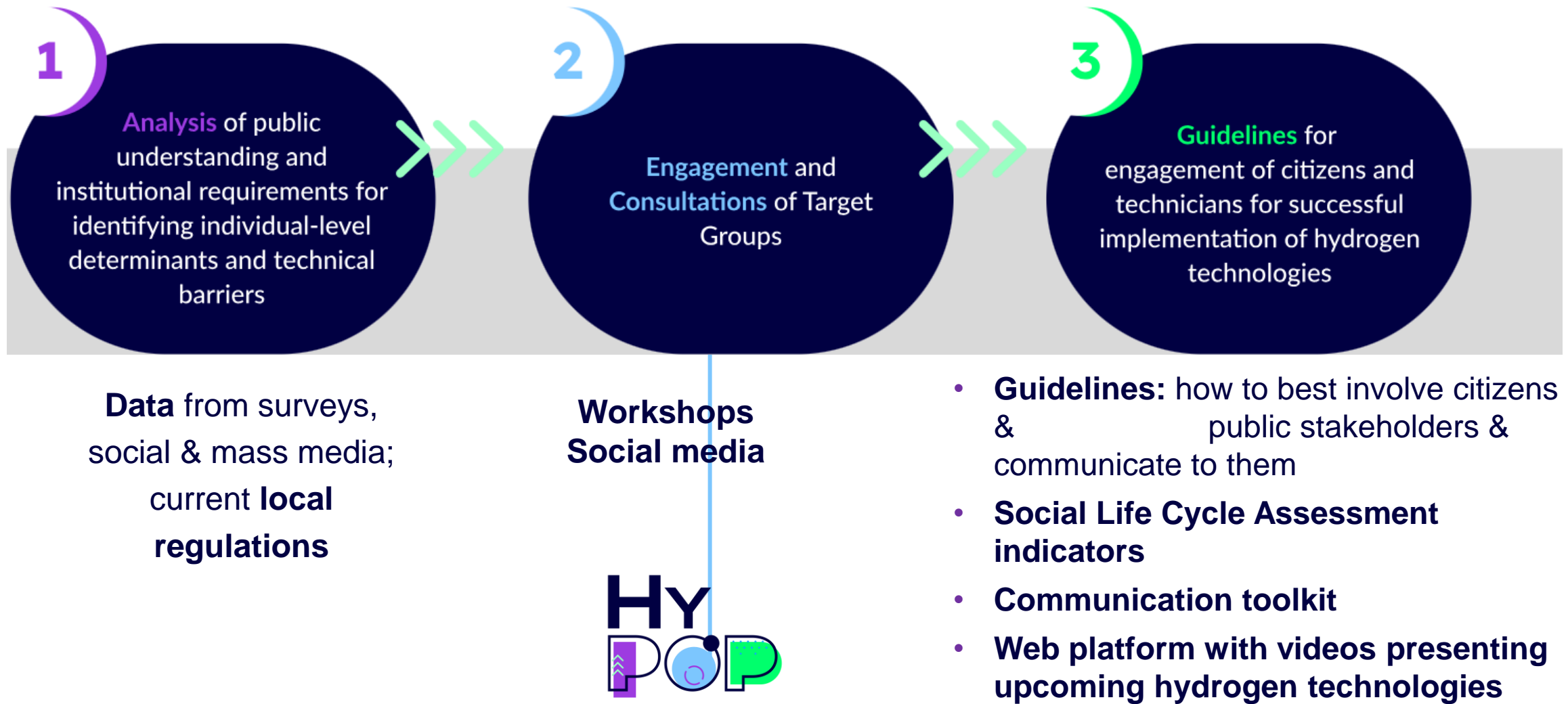
- Institute for Methods Innovation (IMI)
- The IMDEA Energy Institute (IME)
- Centro Nacional del Hidrógeno (CNH2)

1 strategic communication and stakeholder engagement specialist

- the Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE)



Project Overview





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1. Based on your personal experience, which factors mainly influence the public opinion about hydrogen technologies? 2-3 words

CITIZENS

- Citizens
- Consumers/end users
- Communication experts



Social Analysis

STAKEHOLDERS

- First responders
- Permitting entities
- Certification bodies
- Decision makers



Technical Analysis

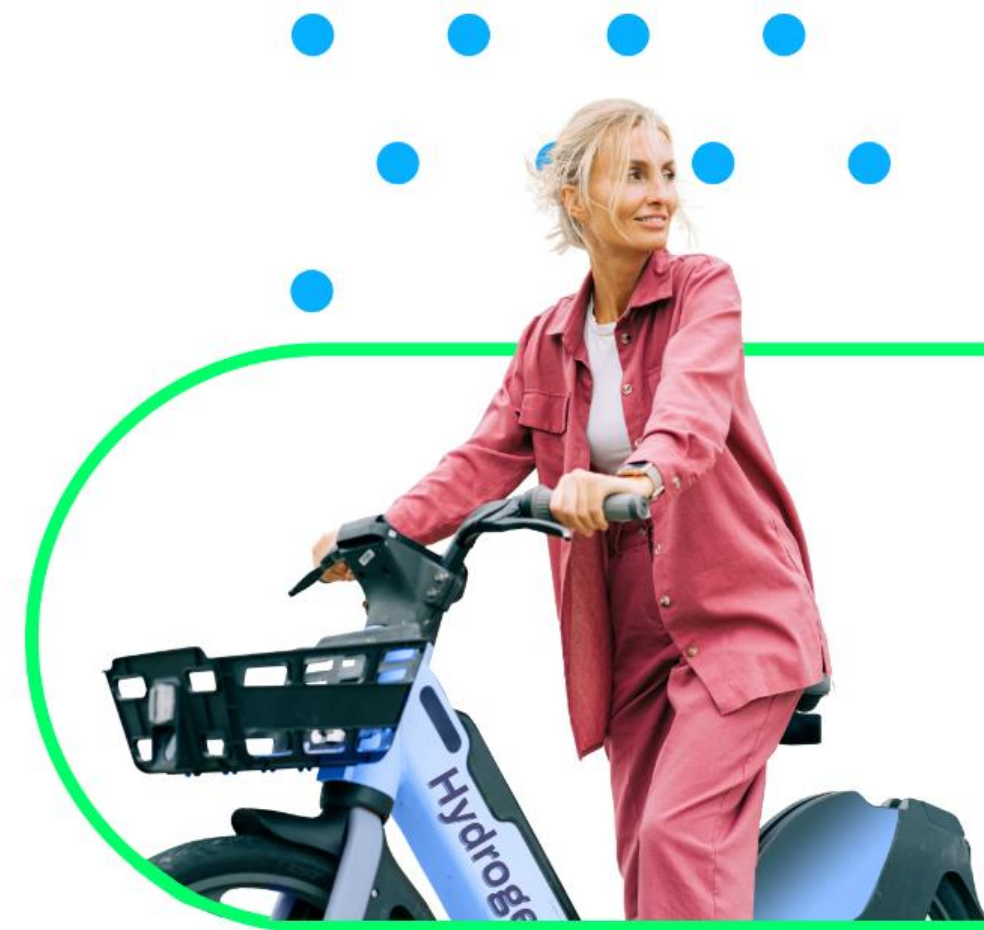


SOCIAL ANALYSIS

What does people think about hydrogen?

- H2implementation level in different EU countries (policy, social frameworks etc).
- **Secondary data analysis previously conducted public opinion surveys** (e.g. Gallup Survey run by the Clean Hydrogen Partnership) to be used as baseline understanding of the public opinion regarding H2 implementation in EU countries in terms of technology understanding and acceptance.
- **Analysis of public engagement with H2 via social media across the EU27** to understand engagement and communication strategy.

Final development of a **public informative and engagement strategy.**





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2. Have you heard about public engagement activities with citizens/end-users? Select one or more options

Living Labs

☐ 0%

Informative sessions

☐ 0%

Public consultations

☐ 0%

Communication campaigns via
radio/tv

☐ 0%

Social Media Campaigns

☐ 0%

STAKEHOLDERS ANALYSIS

Understanding of different EU approaches on:

- **Permitting**
- **Safety**
- **Certification**

for the installation of hydrogen technologies.

Understand gaps and barriers, differences, but also best practices.

Demo projects, hydrogen valleys have been analysed.





ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Co-creation workshops targeted for the 2 target groups:

- **Public engagement workshops:** to inform citizens and increase public trust in H2 implementation;
- **Stakeholders' engagement workshops:** inform and present the main results from the task on requirements' lists for permitting, safety and certification. In particular authorities issuing permitting and authorisations, first responders and certification bodies will be involved.





HYPOP Project OUTCOMES

GUIDELINES AND GOOD PRACTICES FOR H2 ACCEPTANCE

- **Public Engagement** on H2 technologies' implementation
- **Safety Requirements** for H2 tech installation
- **Permitting Requirements** for H2 tech installation
- **Certification Requirements** for H2 tech installation

Social Life Cycle Assessment indicators

- Socio-economic and environmental indicators for public acceptance and informed decision-making.





HYPOP Project OUTCOMES

CALL TO ACTION!

Contact us for collaborations,
videos/materials to promote in our
platform!!

WEB PLATFORM – demo projects, initiatives and much more

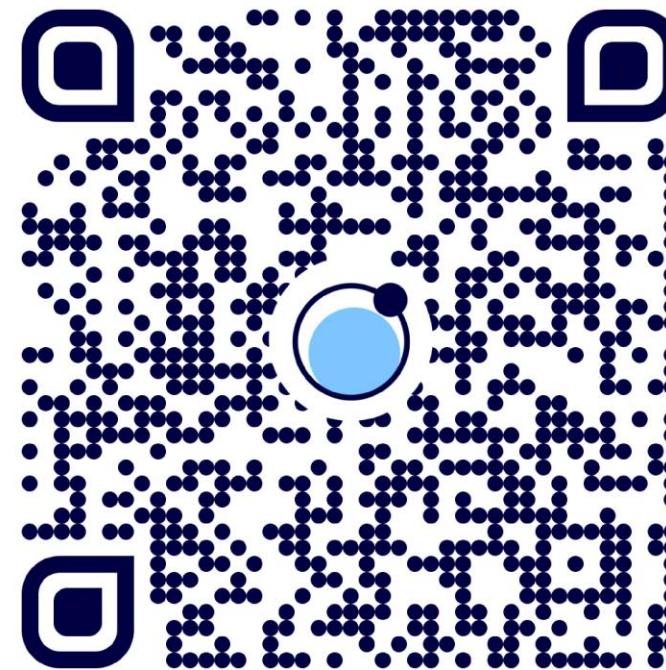
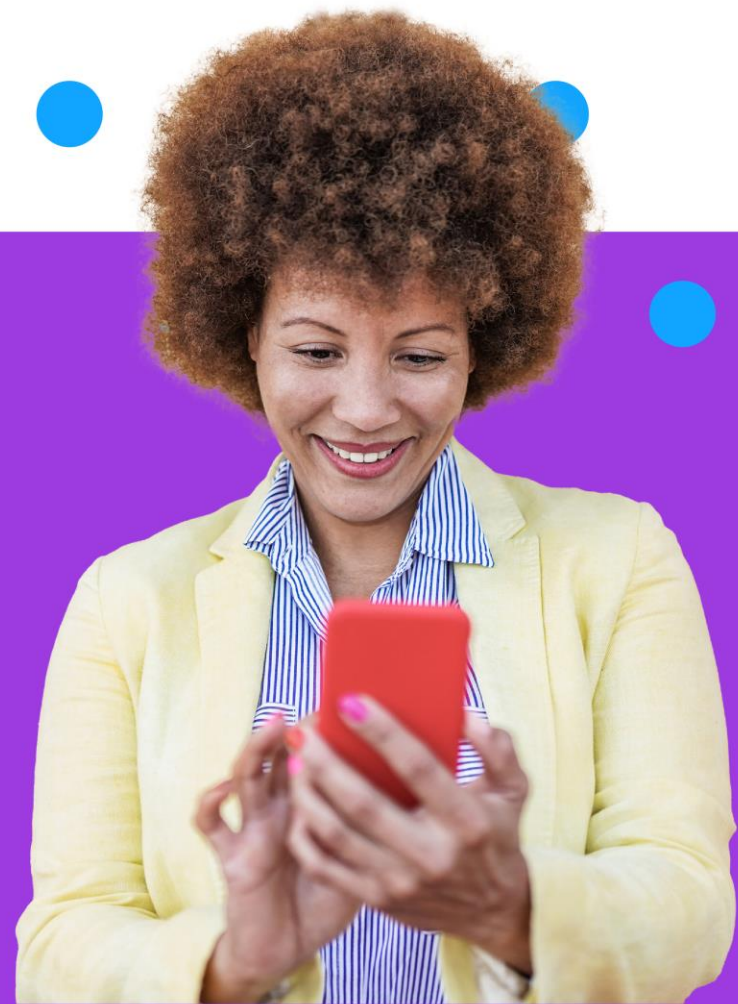
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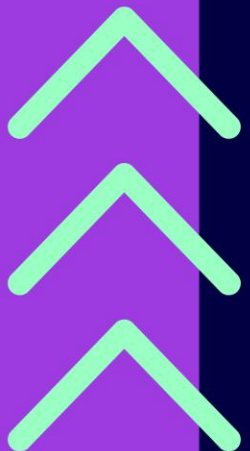


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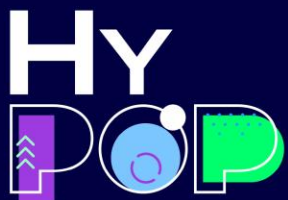


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**Companies, universities and public entities
are key to raising public awareness**

Simon Habran - Cluster TWEED – Belgium case

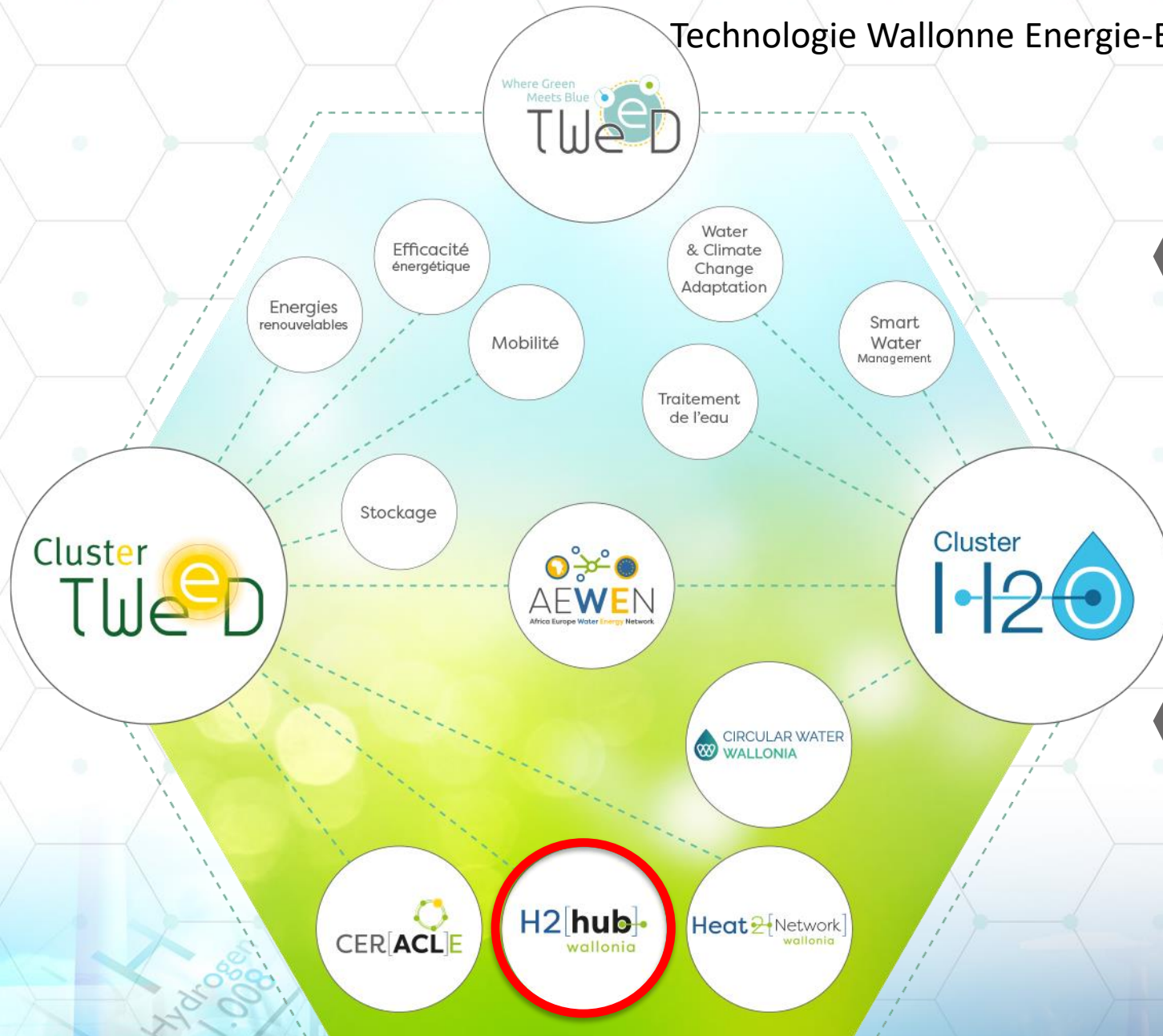


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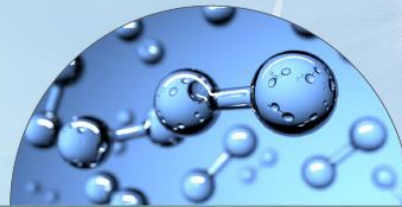


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H2Hub

- The new ecosystem of the energy transition •

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wallonia





Companies, universities and public entities are key to raising public awareness

■ Companies

- Develop the **new technologies** and thus the **new market**
- The citizen **must see this new market** to accept it.

■ Research, Education & training infrastructures

- Develop new courses that will attract students to this new sector => **improve awareness of students**
- Develop new skills and knowledges

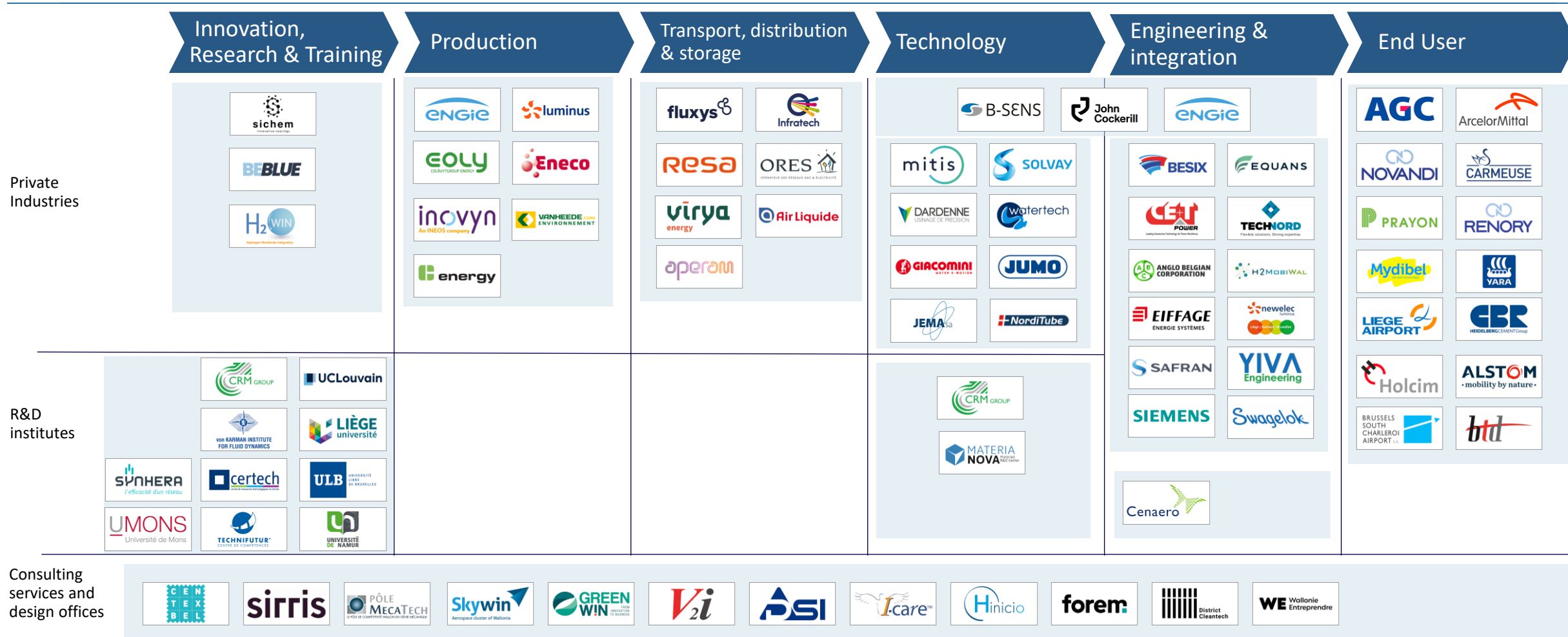
■ Public entities

- Attractivity of the new market => subsidies, tax incentives, penalties will help and force companies to enter this new market
- Safety rules => **Target of 0 accident for the public acceptance.**

■ Clusters

- Improve collaborations between this 3 actors
 - e.g.: companies need new competences and training infrastructures need the feedback of companies to develop new courses
 - e.g.: companies need new long term directives and appropriate regulations to adapt their activities

Value Chain in Wallonia



Companies - Production projects in Wallonia

WalHyco



- H2 production by water electrolysis (5MW)
- Wind and photovoltaic power
- Refuelling station for 22 lorries
- Actors: Colurylt, Vyri E, Spadel, AbInBEv

H2C-Mouscron



- Hydrogen production through water electrolysis
- Production of biomethane from potato waste
- 4 dual fuel trucks + 4 fuel cell trucks + 3 tractors + 3 refuse trucks
- Actors: Luminus, Mydibel Fresh

Wind2Truck W2T



- H2 production by water electrolysis (1.25MW)
- Wind power 60%, photovoltaic 30% and grid 10%.
- 10 fuel cell trucks
- Actor: Luminus

John Cockerill



- Gigafactory (1GW electrolysis production capacity)
- Development of the H2 technology value chain in the EU

Columbus



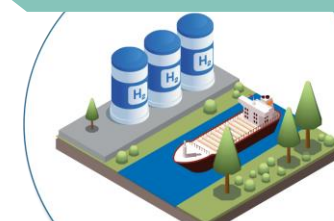
- Power to Methane: combining CO2 captured during lime production with green H2 to produce e-methane
- Actors: Carmeuse, John Cockerill

HYPSTER



- Hydrogen propulsion technologies
- Actors: Safran, Beblue, V2i, Gotech, Uliège, Sirris

ZELLIE



- Hydrogen production Water electrolysis (5MW)
- 1 H2 barge + 1 fuel cell barge
- Vyria, Eoly E, Renory

Companies - Production projects in Wallonia

- **Difficulties to finalize these projects**
 - Permitting and unclear safety measurements extend deadlines
 - One objectif of HyPOP project is:
Clear guidance on safety and certification and support to obtain permits and authorisations for installing H2 technologies
 - Make an inventory of what is currently in place in Europe countries
 - Write a draft guideline
 - Approve the draft with stakeholders
 - Provide a validated guideline
- **Bad business cases**
 - Need of **CAPEX and OPEX** supports
 - Larger projects to have **economies of scale**
=> combine different actors/projects to develop a hydrogen valley

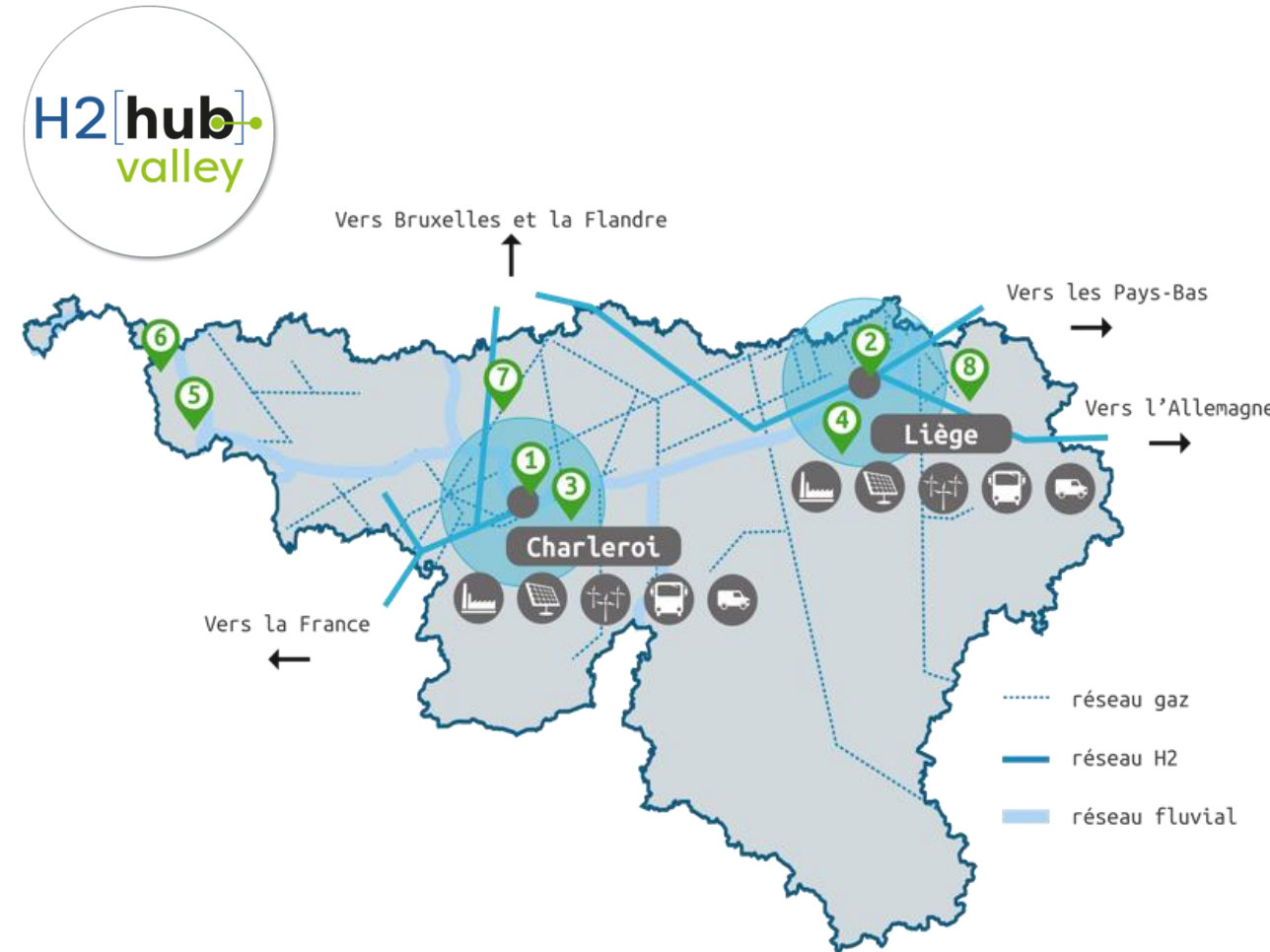
Companies – H2 valley in Wallonia

Hydrogen Valley in Wallonia : Key Focus Areas

- **Prioritized Applications**: Specific industries and heavy transport, including trucks and ships.

- **Industry Decarbonization**: Targets high-energy-consuming sectors such as non-metallic minerals (glass, cement, lime), chemistry (chemicals, fertilizers), and metallurgy, with initiatives for CO2 conversion using hydrogen.

- **Mobility and Transport**: Aims to position Wallonia at the center of European hydrogen corridors for highways and rivers, enhancing heavy and river transport, as well as aeronautics sector decarbonization.



Public entities – Validation of the H2 valley

The Walloon region has the ambition to become a hydrogen valley

- Several official communications
- Included in the Walloon strategy
- May 23, walloon government validates a call of tenders
 - Budget: 25M€
 - Production: 1000T/an
 - Quality: low carbon and 100% renewable in 2035
 - Location: maximum 10km of the european hydrogen backbone and 2 axes of the TEN-T core network
 - Closed: 15/09/2024



COMMUNIQUÉ

Le Gouvernement wallon met tout en œuvre pour favoriser l'émergence d'une filière d'hydrogène vert en Wallonie et souhaite la faire reconnaître comme une « vallée de l'hydrogène » stratégique au niveau européen. En effet, l'hydrogène est un vecteur énergétique de choix pour décarboner certains secteurs économiques difficilement électrifiables mais également pour stocker de l'énergie et ainsi pallier l'intermittence des énergies renouvelables.

Dans le cadre du Plan de relance wallon, un plan stratégique spécifique à cette filière d'hydrogène prend progressivement forme avec le concours de nombreuses parties prenantes. En décembre dernier, le Gouvernement en adoptait le 1er volet consacré à la définition d'une vision d'ici 2050 et d'objectifs stratégiques à l'horizon 2030. Aujourd'hui, il a validé la constitution d'un organe de gouvernance dynamique et inclusif dont le rôle sera de structurer et de fluidifier les interactions entre les différentes parties prenantes impliquées dans cette filière en Wallonie. Il veillera également à inscrire la Wallonie dans la dynamique européenne des vallées de l'hydrogène.

Research, Education & Training infrastructures

- Cluster TWEED is partner of different projects
 - European project : Green SKHy (NWE interreg)
 - Identified new skills and competences
 - For the 1st Deliverable: identified a need of a clear regulation to establish the right certification training
 ⇒ align and complementary to the HyPOP project
 - Federal project
 - BE-HyFE: mapping of research and innovation centers in Belgium
 - BHC Task 5: mapping of education and trainings in Belgium
 - Regional project: e-WallonHy
 - Coordinate and mapping all innovative projects
 - Mapping all competences thanks to Virtual-lab



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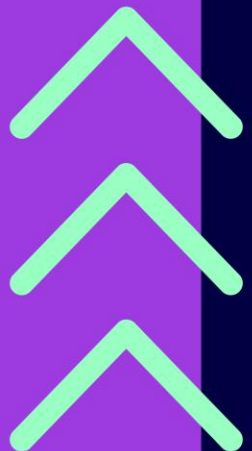


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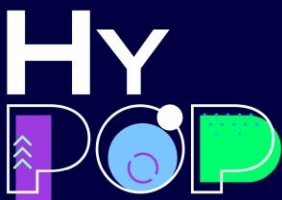


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Current Safety and Permitting approaches for Hydrogen technologies integration at EU level

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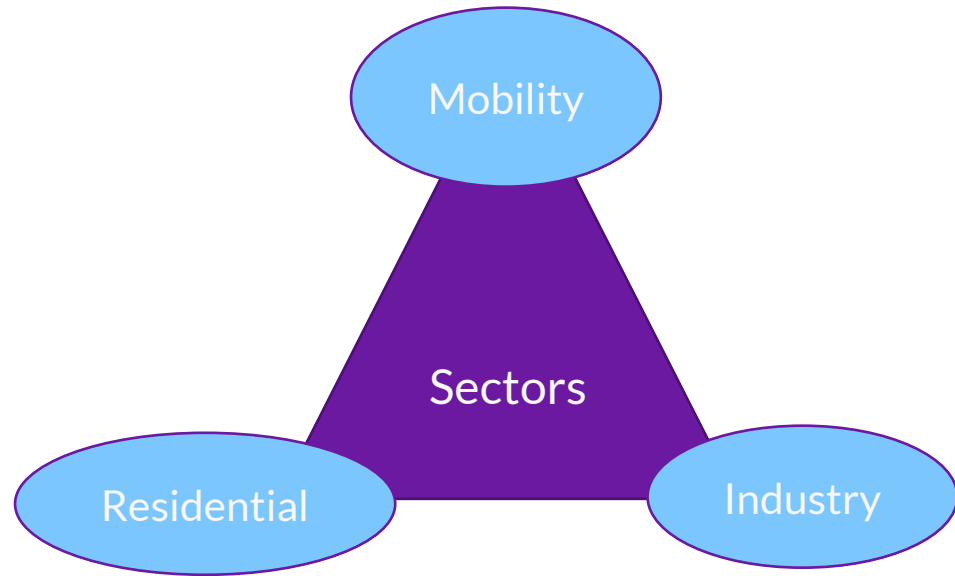
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Framework of research



Analysis of **Safety and Permitting requirements** at EU level for Hydrogen technologies implementation



To support EU Hydrogen Economy through guidances based on best practices



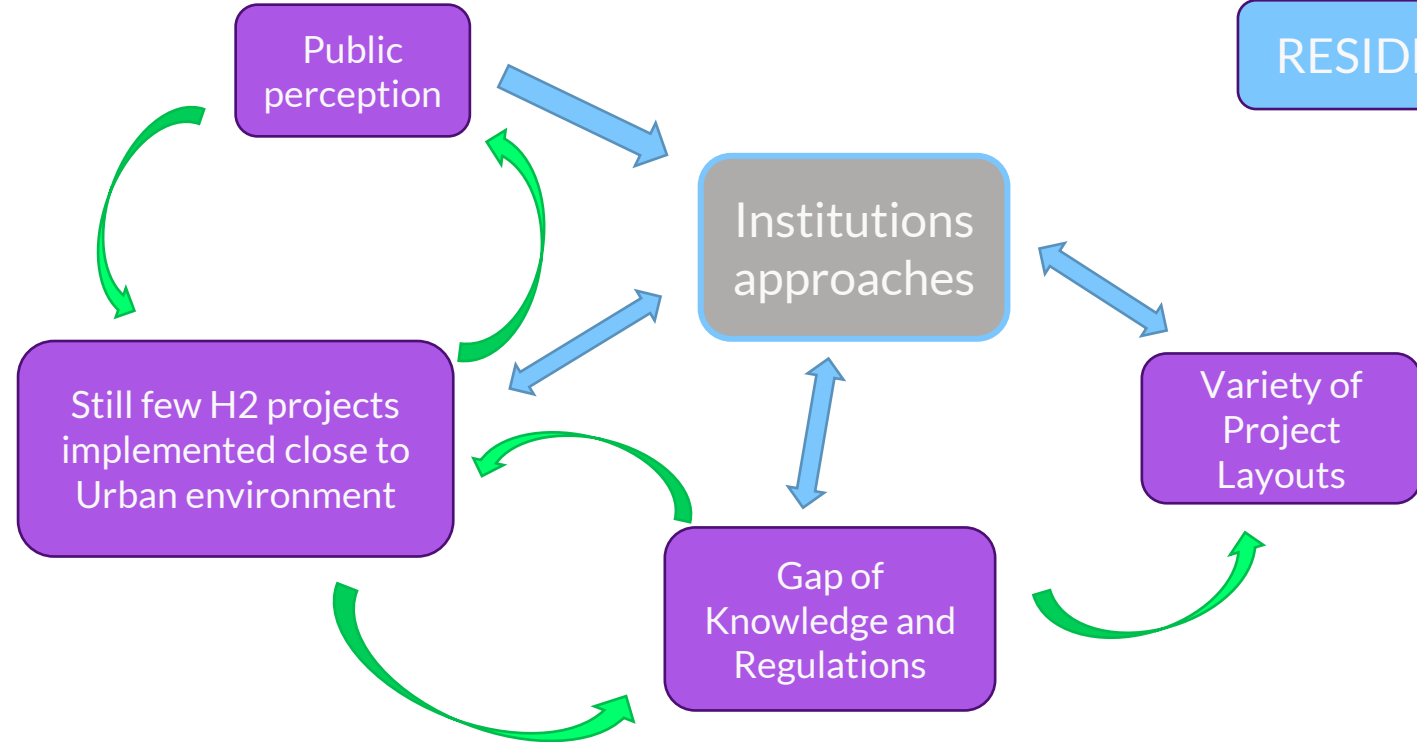
Cross related aspects as drivers of Hydrogen Value Chain



- Performance-based approach
- Prescriptive approach



- Environmental legislation
- Safety legislation
- Spatial planning





Application of H₂ technologies: success story in H₂ mobility

Hydrogen Refuelling Station in Bolzano (Italy)

- Need of a containment structure for each hazardous component of the plant
- No differences for safety distances of H₂ technologies
- Strict provisions from HRS regulation

Hazardous elements	Protection distances	Internal safety distances	External safety distances
Compressors	15 m	\	30 m
Storage units	15 m	15 m	30 m
Box of the tube trailer	15 m	15 m	30 m

Hazardous element	Protection distance	Internal safety distance	External safety distance
Dispensing unit	15 m	12 m	30 m



HRS scale up of the plant from 350 to 700 bar

HOW?

- Risk analysis
- Interaction with first responders
- Explaining to institutions past accidents affecting H₂ perception
- Comparison with other safety approaches around EU
- Interaction with permitting authorities for compliancy with spatial planning



Customized protocols for Safety, Permitting and Certification

Containerised and mobile Hydrogen Refuelling station without on site production

- ❑ **Technical documentation for the HRS prototype:**
 - Development of the Project according to related technical regulation (if available)
 - Evaluation and acceptance from an official engineering association
 - Development of a maintenance plan
 - Development of Technical documentation for the Fire fighters
- ❑ **Installation of the prototype on the selected site**
- ❑ **Obtaining a **operation certificate** from an authorised engineer**
- ❑ **Installation of pressurised gas and low voltage. The **certification is issued by an authorised company****
- ❑ **Inspection of the installation by a control body, which issues an inspection certificate**
- ❑ **Collection of all documentation and certifications**





Application of H₂ technologies: Barriers to H₂ in urban areas

Reversible SOFC for Cogeneration in Residential environment (Italy)

- HAZOP risk analysis (for safety, required by Fire Fighters)
- Fire Fighters support to identify the applicable regulations for **fuel cells** and **storage** (gap of H₂ regulation for storage residential application) →
- Prescriptive application of Natural gas Storage regulation

SOFC (as micro-CHP) standard grid connection procedures and application of regulation **NO BARRIER** for FC

With containment structure

Storage with safety of degree 1:			
Storage capacity	Protection distance	Internal safety distance	External safety distance
4 th category	5 m	\	10 m
3 rd category	5 m	\	20 m
2 nd category	5 m	\	25 m
1 st category	5 m	\	30 m

Without containment structure

Storage of 4 th category with no safety degree associated:			
Storage capacity	Protection distance	Internal safety distance	External safety distance
4 th category	20 m	20 m	30 m

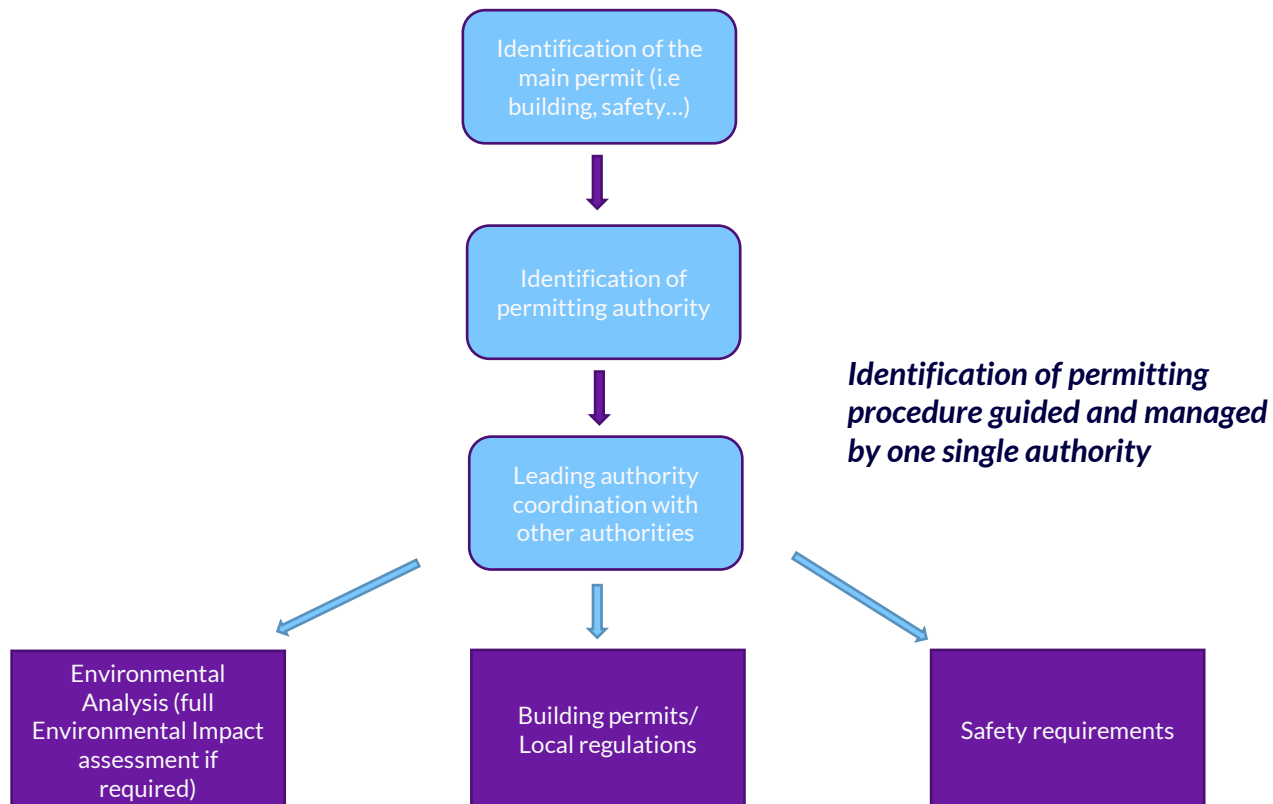
ISSUES associated to H₂ storage:

- High economic burden for the containment structures needed
- Complex to identify urban areas compliant with safety distances for H₂ storage



Guidelines to support institutions and stakeholders

Example of simplified permitting procedure for H₂ production projects (Swiss approach)



Different types of guidance documents issued:

- Permitting guidelines issued by local authorities
- National guidelines for permitting
- Industrial guidelines for safety management

Documentation provided according to the type of permit



Further developments needed

Why it worked



- Performance based safety approach as an alternative:
 - a) Stakeholders can rely on risk assessment procedures, technical standards and technical recommendations
 - b) Safety measures defined by the manufacturers (if regulation gap is present)
- Simplified permitting procedures defined to boost hydrogen projects
- Common guidelines for safety and permitting

Why it did not work



- Existing regulatory gaps
- Unclear permitting procedures
- Low attention for emerging sectors (i.e residential)

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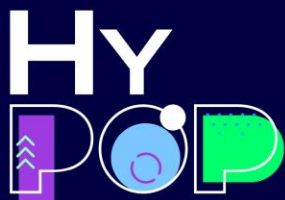
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Poland case: from education to the hydrogen valleys

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Costs of the energy transition in Poland by 2040: PLN 1.5 trillion.

Obstacles:

- Technological,
- Financial,
- Legal,
- Competence,
- Human resources.

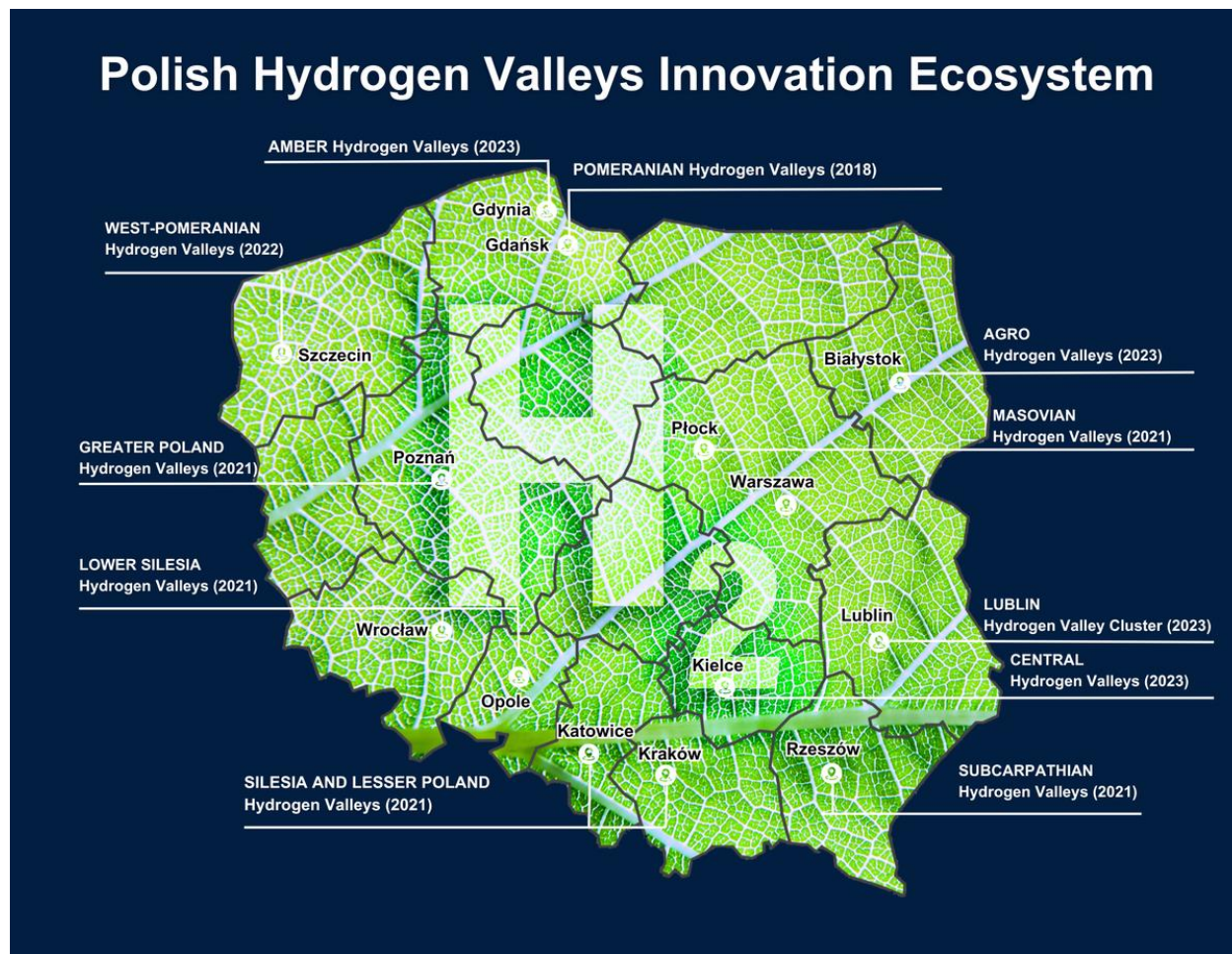


Source: Polish Green Transformation, European Commission reports.



The challenges of the energy transition – hydrogen valleys

Poland's targets by 2030: 32% of energy from RES in the national mix.



Electrolyser capacity

By 2030, the hydrogen valleys will integrate 2 GW of electrolyser capacity to support green hydrogen production.



Key Hydrogen Valleys

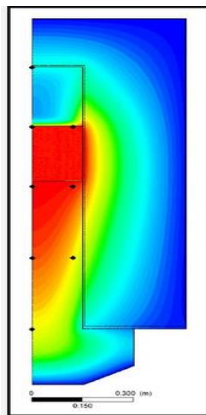
Poland is developing five major hydrogen valleys, including the Silesian, Lower Silesian, and Greater Polish Valleys.



Central Hydrogen Valley

The Central Hydrogen Valley aims to produce 54,000 kg of hydrogen annually, supported by 2 GW of wind and solar capacity.

Hydrogen Valleys as a centre for innovation in hydrogen technology





Education – how to build a green skills? Qualifications and education - new requirements in the labour market

40% of employees in the RES sector will have to undergo additional training by 2025.

Most sought-after professions:

- Renewable energy engineers
- Installers and service technicians of RES installations
- Energy project management specialists
- Automation engineers and IT specialists
- Electromobility specialists



Fostering Hydrogen and Green Technology Experts



Hydrogen education programs

Key technical universities like Technical University of Gdansk are integrating hydrogen technology into their curricula to prepare future experts.



Industry partnerships

Collaboration between academia and industries like KGHM and Grupa Azoty fuels Poland's hydrogen expertise development.



Government-supported research

Research and innovation in hydrogen are supported through national programs and EU-backed

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