Green Hydrogen @ VERBUND Overview of Activities & Projects

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VERBUND at a Glance

~ 96% production from renewable sources

128 hydro power plants – 8,500 MW

Austria's leading electricity company



Austria-wide charging infrastructure for electric vehicles

Environmental measures – €280 million to be invested by 2027

No. 1 in climate change mitigation among European power supply companies

First green bond in German-speaking Europe

Environmental management – ranked in the top 10 out of 160 energy companies analysed by oekom research

Market leader in marketing of flexibility and green electricity in Austria and Germany

Quoted on the Vienna Stock Exchange with excellent compliance culture



Austria's Climate and Energy Strategy

Austria's climate and energy strategy #mission 2030

100% renewable electricity by 2030

EU long-term strategy: **Deep decarbonisation by 2050**



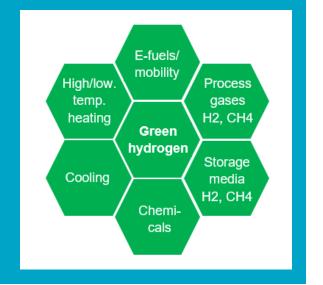
Green hydrogen can be used as a

- process gas
- energy carrier
- storage medium

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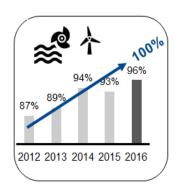
- contribute to the <u>decarbonisation</u> objectives of the EU and its Member States: "Deep decarbonisation" by 2050
- increase the <u>flexibility</u> in the energy system
- provide additional <u>storage</u> options for increasingly renewable and volatile electricity systems (seasonal shifting of energy)





VERBUND: At the Forefront of Green Energy

Green Electricity



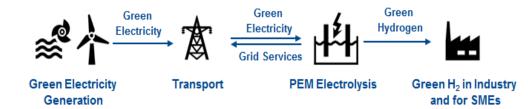


- 21 pumped storage plants (3,260 MW)
- 693 million m³ storage volume (1,800 GWh)



• Trading in 12 countries (24/7), electricity / gas → 100 TWh per year

Green Hydrogen











H2FUTURE – Hydrogen for the Steel Industry



Current Status

Approx. 1.7 tonnes of CO2 emissions per tonne of steel.

Steel industry contributes 30% of global industrial CO2 emissions.

Replacing carbon with green hydrogen as the reducing agent is the only realistic way to **fulfill the CO2 reduction targets by 2050**.

Challenges

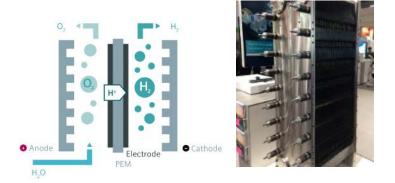
Total replacement of carbon results in a significant increase in production costs by up to 80%.

Huge demand for green electricity 24/7 in the steel industry.



Installation and Operation of an Electrolysis System at the Steel Production Site in Linz, Austria





Key Data

• 6 MW PEM electrolyser

1 cell

• Start of pilot plant operation in 2019

50 cells

Two years of pilot tests and demonstration



Long-Term Goal: Replacing Coal and Coke with Green Hydrogen



- Design and installation of a 6 MW Siemens PEM electrolyser system at the voestalpine steel
 plant in Linz, Austria
- Industrial integration of renewable hydrogen production in the steelmaking process
- Two-year demonstration of the electrolyser system, including grid services
- Long-term goal of replacing coal and coke with green hydrogen

Project budget: €18 million

Total funding: €12 million from FCH JU

Project duration: 4.5 years



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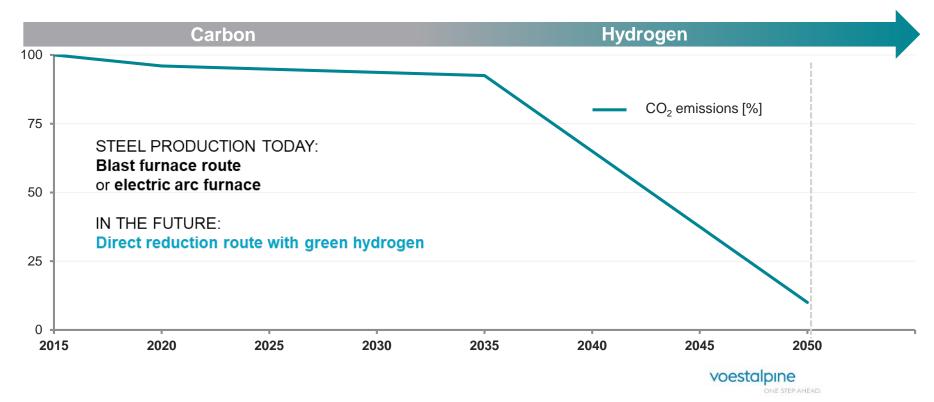








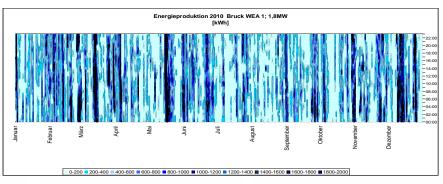
Scenario for Transformation: Decarbonisation of Steel Maker voestalpine Using Green Hydrogen

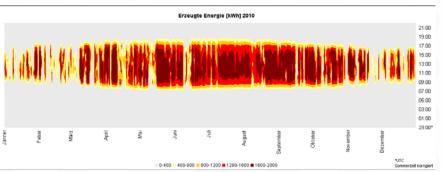




Provision of Ancillary and Grid Services







Prequalification of the PEM electrolyser for ancillary services



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Wind

Solar



EU Flagship Project



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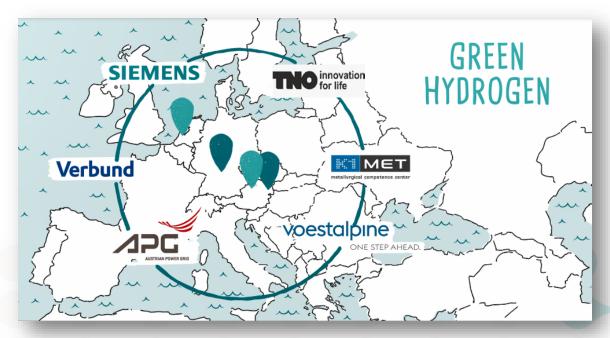


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- Green hydrogen for steel making process (currently not cost competitive with carbon based steel production) → market pull?
- Grid services with electrolyser and revenues from electricity intraday and spot markets







http://www.h2future-project.eu

Projects in the Industry, Transport and Energy Sectors



H2FUTURE - Green hydrogen for the **steel industry** and for providing **grid services** – full integration of 6 MW PEM electrolysis on an industrial site. 1,200 m3/h hydrogen Commissioning in 2019 VERBUND provides green hydrogen for the rail operator directly from one of its hydroelectric power stations: "Zillertalbahn powered by crystal clear water from the Zillertal valley" Commissioning with winter timetable 2022



Green hydrogen for mobility and refinery applications – engineering study UpHy (Vorzeigeregion WIVA P&G, coordinator: OMV)





Operation of a 150 kW hightemperature electrolyser and fuel cell (SOEC/SOFC) reversible system on CCGT site of VERBUND Commissioning in 2019

Opportunities and Challenges for Green Hydrogen

Opportunities

- Reduce Europe's energy dependence
- Increase security of supply
- Create local value and jobs
- Secure Europe's technological leadership in hydrogen production technologies
- Solve the seasonal storage dilemma
- Use as a building block for e-fuels or green methane → use of existing infrastructure

Challenges

- Economic viability
- Fast deployment and availability of renewables
- International cooperation essential
- Infrastructure and transport
- Development of coherent regulatory framework

Hydrogen can play a crucial role in the energy transition

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