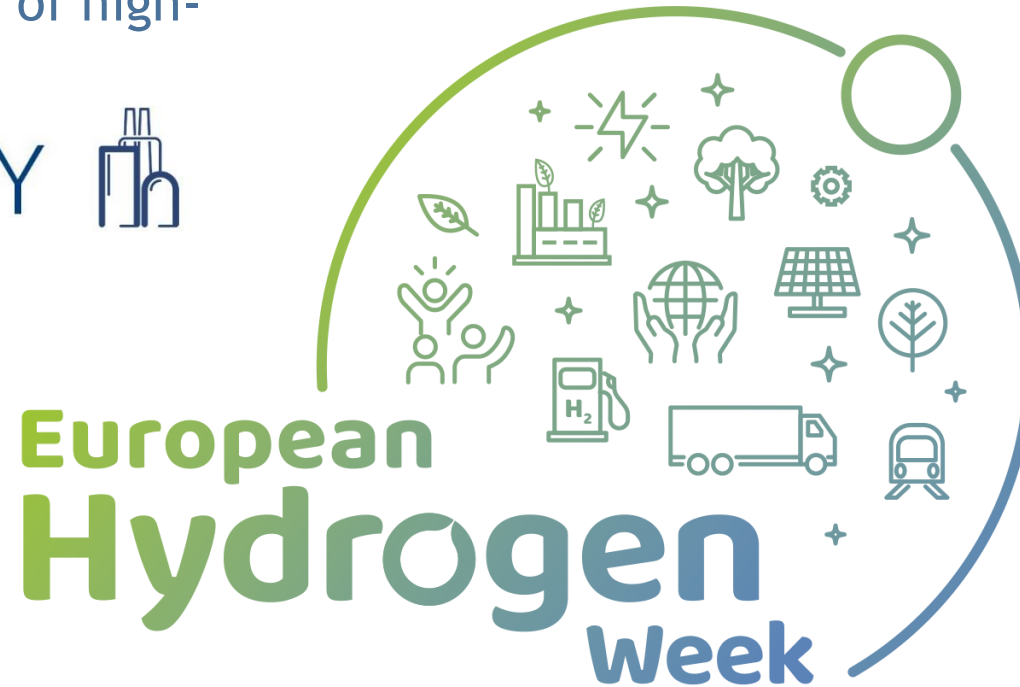


## MULTIPLHY

Multimegawatt high-temperature  
electrolyser to generate green  
hydrogen for production of high-  
quality biofuels



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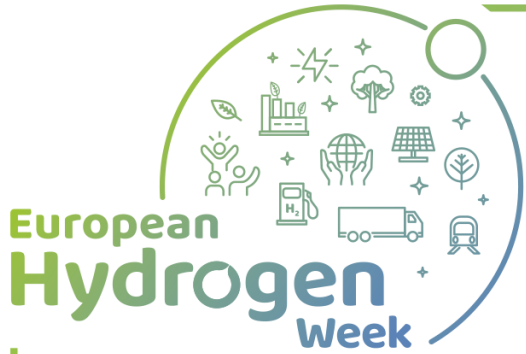
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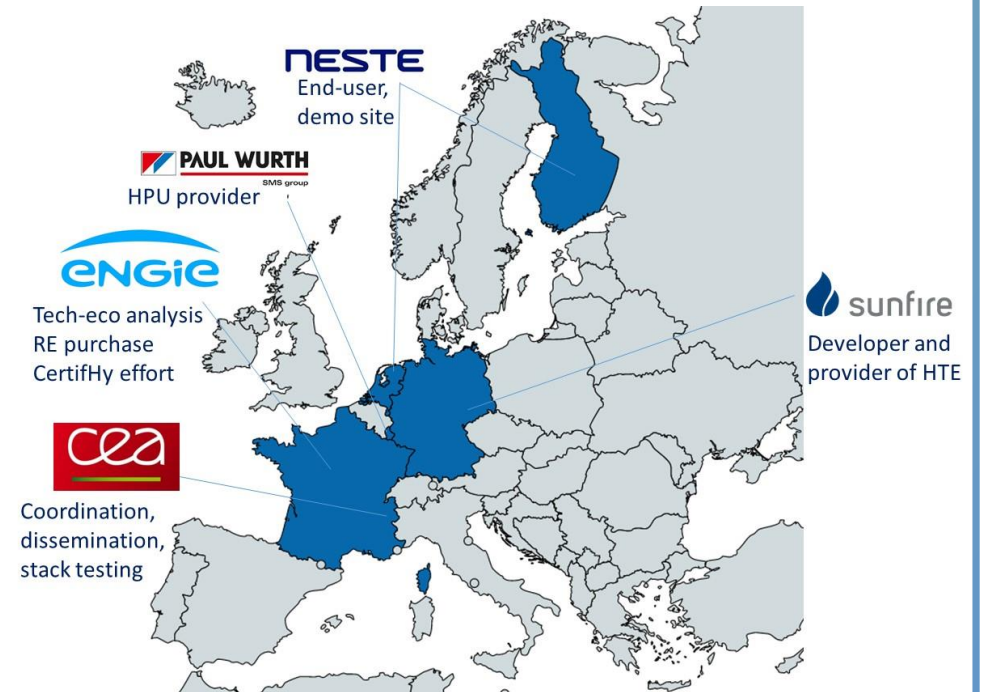
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# Project Overview

- Call year: 2019
- Call topic: FCH-02-2-2019: Multi megawatt high-temperature electrolyser for valorisation as energy vector in energy intensive industry
- Project dates: 01/01/2020-31/12/2024
- % stage of implementation 01/11/2021: 36%
- Total project budget: 9 751 722.50 €
- FCH JU max. contribution: 6 993 725.39 €
- Other financial contribution: 2 757 997.11 € (industrial partners)
- Partners: CEA (F), NESTE (FI, NL), SUNFIRE (D), PAUL WURTH (L), ENGIE (F)



# Project Summary

## Main objectives

*Global positioning vs international SoA*

World largest HTE unit (by factor >3)

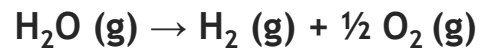
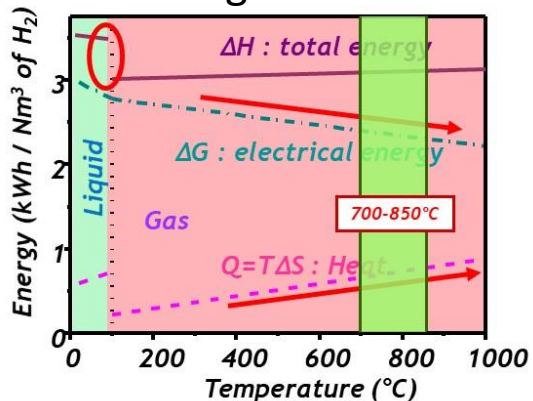
### Goal:

- manufacturing, installation and integration of the world's first high-temperature electrolyser (HTE) system in multi-megawatt-scale, TRL8
- at a renewable products refinery located in Rotterdam / The Netherlands

1<sup>st</sup> HTE application for this market area

### Benefits of HTE:

- High efficient technology

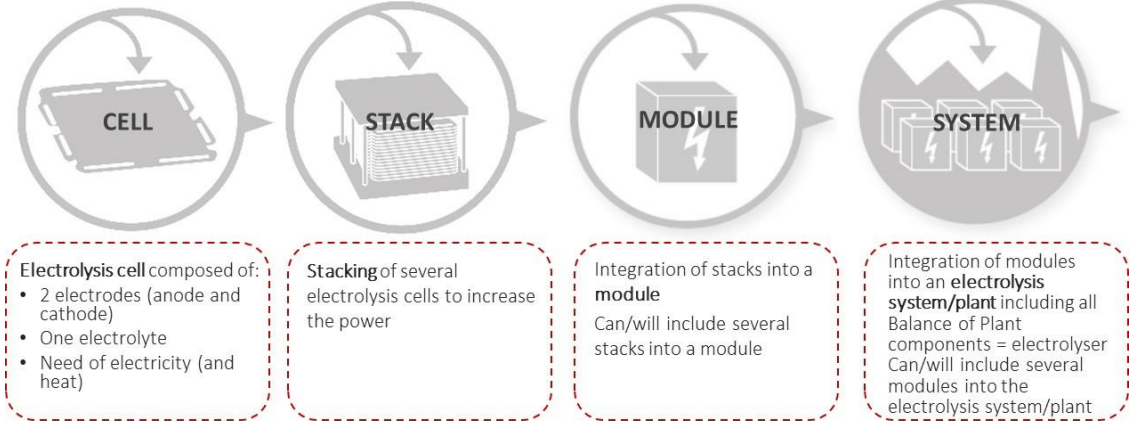


$$\Delta H = \Delta G + T\Delta S \sim \text{constant}$$

overall energy  $\Delta H$  has to be provided either as electric energy or as heat

Low T: energy = 85% electricity / 15% heat  
High T: energy = 70% electricity, 30% heat

- Technology with no expensive noble catalysts
- Modular technology



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### Key figures:

- electrical rated nominal power of  $\sim 2.6 \text{ MW}_{\text{el,AC}}$  (HTE and Hydrogen Processing Unit (HPU))
- Hydrogen production rate of  $\geq 60 \text{ kg}_{\text{H}_2}/\text{h}$  ( $\geq 670 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{h}$ )
- Operation period of 16,000 h Longest demo phase
- leading to substantial GHG emission reductions

Best values in-field

### Technical objectives:

- Electrolyzer electrical efficiency of up to  $85\%_{\text{el,LHV}}$
- Electricity consumption @ nominal capacity:  $39 \text{ kWh}/\text{kg}_{\text{H}_2}$
- Availability:  $\geq 98 \%$
- Production loss rate:  $\leq 1.2\% / 1000 \text{ h}$

Low degradation values measured at stack/system level for long periods

CAPEX and OPEX in agreement with MAWP targets

### Economic objectives:

- Capital Cost:  $\leq 2,400 \text{ €} / (\text{kgH}_2/\text{d})$
- Operations & Maintenance cost  $\leq 120 \text{ €}/(\text{kgH}_2/\text{d})/\text{year}$
- Techno-Economic analysis of HTE utilisation in refineries
- Pave the way for further upscaling step to a 100 MW scale

### Societal objectives:

- Increased awareness of HTE as viable solution within EII
- Procurement strategy for RE
- Certification of the green H<sub>2</sub> according to CertifHy

1st H<sub>2</sub> certificates for HTE technology

# Project Progress/Actions - Stack performance and durability



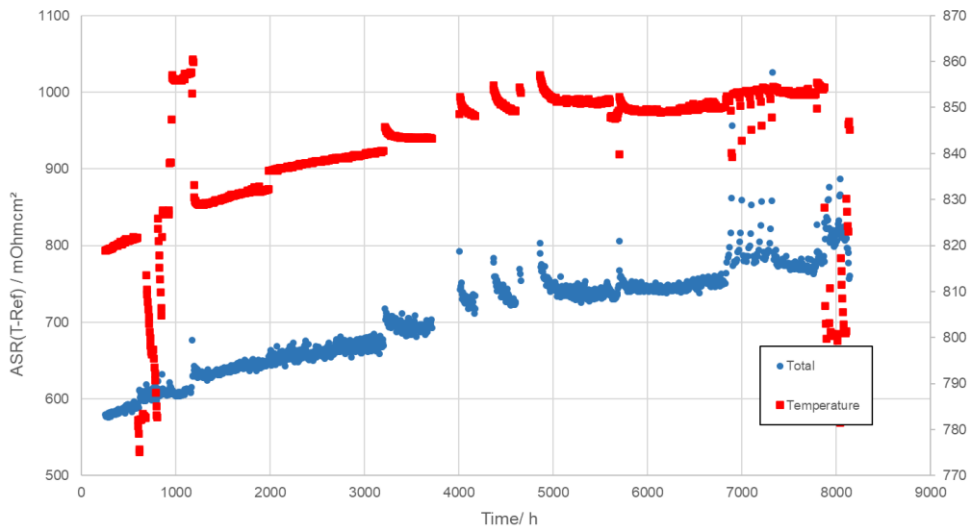
Achievement to-date

H<sub>2</sub> production loss  
~ 2-4% / 1000h



H<sub>2</sub> production loss  
≤ 1.2% / 1000 h

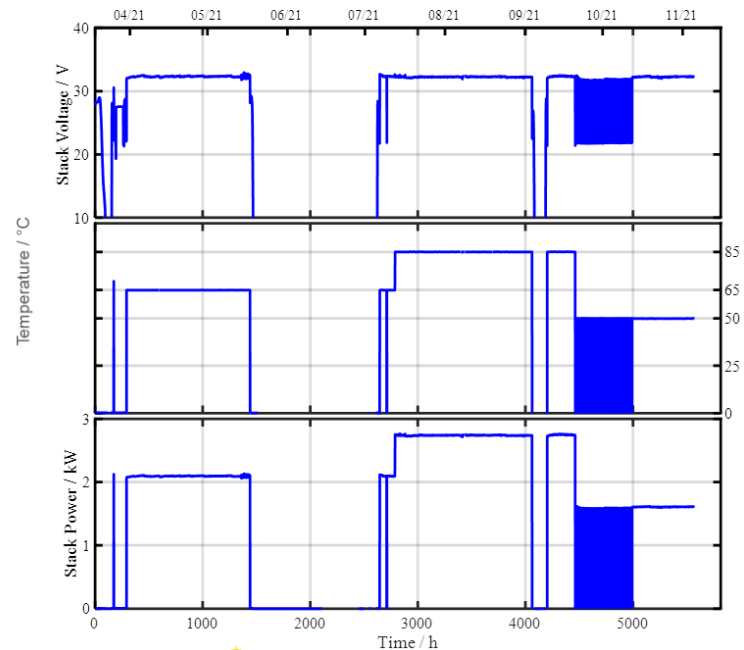
Release New Stack Design (SMK-B241)



25%

50%

75%



- Testing protocol defined (public): Initial performance map, durability steps > 2000h, 500 h of on-off load cycles, thermal cycles, final performance map
- 2 stacks tested: Sunfire 30-ESC cells (3.3 kW at 820°C), CEA 25-CSC cells (2.6 kW at 700°C)
- Longest test at full stack scale for both technologies, at current densities in the range 0.5 to 0.85 A/cm<sup>2</sup> and at high steam conversion (70-80%)

# Project Progress/Actions - Module development and validation

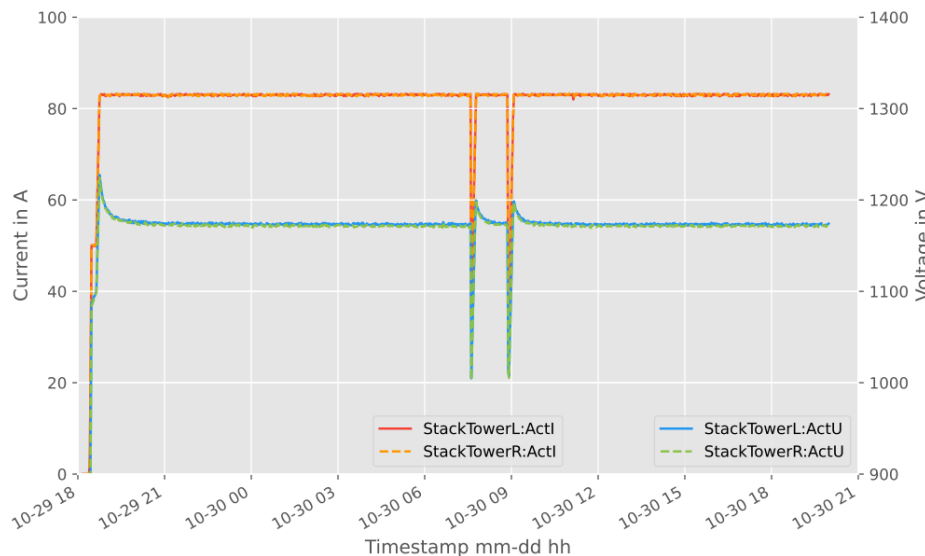


**Achievement to-date**

Gen1 133 kW -  
36 stacks  
module



Gen2 230 kW -  
60 stacks  
module



- HTE system engineering and optimization
  - Testing of Gen. 2.1.0 'Prototype' Module carried out
  - Evaluation of manufacturing durations and release of design for MultiPLHY Project

### Status and results

- Successful design freeze of hot- and coldbox
- 65.7 Nm<sup>3</sup> /h H<sub>2</sub> production achieved
- Very homogenous temperatures and voltages in stacks
- Manufacturing of MULTIPLHY units in progress

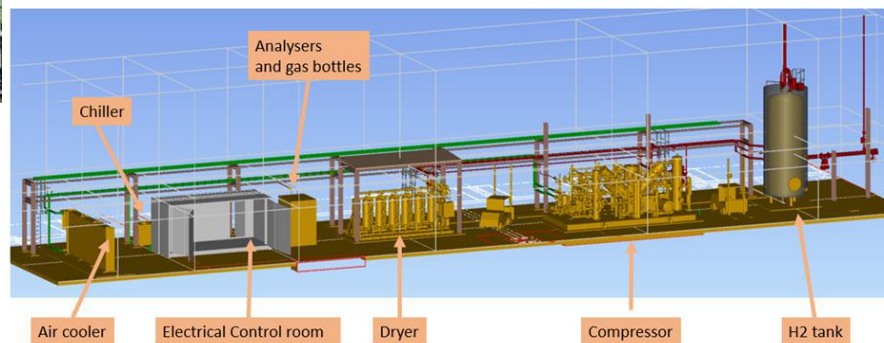


# Project Progress/Actions - Site and demonstration preparation



Achievement to-date

N/A



Site and demo  
ready

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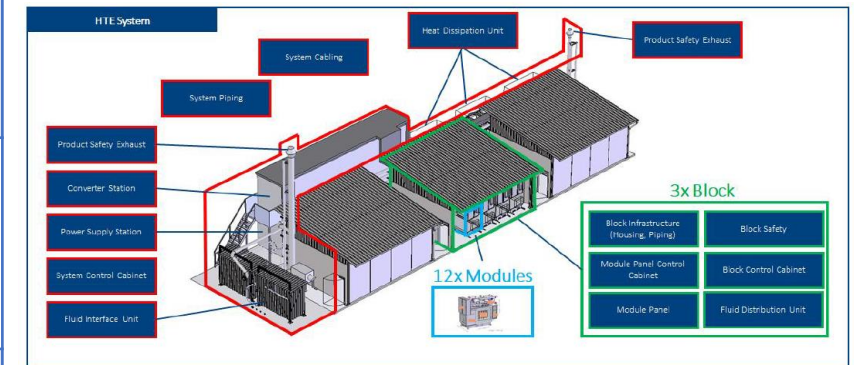
50%

75%

- Engineering and site preparation on-going for start-up in H2/2022
- Design, manufacturing and commissioning of auxiliary unit on track (dryer, compressor, buffer tank)
- Service and maintenance concept under definition
- Sourcing of renewable electricity is being planned
- Work on Guaranties of Origin (GO) for H<sub>2</sub> in relation with CERTIFHY and local Dutch policy
  - analysis of the draft RED2 implementation's impact in The Netherlands GO
- Draft methodology for GHG avoidance under discussion within CertifHy WG 2 (on production)

# Risks, Challenges and Lessons Learned

		Measures taken
<b>Risks</b>	Delay due to longer than planned manufacturing duration + extended delivery times of components and material (COVID effect)	Contingency plan in place: manufacture, ship, install, commission and start 6 modules (50% capacity) at NESTE H2/2022. Installation and commission of the last 6 other modules beginning of 2023.
	Implementation of a new technology in new scale leads to technology risk which needs to be mitigated	Detailed risk management in place, accurate planning of installation and commissioning phase to ensure smooth start-up.
<b>Challenges</b>	Procurement of a 3rd party stack for benchmark Contact with several potential suppliers, which unfortunately failed	Test of Sunfire new stack design in replacement

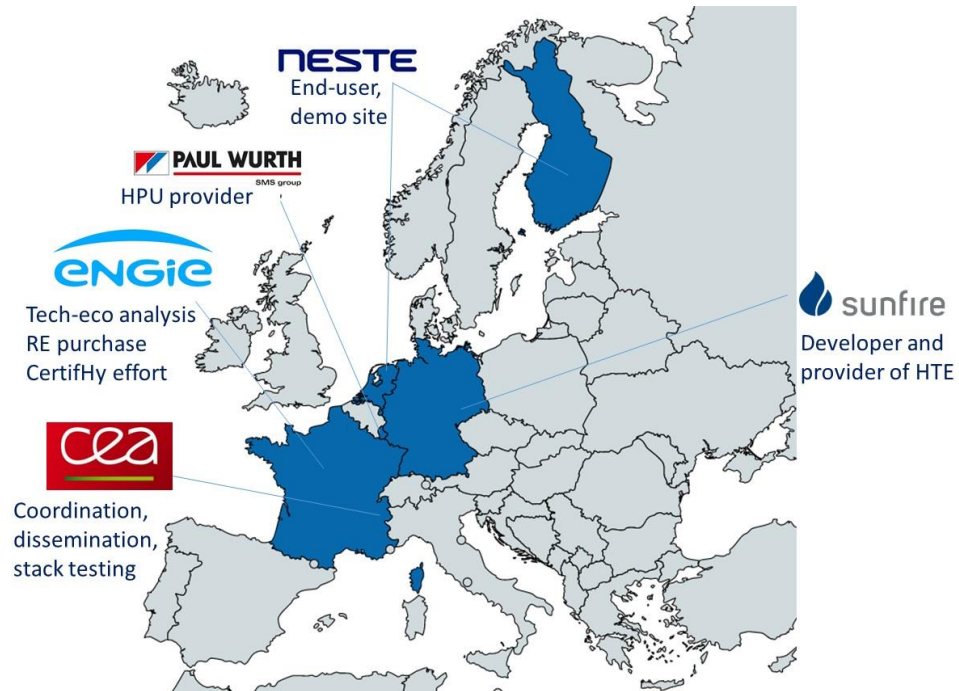




# Exploitation Plan/Expected Impact

## Exploitation

Projects partners on the whole value chain: each having its own stone



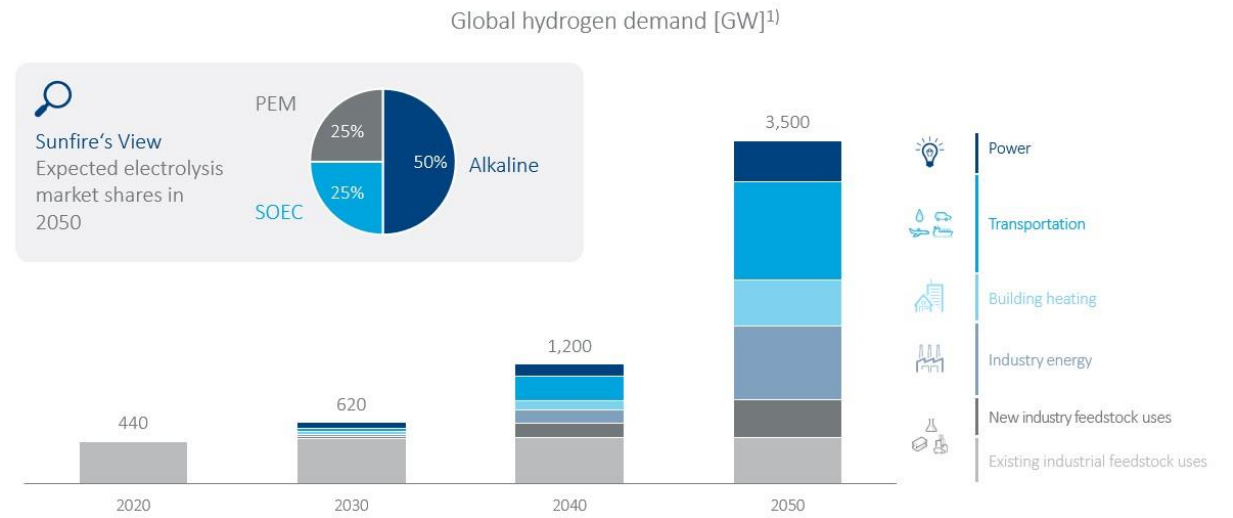
## Impact

Preliminary market analysis performed

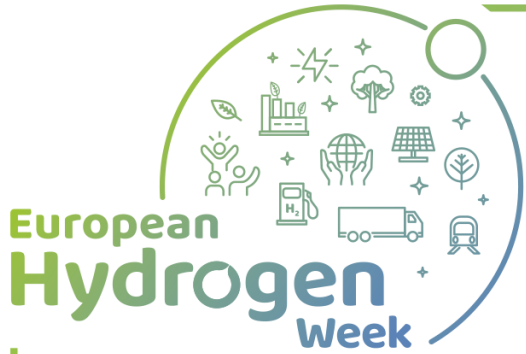
Sales forecast performed for each individual components

### MARKET OVERVIEW

Hydrogen demand will increase across all industries



Sources: FCH JU; McKinsey & Company  
1) Assuming > 8,000 full load hours and 50 kWh/kg



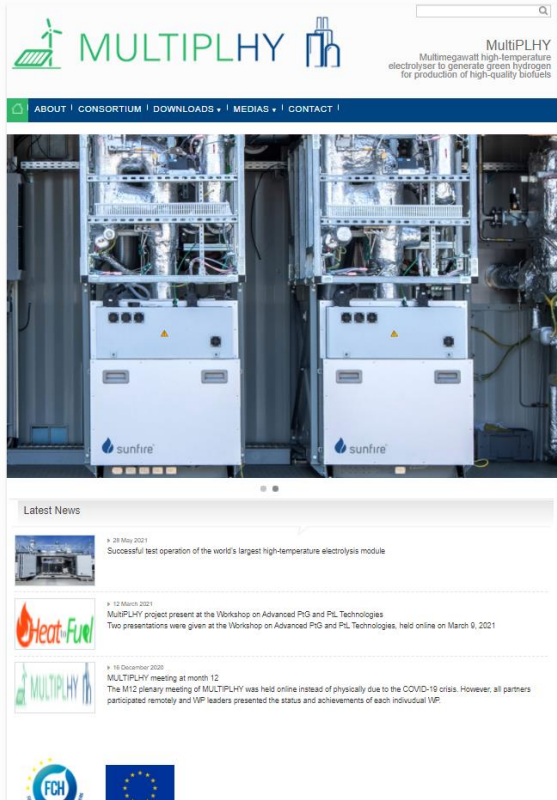
# Dissemination/communication Activities

Website: <https://multiplhy-project.eu>  
# of visitors: 8232 (8 Nov 2021)

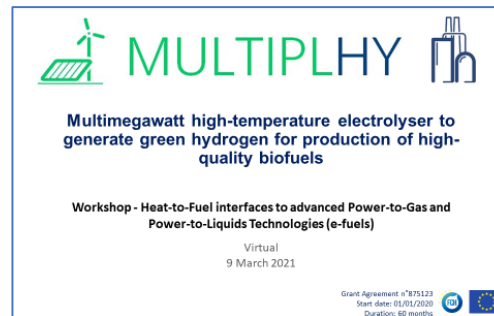
Newletters and leaflets



Check of actions realised as compared to plans



Presentations at workshops/conferences



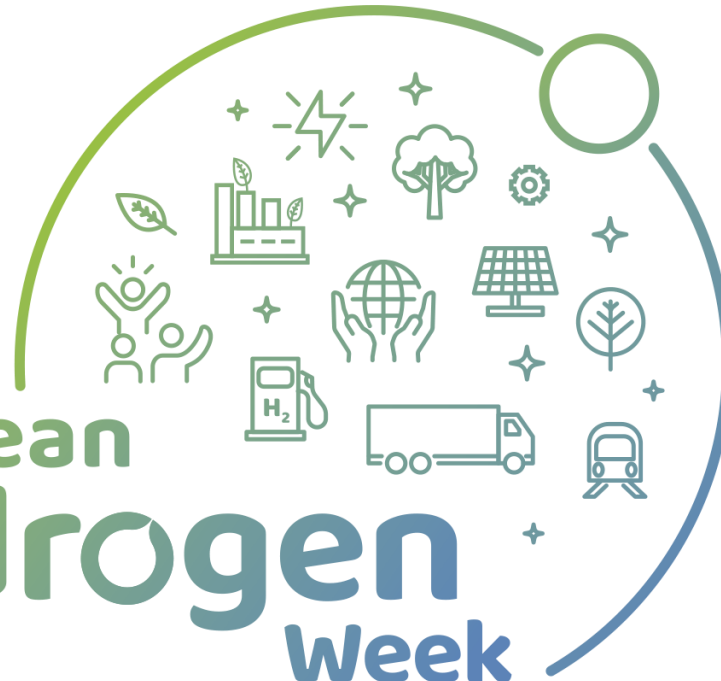
Target groups	Indicators for measuring the effectiveness of the approach	Min target value	Planned before M30	Achieved M1-M12	Feedbacks expected
Customers Industrial companies from different sectors; Local authorities	Customer request for other project deployments	50	20	> 20	-Discussions on industrial and commercial fairs (mainly Hannover Fair)
	Interest of industrial customers on Technology Exploitation via partnerships and/or licence agreements	15	5	> 5	-Request for specific features in order to address specific needs of various sectors - Improved understanding on business cases, installation requirements and operation schemes
Research community H <sub>2</sub> & FC researchers & industries	Publications at international conferences (M24 onwards)	6	1	2 (EFCF2020)	-Disseminate the latest results towards H <sub>2</sub> & FC actors
	Publications in international journals (M24 onwards)	6	1	0	-Designing new collaborative proposals for demonstrations.
	Participation with presentation of results at international events with industry	6	2	7 (presentation of objectives rather)	-MoUs <sup>1</sup> concluded between research & industrial partners.
Industry associations, Chemicals, Refining, Energy Intensive Industry related Think tanks	Presentation of results at association events	3	1		-Attract attention and generate interests from industry associations and get their support in the political decision-making process
General public Public and Private	Non-scientific publications (articles, press releases); Participation in national events promoting	10	3	2, one article, one press release; many other posts, see section 6.4 for details	-Attract attention and generate interests for an optimal exploitation of the project's results for further exploitation and deployment of the technology

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<sup>1</sup>Memoranda of Understanding

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