

# ROAD TO HYDROGEN FUTURE



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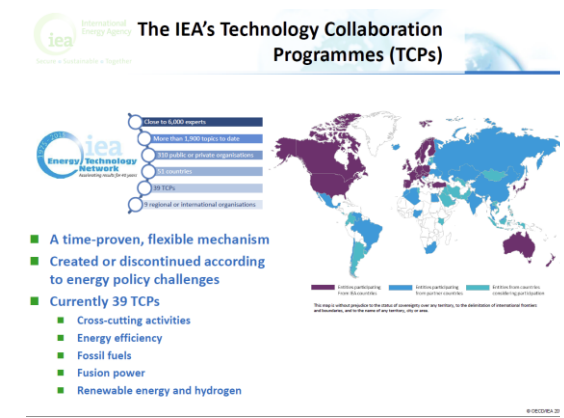
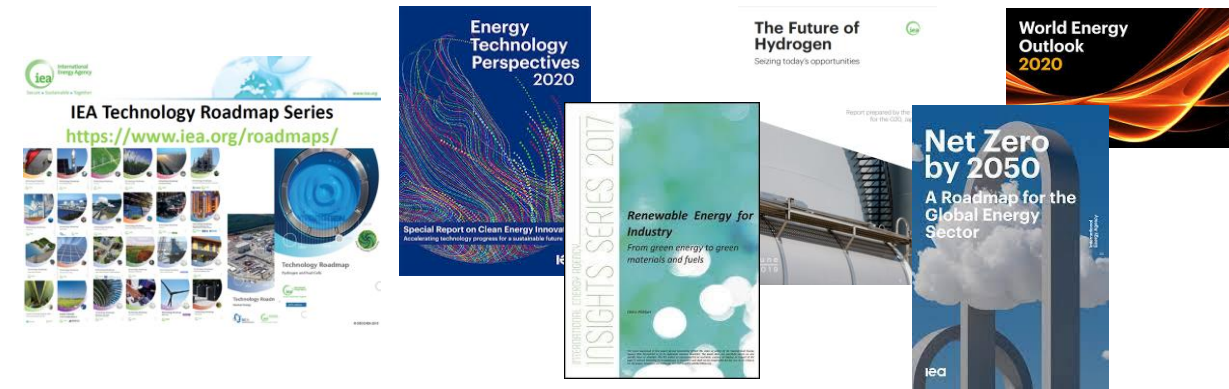
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 A three pillar organization  
 An unprecedented Modernization Plan  
 All technologies, beyond OECD and increase  
 TCP network collaboration

**An Influent expert international organization**

**PARIS Secretariat Team (300 people) led by Fatih Birol**

**Network of 39 TCPs  
 6000 expert's network**



Topics covered (among others):  
 Renewables, Smart Grid, oil gas, CCS, Hydrogen, Fuel cells, Electric vehicle, combustion, ICE, Fusion, Heat and Cooling, storage, heat pump...



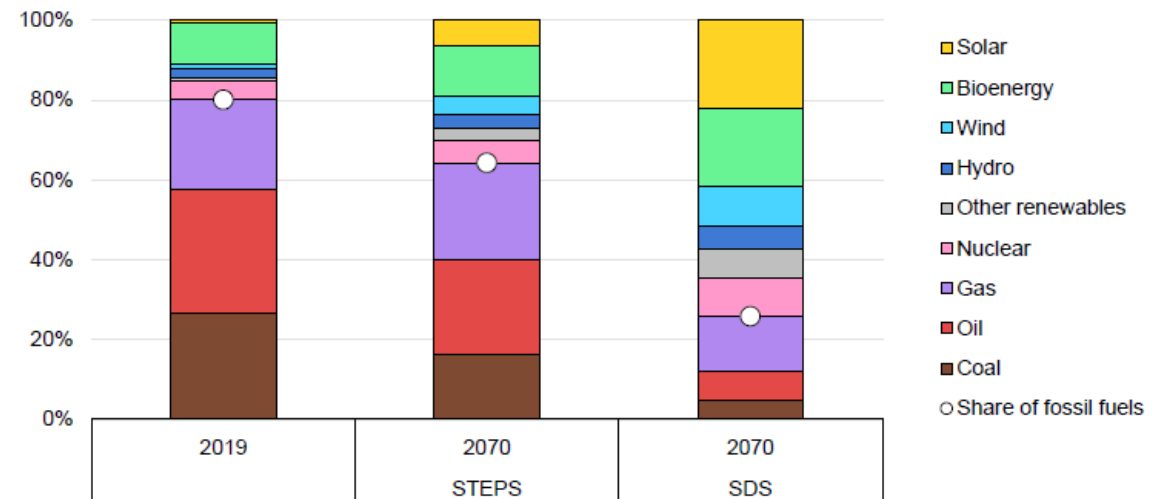
# Energy mix in 2050-2070: Trajectory to a zero carbon world in 2070 or 2050?

## Main assumptions

- IEA SDS Scenario: Final primary energy demand will remain stable: 15280 MToe 2070 for 14600 Mtoe in 2020) despite economic growth (3% /Y, GDPx2,5) and population growth (9,9 Md Inhabitants by 2050)
- Energy efficiency gain, electrification etc
- Ratio Energy/GDP unit: divide by 2,8 in 2070( , 2,2% per year (-1,6 % between 1990 and 2020)
- Huge investment needed x4 - x8 relative to today's level
- PV + Wind: x25-x50  $\approx$  50-100 TW ?

Source: IEA ETP 2020

Figure 2.5 Global primary energy demand by fuel share and scenario, 2019 and 2070



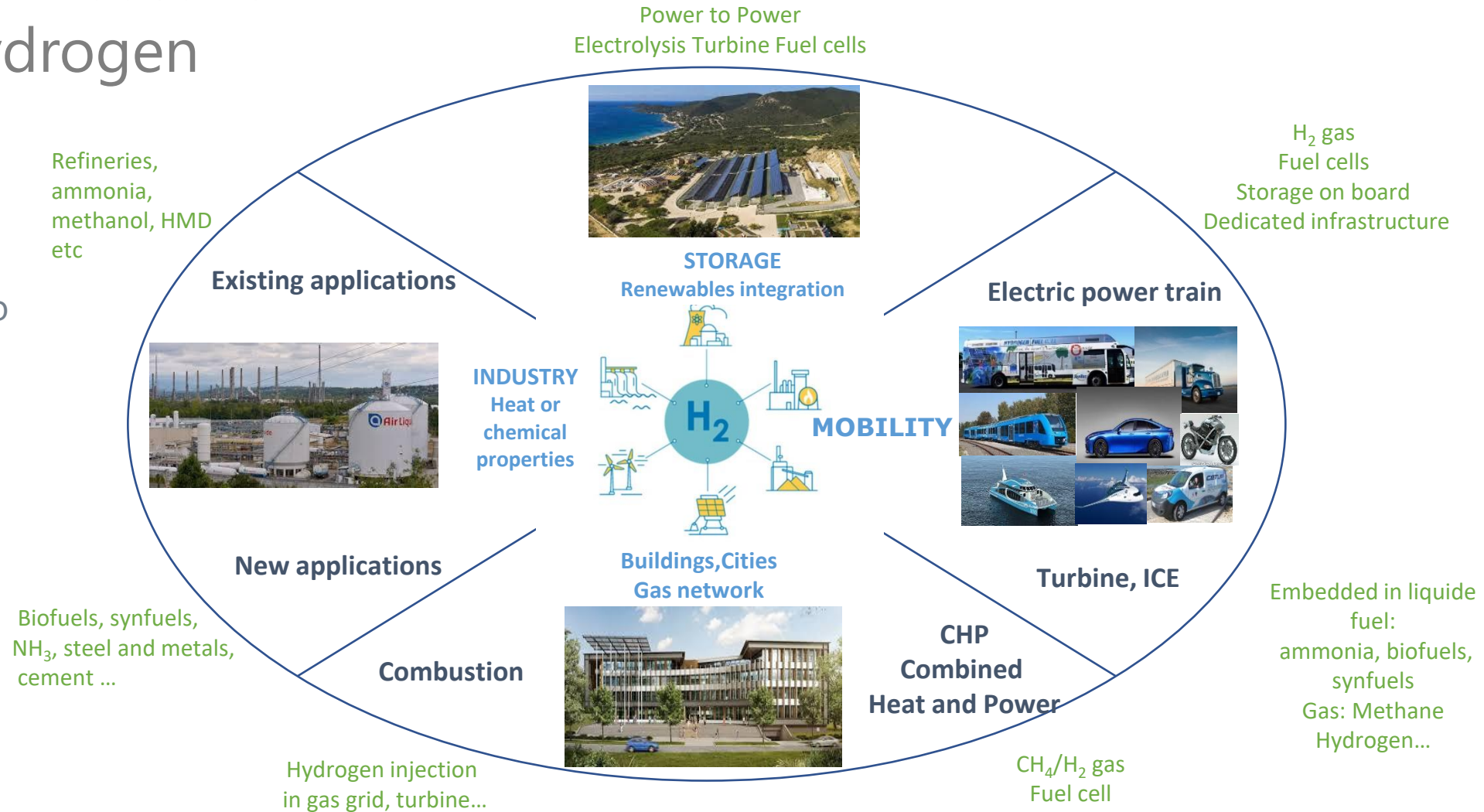
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STEPS: Stated Policies scenarios  
SDS Net Zero Emissions by 2070  
SDS 2050: Net Zero in 2050

# Reminder: 4 main uses for Low Carbon Hydrogen

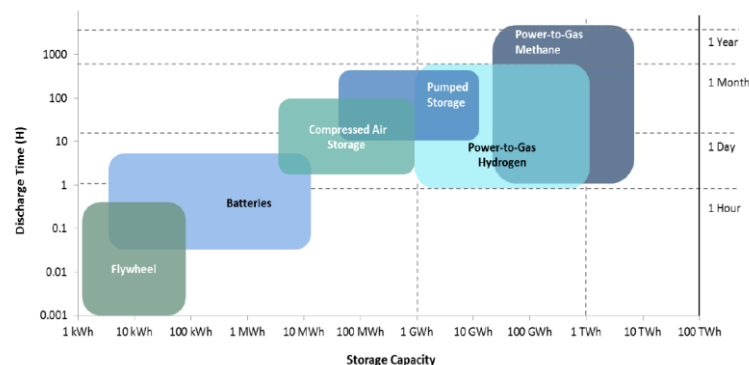
Hydrogen will be key to:

- Sector coupling
- Flexibility
- Decarbonizing hard to abate sectors
- Optimizing existing assets
- Energy security and economic growth (local production)
- Energy access (isolated locations)

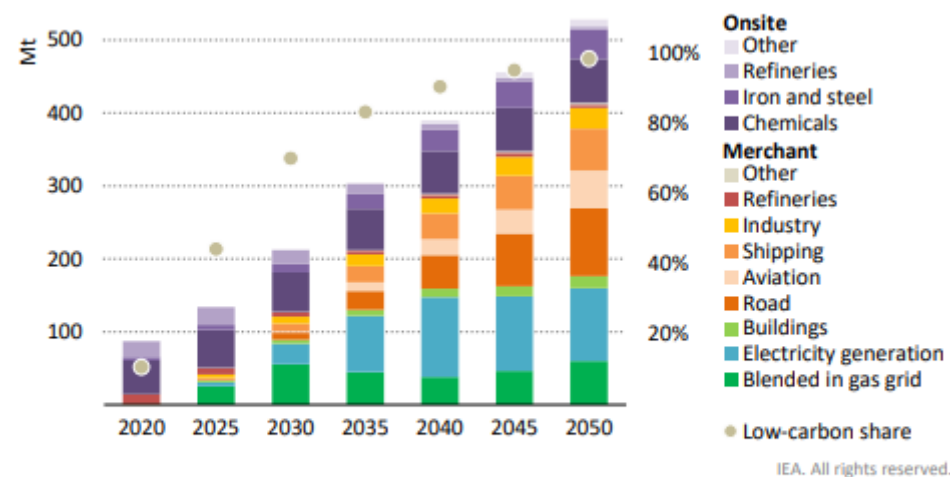


# Why Hydrogen?

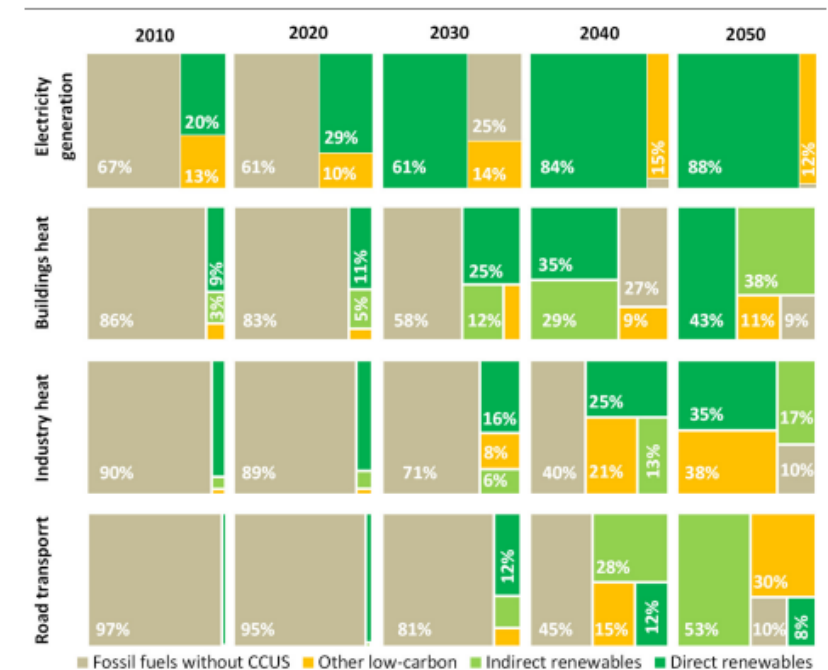
Global hydrogen use expands from  
less than 90 Mt in 2020 to  
To reach 400-600 Mt in 2050!!  
And represent 10 to 20% of final energy demand



**Figure 2.19** ▶ Global hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuel use in the NZE



**Figure 2.18** ▶ Fuel shares in total energy use in selected applications in the NZE



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*Renewables are central to emissions reductions in electricity, and they make major contributions to cut emissions in buildings, industry and transport both directly and indirectly*

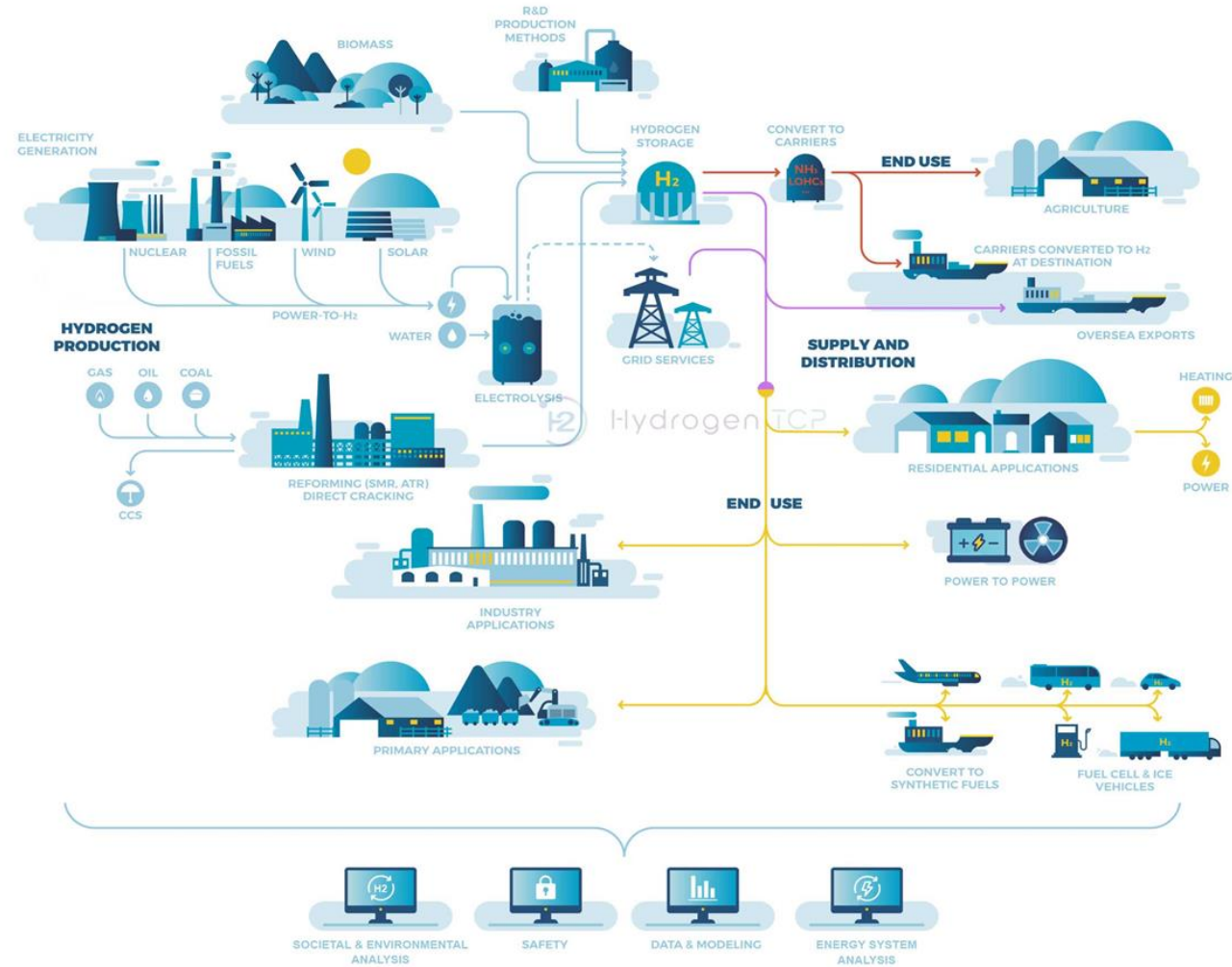
Notes: Indirect renewables = use of electricity and district heat produced by renewables. Other low-carbon = nuclear power, facilities equipped with CCUS, and low-carbon hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuels.

*The initial focus for hydrogen is to convert existing uses to low-carbon hydrogen;  
hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuels then expand across all end-uses*

Note: Includes hydrogen and hydrogen contained in ammonia and synthetic fuels.



# Hydrogen Value Chain



# What are the main challenges?



1. Scale up, Total cost of the whole hydrogen chain and business models



2. Regulatory framework: green, decarbonized hydrogen



3. New Geopolitics of Hydrogen: hydrogen as a commodity or limiting factors ?

# What does scale-up mean if hydrogen represents 10 - 20 % of final energy demand ?

Renewables PV and Wind: 1 300 GW deployed

Climate change target : X by 30 to 60

From 1,3 TW to 50-100 TW (100 000 GW)

Investment from 380B \$/year (2020) to 1 600B\$/year 2030

## Hydrogen in 2030: objectives

World 40 millions tons (equivalent 270 GW full time)

Europe: 40 GW ou 2x40 GW electrolyzers near 7 millions tons

## Hydrogen in 2050 - 2070

15 % final energy consumption

IEA: 420 Millions tons (x6 today's production)

Electrolyser capacity 4000 GW (4 TW or **3,4 TW according to IEA**) full time equivalent

PV or wind park needed: between 12 and 30 TW

Nuclear needed: 5 TW





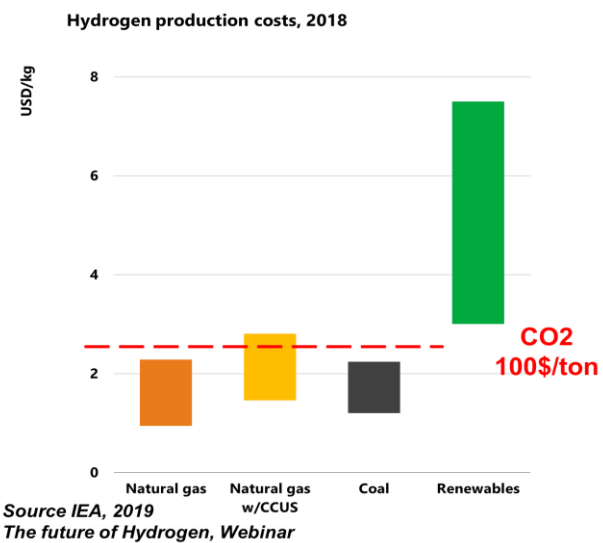
# Total cost of hydrogen

## Basic Equation

Total cost (LCOH) = cost of production + cost of transport/storage + cost distribution/storage + cost CO<sub>2</sub> taxes

Cost of production (Electrolyzer pathway) = Function (electricity cost, capex, load factor)

TCO (Total Cost of ownership) = Cost of Hydrogen + Capex (vehicle, process, etc) + OPEX



A wide range for infrastructure, transport, distribution and storage costs

Elements	New pipe line Long distance (5000t/d)	Adapting existing pipe lines Long distance(5000t/d)	Salt cavern storage	Liquid H2, NH3 LOHC Hydrogen carrier	Local pipe line (100t/d)	Regional distribution (50-300km)
Cost/Kg H2* 2020-2030	0,2 \$/1000km	0,1\$ /1000 km	0,25-0,5 \$ /cycle month	3-7 \$	0,1 \$ (100km)	1-3,5 \$
Cost/Kg H2* 2050	0,1 \$/1000km	-	0,1\$/cycle month	1-2 \$	0,06\$	0,5-1,5 \$

- Low carbon Hydrogen costs are country-dependent, costs of local energy, local electricity cost, existence of CCS possibilities, CO2 price, and also distance of an end-use application, industrial H-based process etc...

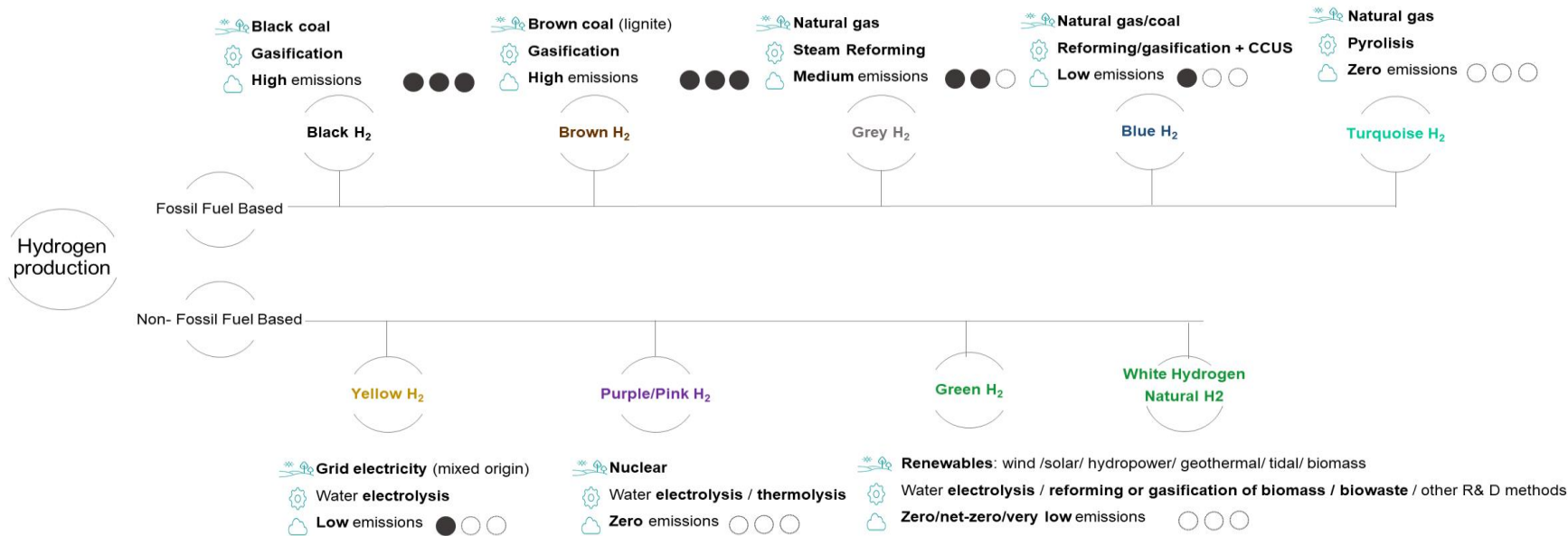
# Business models are application-dependent

- BM: Order of merit: Easier for transport than industry, gas grid injection and Power To Power
- Importance of public funding and incentives
- Debate on business model local ecosystem, semi-centralized production hub or centralized/Import model
- Question of transport infrastructure will be key
- Matter of time and deployment



# Need for an appropriate Regulatory Framework

## The colours of hydrogen

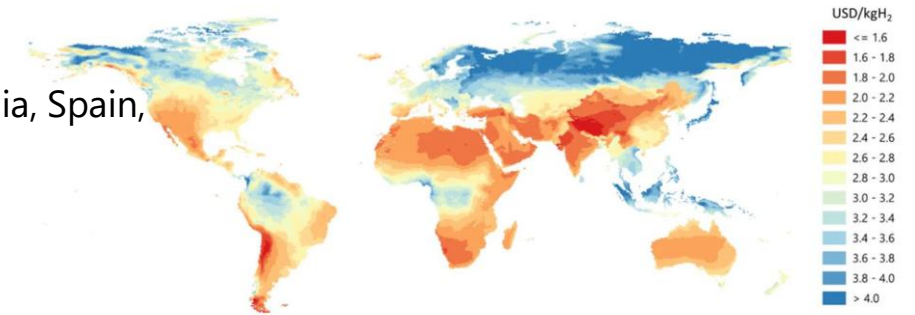


1. Guarantee of Origin, low carbon or Renewable Certificate
2. Complex contractual framework (PPA...) Risks for investors
3. CO<sub>2</sub> price
4. E-fuels certification
5. Safety
6. Codes and Standards

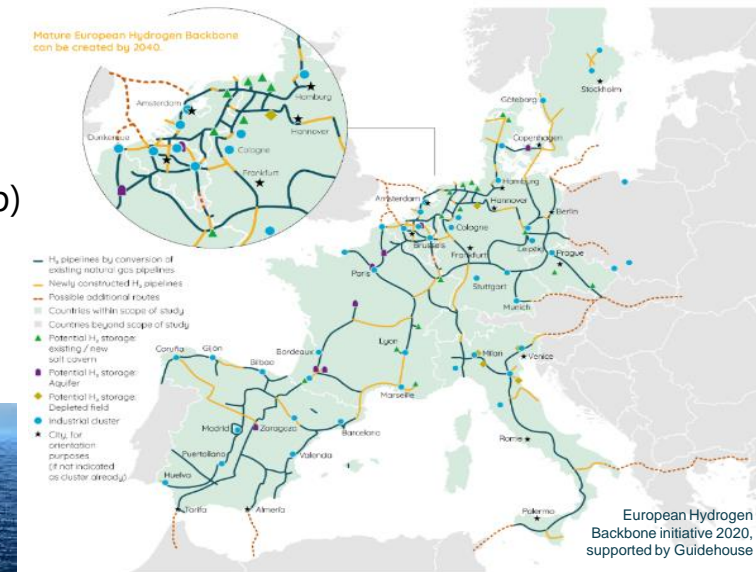
# New geopolitics of hydrogen

- Reaching 1€/Kg or less is more than likely in medium term in some areas
- Many projects and bilateral Agreements between Governments (Japan, Germany, Australia, Spain, The Netherlands, Persic Gulf, Chile, etc)
- Main Bottlenecks for Hydrogen export:
  - Cost and efficiency of hydrogen carriers (LOHC,  $\text{NH}_3$ , Methanol) for overseas transport
  - Large pipes transport grid at inter-regional level
  - Hydrogen carrier must be more energy intensive at Export port than in Import Port
  - International regulation and framework for international trade
  - Renewables projects at scale will take decades ?
- Producing and exporting hydrogen-based products used as such (avoiding one transformation step)
  - >> New industrial Landscape
    - Ammonia for direct combustion, E-fuels for ICE and turbines, Steel industry delocalized ?
- What will be the trade off between pure  $\text{H}_2$  use and indirect use?

Hydrogen costs from hybrid solar PV and onshore wind systems in the long term



Source IEA, 2019  
The future of Hydrogen, Webinar



# Which could be the limiting factors for renewable hydrogen?

- Critical or current materials, circular economy
- Security of supply and geopolitics
- Land use and social acceptance
- Technological breakthroughs
- Safety

## Cumulative demand 2050 compared to proved reserve in 2010

Ratio maximum de la demande cumulée de matériaux à l'horizon 2050 rapporté aux ressources prouvées 2010\*

	Scénario 4°C	Scénario 2°C
<i>Cobalt</i>	62,2 %	93,6 %
<i>Cuivre</i>	82,7 %	96,1 %
<i>Lithium</i>	17,1 %	26 %
<i>Nickel</i>	48,5 %	56,6 %
<i>Terres rares</i>	1,6 %	3,8 %

**Land usage:** Nuclear 4-10 ha/TWh, PV 500-800 ha/TWh

**Concrete and steel:** A nuclear plant need 8 to 10 times less concrete and 10 to 20 times less steel per TWh

### Limiting factors

- Critical materials Pt Ir Sc Y La Ce Zr Gd)
- Plus PV Wind critical material Cu ...
- Land use: 1 TW= 10 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Long distance transport infrastructure



# Hydrogen TCP: Current Members



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24 Member Countries

6 Sponsors

European Commission + UNIDO

40<sup>+</sup>

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# Status + Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

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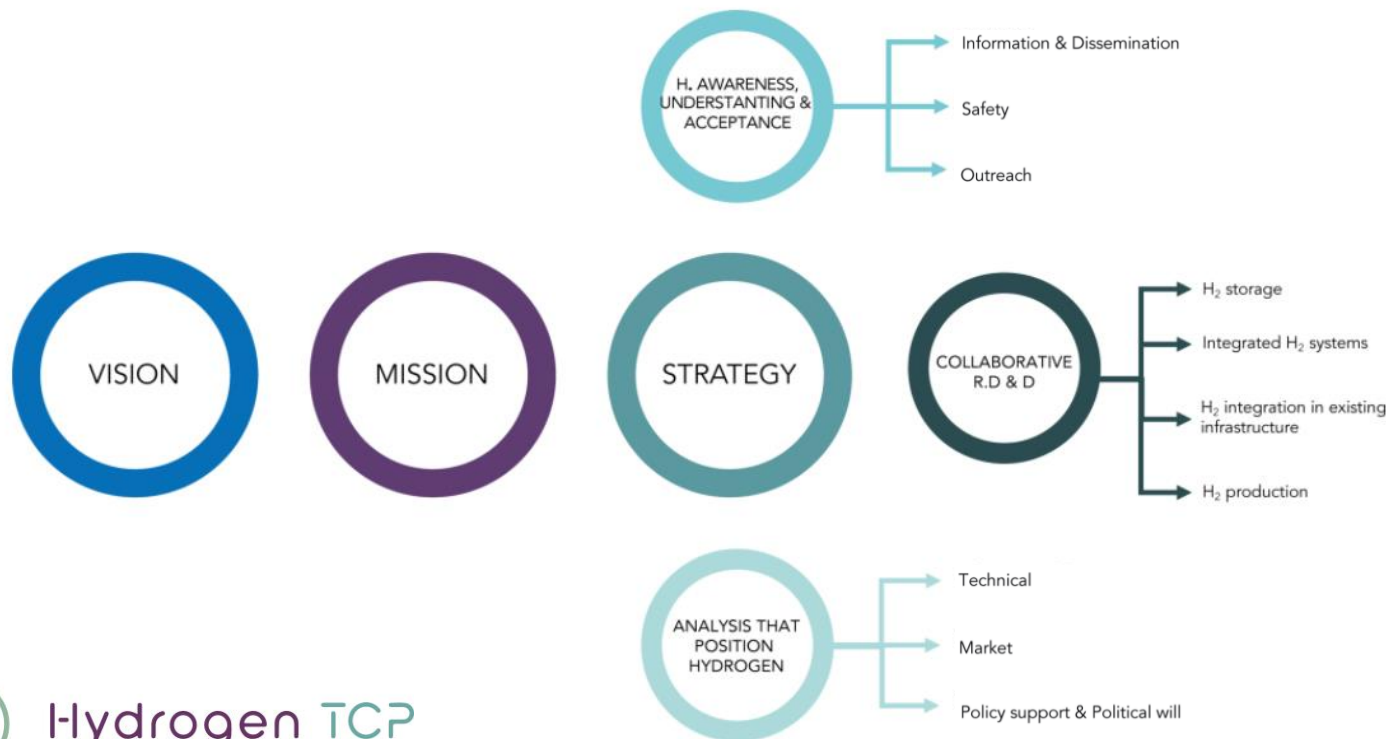
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## Vision

A hydrogen future based on a clean, sustainable energy supply of global proportions that plays a key role in all sectors of the economy

## Mission

Accelerate H<sub>2</sub> implementation and utilization to optimize environmental protection, improve energy security and economic development

## Strategy

Facilitate, coordinate and maintain innovative research, development and demonstration activities through international cooperation and information exchange

# Perspectives

- Publish **Final Report** Task 37 - Hydrogen Safety and other **Task deliverables** (Task 40 and Task 41). *Task 38 and 39 Final Reports already available in our website.*

- Start new **Tasks** (currently in definition)

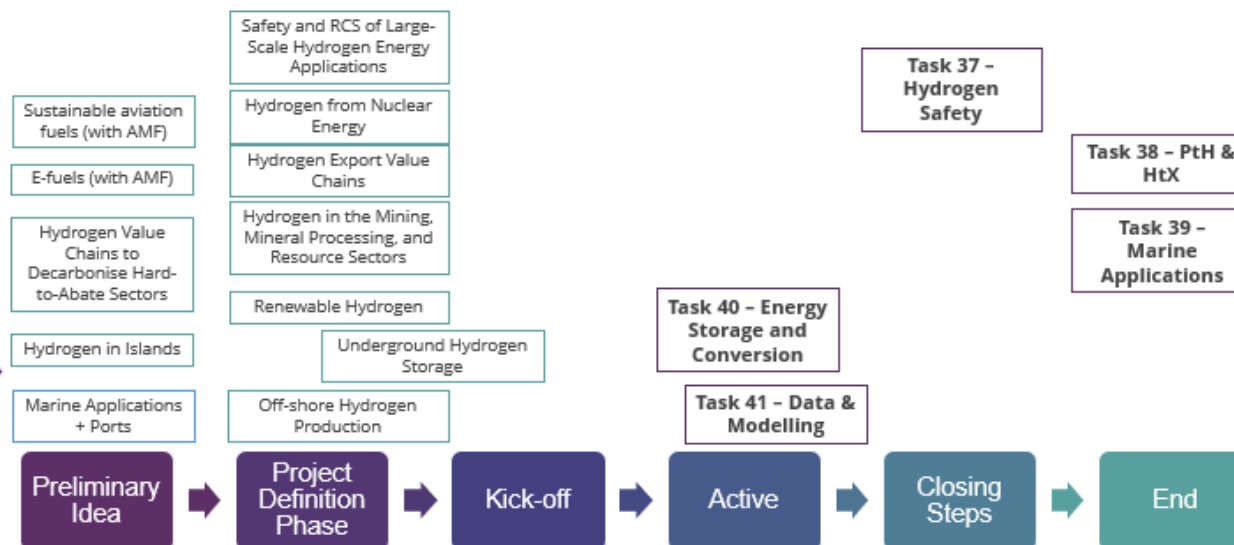
- Welcome new **members**

- Boost **collaboration** both within and outside the IEA Network



## Tasks Portfolio Status

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Hydrogen Council



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With other TCPs...



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IEA Bioenergy Technology Collaboration Programme



IEA Technology Collaboration Programme Advanced Fuel Cells



International Energy Agency Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme



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# Thank You!

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