

HYDROGEN POTENTIAL IN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ... with reality check

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Hydrogen & the Contracting Parties

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The entire study is publicly available here: https://www.energy-community.org/news/Energy-Community-News/2021/06/17a.html or https://www.energy-community.org/documents/studies.html under Gas section

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Introduction

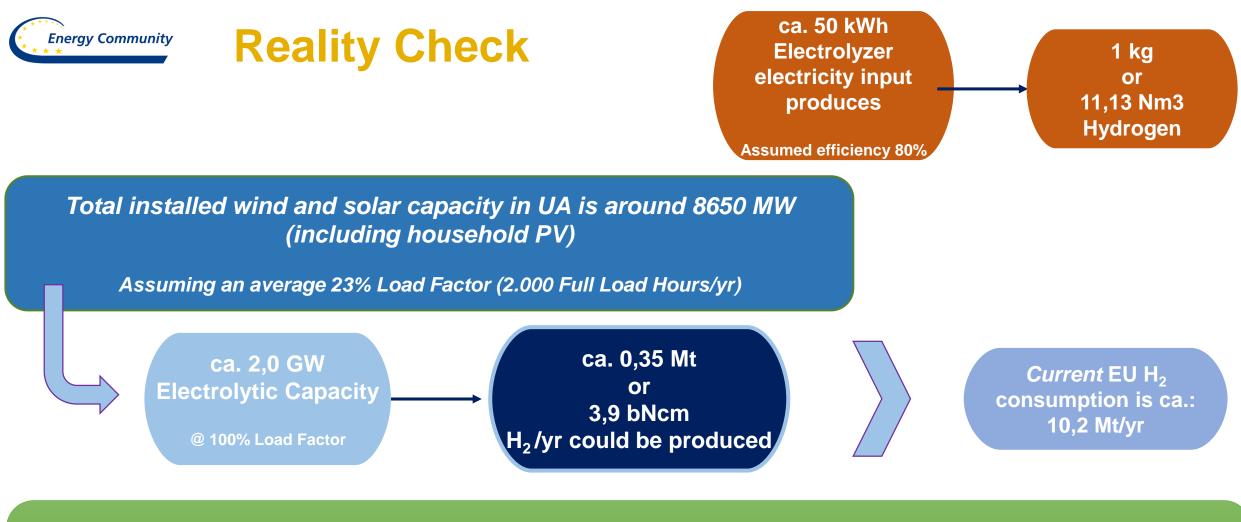
EU H2 consumption is ca.: 10,2 Mt/yr

- ca. 30% thereof is used by refineries
- production 9,7 Mt/yr, approximately equals consumption
- vast majority thereof is produced by fossil-based production SMR technology

SMR-based H2 costs ca. 1,35 EUR/kg in Europe

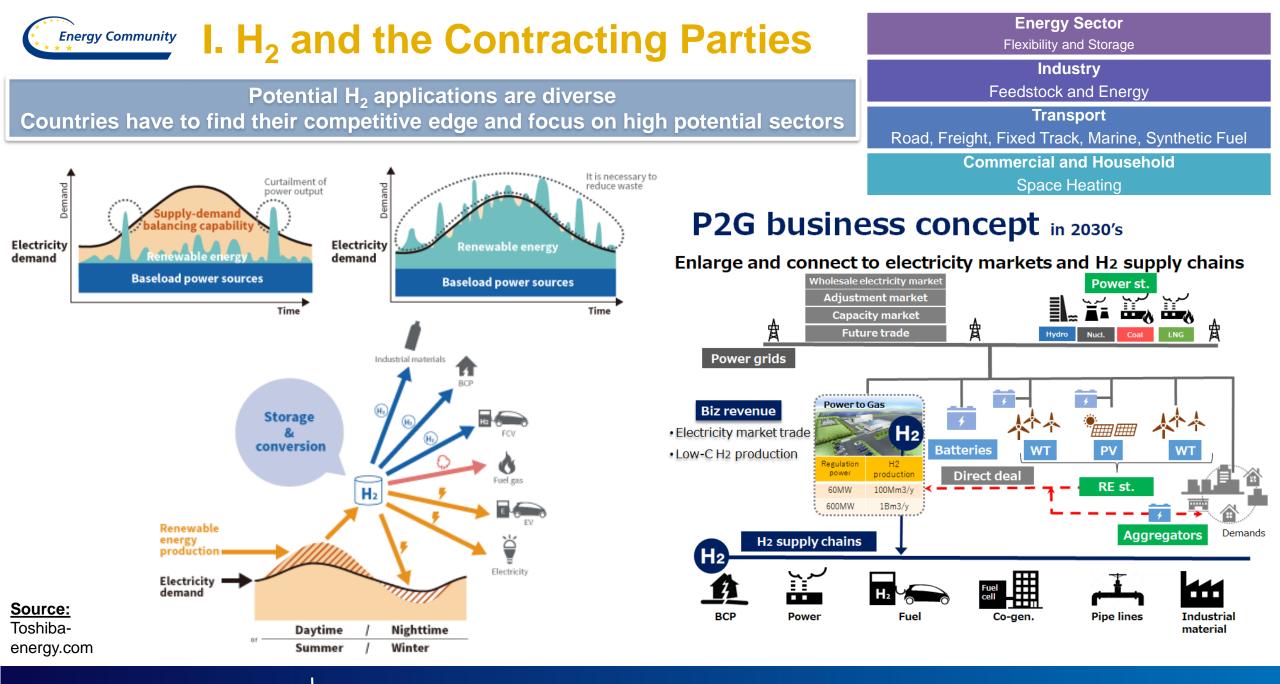
- AEL technology 10 MW electrolyser in 2020 with HUPEX prices ca 4 EUR/kg (REKK)
- PEM technology 10 MW electrolyser in 2020 with HUPEX prices ca 3,3 EUR/kg (REKK)
- Cost reduction potential exists learning curve: economies of scale, efficiency increase

Global SMR and coal gasification-based H2 production is responsible for 2,3% of total global CO2 emission



If total current wind and PV capacity of UA would be dedicated for H2 generation, ca. 0,35 Mt of H2 could be produced in a year, which is about 3,5 % of EU's H2 consumption.

With similar calculation, 230 GW dedicated RES (PV, wind) capacity would be needed to replace the current EU demand H2 demand. EU has ca. 150 GW installed PV and 220 GW installed wind capacity



Energy Community II. The Energy Community Study

To assist CPs in assessing their potential to

- 1) produce, transport and use hydrogen in different sectors;
- 2) to raise awareness and initiate discussion;
- 3) to draw a realistic picture and ascertain the potential way forward for each CP and
- 4) to provide a "menu" of options and ideas for the policy makers, project owners, developers and investors

the ECS has initiated the "H₂ potential in the CPs study".



- Observations
- Recommendations
- Projects

International Review

• H2 value chain, Drivers for H₂ use, Support policies and instruments, Country and project case studies

Contracting Parties' Review

Comparative assessment, CP reviews

Economic Analysis

 Feasibility review of H2 applications in the transport, industry, power and storage, and domestic heating sectors

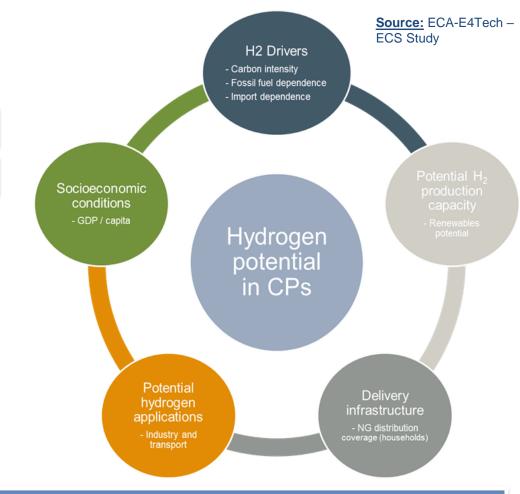


1) H₂ potential in the CPs was evaluated based on five categories:

2) Relative potentials were aggregated:

Figure 1 Relative assessment of CP prospects of introducing hydrogen

AL BA GE MD MK RS UA ΧК Assessment parameters Hydrogen drivers Potential H₂ production capacity Delivery infrastructure Potential hydrogen applications Socioeconomic conditions Most conducive to promoting H2 Reasonably conducive to promoting H2 Relatively less conducive to promoting H2 Least conducive to promoting H2 Source: ECA and E4tech



3) Based on the:

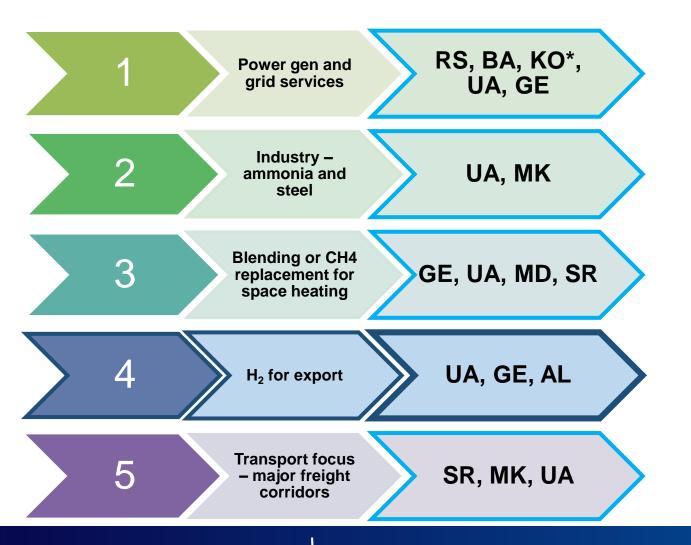
- current and forecasted cost-base of H₂ applications (Economic Analysis),
- CP profiles (Contracting Party Review) and
- international experience (International Review)

five country groups (cohorts) were identified, where there is *potential/need* for H₂ applications in specific sectors.

4) Potential pilot-projects were scoped for each cohort.



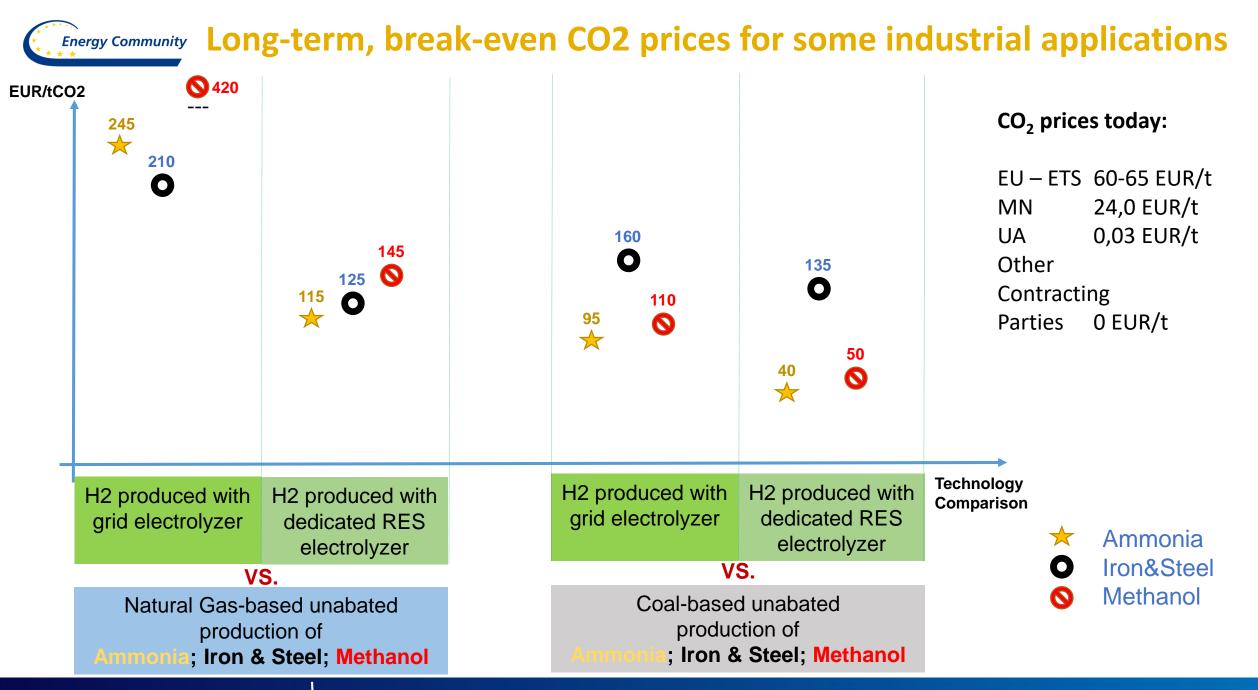
The Study identified the highest potential in the long-term for the following applications:



NO "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" H₂ SOLUTION

"Which application could become sufficiently economic in each Contracting Party depends on the local context, but a wide range of plausible applications are considered to be potentially viable in the long-term (2035-2050) at carbon prices of under €200/tCO₂" ECS Study

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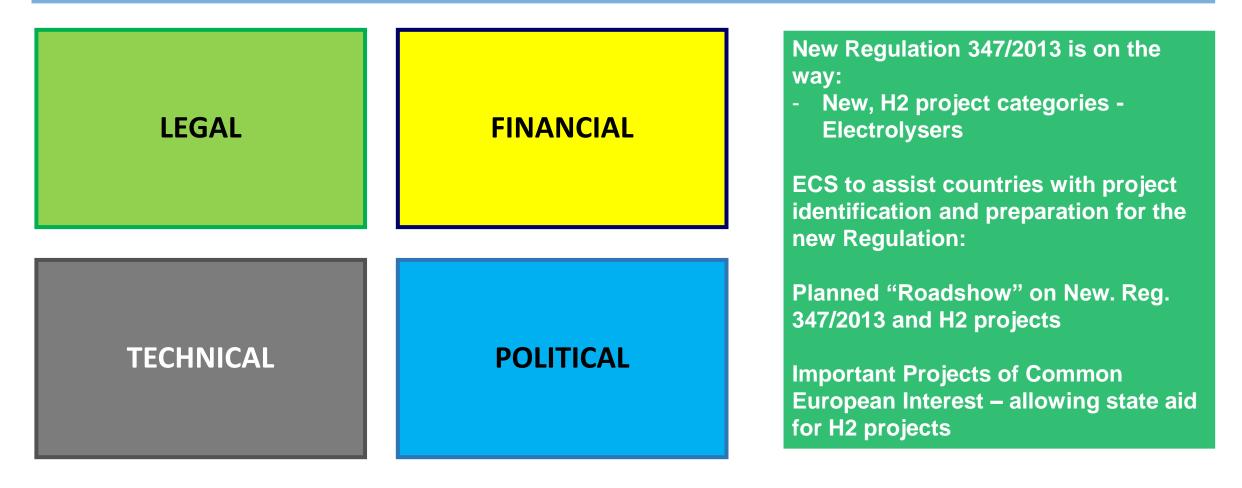


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IV. Next Steps - obstacles for a hydrogen future in the Energy Community

EU interest is to enable cost efficient, green H2 import into the EU, along with security of supply and decarbonisation of Contracting Parties' economies.



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