



# A Hydrogen Act for Europe

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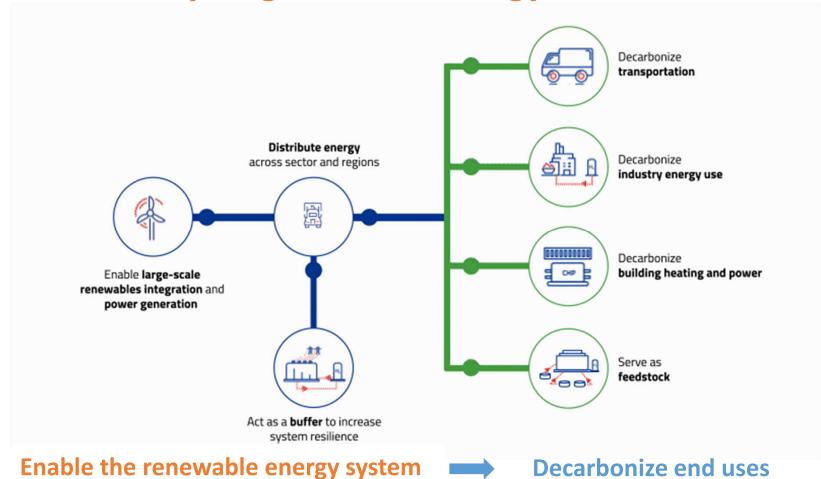
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Why Hydrogen?



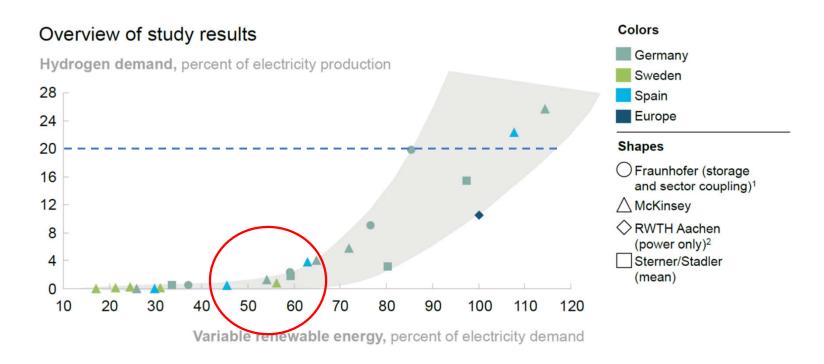


### The role of hydrogen in the energy transition





### Hydrogen as an enabler of variable electricity

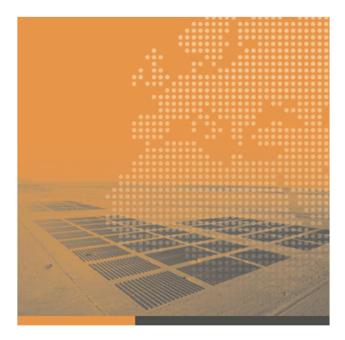


At increasing rates of variable renewable energy, demand for hydrogen grows exponentially

Hydrogen in Europe



### Frans Timmermans – November 2019



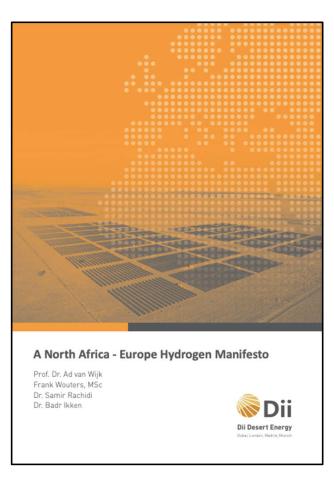
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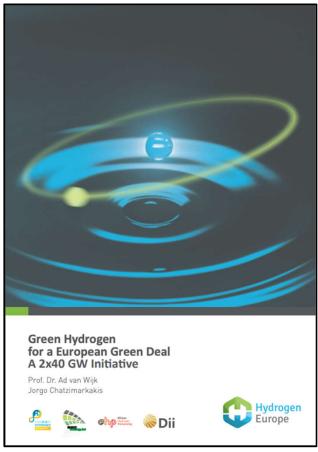
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# Manifesto → 2x40 GW Initative → EU H<sub>2</sub> Strategy



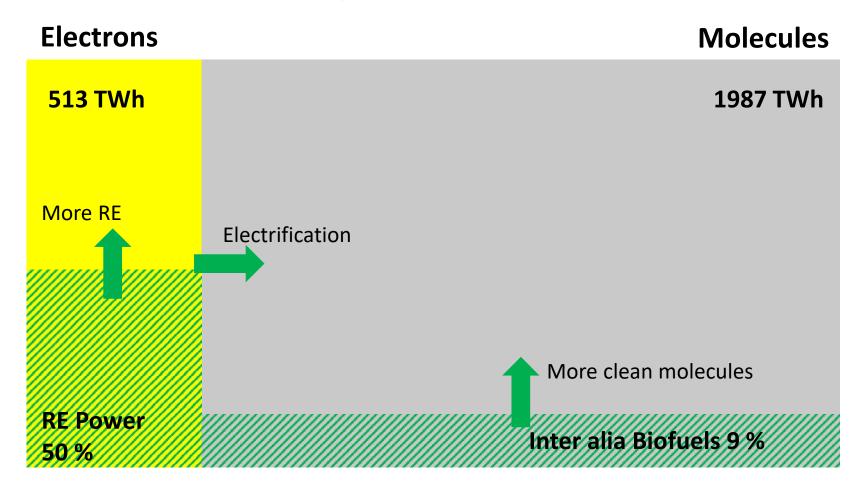




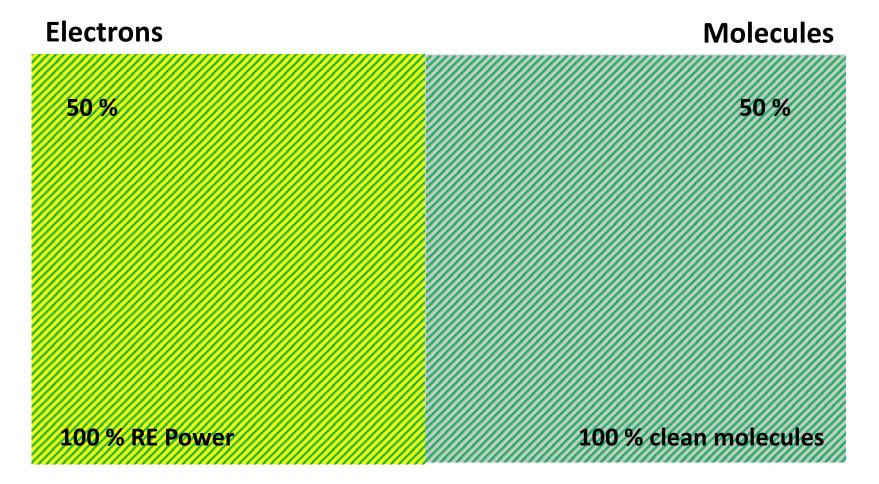
# European Hydrogen Strategy – 8 July 2020

- Priority focus on green hydrogen, role for blue
- At least 6 GW of electrolysers by 2024 at least 40 GW installed by 2030.
- But also 1 million to by 2024 and 10 million ton by 2030
- Role for import (40GW) from neighboring regions
- By 2030, the Commission estimates that €13-15bn could be invested in electrolysers across the EU, in addition to €50-150bn for a dedicated wind and solar capacity of 50-75GW.

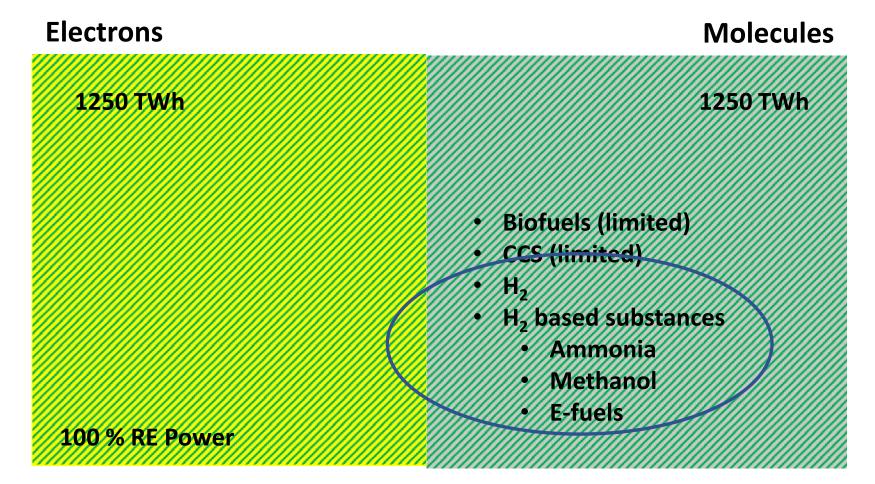
### Energy in Germany 2020



### Energy in Germany 2050



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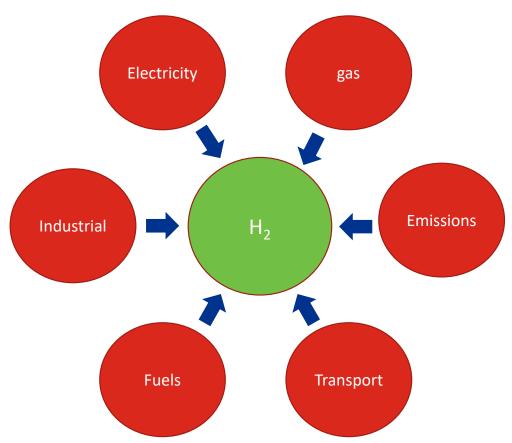
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A European Hydrogen Act



Regulatory and legal aspects concerning clean hydrogen

- Europe is working towards a net zero carbon economy by 2050
- Europe imports most fossil fuels it consumes, hence a switch to clean hydrogen is strategic and the main thrust behind the hydrogen strategy
- The European Hydrogen Strategy is rich in ambition (with reference to a target of 24% share of final energy), but poor in policy detail
- Current policy and regulatory elements of hydrogen are distributed over the gas, electricity, fuels, emissions and industrial frameworks
- Clean hydrogen needs a separate and dedicated legal regime: A Hydrogen Act



From an afterthought to central pillar of the

energy system Electricity gas **Emissions**  $H_2$ Industrial **Fuels** Transport **Transport** 

### **Hydrogen Act**

#### **Hydrogen Infrastructure act**

A sophisticated European hydrogen infrastructure that has replaced large parts of the natural gas infrastructure.

#### **Hydrogen Market Act**

A mature market for affordable and reliable renewable hydrogen that has replaced natural gas and other fossil fuels

**Kick-start Phase** Ramp-up Phase **Market-growth Phase** 2020 2025 2035 2050 Blending hydrogen with natural gas Hydrogen Infrastructure **First Projects Building Hydrogen Valleys** Captive production, (including regional conversion of natural gas Act Converting large part of the natural gas blending, Hydrogen infrastructure to H<sub>2</sub>) infrastructure Valleys, IPCEIs, Building a pan-European Hydrogen backbone Pipelines, etc. infrastructure (Connecting large scale dedicated production, storage and demand) Stimulation of hydrogen production Mature and deep hydrogen market; (through a combination of set production tariffs for Hydrogen Market Act price setting on supply and demand systems <100MW and auctions for larger systems) **First Projects** Stimulation of hydrogen demand Captive production, (through a combination of quotas, hydrogen price blending, Hydrogen setting, investment support and carbon border Valleys, IPCEIs, adjustment) Pipelines, etc. - Relaxed State Aid **Guarantees of Origin for acceptance and Guarantees of Origin for trading purposes** hydrogen production tariffs

