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AGENDA



10.00-10.20: Introduction & Presentation new cluster members

10.20-10.40: Cluster news & Status Hyflow (WaterstofNet)

10.40-11.25: Hydrogen in an existing natural gas pipeline, which aspects to deal with? (Alfons Krom- Gasunie, NL)

11.25-11.45: Status "Hyoffwind: Industrial scale power-to-gas connected to offshore wind energy (Nicolas Gielis, Fluxys)

11.45-12.15: OCAS-Applied R&D related to Hydrogen (Steven Keyzer, OCAS)

12.15-12.45: Visiting Tour OCAS

12.45-13.30: Sandwich lunch

CLUSTER NEWS



New cluster partners :









CLUSTER NEWS & HYFLOW



- Results questionnaire
- Legislation-advocacy activities
- Coming events
- Hyflow



RESULTS QUESTIONNAIRE (1)



TOPIC	Responses	Proposal
3-monthly meeting	 Can be longer with more (external) speakers Wish for more technical info, info about activities partners, content of projects Suggestion to add interactive sessions in working groups 	 Add 2/year an afternoon session: Technical topics Project presentations Smaller interactive sub-sessions Start in Dec. 4 PtG meeting
Newsletters	 Info about worldwide projects - products - studies News from cluster members 	 Send 4/year a newsletter Breaking news (ad hoc)
Working groups	 Policy group is efficient Wish for working groups on business cases and technology 	 Continue Policy group Decide on relevant WG in first afternoon session

RESULTS QUESTIONNAIRE (2)



TOPIC	Responses	Proposal
Steering group	Several candidates have applied	 Establish steering group; 2x year meeting
Congres/ visit PtG project	 Interest for 1 congres/year Interest in 1 visit/year of EU PtG project 	 1 congres/year Plan visit Groningen Jan-Feb 2020?
Other remarks	 More profiling needed towards policy makers More time needed for informal contacts between partners 	Policy teamAfternoon sessions+ project visit

Other suggestions can still be sent!

LEGISLATION – ADVOCACY TEAM











Done 2019:

- REDII implementation in Belgium (policy paper; April 2019)
- Memorandum on hydrogen (May 2019)
- National Energy & Climate Plan (Recommendations July 2019)

Running:

Preparation of visit(s) to administration/cabinets

on H2 plan for FL/(B)

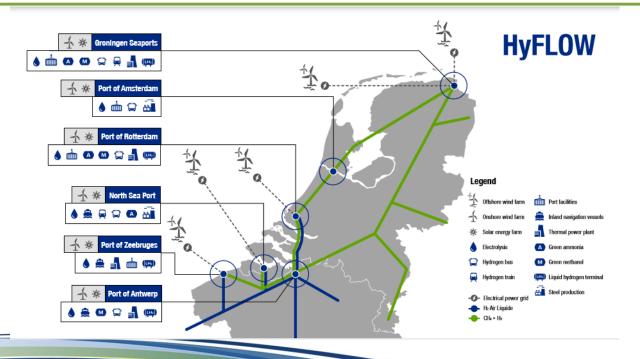
EVENTS



- WaterstofRegio conference November, 14
 - @ Den Bosch, Provinciehuis Free entrance for cluster members
- Workshop vergunningen tankstations VL/NL, <u>November 25</u>
 - @ Helmond automotive campus
- Next PtG meeting Including afternoon sessions, <u>Dec 3</u>
 - @ Plastic Omnium Brussels (tbc)

HyFLOW

"creating the flow of hydrogen between Flanders – The Netherlands (Low Lands), facilitated by the ports"



Why?



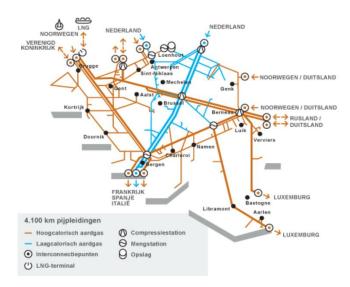
- 1. Ports are based on fossil fuels now (import, refineries, feedstock, chemicals,.....)

 what will be the business for the ports in 2030 2040 2050 with declining fossil fuels
- 2. A dense infrastructure for natural gas is now one of the backbones of the energy supply what will be the business for the gas-infrastructure in 2030 2040 2050 with declining natural gas
- 3. Offshore wind is just starting as a source of energy

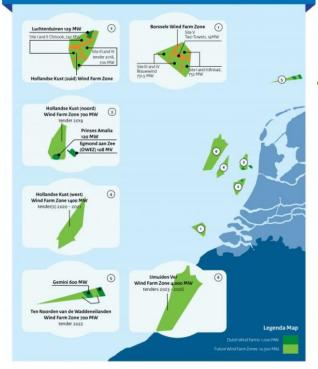
how can we incorporate large amounts of offshore wind /hydrogen in 2030 – 2040 – 2050 ?





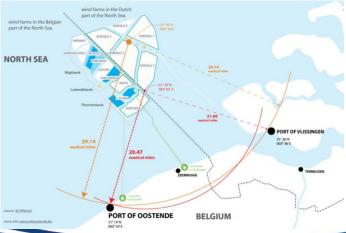


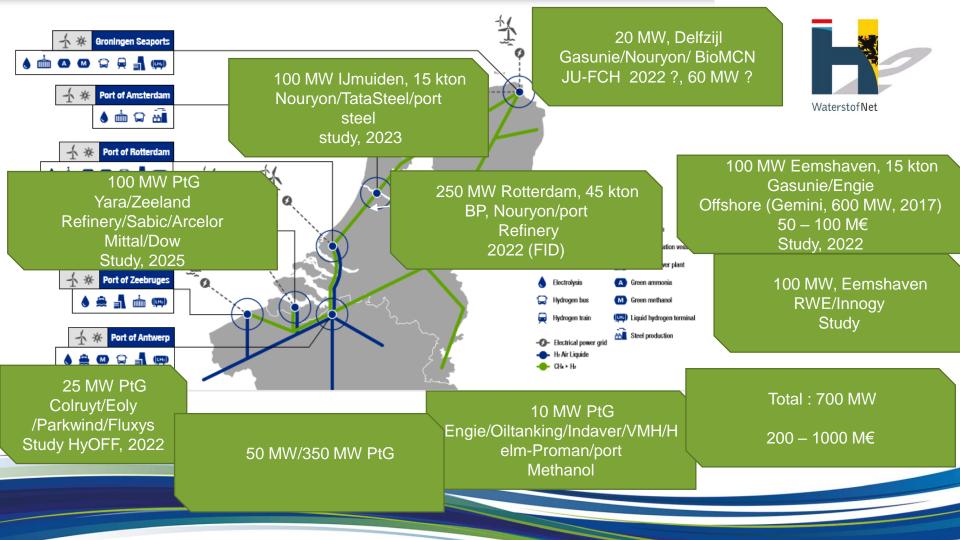
Dutch offshore windenergy















A possible IPCEI on Hydrogen

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What are IPCEI projects about?



- Contribution to Union objective(s) and significant impact on competitiveness, sustainability, or value creation across the EU
- Project involving more than one Member State
- Positive spillover effects on internal market/Union society; benefits not limited to participating Member States & companies
- Co-financing by the beneficiary
- In case of R&D&I, projects must be of a major innovative nature or of important added value in the light of the state of the art in the sector
- First industrial deployment covered where it allows for the development of a new product with high R&D&I content or of an fundamentally innovative production process

Hydrogen on the list of IPCEI



- ➤ Hydrogen is an environment- and climate-friendly (zero-emmission) energy carrier
- Produced from RES it has the potential to essentially replace fossile-based energy
- It suffers from a supply/demand deadlock which effectively hinders cost reductions by economies of scale
- ➤Once Green Hydrogen becomes available in big quantities at lower cost a lot of applications in mobility, industry and energy sector would suddenly become economically viable
- For many of the required technologies specialized and qualified manufacturers can be found in Europe but the above deadlock blocks the required scale-up
- ➤On the other hand, many MSs are struggling to achieve the agreed emmission reduction targets in sectors which could be decarbonised with Hydrogen

Draft recommendations



- **EU Strategy:** Develop a joint European wide vision and (integrated, concerted) masterplan/roadmap for a future European Hydrogen Economy
- Continuous RDI to prepare the first industrial deployment and industrialization of next generation hydrogen technologies and systems.
- Build up a sustainable industrial ecosystem: Strengthen a skilled workforce as backbone, industrialize key components, create a more mature supply chain, scale-up technologies for multiple-businesses, and create a circular economy.
- Ensure public awareness and acceptance: inform market players and consumers on positive potentials, demonstrate feasibility & ensure maximum safety for European citizens and create competitive advantage through standardisation
- Set up **supporting regulative measures** and **establish a clear regulatory framework** (environmental, permitting, etc.) for a hydrogen economy to evolve.
- Build on existing grids/pipelines for hydrogen distribution.
- All **transport** technologies have to be applied in industrial scale to evaluate their feasibility and economics. Push forward large-scale hydrogen storage.

Political objectives



- Climate based initiative Massive support to the EU emission reduction objectives
- ➤ Broad Initiative cover as many MS as possible
- ➤ Combined Initiative Integrate IPCEI + Climate Innovation + Structural Funds + CEF + EU Invest
- Integarted Initiative spillover effects for the whole EU economy/society
- Leveraged Initiative Create Momentum to promote the further utilization of the technology

Advantages of an IPCEI (compared to other State aid rules)



- The existence of the market failure affecting the project can be presumed
 - Under normal R&D&I aid rules, this needs to be proven for larger projects
- The project can be aided up to 100% of the funding gap on the basis of a large set of eligible costs
 - ➤ Under normal regional aid and R&D&I aid rules, there are upper limits and the closer to the markets, the lower the caps
- Costs of first industrial deployment (i.e. between pilot line and until start of mass production) are considered eligible
 - ➤ Under normal R&D&I aid rules, this is not possible. Under regional aid rules, aid is only allowed for investment in assisted regions

Good practices



- ✓ Openness for all Member States to be able to participate
- ✓ Involvement of the Commission in designing the IPCEI(s)
- ✓ Selection of participating companies via open calls
- ✓ Intense cooperation/joint work streams between Member States & vital role for coordinating MS
- ✓ Thorough preparation of all documents by the Member States
- ✓ Member States accurate screening of all company documents
- ✓ High Level Meetings to set the timing and keep the pace
- ✓ Early meetings with participating companies, always in presence of Member States
- ✓ If many participants: template documents are useful (Microelectronics templates will be improved to facilitate/quicken scrutiny and process)
- ✓ The approach in every IPCEI is case specific different technologies

Background



- The notion of "Important Project of Common European Interest" is laid down in Art. 107(3)(b) TFEU as part of the State aid rules
- In 2014, the Commission revived this clause by adopting a dedicated Communication laying out the conditions for its application. COM(2014)188/02
- Until now, it has been used for 1 infrastructure project decision (Fehmarn Belt fixed rail-road link between Denmark and Germany) and for 1 integrated R&D project (Microelectronics, Germany, UK, France and Italy)

Scope and Justification



- Hydrogen will be needed with respect to sustainability (climate goals), societal goals (health) and competitiveness
- Hydrogen will only be generated at scale and at competitive prices if there are customers with voluminous demand (production/transport/usage go hand in hand)
- Supchapters / Pillars allow a multiple start on the basis of a framework agreement
- Existing achievements in innovation via e.g. the FCH JU can be used
- Even TRL 8 projects need process innovation for mass application
- Investments in infrastructure (e.g. dual use of H2 pipelines) are an added value for the EU making the usage of hydrogen affordable

Update IPCEI



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Preparatory meeting (for conference projects)

9 October 2019

Hydrogen 4 Climate Action conference

November 2019

Official info to all MS to start call for Eol

1 Q 2020

Preparation of the IPCEI request

April 2020

Official request

October 2020

IPCEI approval