



The EU Hydrogen Strategy

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A full value chain approach

Building on the Green Deal and Recovery Plan objectives

- An investment agenda
- Boosting demand and scaling up production
- Develop hydrogen infrastructure and markets
- Research and innovation
- The international dimension

The Hydrogen Strategy – a roadmap to 2050

2024

- 6 **GW** of renewable hydrogen electrolyzers
- Replace **existing hydrogen production**
- Regulation for liquid hydrogen markets
- Planning of hydrogen infrastructure

2030

- **40 GW** of renewable hydrogen electrolyzers
- New applications in **steel and transport**
- Hydrogen for electricity balancing purposes
- Creation of “Hydrogen Valleys”
- Cross-border logistical infrastructure

2050

- Scale-up to **all hard-to-decarbonise sectors**
- Expansion of hydrogen-derived **synthetic fuels**
- EU-wide infrastructure network
- An open international market with € as benchmark

Hydrogen – an investment agenda

Next Generation EU, Invest EU, Cohesion Policy, CEF-E, CEF-T
ETS Innovation Fund, Horizon Europe

Renewable electricity
production

€220-340 BLN

Renewable
hydrogen

€24-43
BLN

Hydrogen
transport,
distribution,
and storage

€65 BLN

Transport
(HDV)
€13 BLN

Steel
€8 BLN

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Hydrogen – fostering demand

Renewable, and in a transitional period low-carbon hydrogen, for:

- Replacing existing hydrogen production (70-100 MT of CO₂eq/yr)
- Green fertilisers and green steel
- Local buses, commercial fleets, or specific parts of the rail network
- Heavy duty road vehicles
- In the longer term, maritime and aviation

Supporting end-consumers

- EU strategy on clean steel
- Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

Creating markets

- Certification of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen
- Specific end-use sectors quotas of renewable hydrogen or its derivatives
- Hydrogen infrastructure access to all consumers
- Open and competitive hydrogen market with sold price signals

Hydrogen – supply and infrastructure

Scaling up renewable hydrogen, and in a transitional period low-carbon hydrogen, through:

- Supporting producers through support mechanisms
- Develop a EU-wide hydrogen infrastructure

Producers

- Common low-carbon threshold for hydrogen production facilities
- Certification of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen
- Revision of the Emission Trading Scheme
- Carbon Contract for Differences
- Market-based support schemes for renewable hydrogen
- Liquid markets with commodity-based hydrogen trading

Infrastructure

- Network of refuelling stations through Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive
- Revision of the TEN-E and internal gas market legislation to ensure interoperability, common quality standards, and cross-border operational rules
- Revision of TYNDPs to ensure full integration of hydrogen infrastructure

Hydrogen – the international dimension

Strengthening Europe's global leadership role and putting renewable hydrogen high on its strategic agenda:

Bilateral and regional cooperation

- Clean hydrogen support under Neighbourhood Investment Platform
- Joint hydrogen research and development programmes through Association Agreements
- Hydrogen collaboration under the Africa-Europe Green Initiative
- Mainstream hydrogen in energy, diplomacy, climate, research, trade and international cooperation

Multilateral fora

- Clean Energy Ministerial
- Mission Innovation
- IPHE

International markets

- Set common GHG emission reduction standards and sustainability criteria
- Benchmark for euro denominated transactions in hydrogen
- Facilitate emergence of rules-based hydrogen market

Hydrogen – Research and innovation

Maintain and strengthen EU's global leadership role through support:

- Establish Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- Targeted research and innovation in Horizon Europe
- ETS Innovation Fund
- Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument with pilot action on hydrogen technologies

Scale-up production

- Larger size, more efficient and cost-effective electrolysers
- Mass manufacturing capability and new materials
- Break-through solutions like direct solar hydrogen

Infrastructure

- Distribute, store and dispense hydrogen at large volumes
- Repurposing of existing gas infrastructure
- Adaptation of LNG terminals

End-use applications

- New industrial processes
- Multi MW-fuel cells
- Hydrogen-derived synthetic fuels for the maritime and aviation sector

Cross-cutting areas

- Improved harmonized safety standards
- Reduced environmental impacts and sustainability
- Critical raw materials, re-use and recycling

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Kick-starting the EU Hydrogen Industry to achieve the EU climate goals



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