Renewable Hydrogen Coalition



New framework for renewables - will it be enough to meet the targets? November 9th 2021

The Renewable Hydrogen Coalition

Promotes the critical role of **renewable hydrogen** to deliver the EU's long-term decarbonisation goals





A Coalition with a growing number of supporters





In collaboration with

EGHAC European Green Hydrogen Acceleration Center



EU Market shares

Fossil-based hydrogen

Renewable-based hydrogen





Source: European Commission, EU Hydrogen Strategy

830

Million tons of CO₂ emitted per year for fossil fuel hydrogen production

equivalent to the combined emissions of the UK and Indonesia

€60bn

Europe's yearly spending in imported natural gas, also used for fossil-based hydrogen production





Renewable hydrogen – The missing link



Produces carbon-free energy with technology 'made in Europe'

Creates **sustainable** jobs and products

Increases Europe's resilience

Renewable hydrogen cheaper than 'blue' by 2030



Driven by cheaper

- electrolysers
- renewable electricity



Source: BloombergNEF (April 2021)

Clear targets for renewable hydrogen in Fit For 55 Package

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50% of hydrogen used by industry to be renewable by 2030

2,6% renewable share in fuels for transport by 2030 ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION

> By 2030, public hydrogen refueling stations with a minimum capacity of 2 tons/day deployed every 150 km along the Trans-European Transport Network

REFUEL EU AVIATION

From 2030, 5% sustainable aviation fuel target with a minimum 0.7% share of synthetic aviation fuels, increasing to 28% by 2050

Ambitious targets call for equally ambitious support

- De-risking projects and bridging the "green premium" cost remain key challenges
- Streamline financial support until renewable hydrogen reaches cost parity with fossil-based hydrogen
 - State Aid revision must deliver to unlock and accelerate private investment
- Multiple instruments needed e.g:
 - Carbon Contracts for Difference
 - Government-supported Contract for Difference (CfD) reducing levies imposed on renewable electricity to reduce electrolyser OPEX (mainly electricity)

- Preferential tax rate for renewable hydrogen over low-carbon hydrogen

The challenge of additionality

- Additionality, temporal and geographical correlation requirements should:
 - Avoid adding burden and complexity on RFNBOs producers only
 - Ensure flexibility to account for technical and economic realities of RFNBOs producers
 - Help make business case for electrolysers to scale deployment
- Unleash electrolysers' potential in providing system benefits: count curtailed electricity as additional and accommodate for stored electricity
- Even a balanced approach to additionality will not solve the fundamental problem i.e. tackle the permitting bottleneck



Portugal : its unique potential to become a European champion in renewable hydrogen

- Access to very competitive renewable electricity production prices with vast wind and solar potential
- Access to strategic infrastructures (ports, grids)
- Strategic geographical location facilitating exports
- Dedicated funding for renewable hydrogen needed
- Unique opportunity to:
 - Modernise and reduce emissions of hard-to-electrify sectors
 - Reduce natural gas imports



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