

Plenary Speech Energy transition towards hydrogen economy

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EU energy strategy towards 2050

Energy transition



- greenhouse gas reduction
 - EU: climate neutral by 2050
- sustainable production and consumption
- third energy revolution
- competition in electricity and natural gas markets

security of supply



EU medium and long term targets





EUH₂ strategy*



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Today - 2024	2025-2030	2030
 Installation of Electrolysers: at least 6GW for green H₂ production 	 H₂ to become part of the integrated energy system Production of green 	 RePowerEU H₂ accelerator: more than 20mt Large scale
 Production of green H₂: up to 1mt 	H ₂ : more than 10mt	integration of green H ₂

* *A hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe*, EU, 2020 7th International Conference on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (RESE2023),

Nicosia, Cyprus, 12-14 October 2023

Saudi Arabia \$5bn Helios H2 project

- Desert area = Belgium
- 4GW of Wind and PVs
- Production of 650t/day of H₂
- Reduce of H₂ production from 5US\$/kg to 1.5US\$/kg
- Long-term: Saudi Arabia to become H₂ exporter







The role of H₂ in Energy Transition long-term scenarios from carbon economy to hydrogen economy

Jules Verne (1874)



In 1874 science fiction author Jules Verne envisioned a future:

- "... water will one day be employed as fuel, that hydrogen and oxygen which constitute it, used singly or together, will furnish an inexhaustible source of heat and light, of an intensity of which coal is not capable
- Someday the coal-rooms of steamers and the tenders of locomotives will, instead of coal, be stored with these two condensed gases, which will burn in the furnaces with enormous calorific power..."

Potential role of hydrogen in the energy transition*





* **EU**, **2019** 7th International Conference on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (RESEE2023), Nicosia, Cyprus, 12-14 October 2023

Energy system in 2010



EU energy system in 2010*



Future energy systems (optimistic scenario)



EU energy system in 2020-30*



Future energy systems (optimistic scenario)



EU energy system in 2040-50*



* Poullikkas A., 2009, Introduction to Power Generation Technologies, ISBN: 978-1-60876-472-3

Future power systems*





The Super Smart Grid after 2050* (may allow for 100% RES)





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Carbon emissions and Green H₂ economics the effect of carbon price

Optimization model*,**



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Carbon emissions *vs* **green** H₂*





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Carbon price *vs* **green hydrogen power generation***



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