

## Second International Workshop

Durability and Degradation Issues in PEM  
Electrolysis Cells and its Components



# FCH 2 JU Funded Water Electrolysis Projects - Status and Perspectives

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# Strong public-private partnership with a focused objective

## Fuel Cells & Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking



Industry Grouping  
**HYDROGEN EUROPE**  
92 members



European Union  
represented by the  
European Commission

**ON.ERGHY**

RESEARCH ON FUEL CELLS & HYDROGEN

Research Grouping  
**N.ERGHY**  
63 members



To bring to the point of market readiness a **portfolio of clean, efficient and competitive solutions** based on fuel cells and hydrogen technologies in energy and transport

### Joint Undertaking – Public Private Partnership

Council Regulations:

521/2008 of 30 May 2008 (**FP7**)

1183/2011 of 14 November 2011

559/2014 of 6 May 2014 (**H2020**)

The Joint Undertaking is managed by a **Governing Board** composed of representatives of all three partners and lead by the Industry.

# FCH 2 JU objectives

Reduction of production costs of long lifetime FC systems to be used in transport applications

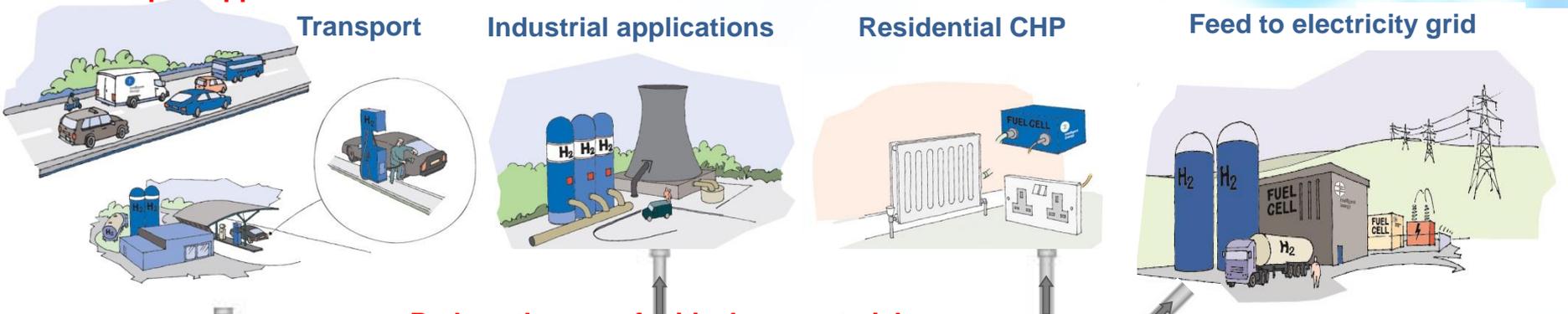
Increase of the electrical efficiency and durability of low cost FCs used for power production

Transport

Industrial applications

Residential CHP

Feed to electricity grid

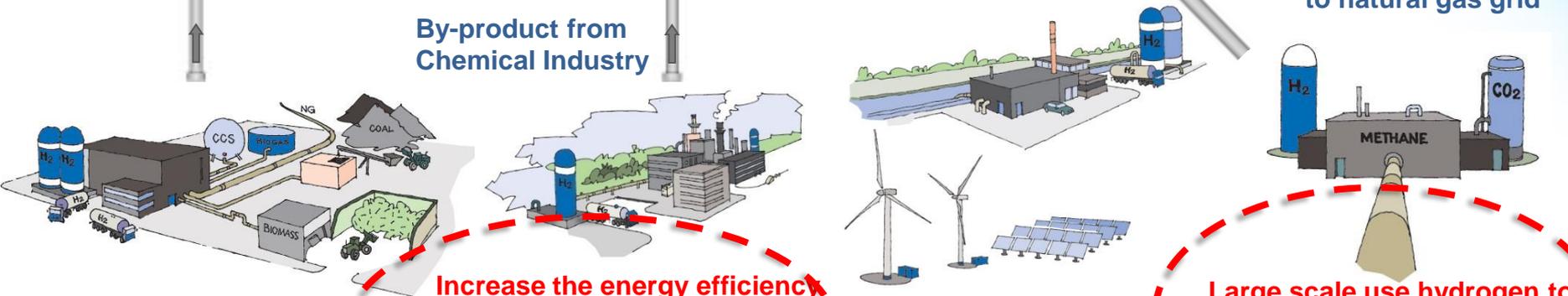


Reduce the use of critical raw materials

Existing natural gas, electricity and transport infrastructures

By-product from Chemical Industry

Methanisation feed to natural gas grid



Natural gas, biogas, coal, biomass

Increase the energy efficiency of low cost production of hydrogen from water electrolysis and renewable sources

Renewable generation, storage and 'buffering'

Large scale use hydrogen to support integration of renewable energy sources into the energy systems

- H<sub>2</sub> Production & Distribution in Energy Pillar

## HORIZON 2020

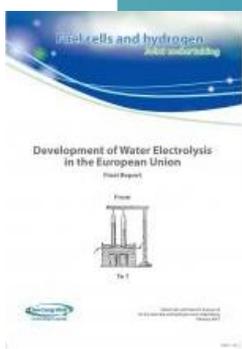
- Road vehicles
- Non-road vehicles and machinery
- Refuelling infrastructure
- Maritime, rail and aviation applications

- Hydrogen production and distribution
- Hydrogen storage for renewable energy integration
- Fuel cells for power and combined heat & power generation

### Cross-cutting Issues

(e.g. standards, consumer awareness, manufacturing methods, ...)

# Water electrolysis deployment perspectives in Europe



Hydrogen as an industrial chemical

Existing markets for electrolytic hydrogen expected to grow moderately

Potentially emerging

Energy storage, grid services & Renew.-heat

Pilot stations in several countries (MW scale)

Deployment of multi MW systems

Cumulative deployments reach GW scale

Hydrogen refuelling stations

Hundreds of stations (100 kW – 2 MW)

Thousands of stations (1 MW to 5 MW)

Energy system and use cases expected to have evolved significantly by this time

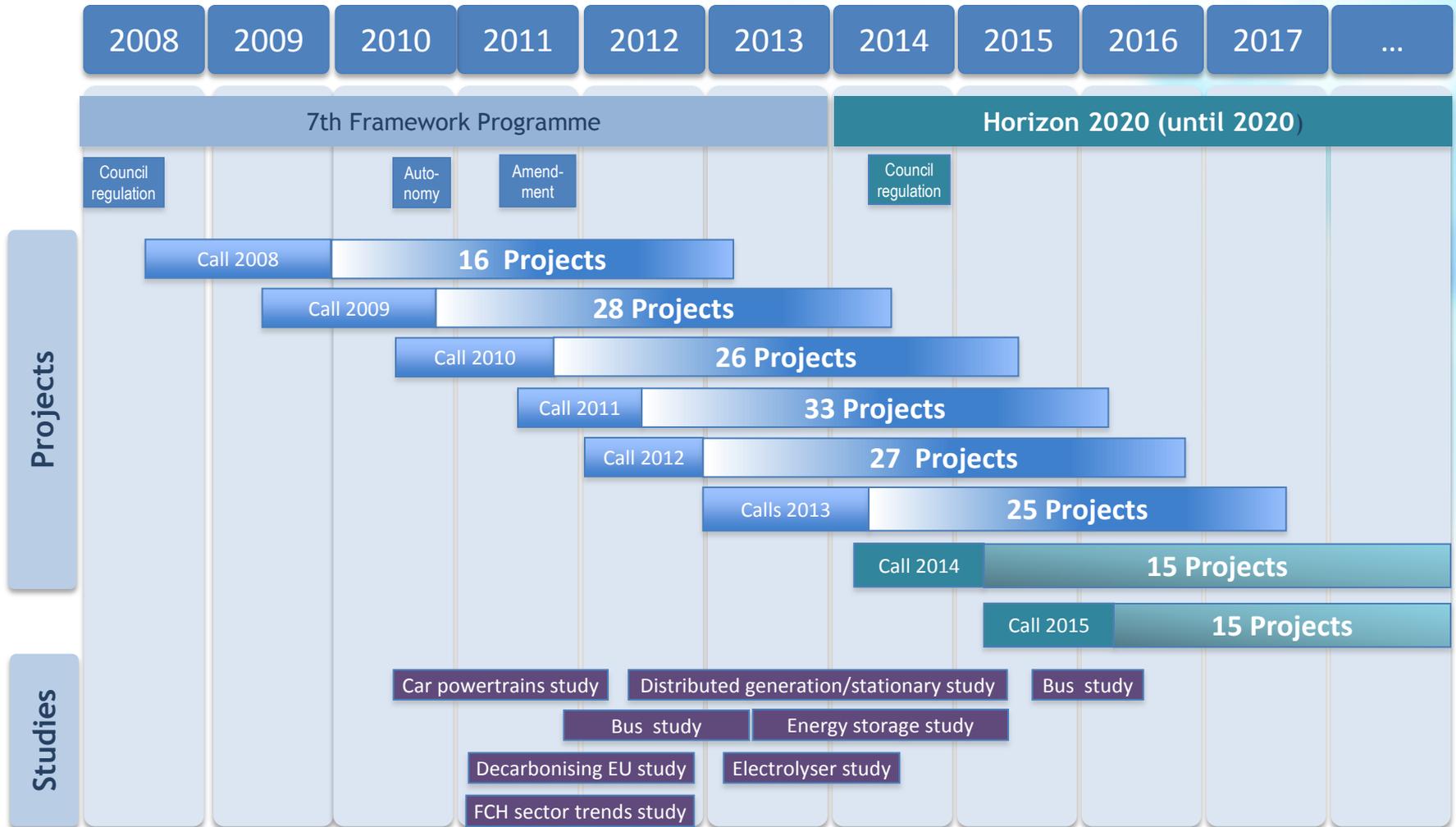
Now to 2015

2015 - 2020

2020 - 2030

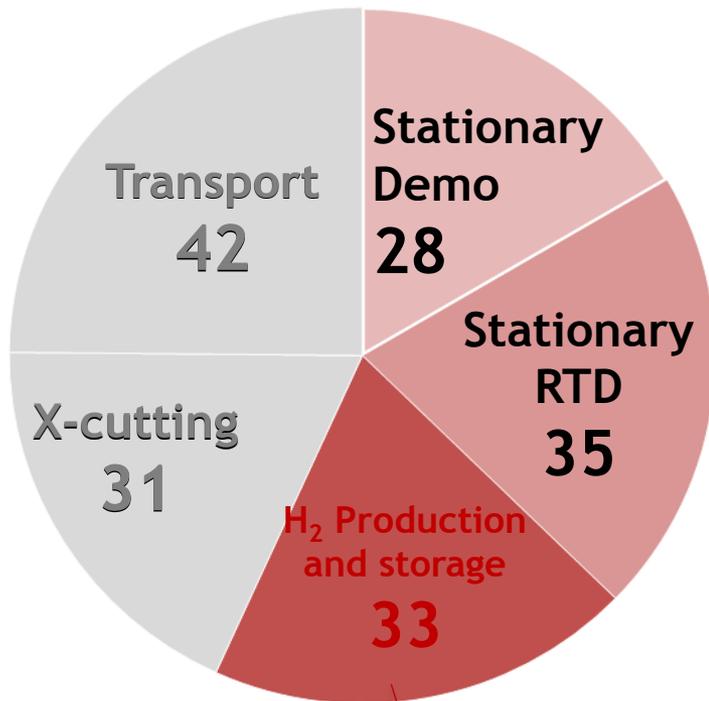
Beyond 2030

# Supported R&D activities since 2008



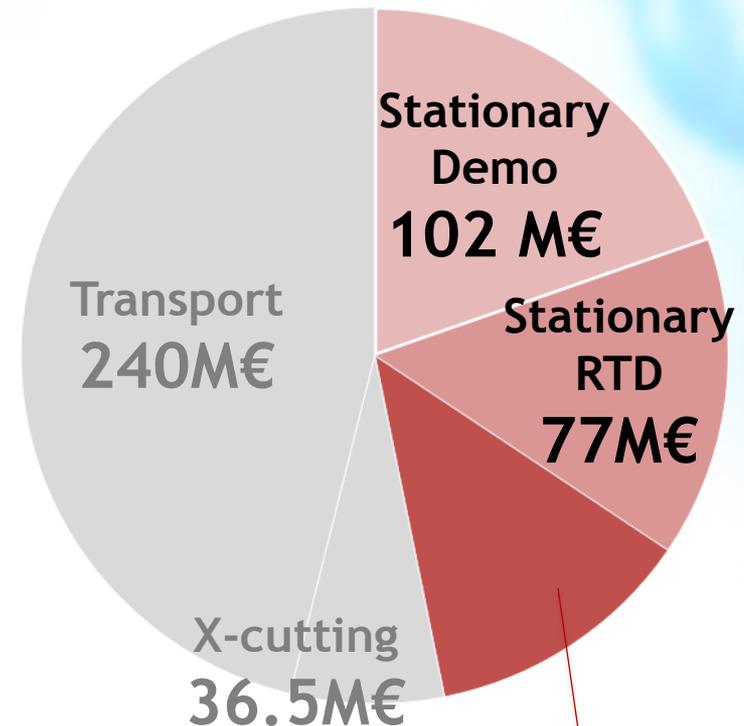
# Projects financed since 2008

**Number of projects**  
**169** (of which FP7: 155)



- 8 completed
- 21 active under FP7
- 4 under H2020

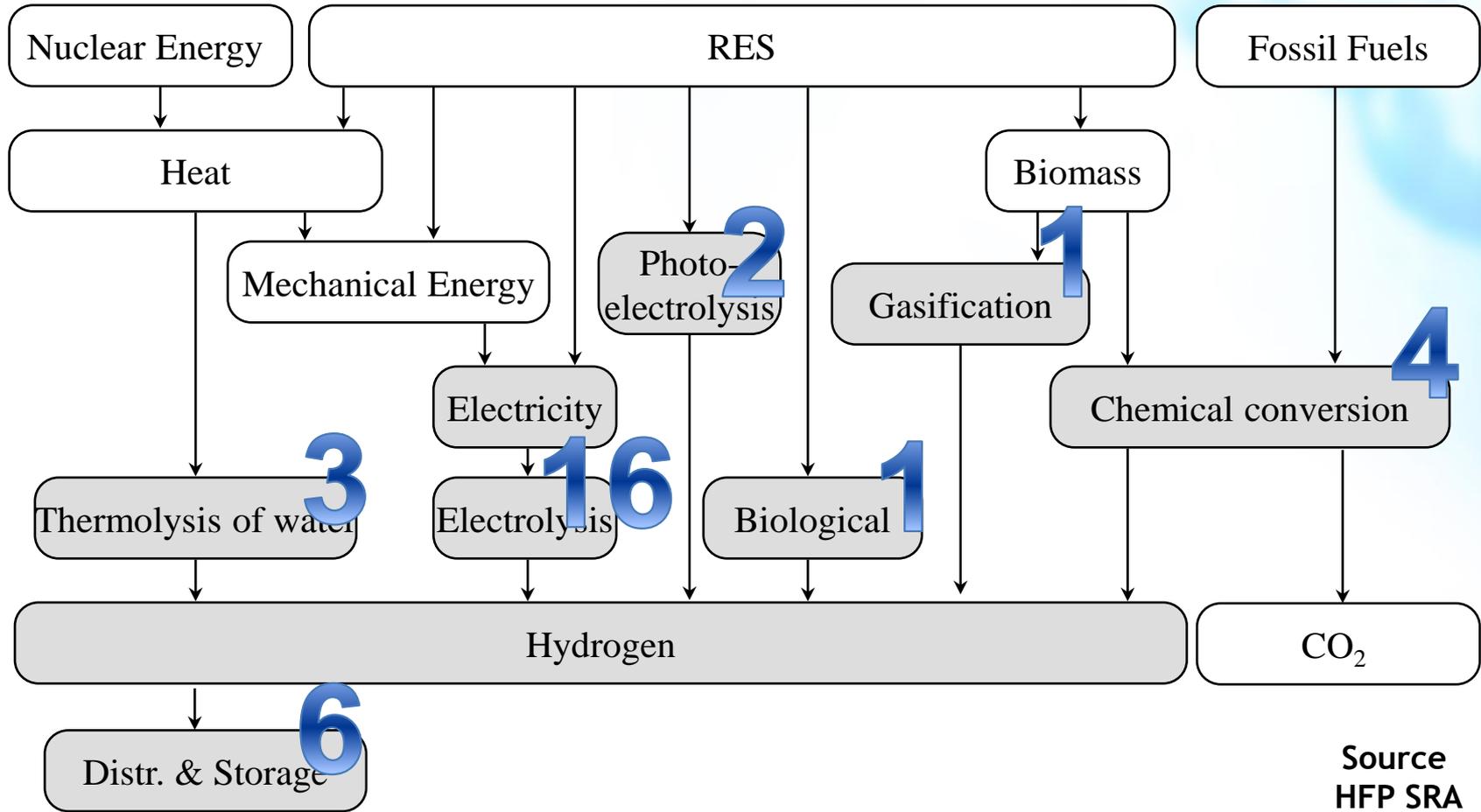
**Max FCH JU contribution**  
**520 M€** (of which FP7: 446 M)



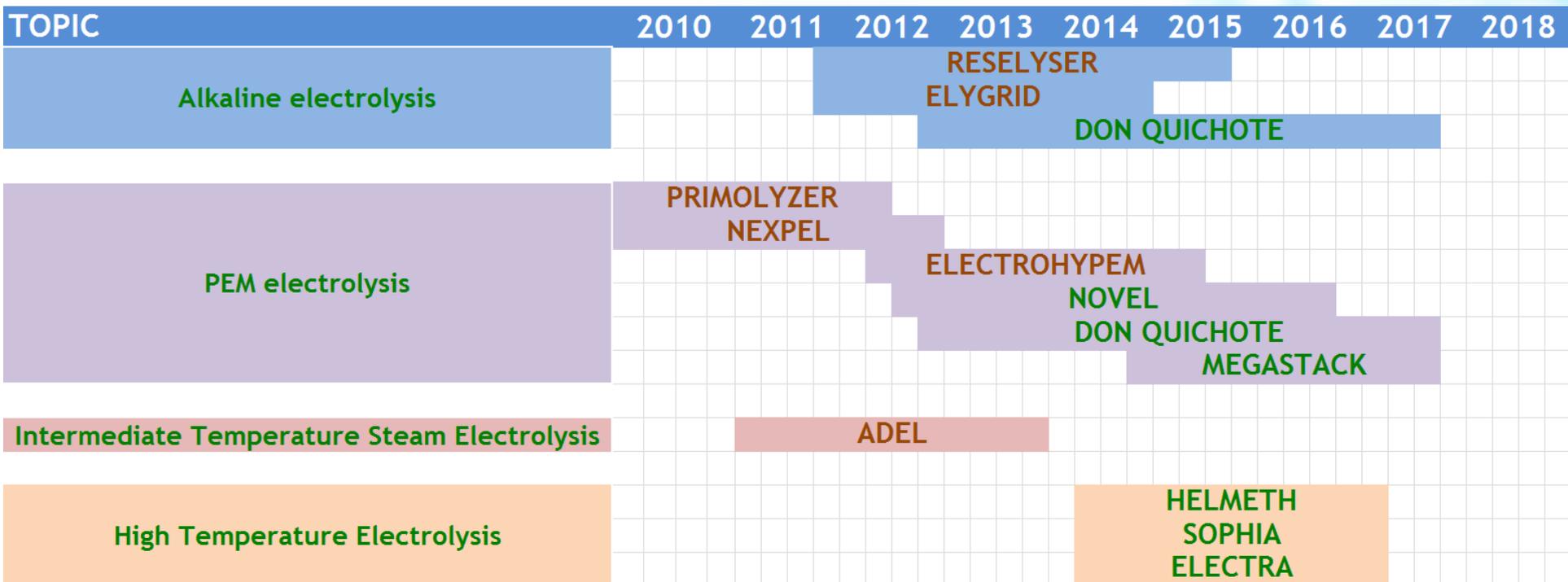
**H<sub>2</sub> Production and storage**  
**64.5 M€**  
**MAIP 10-12%**



# Hydrogen Prod., Stor. & Distr. Technical Coverage



# Electrolysis projects



# Programme Targets and Achievements

## • Electrolysers - 1

### – Alkaline (RESELYSER, ELYGRID)



	Aim	Status	
$\eta$	>80%,	76-82%	✓
$\eta$ retention	>90% over 1,000 on/off	>98% over 1,100	✓
cost (k€/Nm <sup>3</sup> .h)	3	7	✗
capacity (tn/d)	1.5	3	✓

### – PEM (ELECTROHYPEM, NOVEL, DONQUICHOTE, MEGASTACK)

	Aim	Status	
$\eta$ (kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> )	< 4	3.53	✓
V increase (μV/h)	< 15 @ 1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	8	✓
H2 cost (€/kg)	< 15	13 (RES cost)	✓
capacity single stack (Nm <sup>3</sup> /h)	100	60	✗



# Programme Targets and Achievements

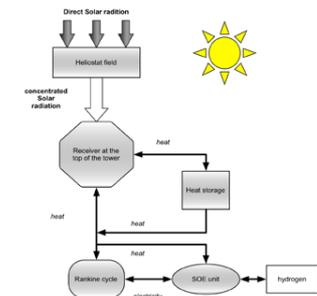
## • Electrolysers - 2

### – High temperature (HELMETH, SOPHIA, ELECTRA)

Helmeth	Aim	Status
$\eta$ (%)	85-95%,	86%



- Achieved: 5kW, 10bar, 700°C, total  $\eta$  86%
- Scope: Design, fabrication, and operation on-sun of a 3 kW<sub>e</sub>-size pressurized High Temperature Electrolysis (HTE) system, coupled to a concentrated solar energy source
- Scope: build and test a kW size multi-tubular proton ceramic high temperature electrolyser for production of hydrogen from steam and renewable energy



- Call H2020-JTI-FCH-2014-1
- Indicative budget: 93 M€
- Publication date: 09 July 2014
- Deadline: 06 November 2014
- 22 Topics: 11 Energy Topics + 1 Overarching Topic
- 57 Proposals received

# 2014 Call - Research & Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)	Proposals received
FCH-02.1-2014: Research in electrolysis for cost effective hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)		6
FCH-02.2-2014: Decentralized hydrogen production from clean CO <sub>2</sub> -containing biogas	Research & Innovation (RIA)		7
FCH-02.3-2014: Stationary fuel cell system diagnostics: development of online monitoring and diagnostics systems for reliable and durable fuel cell system operation	Research & Innovation (RIA)	16	5
FCH-02.4-2014: Robust production of stationary fuel cells with reduced quality control costs	Research & Innovation (RIA)		1
FCH-02.5-2014: Innovative fuel cell systems at intermediate power range for distributed combined heat and power generation	Research & Innovation (RIA)		6
FCH-02.6-2014: Development of centrifugal hydrogen compressor technology	Research & Innovation (RIA)		0
FCH-02.7-2014: Stand-alone hydrogen purification systems for new hydrogen pathways	Research & Innovation (RIA)		1
FCH-02.8-2014: Improvement of electrolyser design for grid integration	Research & Innovation (RIA)		3

# 2014 Call -Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)	Proposals received
FCH-02.9-2014: Significant improvement of installation and service for fuel cell systems by Design-to-Service	Innovation (IA)		3
FCH-02.10-2014: Demonstrating the feasibility of central large scale electrolysers in providing grid services and hydrogen distribution and supply to multiple high value markets	Innovation (IA)	25.5	3
FCH-02.11-2014: Large scale fuel cell power plant demonstration in industrial/commercial market segments	Innovation (IA)		3
FCH-03.1-2014: Hydrogen territories	Innovation (IA)	5	2

# 2014 Call Evaluation Results

Area/Panel	Submissions	Ineligible	Above thresholds	FCH2 JU contribution requested (EUR)
TRANSPORT PILLAR Research and Innovation Activities	9	0	3	13,398,556
TRANSPORT PILLAR Innovation Activities	1	0	1	32,000,000
ENERGY PILLAR Research and Innovation Activities	29	0	14	41,854,497
ENERGY PILLAR Innovation Activities	9	0	3	15,445,737
OVERARCHING PROJECTS	2	0	0	0
CROSS-CUTTING	7	0	2	3,494,432
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>106,193,222</b>

Based on the budget availability, **15** proposals were selected for funding

# Energy related projects

FCH-02.1-2014	671481 SElySOs	Development of new electrode materials and understanding of degradation mechanisms on Solid Oxide High Temperature Electrolysis Cells.	02/11/2015	48	2,939,655.00	2,939,655.00
FCH-02.2-2014	671459 BIONICO	BIOgas membrane reformer for deCeNtralized hydrogen produCtiOn	01/09/2015	36	3,396,640.00	3,147,640.00
FCH-02.3-2014	671486 HEALTH-CODE	Real operation pem fuel cells HEALTH-state monitoring and diagnosis based on dc-dc COnverter embeddeD Eis	01/09/2015	36	2,358,736.25	2,358,736.25
FCH-02.5-2014	671396 AutoRE	AUTomotive deRivative Energy system	01/08/2015	36	4,464,447.25	3,496,947.00
FCH-02.5-2014	671403 INNO-SOFC	Development of innovative 50 kW SOFC system and related value chain	01/09/2015	30	3,998,081.25	3,998,081.25
FCH-02.8-2014	671458 ELYntegration	Grid Integrated Multi Megawatt High Pressure Alkaline Electrolysers for Energy Applications	01/09/2015	36	3,301,391.25	1,861,309.00
FCH-02.9-2014	671473 D2Service	Design of 2 Technologies and Applications to Service	01/09/2015	36	3,636,797.50	2,953,790.75
FCH-02.10-2014	671384 HyBalance	HyBalance	01/10/2015	60	15,184,265.78	7,999,370.80
FCH-02.11-2014	671470 DEMOSOFC	DEMOstration of large SOFC system fed with biogas from Waste Water Treatment Plant	01/09/2015	60	5,905,336.25	4,492,561.00

Energy topics not addressed by a project: 2.4; 2.6; 2.7 and 3.1

- Call H2020-JTI-FCH-2015-1
- Indicative budget: 123 M€
- Publication date: 05 May 2015
- Deadline: 27 August 2015
- 20 Topics: 9 Energy Topics + 3 Overarching Topic
- 66 Proposals received

# 2015 Call - Research & Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)	Proposals received
FCH-02.1-2015: Improved electrolysis for Off-grid Hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)		3
FCH-02.2-2015: Improved electrolysis for Distributed Hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)	20	5
FCH-02.3-2015: Development of co-electrolysis using CO <sub>2</sub> and water	Research & Innovation (RIA)		4
FCH-02.4-2015: Proof of concept of HT electrolyser at a scale >70 kW	Research & Innovation (RIA)		3
FCH-02.5-2015: Development of technology to separate hydrogen from low-concentration hydrogen streams	Research & Innovation (RIA)		4
FCH-02.6-2015: Development of cost effective manufacturing technologies for key components or fuel cell systems	Research & Innovation (RIA)		9
FCH-03.3-2015: Hydrogen delivery with high capacity compressed gas trailer	Research & Innovation (RIA)	2	0

# 2015 Call -Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)	Proposals received
FCH-02.7-2015: MW or multi-MW demonstration of stationary fuel cells	Innovation (IA)	34	3
FCH-02.8-2015: Sub-MW demonstration of stationary fuel cells fuelled with biogas from biowaste treatment	Innovation (IA)		2
FCH-02.9-2015: Large scale demonstration $\mu$ CHP fuel cells	Innovation (IA)		1

FCH-03.1-2015: Large scale demonstration of Hydrogen Refuelling Stations and FCEV road vehicles - including buses and on site electrolysis	Innovation (IA)	39.5	1
FCH-03.2-2015: Hydrogen territories	Innovation (IA)		4

# FCH 2 JU under H2020 - Call 2015

Area/Panel	Available budget (mill EUR)	Total number of proposals evaluated	Number of proposals having failed the thresholds	Number of proposals equal or above the thresholds	<b>Number of proposals retained</b> (main lists)	Proposed budget (EUR)
<b>TRANSPORT PILLAR</b> Research and Innovation Activities	25	19	15	4	<b>3</b>	14,058,470.00
<b>ENERGY PILLAR</b> Research and Innovation Activities	20	28	13	15	<b>8</b>	21,428,326.00
<b>ENERGY PILLAR</b> Innovation Activities	34	5	4	1	<b>1</b>	33,932,752.75
<b>OVERARCHING</b> Innovation Activities	39.5	5	3	2	<b>2</b>	39,999,549.00
<b>OVERARCHING</b> Research and Innovation Activities	2	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>CROSS-CUTTING</b>	2.5	4	3	1	<b>1</b>	497,666.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>	61	38	23	<b>15</b>	<b>109,916,764.00</b>
		100 %	62.3 %	37.7 %	24.6%	

4 Proposals were withdrawn by FCH 2JU due to abusive submission  
 1 Proposal was found ineligible  
**15** Proposals under Grant preparation

# Energy topics with selected proposals

FCH-02.1-2015: Improved electrolysis for Off-grid Hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)	1
FCH-02.2-2015: Improved electrolysis for Distributed Hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)	1
FCH-02.3-2015: Development of co-electrolysis using CO <sub>2</sub> and water	Research & Innovation (RIA)	1
FCH-02.4-2015: Proof of concept of HT electrolyser at a scale >70 kW	Research & Innovation (RIA)	1
FCH-02.5-2015: Development of technology to separate hydrogen from low-concentration hydrogen streams	Research & Innovation (RIA)	1
FCH-02.6-2015: Development of cost effective manufacturing technologies for key components or fuel cell systems	Research & Innovation (RIA)	3
FCH-02.7-2015: MW or multi-MW demonstration of stationary fuel cells	Innovation (IA)	0
FCH-02.8-2015: Sub-MW demonstration of stationary fuel cells fuelled with biogas from biowaste treatment	Innovation (IA)	0
FCH-02.9-2015: Large scale demonstration $\mu$ CHP fuel cells	Innovation (IA)	1

# Overarching topics with selected proposals

FCH-03.1-2015: Large scale demonstration of Hydrogen Refuelling Stations and FCEV road vehicles - including buses and on site electrolysis	Innovation (IA)	1
FCH-03.2-2015: Hydrogen territories	Innovation (IA)	1
FCH-03.3-2015: Hydrogen delivery with high capacity compressed gas trailer	Research & Innovation (RIA)	0

- Call H2020-JTI-FCH-2016-1
- Indicative budget: 117.5 M€
- Publication date: 19 January 2016
- Deadline: 03 May 2016
- 24 Topics: 11 Energy Topics + 1 Overarching Topic

# 2016 Call - Research & Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)
FCH-02-1-2016: Establish testing protocols for electrolysers performing electricity grid services	Research & Innovation (RIA)	16
FCH-02-2-2016: Development of compact reformers for distributed bio-hydrogen production	Research & Innovation (RIA)	
FCH-02-3-2016: Development of processes for direct production of hydrogen from sunlight	Research & Innovation (RIA)	
FCH-02-4-2016: Co-generation of hydrogen and electricity with high-temperature fuel cells	Research & Innovation (RIA)	
FCH-02-5-2016: Advanced monitoring, diagnostics and lifetime estimation for stationary SOFC stacks and modules	Research & Innovation (RIA)	
FCH-02-6-2016: Development of cost effective manufacturing technologies for key components or fuel cell systems for industrial applications	Research & Innovation (RIA)	
FCH-03-1-2016: Development of innovative hydrogen purification technology based on membrane systems	Research & Innovation (RIA)	2

# 2016 Call -Innovation Actions Energy Topics

		Tentative budget (M€)
FCH-02-7-2016: Demonstration of large-scale rapid response electrolysis to provide grid balancing services and to supply hydrogen markets	Innovation (IA)	40
FCH-02-8-2016 Large scale demonstration of commercial fuel cells in the power range of 20-100kW in different market applications	Innovation (IA)	
FCH-02-9-2016 Large scale demonstration of commercial fuel cells in the power range of 100-400kW in different market applications	Innovation (IA)	
FCH-02-10-2016: Demonstration of fuel cell-based energy storage solutions for isolated micro-grid or off-grid remote areas	Innovation (IA)	
FCH-02-11-2016: MW or multi-MW demonstration of stationary fuel cells	Innovation (IA)	

## Topic 2-1: Establish testing protocols for electrolysers performing electricity grid services

### Challenge

- Provision of grid services by electrolysers: not only better components, but also benchmarks, standardised tests and economic analysis

### Scope

- Benchmarking of components, assessment of improvements through a specific testing methodology to evaluate potential of electrolysers to provide grid services
- Standardization of a testing protocol to evaluate the ability of electrolysers to provide grid services - Establishment of power curves
- Testing power electronics, stack and BoP
- Definition of a business model, assessment of the services with the highest potential

### Impact

- Development of standardised tests
- Specific performance indicators for provision of each grid service
- Assessment of economic gains from providing grid services

### Other information

- EU contribution of 2 M€ -- 1 project -- 3 years
- TRL from 4 to 6

## Topic 2-7: Demonstration of large-scale rapid response electrolysis to provide grid balancing services and to supply hydrogen markets

### Challenge

- Demonstration of large electrolysis units (>3 MW) using the latest available PEM or pressurized alkaline technology
- Convert excess renewable electricity to H<sub>2</sub> that can be stored and re-electrified at a later time, or used for other energy consuming or industrial processes
- Provide grid balancing services/power demand management on a commercial basis

### Scope

- Develop > 3MW electrolyser of sufficiently rapid response time (of the order of a few seconds) to participate in primary and secondary grid balancing markets
- Improve electrolyser dynamic performance
- <52kWh/kg for alkaline and <48kWh/kg for PEM
- 630 Euro/kW for alkaline and 1000 Euro/kW for PEM
- SOTA systems installed & operated for > 2 years

## Impact

- Demonstrate feasible operation of large scale rapid response electrolysis
- Techno-economic analysis of the performance of these systems
- Assessment and operation experience, including safety, of the contractual and hardware arrangements required to distribute and supply hydrogen to multiple markets
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## Other information

- > 1 member of IG or RG
- EU contribution of 16 M€ -- 2 projects -- 4-5 years
  - 1 project PEM, 6MW (1x6 or 2x3), 12 M€
  - 1 project alkaline, 3MW, 4 M€
  - Grid connection & e- for testing eligible / e- for operation not eligible
- TRL from 6/7 to 8

# Thank you for your attention !

Further info :

- FCH JU : <http://www.fch.europa.eu/>
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