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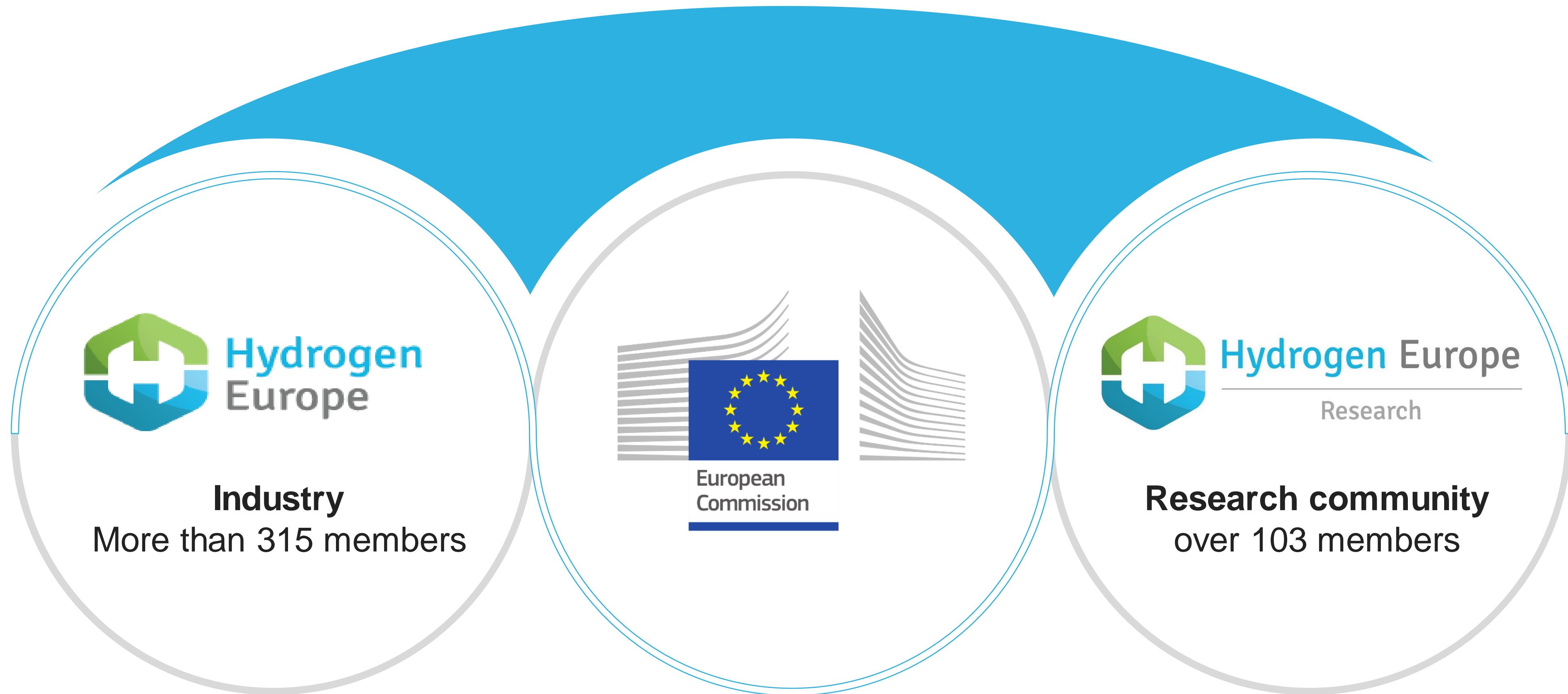
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Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking



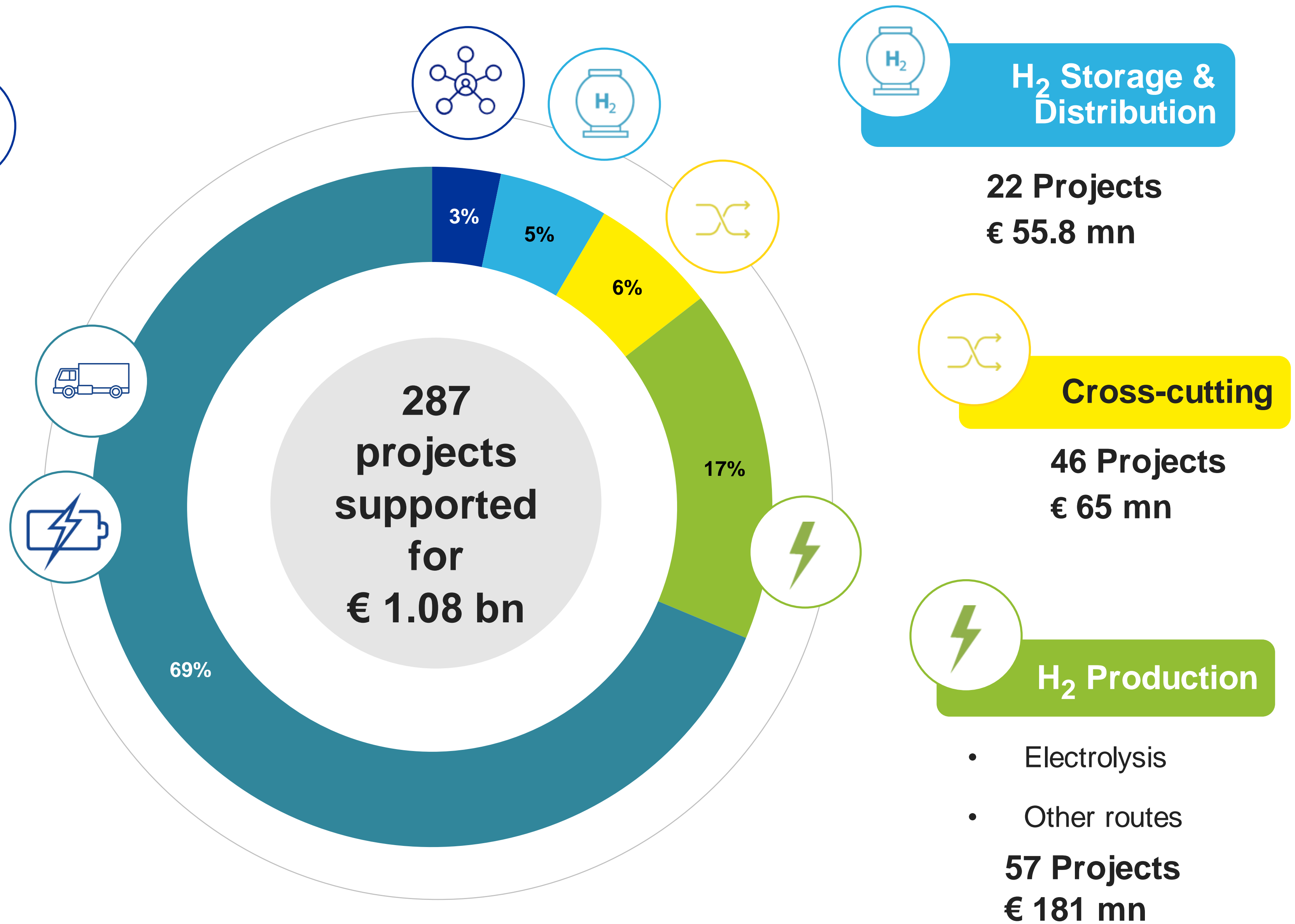
Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking

EU Institutional Public-Private Partnership (IPPP)



To facilitate the transition to a greener EU society through the development of hydrogen technologies

Projects in the Clean Hydrogen JU



H₂ Valleys

3 Projects
€ 35 mn

H₂ End Uses

Transport Applications

Clean Heat and Power
159 Projects
€ 739.6 mn

H₂ Storage & Distribution

22 Projects
€ 55.8 mn

Cross-cutting

46 Projects
€ 65 mn

H₂ Production

- Electrolysis
 - Other routes
- 57 Projects**
€ 181 mn

A 14 years journey of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen JU

From research to delivering hydrogen solutions in the market: from individual applications to H2 Valleys



Manufacturing



Green H2 production



Buses



ships



Aviation



Research

PoC



Domestic heat and power



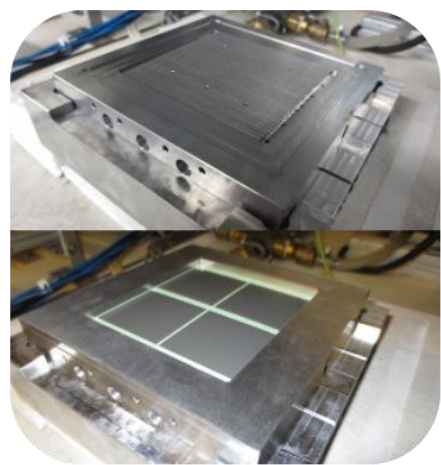
Heat and power for industry



Heavy duty trucks



Logistics machinery



Materials



Gensets

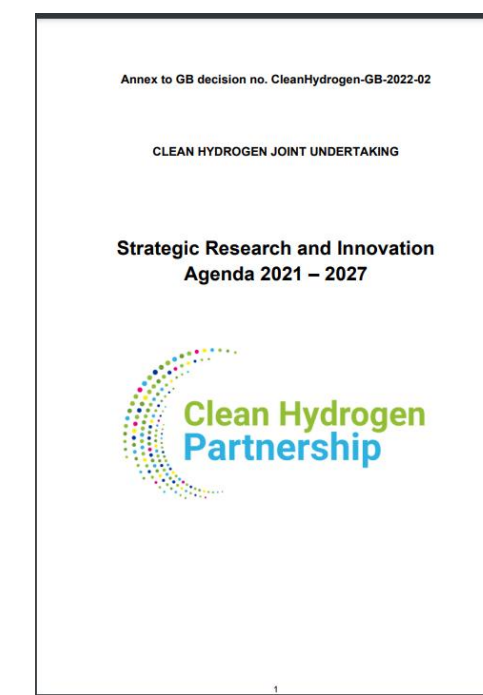


Light duty vehicles



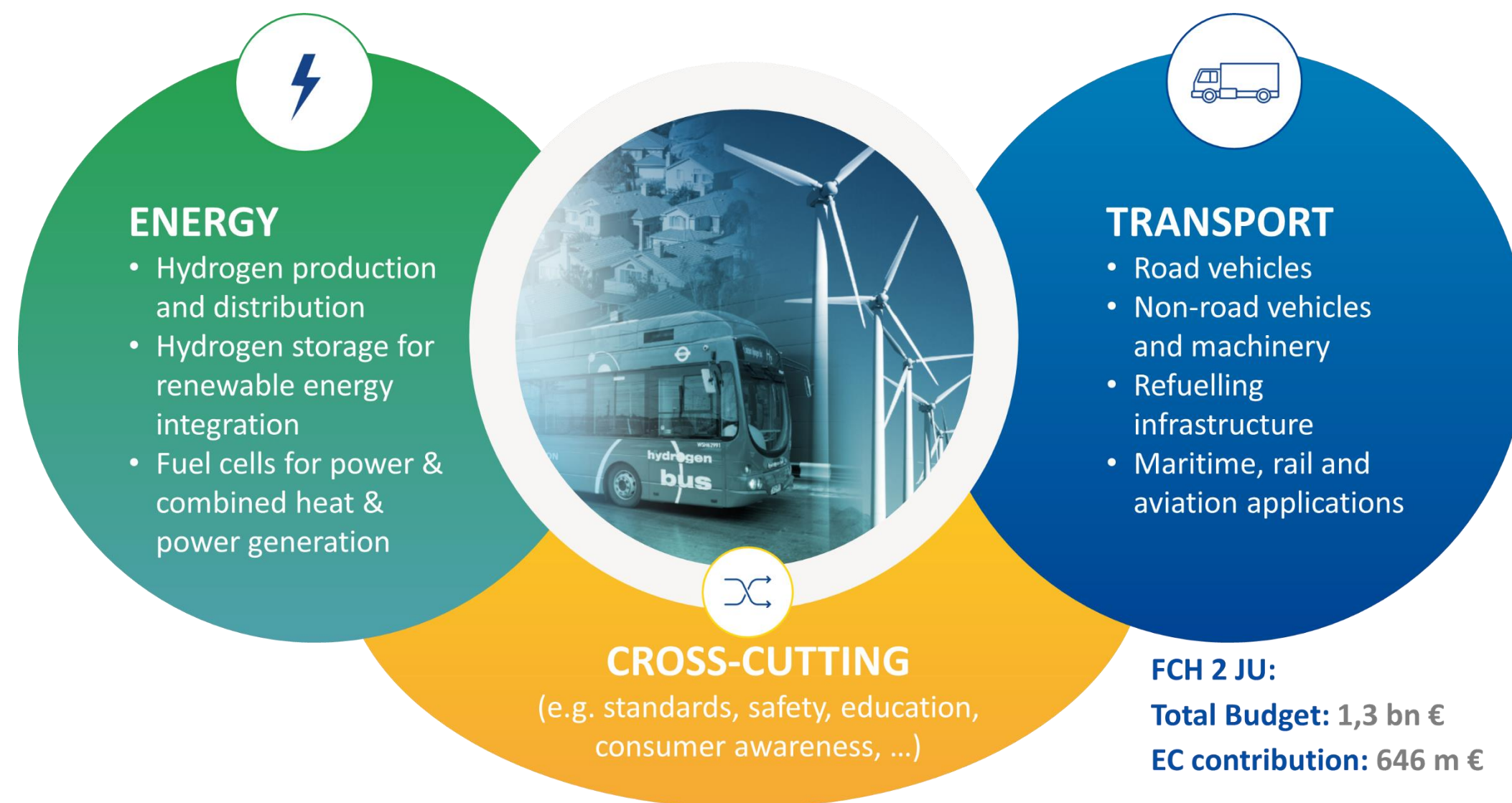
Trains

Clean Hydrogen Partnership Continuation of the FCH 2 JU

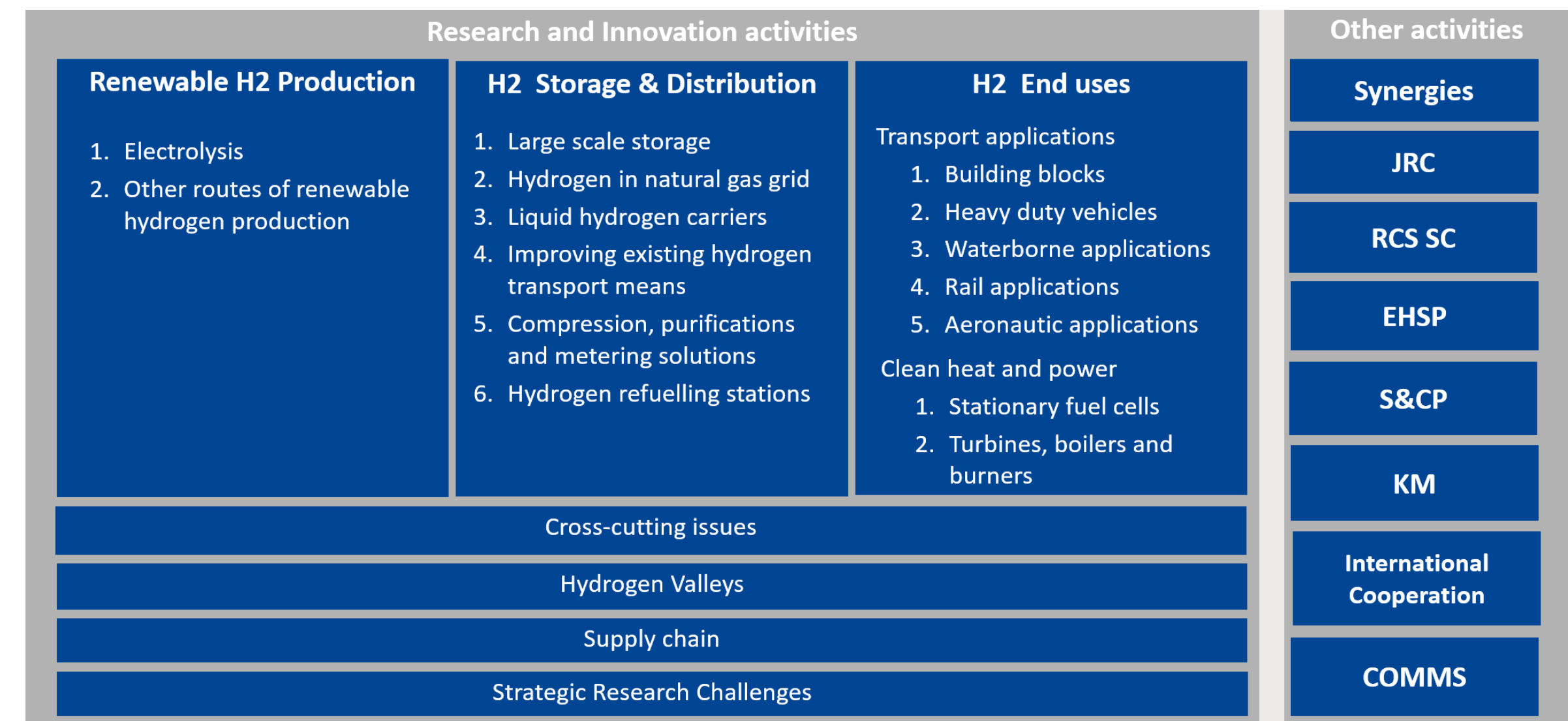


- Clean Hydrogen Partnership (legal name: Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking)
- Universal successor of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU) and has taken over its legacy portfolio
- (HORIZON EUROPE) Budget: EUR 1 billion 2021-2027 (>50% increase compared to HORIZON 2020)

FCH 2 JU Programme structure




Clean Hydrogen JU Programme structure



Objectives

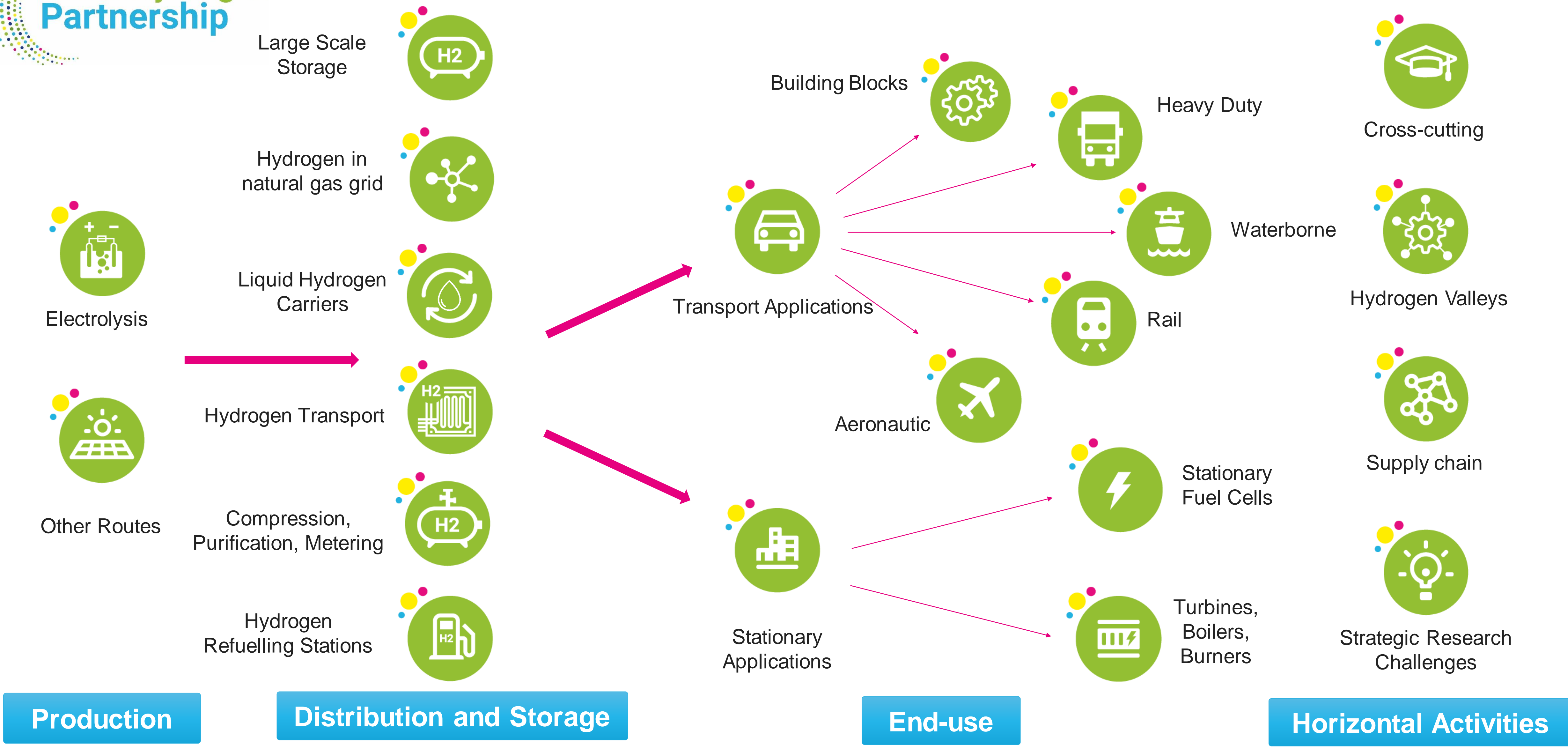


General

-  Support the implementation of the Commission's **Hydrogen Strategy**
-  Stimulate **research and innovation on clean hydrogen production, distribution, storage and end use applications**
-  Strengthen the **competitiveness of the EU clean hydrogen value chain**
-  Contribute to the EU ambitious **2030 and 2050 climate ambition**

Specific

-  Improve the **cost-effectiveness, efficiency, reliability, quantity and quality of clean hydrogen solutions across entire value chain**
-  Strengthen the **knowledge/capacity of scientific and industrial actors along the Union's hydrogen value chain while supporting the uptake of skills**
-  Demonstrations of clean hydrogen solutions with a view to **local, regional and Union-wide deployment**, aiming to involve stakeholders in all Member States and across **entire value chain**
-  Increase **public and private awareness, acceptance and uptake of clean hydrogen solutions**



Annex 2 - State-of-the-art and future targets – Renewable Hydrogen production

Table 2: KPIs for Alkaline Electrolysis (AEL)

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|--|----------|-------|-------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| 1 | Electricity consumption @ nominal capacity | kWh/kg | 50 | 49 | 48 | |
| 2 | Capital cost | €/kg/d | 1,250 | 1,000 | 800 | |
| | | €/kW | 600 | 480 | 400 | |
| 3 | O&M cost | €/kg/d/y | 50 | 43 | 35 | |
| 4 | Hot idle ramp time | sec | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 | Cold start ramp time | sec | 30 | 10 | 10 | |
| 6 | Degradation | %/1,000h | 0.19 | 0.15 | 0.12 | |
| 7 | Current density | A/cm² | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3 | |
| 8 | Use of critical materials | ----- | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0.25 | |

Table 3: KPIs for Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolysis (PEMEL)

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|--|----------|-------|-------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| 1 | Electricity consumption @ nominal capacity | kWh/kg | 55 | 52 | 48 | |
| 2 | Capital cost | €/kg/d | 2,100 | 1,550 | 1,000 | |
| | | €/kW | 900 | 700 | 500 | |
| 3 | O&M cost | €/kg/d/y | 41 | 30 | 21 | |
| 4 | Hot idle ramp time | sec | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 | Cold start ramp time | sec | 30 | 10 | 10 | |
| 6 | Degradation | %/1,000h | 0.19 | 0.15 | 0.12 | |
| 7 | Current density | A/cm² | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3 | |
| 8 | Use of critical raw materials | ----- | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0.25 | |

Notes:

(General for system): Standard boundary output of hydrogen meeting ISO 14681 boundary conditions are different. All KPIs are interdependent and should be met simultaneously. KPI-1: Electrical energy demand at nominal capacity required for cooling.

all system KPIs: input of AC power and tap water; output in pure H₂. Correction factors may be applied if actual boundary conditions are different. For a single company, as per current definition. n production rate when starting the device from cold start from n run at nominal capacity. For example, 0.125%/1,000h results in 8,000 operating hours per year. n should be met simultaneously, operating temperature and pressure and nominal hydrogen production rate.

| Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|---------|-------|-------|---------|------|
| | 2020 | 2024 | 2024 | 2030 |
| Wh/kg | 40 | 39 | 37 | 37 |
| (kg/d) | 3,550 | 2,000 | 800 | 800 |
| €/kW | 2,130 | 1,250 | 520 | 4.11 |
| (kg/d)y | 410 | 130 | 45 | |
| sec | 600 | 300 | 180 | |

Table 8: KPIs for biological production

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|------|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2024 | 2030 |
| 1 | System carbon yield | kg H ₂ / kg COD | 0.012 | 0.015 | 0.021 | |
| 2 | Reactor production rate | kg H ₂ /m ³ /d | 7.5 | 15 | >15 | |
| 3 | Reactor scale | m ³ | 3 | 10 | 100 | |
| 4 | System capital cost | €/kg/d | 450 | 400 | 350 | |
| 5 | System operational cost | €/kg | 3.2 | 3 | 2.5 | |

KPI-1: System carbon yield: Kg H₂ obtained from biomass fed to the reactor expressed in Kg COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand). Max theoretically obtainable is 0.041 KgH₂/kg. KPI-2: kg H₂ produced per day per m³ of reactor volume. KPI-3: Reactor size measured in m³ of fermenter. KPI-4: Capital cost of plant divided by the nominal hydrogen production. Capital cost includes all the cost related to all the equipment necessary for the normal operation of the plant. Based on an estimated production of 840,200 m³ H₂ per year, therefore the capacity of the reference plant is 232 kg H₂/d. KPI-5: Operation and maintenance cost averaged over the first 10 years of the system. Routine maintenance and "wear and tear" (rotating parts, cleaning of equipment, ...) considering a lifespan of 20 years. Costs such as water use, personnel and chemicals are included. The fermenter size is assumed as 200 m³, treating 100 tons of food waste per day.

Table 9: KPIs for solar thermal production

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|------|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2024 | 2030 |
| 1 | Hydrogen production rate* | kg/m ² /d | 1.13 | 2.16 | 4.11 | |
| 2 | System capital cost | k€/kg/d | 29.99 | 15.19 | 7.41 | |
| 3 | System operational cost | €/kg | 1.17 | 0.59 | 0.30 | |

Notes: * Boundary conditions: location with direct normal irradiation (DNI) of 2500 kWh/m²/year. Output of hydrogen meeting ISO 14681-2 at a pressure of 30 bar and hydrogen purity 5.0. KPI-2: System capital cost for a specific hydrogen production rate based on kg of hydrogen generated per day at a given cumulative DNI per year. Capital cost should include all the cost related to all the equipment necessary for the normal operation of the plant. KPI-3: O&M cost averaged over the first 10 years of the system. Routine maintenance and "wear and tear" (rotating parts, cleaning of equipment, etc.) Electricity costs for operation of auxiliary units included. System level losses such as heliostat collector area losses, replacement parts, operation, and maintenance are included in the cost calculations.

Annex 3 - State-of-the-art and future targets – Hydrogen storage and distribution

Table 11: KPIs for hydrogen storage

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|------|-------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| Underground storage – Depleted gas fields | | | | | | |
| 1 | Capital cost | €/kg | n/a | 10 | 5 | |
| Underground storage – Salt Caverns | | | | | | |
| 2 | Gas field size | ton (100% H ₂) | 880 | >1000 | >3000 | |
| 3 | Capital cost | €/kg | n/a | 10 | 5 | |

Table 13: KPIs for hydrogen transportation

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| Hydrogen Pipelines | | | | | | |
| 1 | Total capital investment | M€/km | 1.1 | 1 | 0.9 | |
| 2 | Transmission pressure | bar | 90 | 100 | 120 | |
| 3 | H ₂ leakage | % | na | 0 | 0 | |
| Road transport of compressed hydrogen | | | | | | |
| 4 | Tube trailer payload | kg | 850 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| 5 | Tube trailer CAPEX | €/kg | 650 | 450 | 350 | |
| 6 | Operating pressure | bar | 300 | 500 | 700 | |
| Road transport of liquid hydrogen | | | | | | |
| 7 | LH2 tank trailer payload | kg | 3500 | 4000 | 4000 | |
| 8 | LH2 tank trailer capex | €/kg | >200 | 200 | 100 | |

Notes:

Depleted gas field: pressure hydrogen Salt cavern: underground hydrogen considered (100% H₂). Aboveground storage: hydrogen storage container, skeleton trailer, etc.) and skid. KPI-1: Capital costs include all necessary purification. The costs are referred to 100% H₂. KPI-2: Based on the working mass of hydrogen. KPI-3: Storage density of more than 300 kg/m³. KPI-4: Storage density of more than 300 kg/m³. KPI-5: CO₂ purification rate.

Table 15 KPIs for hydrogen refuelling stations

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|--|-------------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| 1 | Energy consumption 350 bar LH ₂ | kWh/kg | 5 | 4 | 3 | |
| | | | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2 | |
| | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | |
| 2 | Availability 350 bar LH ₂ | % | 95 | 98 | 99 | |
| | | | 97 | 98 | 99 | |
| | | | 95 | 97 | 99 | |
| 3 | Mean time between failures 350 bar LH ₂ | d | 48 | 72 | 168 | |
| | | | 96 | 144 | 336 | |
| | | | 144 | 216 | 504 | |
| 4 | Annual maintenance cost 350 bar LH ₂ | € | 1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | |
| | | | 0.66 | 0.35 | 0.15 | |
| | | | 1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | |
| 5 | Labour 350 bar LH ₂ | person/h/hk | 70 | 28 | 16 | |
| | | | 42 | 17 | 10 | |
| | | | 70 | 28 | 16 | |
| 6 | CAPEX for the HRS 350 bar LH ₂ | €/kg | 2-6 | 1.5-4 | 1-3 | |
| | | | 0.8-3.5 | 0.65-2.5 | 0.5-2 | |
| | | | 2-6 | 1.5-4 | 1-3 | |
| 7 | HRS contribution in hydrogen price 350 bar LH ₂ | €/kg | 4 | 3 | 2 | |
| | | | 2.5 | 2 | 1.25 | |
| | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | |

Notes:

KPI-1: Station energy consumption per kg of hydrogen dispensed when the station is loaded at 80% of its daily capacity – For HRS which stores H₂ in gaseous form, at ambient temperature, and dispense H₂ at 700bar in GH₂ from a source of >30 bar hydrogen. KPI-2: Percent of hours that the hydrogen refuelling station is able to operation versus the total number of hours that it is intended to be able to operate (consider any amount of time for maintenance or upgrades as time at which the station should have been operational). KPI-3: Mean time between failures (MTBF). How long the HRS will run before failing. A filling failure is stated when the fuelling cannot reach 80% of the reservoir capacity. KPI-4: Parts and labour based on a 200 kg/day throughput of the HRS. Includes also local maintenance infrastructure. Does not include the costs of the remote and central operating and maintenance centres. KPI-5: Person-hours of labour for the system maintenance per 1,000 h of operations over the station complete lifetime. KPI-6: Total costs incurred for the construction or acquisition of the hydrogen refuelling station, including on-site storage. Exclude land cost & excluding the hydrogen production unit. Target ranges refer to stations' capacity between 200-1,000 kg/d. CAPEX is dependent on the size of the station, the number of dispensers, the profile of commissioning required, the need for buffers, the design. KPI-7: Contribution of the HRS to the final cost of the hydrogen dispensed, amortisation and O&M costs included. Hydrogen production and transport is not considered. Public subsidies are excluded.

Annex 4 - State-of-the-art and future targets – Hydrogen end use: transport applications

Table 16 KPIs for fuel cell technology for Heavy-Duty-Vehicles

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| Fuel Cell Building Blocks | | | | | | |
| 1 | FC module CAPEX | €/kW | 1,500 | <480 | <100 | |
| 2 | FC module availability | % | 80 | 90 | 95 | |
| 3 | FC stack durability | h | 15,000 | 20,000 | 30,000 | |
| 4 | FC stack cost | €/kW | n/a | n/a | <50 | |
| 5 | Power density | W/cm ² | 1.0 | 0.675 | 1.2 @ 0.675 | |
| 6 | PGM loading | g/kW | 0.4 | High TRL 0.35 | High TRL < 0.25 | |

Table 17 KPIs for Maritime

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| Fuel Cells for ships | | | | | | |
| 1 | FC power rating | MW | 0.5 | 3 | 10 | |
| 2 | Hydrogen bunkering rate | ton H ₂ / h | 0 | 2 | 20 | |
| 3 | Maritime FCS lifetime | h | 20,000 | 40,000 | 80,000 | |
| 4 | Product design reaching type approval | number | 0 | 15 | 40 | |
| 5 | PEMFC system CAPEX | EUR/kW | 2,000 | 1,500 | 1,000 | |

Notes:

KPI-1: Power output of fuel cell based power generation (FC system output power). KPI-2: Bunkering capacity of hydrogen in compressed, liquid form or as part of another hydrogen carrier (shore to ship infrastructure). KPI-3: Lifetime of integrated fuel cell systems in maritime conditions and associated operation profile, not excluding the replacement of fuel cell stacks and system components at SoA intervals. KPI-4: Type approval on FC and H₂ storage solutions. To allow products to be used for maritime propulsion beyond prototype phase, products need to be type approved. KPI-4: Type approval is a procedure for the approval of the product design for compliance with classification or flag administration requirements. The type approval is a mandatory requirement for critical apparatus installed on any classified vessel. KPI-5: CAPEX of PEMFC for shipping per kW of power at certain (low) production volume. FC module is defined as FC stack plus air supply system, cooling system, internal engine control unit, media manifold and other BoP (recirculation, humidifier, sensors, DC-DC converter, etc.).

Table 18 KPIs for Trains

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| Fuel Cells for Trains | | | | | | |
| 1 | FC stack durability | h | 15,000 | 20,000 | 30,000 | |
| 2 | FC stack cost | €/kW | n/a | n/a | <50 | |
| 3 | Areal power density | W/cm ² @ V | n/a | 1.0 @ 0.675 | 1.2 @ 0.675 | |
| 4 | PGM loading | g/kW | 0.4 | High TRL 0.35 | High TRL < 0.25 | |

Notes:

KPI-1: FC module is defined as FC stack and balance of plant (recirculation, humidifier, etc.). KPI-2: FC stack cost includes all the cost related to all the equipment necessary for the normal operation of the plant. KPI-3: The durability target is defined as the number of hours that the stack is intended to operate under full load. KPI-4: FC stack cost includes all the cost related to all the equipment necessary for the normal operation of the plant. KPI-5: Power density in W/cm² (referring to the active geometric area of the electrodes) at a defined cell voltage. Linked to FC stack efficiency, PGM Loading. Low TRL figures are also valid for all types of end-use applications, not only HDV vehicles (as per the Building Blocks, Section 3.4.1). KPI-6: Ratio of the PGM loading (in mg/cm²) over the power density (in W/cm²) at a defined operating point in voltage. Linked to FC stack cost, FC stack Power density, FC stack efficiency. Low TRL figures are also valid for all types of end-use applications, not only HDV vehicles (as per the Building Blocks, Section 3.4.1).

Annex 5 - State-of-the-art and future targets – Hydrogen end use: stationary applications

Table 20: KPIs for SO stationary fuel cells (SOFC)

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| System | | | | | | |
| 1 | CAPEX | <5 kWe 5-50 kWe 51-500 kWe | €/kW | 10,000 10,000 10,000 | 6,000 5,000 5,000 | 3,500 2,500 2,000 |
| 2 | O&M cost | <5 kWe 5-50 kWe 51-500 kWe | €/kWh | 10 12 10 | 8 7 5 | 2.5 2.0 1.5 |
| 3.1 | Electrical Efficiency (%) | <5 kWe 5-50 kWe 51-500 kWe | % LHV CH ₄ | 35-55 (90) 55 (85) 55 (85) | 55 (90) 58 (85) 60 (85) | 55 (90) 62 (85) 65 (85) |

Table 22: KPIs for Turbines (DLE combustion)

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA 2020 | | Target 2024 | | Target 2030 | |
|----|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | H ₂ range in gas turbine fuel | % mass | 0 - 5 | | 0 - 23 | | 0 - 100 | |
| | | % vol. | 0 - 30 | | 0 - 70 | | 0 - 100 | |
| 2 | NO _x emissions | ppmv@15%O ₂ dry | <25 | | <25 | | <25 | |
| | | NO _x mg/MJ fuel | 31 | | 29 | | 24 | |
| 3 | Max. H ₂ fuel content during start-up | % mass | 0.7 | | 3 | | 100 | |
| | | % vol. | 5 | | 20 | | 100 | |
| 4 | Max. efficiency reduction in H ₂ operation | % points | 10@30% H ₂ | | 10@70% H ₂ | | 10@100% H ₂ | |
| | | % load / min | 10@30% H ₂ | | 10@70% H ₂ | | 10@100% H ₂ | |
| 5 | Minimum ramp rate | % mass / min | ±1.4 | | ±2.21 | | ±5.11 | |
| | | % vol. / min | ±10 | | ±15 | | ±30 | |

Notes:

Standard boundary: output of electrical power pipeline (above 99% efficiency) excluding larger fuel cell capacity running in steady state operation in capital cost. KPI-1: Capital cost in steady state operation in capital cost. KPI-1: Hydrogen percentage content in gas turbine fuel, by mass (volume). Boundary Conditions: applicable only to DLE technology. WLE technologies are not in scope. While state-of-the-art gas turbines can already handle 20% hydrogen by vol (blended in natural gas), development of gas turbines (and more specifically combustors) for 100% H₂ is required.

Annex 6 - State-of-the-art and future targets – Cross-cutting issues

Table 23: KPIs on recycling processes

| No | Parameter | Unit | SoA | | Targets | |
|----|---|------|------|------|---------|--|
| | | | 2020 | 2024 | 2030 | |
| 1 | Minimum CRMs/PGMs (other than Pt) recycled from scraps and wastes | % | n/a | 30 | 50 | |
| 2 | Minimum Pt recycled from scraps and wastes | % | n/a | 95 | 99 | |
| 3 | Minimum inorganic recycled from scraps and wastes | % | n/a | 70 | 80 | |

Call for proposals 2022

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022

Call: HORIZON-JU-CLEANH2-2022

- Hydrogen production
- Hydrogen distribution
- Transport
- Heat and Power
- Cross-cutting
- Hydrogen Valleys



Total budget:
€300.5 mn

41 topics

41 topics available

10 - Renewable Hydrogen Production

11 - Hydrogen Storage and Distribution

8 - Transport

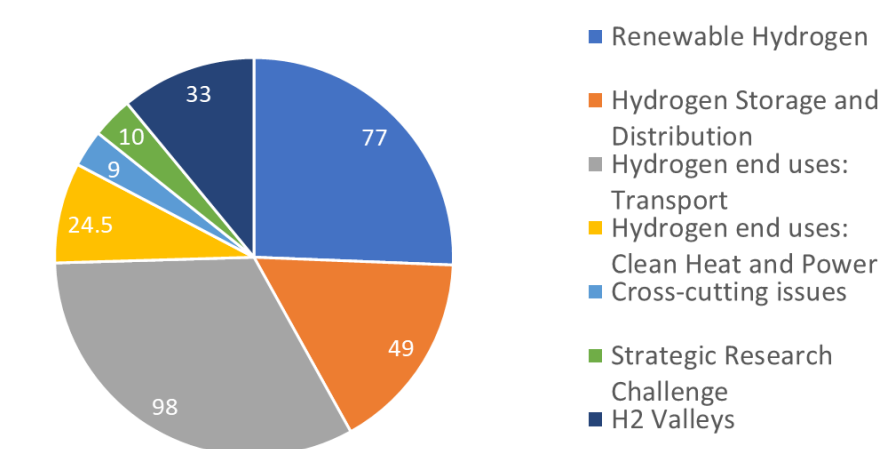
4 - Heat and Power

5 - Cross-cutting

2 - Hydrogen Valleys

1 - Strategic Research challenge

AWP 2022 (allocation of budget)



The topics will be grouped into 10 Innovation Actions (IA), 29 Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) and 2 Coordination and Support Actions (CSA). 6 Innovation Actions (IA) are considered of strategic importance and are selected as **flagship projects**, expected to have a significant impact in accelerating the transition to a hydrogen economy.

Synergies with other European partnerships and programmes, as well as with Member States and regional programmes are at the core of a number of topics.

| | Budget (EUR 300.5 million) | Publication | Deadline |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| First deadline | 179.5 | 1 st March 2022 | 31 st May 2022 |
| Second deadline | 121.0 | 1 st March 2022 | 20 th September 2022 |

Types of Actions and funding rates

RIA - Research and Innovation Actions

Activities that aim primarily to establish new knowledge or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. This may include **basic and applied research**, technology development and integration, testing, demonstration and validation of a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.

funding rate
max. **100%**

IA- Innovation Actions

Activities that aim directly to produce plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services. These activities may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, **piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.**

funding rate
max. **70%***

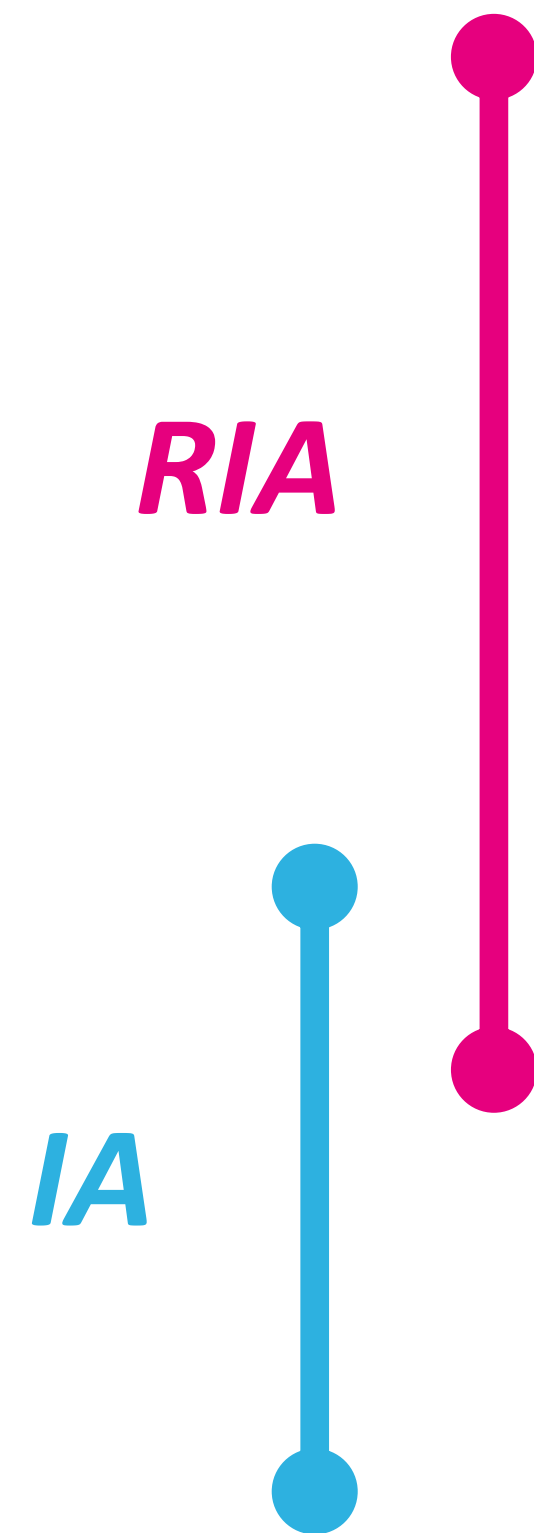
CSA - Coordination and Support Action

Activities that contribute to the objectives of Horizon Europe. This **excludes R&I activities**. Also eligible are bottom-up **coordination actions which promote cooperation** between legal entities from Member States and Associated Countries **to strengthen the European Research Area**, and which receive no EU co-funding for research activities

funding rate
max. **100%**

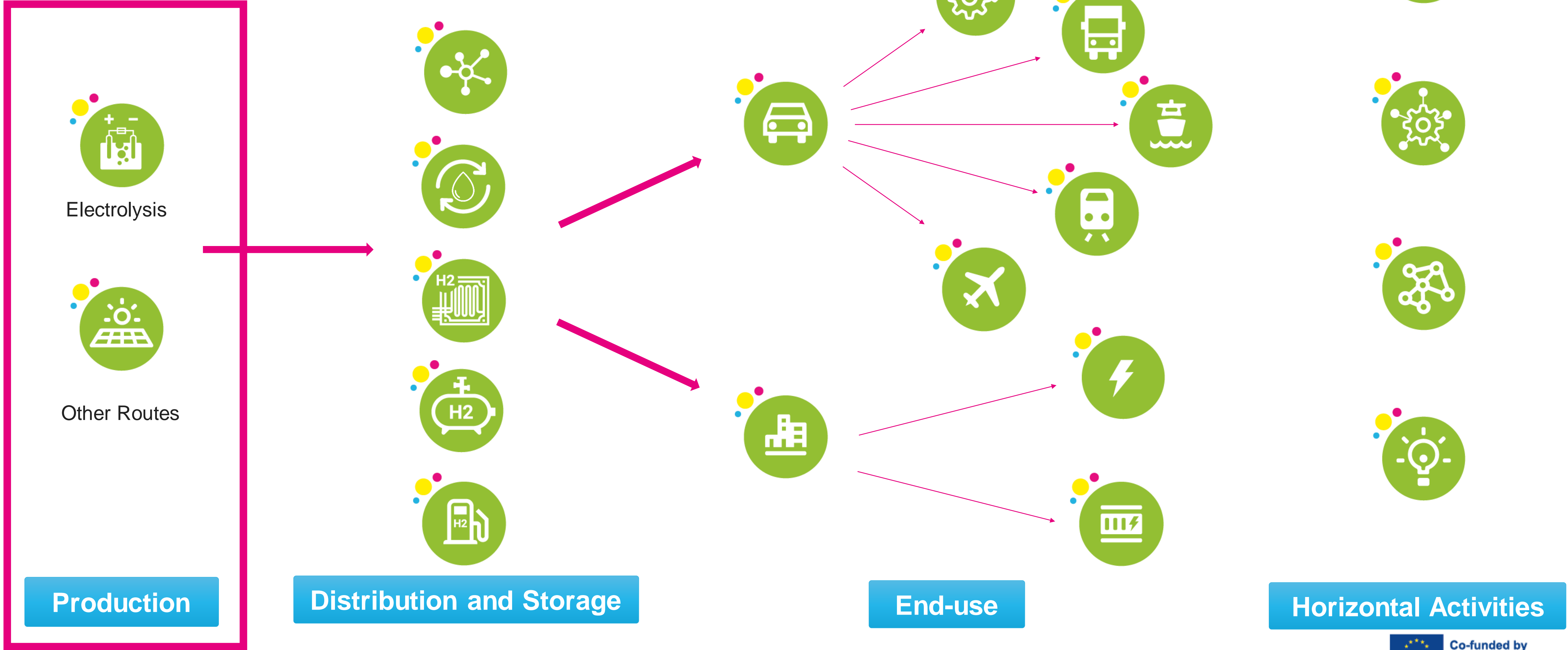
*Funding 100% for non-profit legal entities

Technology readiness levels (TRL)



- TRL 1 – basic principles observed
- TRL 2 – technology concept formulated
- TRL 3 – experimental proof of concept
- TRL 4 – technology validated in lab
- TRL 5 – technology validated in relevant environment
- TRL 6 – technology demonstrated in relevant environment
- TRL 7 – system prototype demonstration in operational environment
- TRL 8 – system complete and qualified
- TRL 9 – actual system proven in operational environment

Manufacturing Readiness Level applies instead for Topics 01.04 and 04-01



Renewable Hydrogen Production Overview




Main Focus

- **Cost reduction** and **efficiency increase** for **renewable hydrogen** production routes:
 - **New LT and HT** electrolyser designs for **high pressure** operation
 - **Larger** cell electrolyser stacks
 - Large scale electrolysers in **industry, off-grid and offshore**
 - Improved efficiency **solar thermochemical H2** production.



What is new

- **Circularity**
- Improved electrolyser **manufacturing**

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|--|--|------------------|------------|
| 01-01: Development and validation of pressurised high temperature steam electrolysis stacks (SOE) | RIA | 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-02: Development and validation of pressurised high temperature steam electrolysis stacks (Proton Conducting Ceramic Electrolysis) | RIA | 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-03: Development of low temperature water electrolyzers for highly pressurised hydrogen production | RIA | 2 x 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-04: Design for advanced and scalable manufacturing of electrolyzers | RIA | 2 x 2 | 20/09/2022 |
| 01-05: Scaling up of cells and stacks for large electrolyzers | RIA | 6 | 20/09/2022 |
| 01-06: Efficiency boost of solar thermochemical water splitting | RIA | 4 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-07: Bringing renewable hydrogen MW scale off-grid installations closer to technical and financial maturity | IA | 9 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-08: Integration of multi-MW electrolyzers in industrial applications | IA  | 18 | 20/09/2022 |
| 01-09: Scaling-up technologies for SOEL | RIA | 2 x 3 | 31/05/2022 |
| 01-10: Demonstrating offshore production of renewable hydrogen | IA  | 20 | 20/09/2022 |

Renewable Hydrogen - Topics

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-01-08: Integration of multi-MW electrolysers in industrial applications

 Demonstrate electrolyser technologies beyond state-of-the-art in a specific industrial application

- >25MW electrolyser, LT or HT
- Possible innovations: possibly supply two customers; use of O₂ and heat; grid services; footprint reduction
- Includes a go-no go decision, then 2-year operation
- Investigate synergies with Process4Planet or Clean Steel Partnerships

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-01-10: Demonstrating offshore production of renewable hydrogen

 Design, construct and integrate a >5MW electrolyser in an offshore infrastructure

- Re-use existing offshore oil/gas infrastructure or develop new – export wind energy as H₂
- Safety aspects, remote control, autonomous operation, inspection & maintenance
- Design, construction & 2 years operation, assessment of performance (degradation, OPEX and maintenance costs), economic viability of using existing offshore infrastructure or building new

Production

Distribution and Storage

End-use

Horizontal Activities



Large Scale Storage



Hydrogen in natural gas grid



Liquid Hydrogen Carriers



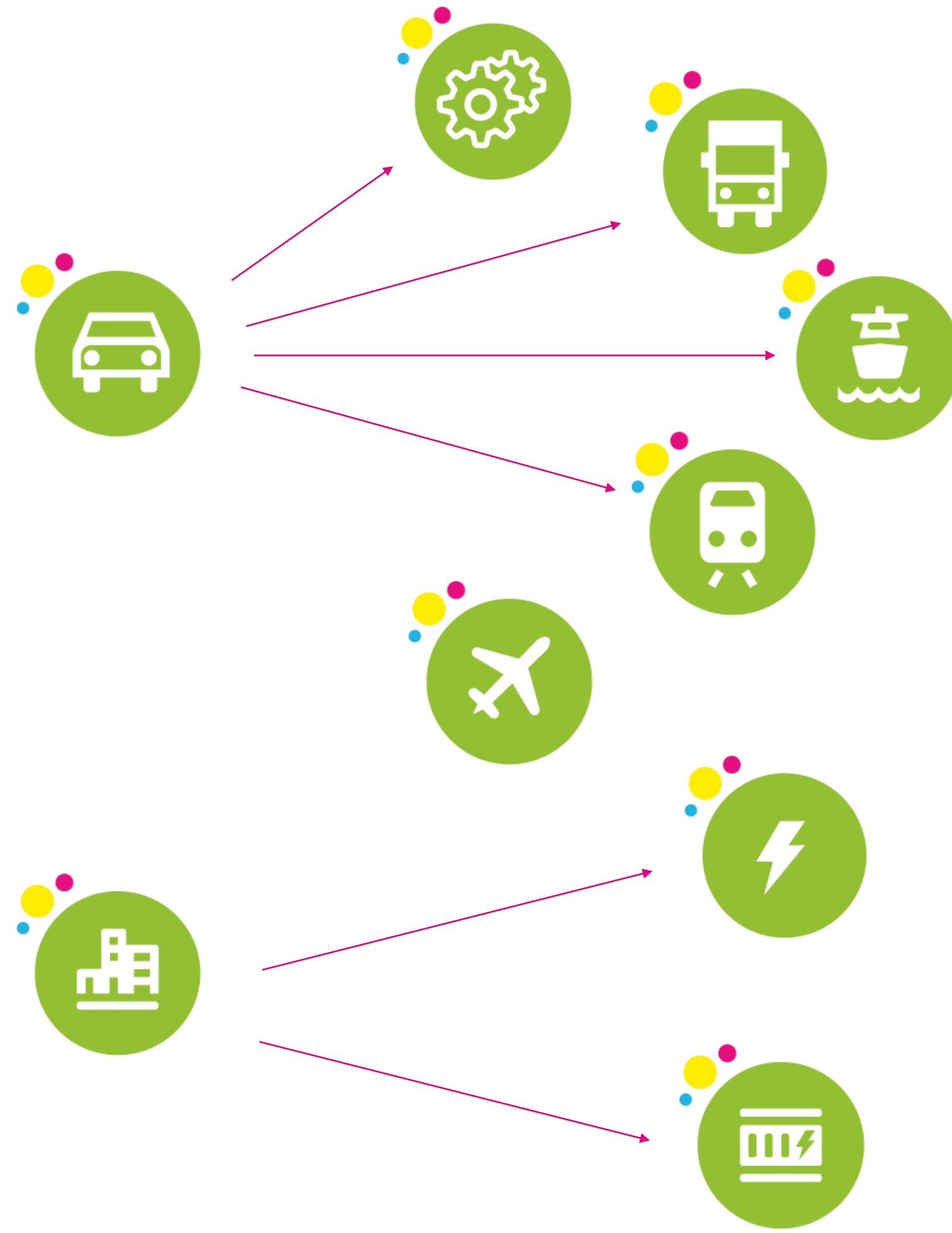
Hydrogen Transport



Compression, Purification, Metering



Hydrogen Refuelling Stations



Hydrogen Storage and Distribution Overview



Main Focus

- Improved **hydrogen carriers**
- Preparing hydrogen **refuelling** stations for the demands of **Heavy-Duty** applications
- **Scaling-up** innovative **hydrogen compression** solutions



What is new

- Next generation **liquefaction units** and **large scale liquid H2 storage** for **shipping**.
- Developing **increased capacity** tube trailers
- Improving **quality control** for **Hydrogen dispensed** in HRS

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 02-01: Compatibility of Distribution non-steel metallic gas grid materials with hydrogen | RIA | 2.5 | 20/09/2022 |
| 02-02: Hydrogen and Hydrogen/Natural gas mixture leak detection system for continuous monitoring and safe operation of HRS and future Hydrogen/Natural gas mixture networks | RIA | 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 02-03: Validation of a high-performance hydrogen liquefier prototype | RIA | 5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 02-04: Ammonia to Renewable Hydrogen: efficient system for ammonia cracking | RIA | 3 | 20/09/2022 |
| 02-05: Efficient system for dehydrogenation of liquid organic hydrogen carriers | RIA | 3 | 20/09/2022 |
| ★ 02-06: Development of large scale LH2 containment for shipping | RIA | 6.5 | 20/09/2022 |
| 02-07: Increased hydrogen capacity of GH2 road trailers | RIA | 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 02-08: Development of novel or hybrid concepts for reliable, high capacity and energy-efficient H2 compression systems at real-world scale | IA | 5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 02-09: Sampling methodology and quality assessment of HRS | RIA | 4 | 31/05/2022 |
| 02-10: Implementing new/optimised refuelling protocols and components for high flow HRS | RIA | 2 x 4 | 31/05/2022 |
| ★ 02-11: Dev. and demo of mobile and stationary compressed HRS for inland shipping and short-distance maritime operations | IA | 7 | 20/09/2022 |

Hydrogen Storage and Distribution - Topics

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-02-06: Development of large scale LH₂ containment for shipping



To develop and validate containment concepts intended for the bulk shipping of liquid hydrogen



- Concept selection for large scale LH₂ containment to be used in shipping
- Detailed design, construction, and testing of a scaled-down prototype of at least 10 t LH₂ capacity
- General Approval for the LH₂ containment system by one of the major IACS classification societies

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-02-11: Development and demonstration of mobile and stationary compressed hydrogen refuelling solutions for application in inland shipping and short-distance maritime operations



To focus on either a stationary (pipe-to-ship) or on a floating (ship-to-ship or platform-to-ship) solution



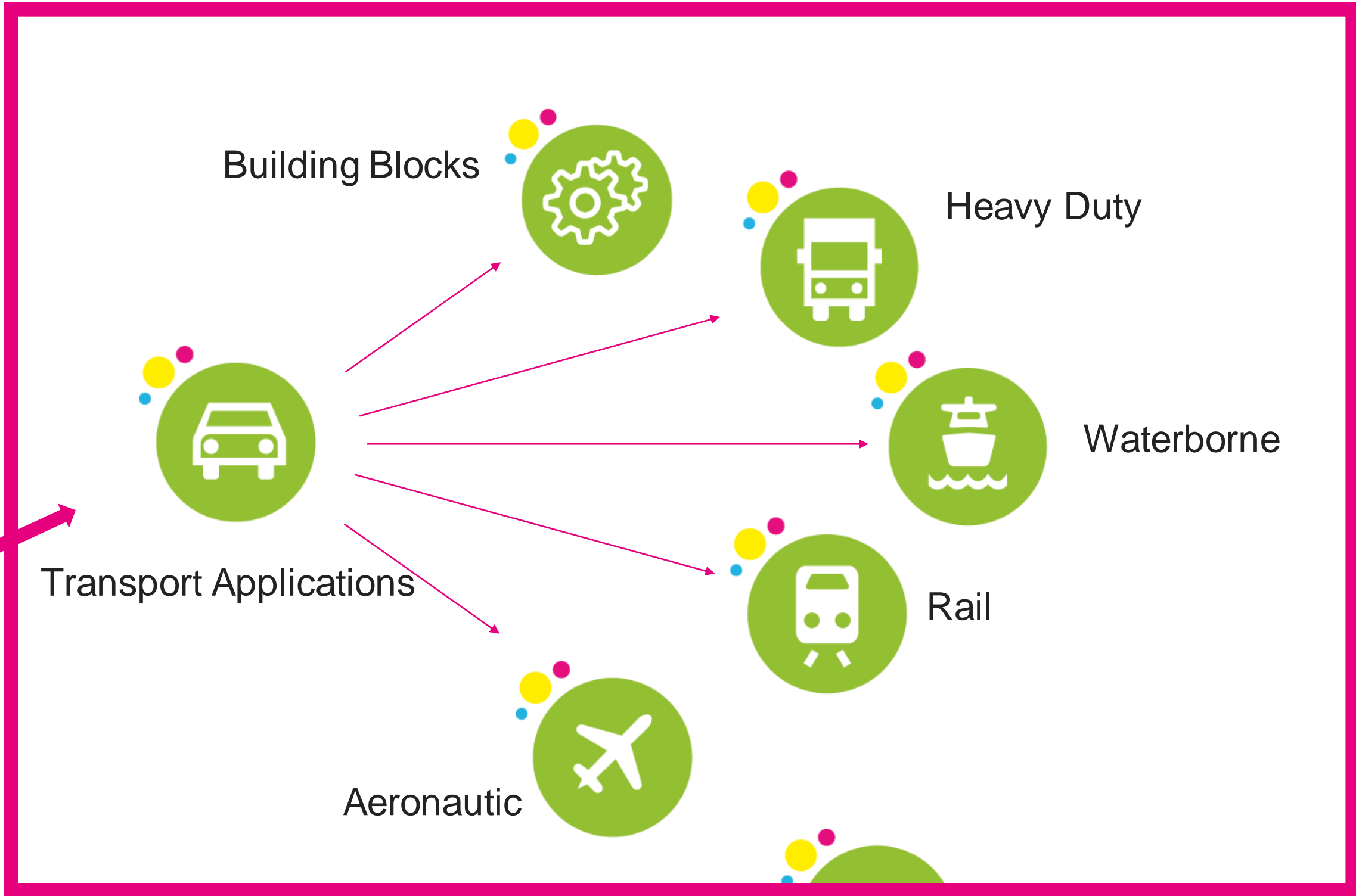
- Demonstrate smart and safe logistics solutions and develop a market standard to support front-running shipping projects.
- Techno-economic analysis of the proposed solution.
- Standardisation of the developed engineering solutions, including components such as refueller, connections, nozzles, as well as of fuelling protocols, is also a key priority.
- Synergies with HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-03-05 – inland shipping flagship.

Production

Distribution and Storage

End-use

Horizontal Activities



Transport Overview





Main Focus

- Adaptation of **key FC system components** for heavy duty applications
- Push toward **aviation propulsion**: **upscaling stack** and **LH2 storage**
- Bringing the learnings from **first demonstrations** (**inland vessels** and **trucks**) to fleets



What is new

- Large scale demonstration of trucks
- Decarbonisation of the inland waterways
- **Cooperation** with **Connecting Europe Facility** for Transport work programme (**AFIF**)
- **Synergies** with HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-02-11 – compressed HRS for **inland shipping and short-distance maritime**

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|--|--|------------------|------------|
| 03-01: Development and optimisation of reliable and versatile PEMFC stacks for high power range applications | RIA | 2 x 3.5 | 20/09/2022 |
| 03-02: Innovative and optimised MEA components towards next generation of improved PEMFC stacks for heavy duty vehicles | RIA | 2 x 3 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-03: Large scale demonstration of European H2 Heavy Duty Vehicle along the TEN-T corridors | IA  | 30 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-04: Liquid hydrogen tanks for heavy-duty vehicles | RIA | 2 x 2.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-05: Large scale demonstration of hydrogen fuel cell propelled inland waterway vessels | IA  | 15 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-06: Development and optimisation of a dedicated Fuel Cells for Aviation: from dedicated stack (100s kW) up to full system (MWs) | RIA | 20 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-07: Development of specific aviation cryogenic storage system with a gauging, fuel metering, heat management and monitoring system | RIA | 10 | 31/05/2022 |
| 03-08: Development and optimisation of a dedicated Fuel Cells for Aviation: disruptive next-gen high temperature Fuel Cells technology for future aviation | RIA | 5 | 31/05/2022 |

Transport - Topics

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-03-03: Large scale demonstration of European H2 Heavy Duty Vehicle along the TEN-T corridors

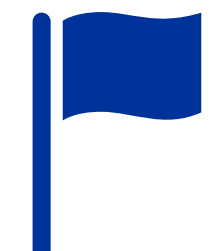


Deployment and operation in real-life conditions of **150 FCH trucks**.



- Trucks rigid or tractors
- **Minimum range for 50% of the trucks: 600 km** and at least **65% of the fleet should be long haul: > 37 tons**
- Trucks to be **operated for a minimum of 2 years**, yearly minimum milage 40,000/60,000 km (distribution/long haul)
- Solid data monitoring strategy
- Deployment along the core and comprehensive **TEN-T corridors** – complementary proposal to **CEF Transport for the HRS** funding

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022 -03-05: Large scale demonstration of hydrogen fuel cell propelled inland waterway vessels



Deployment of **5 inland waterway vessels** with **fuel cells and electric propulsion**.



- **Retrofitting and/or new build** with a focus on converting **ship types with the highest impact on emissions**
- **FC power >500kW** and preferably at 1 MW scale (modular and easy-to-scale solution)
- **Bunker hydrogen** in at least **2 different ports**
- Deployment along the core and comprehensive **TEN-T corridors** – complementary proposal to **CEF Transport for the HRS** funding

Production

Distribution and Storage

End-use

Horizontal Activities



Stationary Applications

Stationary Fuel Cells

Turbines, Boilers, Burners



Clean Heat and Power Overview



Main Focus

- Cost reduction through manufacturing
- Fuel and technology diversification
- Enhanced system flexibility



What is new

- Automation of manufacturing, equipment manufacturers at the core of the action
- Gas turbines running on 0-100% H₂ in gas

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------|
| ★ 04-01: Design and industrial deployment of innovative manufacturing processes for solid oxide fuel cells systems and fuel cell components | IA | 7 | 20/09/2022 |
| 04-02: Ammonia powered fuel cell system focusing on superior efficiency, durable operation and design optimization | RIA | 4 | 31/05/2022 |
| 04-03: Reversible SOC system development, operation and energy system (grid) integration | RIA | 5.5 | 31/05/2022 |
| 04-04: Dry Low NOx combustion of hydrogen-enriched fuels at high-pressure conditions for gas turbine applications | RIA | 2 x 4 | 31/05/2022 |

Clean Heat and Power - Topics

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-04-01: Design and industrial deployment of innovative manufacturing processes for Solid Oxide Fuel Cells systems and fuel cell components



Automation of time-consuming manufacturing steps and time/resource efficient quality control



- adaptation & development of manufacturing processes on **prototype tool**, progress measured by increase in **Market Readiness Level (MRL)**
- automation/equipment manufacturer/s at the core => **beneficial to all SOC manufacturers**
- **several manufacturing processes** can be targeted
- **synergies** with **Made in Europe partnership** to be explored
- **target:** stack production cost <800 €/kW @ annual production volume of 100 MW (single manufacturing line)

Production

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Horizontal Activities



Cross-cutting

Hydrogen Valleys

Supply chain

Strategic Research Challenges

Cross-cutting Issues - Overview



Main Focus

- Raise public awareness and trust towards Fuel Cells and Hydrogen technologies
- Safety-related aspects of (i) Cryogenic H₂ transfers for mobile applications, (ii) H₂ injection management at network-wide level
- Test methods and requirements for measuring devices in the gas network
- Support cooperation with the African continent





What is new

- Guidance for raising awareness and trust in the public and key stakeholders in Europe
- Addressing safety aspects on (i) new distribution applications, and (ii) network management
- Test methods and limits and tolerances for currently used devices
- Shape future cooperation with African countries on renewable H₂ tech.

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 05-01: Public understanding of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies | CSA | 1 | 20/09/2022 |
| 05-02: Safety of cryogenic hydrogen transfer technologies in public areas for mobile applications | RIA | 2 | 31/05/2022 |
| 05-03: Safe hydrogen injection management at network-wide level: towards European gas sector transition | RIA | 3 | 20/09/2022 |
| 05-04: Development of validated test methods and requirements for measuring devices intended for measuring NG/H2 mixtures | RIA | 2 | 31/05/2022 |
| 05-05: Research & Innovation co-operation with Africa on hydrogen | CSA | 1 | 31/05/2022 |

Hydrogen Valleys & Strategic Research Challenges Overview

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------|
| 06-01: Hydrogen Valleys (large-scale) | IA  | 25 | 20/09/2022 |
| 06-02: Hydrogen Valleys (small-scale) | IA  | 8 | 20/09/2022 |

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Type of Action | Ind. Budget (M€) | Deadline |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------|
| ★ 07-01: Addressing the sustainability and criticality of electrolyser and fuel cell materials | RIA | 10 | 31/05/2022 |

Hydrogen Valleys - Topics

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-06-01: Hydrogen Valleys (large-scale)

 Develop, deploy and demonstrate a **large-scale H₂ Valley** with **interlinkages outside its boundaries**

- Production of **≥ 5,000 tonnes of renewable H₂ per year** using new hydrogen production capacity (**GOs**)
- **≥ 2 FCH applications** from **≥ 2 sectors** (energy, industry, transport)
- **Demonstrate: existing/new H₂ markets**, contribution to economic growth, impact and replicability, commitment of stakeholders
- Financing structure and strategy describing the **business model**, including **envisaged sources of co-funding/co-financing needed**

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-06-02: Hydrogen Valleys (small-scale)

 Develop, deploy and demonstrate a **smaller H₂ Valley** (particular attention to **areas of Europe with no/limited presence of H₂ Valleys**)

- Production of **≥ 500 tonnes of renewable H₂ per year** (**GOs**)
- Supply **more than one end sector or application** (mobility, industry energy); **>20% H₂ produced for each of the 2 main applications**
- **Demonstrate: existing/new H₂ markets**, contribution to economic growth, impact and replicability and commitment of stakeholders
- Financing structure and strategy describing the **business model**, including **envisaged sources of co-funding/ co-financing needed**

Strategic Research Challenges - Topic

HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-07-01: Addressing the sustainability and criticality of electrolyser and fuel cell materials



Removing the **CRMs** and **materials of environmental concerns** from electrolysers and fuel cells




- Development of low or free-CRM catalysts and poly/perfluoroalkyls-free ionomers **according to SRIA's KPIs**
- Improvement of CRM and ionomer **recycling** from scraps, wastes and end-of-life equipment
- **Three innovative solutions** for each **PEM, AEM, AEL, PCC and SOC** technologies
- **Breakthroughs** in electrocatalysts, coatings, electrode architectures and cell designs
- **Life cycle analyses**



Flagship projects

expected to have significant impact in accelerating the transition to a hydrogen economy, to demonstrate the viability of clean hydrogen solutions at scale

| Topic HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-x | Full Cap. Costs (9) | Seal of Excellence (2) | Limited JU funding (6) |  (10) | Dead line |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|
| 01-08: multi-MW electrolysers in industrial applications | X | | | X | 20/09 |
| 01-10: offshore RES to H2 | X | | | X | 20/09 |
| 03-03: HD Trucks along TEN-T | X | | X | X | 31/05 |
| 03-05: H2 (FC) inland waterway vessels (TEN-T) | X | | X | X | 31/05 |
| 06-01: H2Valleys (large) | X | X | X | X | 20/09 |
| 06-02: H2Valleys (small) | X | X | X | X | 20/09 |



Complex projects requiring special conditions and preparation (in particular on synergies with CEF/regional funds)

Further guidance provided by the Programme Office (contact us!)

- **Six Innovation Actions considered of strategic importance** (combined budget of EUR 116 million)
- Normally, **first-of-a-kind demonstration at scale, in real operational environment of the different generations of hydrogen products (including sectoral integration such as Hydrogen Valleys).**
- Concrete **synergies with other programmes and instruments** (such as other partnerships or other instruments at EU, national or regional level)

Novelties in the call conditions



Full capitalised costs for purchases

(equipment, infrastructure or other assets purchased specifically for the action)

For the topics listed below, in line with the Clean Hydrogen JU SRJA, mostly **large-scale demonstrators or flagship projects specific equipment, infrastructure or other assets purchased specifically for the action (or developed as part of the action tasks) can exceptionally be declared as full capitalised costs.**



Seal of Excellence

For **two topics in the Call (related to H2 Valleys)** the 'Seal of Excellence' will be awarded to applications exceeding all of the evaluation thresholds set out in this Annual Work Programme but cannot be funded due to lack of budget available to the call.

Novelties in the call conditions



Maximum EU/JU funding per topic

- **Additional eligibility criterion to limit the Clean Hydrogen JU requested contribution**
- For actions performed at high TRL level, including demonstration in real operation environment and with important involvement from industrial stakeholders and/or end users such as public authorities
- **Expected to leverage co-funding as commitment from stakeholders.** e.g. through the private investment or co-funding from regional/local funds



Hydrogen
Europe



Hydrogen Europe
Research

Involvement of private members

- **Additional eligibility criterion to ensure that one partner in the consortium is a member of either Hydrogen Europe or Hydrogen Europe Research**
- For topics targeting actions for large-scale demonstrations, flagship projects and strategic research actions, where the industrial and research partners of the JU play a key role in accelerating the commercialization of hydrogen technologies

Opportunities for synergies – for all applicants (in particular flagship projects)

- Possibilities for **complementary funding from other R&I-relevant EU, national or regional programmes** (such as European Structural and Investment Funds, Recovery and Resilience Facility, Just Transition Fund, Connecting Europe Facility, Innovation Fund, Modernisation Fund, LIFE, InvestEU, etc.), as well as private funds or financial instruments.
- Encouraged to consult **the national recovery and resilience plans in order to identify specific mentions of synergies with Horizon Europe** and to detect further opportunities for complementarity between the plans' rich R&I portfolio and the Framework Programme.
- Specific opportunities for **synergies with other partnerships** have been included in some topics' description.
- Whenever synergies are foreseen, they should be reflected in **a financing structure and strategy describing the business model, including envisaged sources of co-funding/co-financing and in line with state-aid rules.**

Call 2022 specific requirements:

- Two flagship topics (deployment of hydrogen trucks and inland vessels) in the Call 2022 strongly recommend **synergies/complementary funding for the H2 refuelling infrastructure from the Connection Europe Facility for Transport** (realisation of the alternative fuels targets for hydrogen along the TEN-T networks)
- Additional two flagship topics (Hydrogen Valleys) strongly recommend **synergies/complementary funding from regional/local funding** and foresee the awarding of a 'Seal of Excellence' to applications which cannot be funded due to lack of budget, therefore increased chances to find alternative funding in other Union programmes, including those managed by national or regional Managing Authorities.

Safety Plans

- For all topics a **‘safety by design’ approach should be considered**. In particular, for topics involving Innovation Actions proposals should provide a **preliminary draft on ‘hydrogen safety planning and management’ at the project level**, which will be further developed during project implementation (deliverables to be reviewed by the European Hydrogen Safety Panel)
- For topics involving Research and Innovation Actions or Innovation Actions, projects should foresee to **report any safety-related event that may occur during the project implementation to the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) dedicated database HIAD** through mailbox JRC-PTT-H2SAFETY@ec.europa.eu

CertifHy


- For some of the topics involving Innovation Actions it is expected that **Guarantees of Origin (GOs) will be used to prove the renewable character of the hydrogen that is produced/used**.


Projects with hydrogen production/consumption:

- Issuance/purchase and subsequent cancellation of GOs from the relevant Member State issuing body;
- If the latter is not yet available, the consortium may proceed with the issuance/purchase and cancellation of non-governmental certificates (e.g CertifHy).

Explicit encouragement for International Collaboration



 For some identified topics, **proposals are expected to contribute towards the activities of Mission Innovation 2.0 - Clean Hydrogen Mission.** Cooperation with entities from Clean Hydrogen Mission member countries, which are neither EU Member States nor Horizon Europe Associated countries, is encouraged.

 In recognition of the benefits that international collaboration can bring, encouragement of international collaboration beyond EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries could be foreseen.

A particular example is topic ***HORIZON-JTI-CLEANH2-2022-05-05: Research & Innovation co-operation with Africa on hydrogen***, in which additional eligibility criteria have been introduced to allow African countries to

- i)* participate in proposal,
- ii)* be eligible for funding and
- iii)* ensure a sufficient geographical coverage of the African continent.

Summary of novelties/call conditions elements to pay attention to:



Evaluation by independent experts

European Commission database of experts

Register through the **Funding & tender opportunities Portal** and **notify us with your interest**

Selection of experts

- High level of skill, experience and knowledge
 - Independence and absence of conflict of interest
- And a **balance** in terms of:
- geographical diversity
 - gender
 - where appropriate, the private and public sectors, and
 - an appropriate 'rotation' from year to year.

In principle, each proposal will be examined by **at least three experts**

Presence of **one or more independent observers**

Experts that have a **conflict of interests** will be excluded by us !



25% new experts



Large fields of expertise

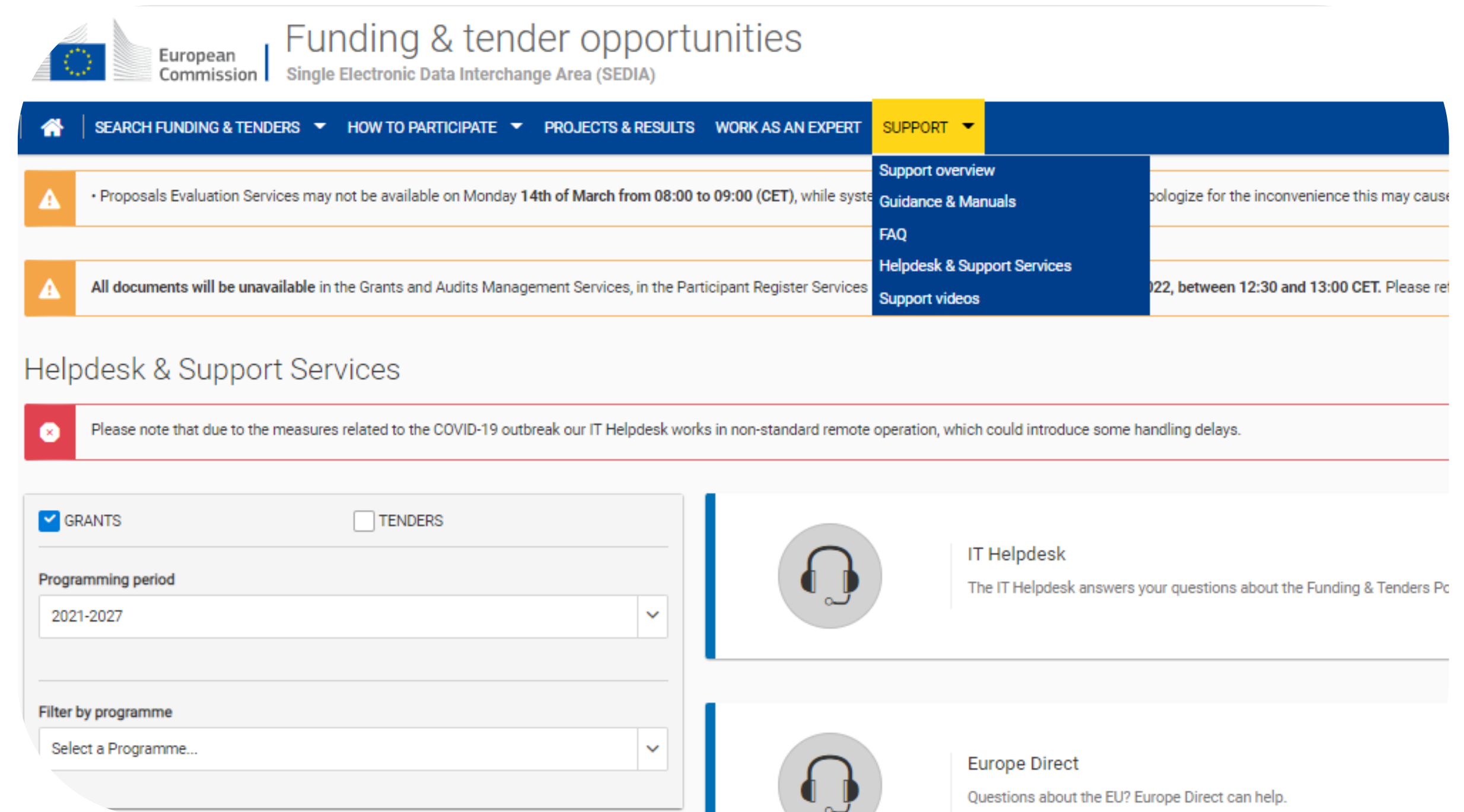


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Rules for participation, call conditions, evaluation and submission

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Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking



Applicable rules

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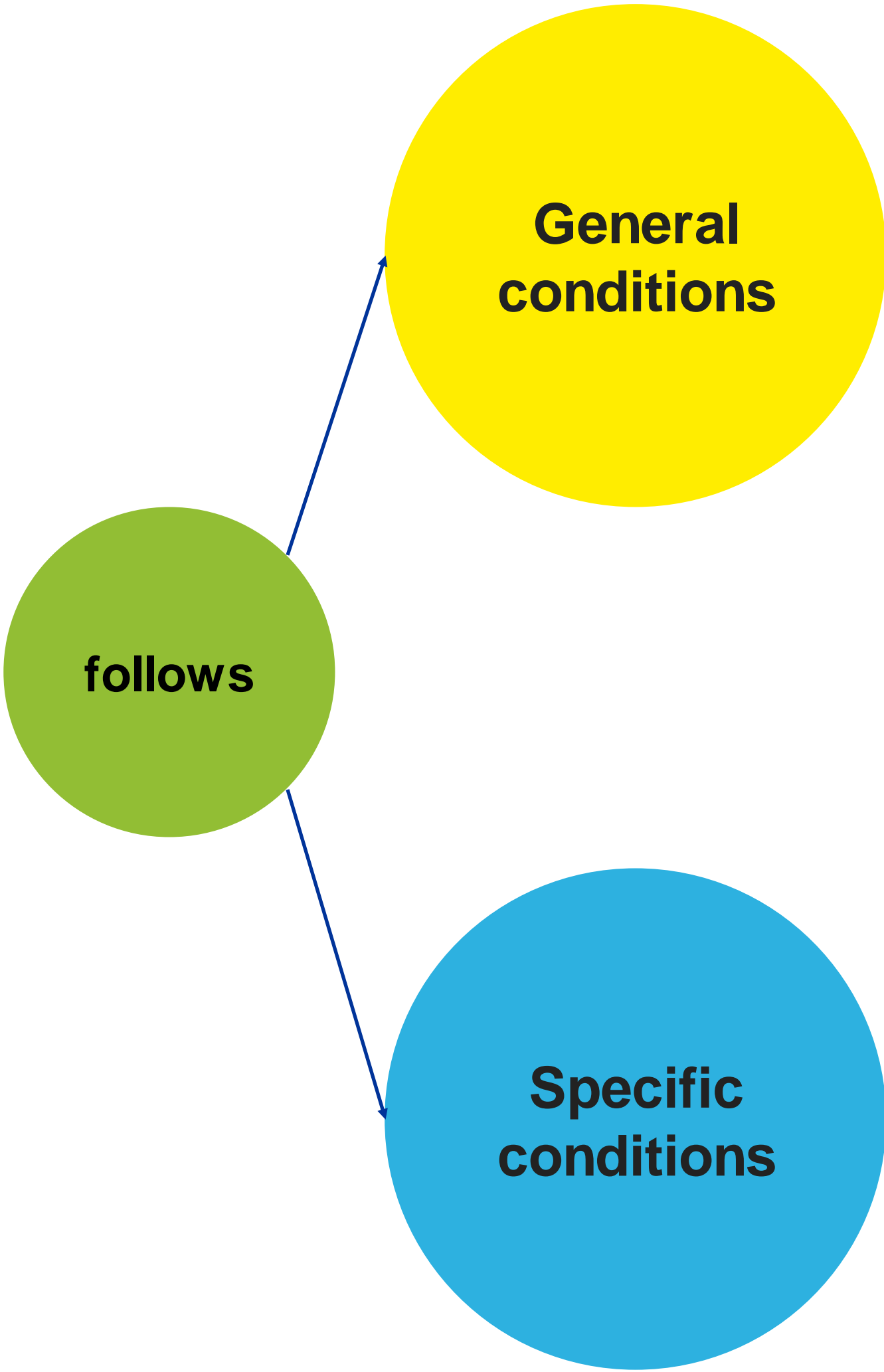
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General Annexes to Horizon Europe

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- Eligibility (Annex B)
- Financial and operational capacity and exclusion (Annex C)
- Award criteria (Annex D)
- Documents (Annex E)
- Procedure (Annex F)

Others important aspects:

- TRL, Gender equality plan

Work Programme 2022

May introduce additional eligibility criteria:

- Maximum contribution per topic
- Consortium composition
- Participation of African countries



Annexes A, B and E – Admissibility, eligibility and documents

A proposal is **ADMISSIBLE**, when:

- **Submitted** electronically via the Funders & Tenders Portal **on time**
- **Readable**, accessible and printable
- **Complete** (admin data, proposal description, **operational capacity**, etc.)
- Must include a **plan for the exploitation and dissemination** of the results
- Consist of 2 parts:
 - **Part A:** administrative and budgetary data
 - **Part B:** technical description

Respect page limit for
Part B!
CSA = 30 pages
RIA = 45 pages
IA = 70 pages

A proposal is **ELIGIBLE**, when:

- **In line with the topic and call conditions**, with exclusive focus on civil applications
- **Complies with consortium composition:**

+ Additional Conditions in the AWP

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| RIA and IA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least one independent legal entity established in a Member State - And at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries. |
| CSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least one legal entity established in a Member State or Associated Country |

International participation and Eligibility for funding



Applicants from all over the world can participate (except entities subject to EU restrictive measures – see [EU Sanctions map](#))



Yet, to be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:

- The EU members states and their overseas countries and territories
- Countries associated to Horizon Europe
- Low and middle-income countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, ... , Zambia, Zimbabwe
- **Exceptionally**, any other country, **if**
 - Their country is explicitly identified in the call for proposals as being eligible for funding
 - The Clean Hydrogen JU considers that their **participation** as a beneficiary **is essential** for implementing the project

Countries of African
Union for topic 05-05



If not eligible for funding, applicants will have to participate at their own cost.
These participants should **explain in the proposal how their funding will be secured.**

Gender Equality Plan

As an **ELIGIBILITY** criterion, public bodies, research organisations and higher education establishments from Member States and Associated Countries are required to have in place a gender equality plan, covering:

Process:

- Publication: a formal document published on the institution's website and signed by the top management;
- Dedicated resources: commitment of resources and expertise in gender equality to implement the plan
- Data collection and monitoring: sex/gender disaggregated data on personnel (and students, for the establishments concerned) and annual reporting based on indicators
- Training: awareness raising/training on gender equality and unconscious gender biases for staff and decision-makers

Content

- work-life balance and organisational culture
- gender balance in leadership and decision-making
- gender equality in recruitment and career progression
- integration of the gender dimension into research and teaching content
- measures against gender-based violence, including sexual harassment.

Self-declaration in the proposal

Additional possible considerations by evaluators

- Dual use and **exclusive focus on civil applications** – simple check via a separate question
- Respect of the “**Do No Significant Harm**” principle, under criteria Excellence + Impact
- Robustness of **Artificial Intelligence** based systems, under criterion Excellence

Annex C – Financial and operational capacity and exclusion

Financial Capacity:

- Coordinator completes a self-assessment at the proposal stage

Operational Capacity (including operational resources - human, technical and other) - Scored by the experts under implementation, based on partners information:

- Qualifications and experience of staff
- Description of the consortium participants
- List of EU-funded actions/projects in the last 4 years

Exclusion:

- If subject to EU administrative sanctions or in exclusion situations
- Misrepresented information or involved in the call preparation and create a distortion of competition

Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise

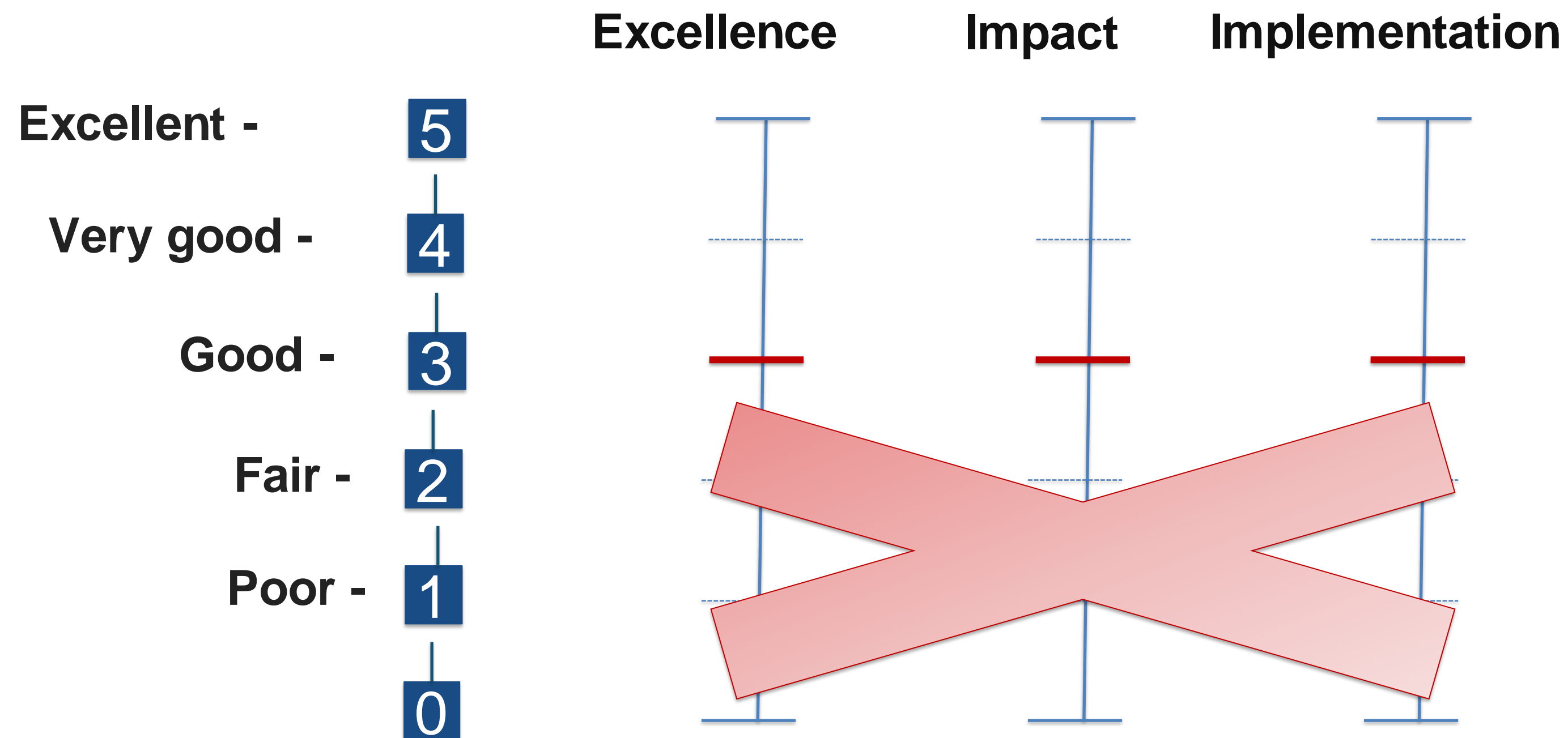
Each individual participant has, or exceptionally will have in due time, competence and experience to carry out its tasks in the proposed work plan?

Annex D – Award criteria, scores, weighting and thresholds

The proposals will be evaluated against the following **award criteria**:

- **Excellence**
- **Impact**
- Quality and efficiency of the **implementation**

Evaluation grid available in Annex D



Thresholds apply to:

- Individual criterion, score must be ≥ 3
- Overall score must be ≥ 10



Applicable rules



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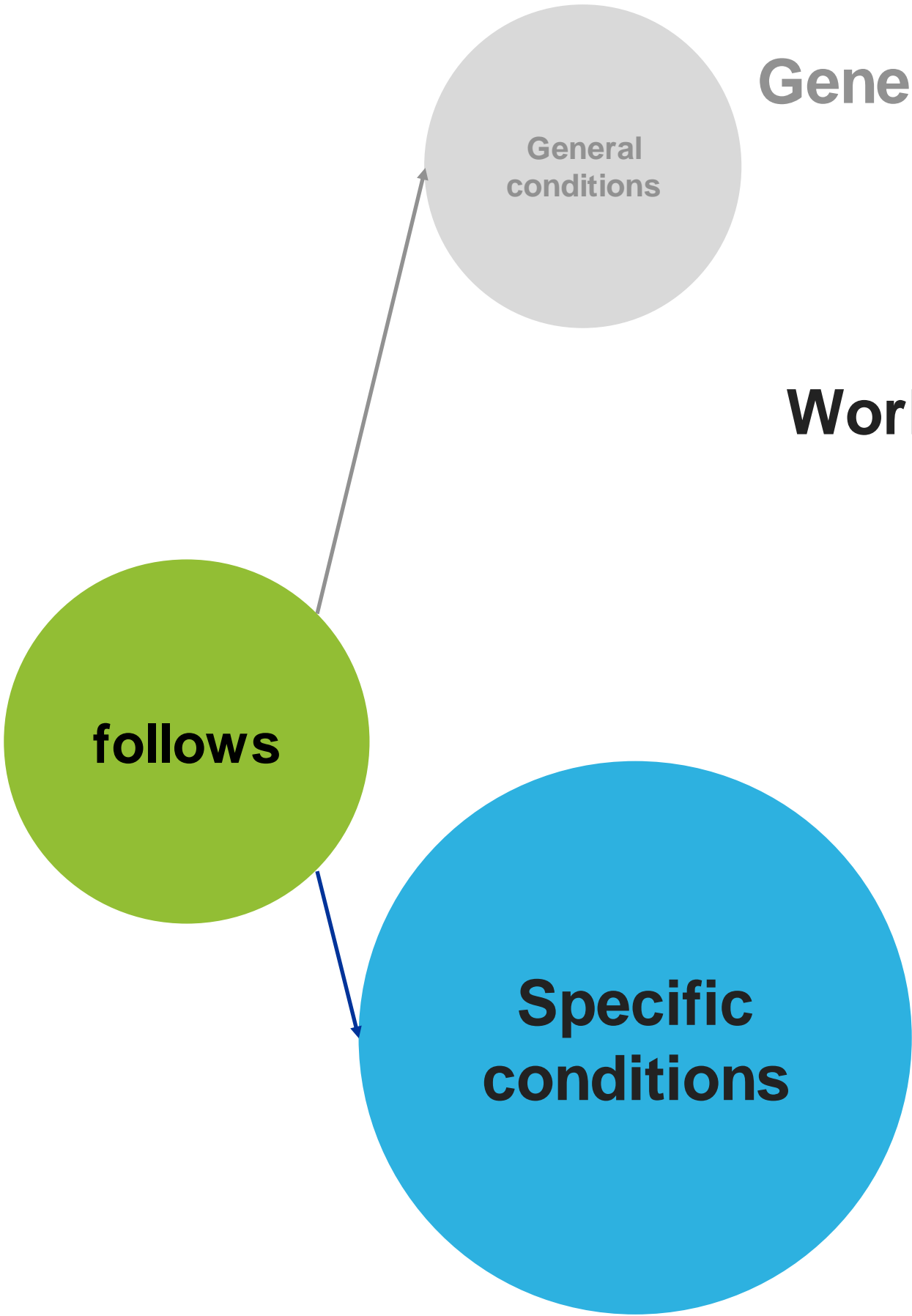
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- **Maximum contribution per topic** (relevant for 6 topics):

“The maximum Clean Hydrogen JU contribution is proposals requesting JU contribution above this amount will not be evaluated”

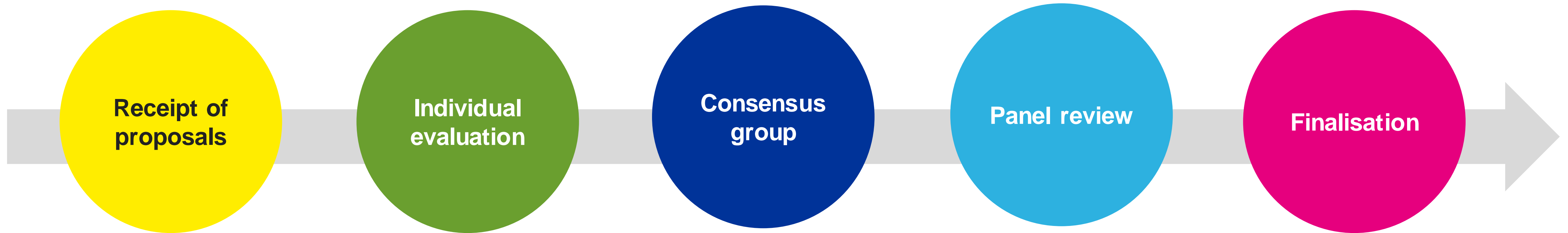
- **Consortium composition** (relevant for 10 topics):

“At least one partner in the consortium must be a member of either Hydrogen Europe or Hydrogen Europe Research”

- **Participation of African countries** (relevant for 1 topic)

“... Participants in the African Union are exceptionally eligible for EU funding”

Submission and Evaluation process



Receipt of proposals

Individual evaluation

Consensus group

Panel review

Finalisation

Admissibility/eligibility check

Allocation of proposals to evaluators

Experts assess proposals **individually**.

Minimum of three experts per proposal (but often more than three).

All individual experts discuss together to agree on a **common position**, including comments and scores for each proposal.

The panel of experts reach an **agreement** on the scores and comments for all proposals within a call, checking **consistency across the evaluations**.

if necessary, resolve cases where evaluators were unable to agree.

Rank the proposals with the same score

The Clean Hydrogen JU reviews the results of the experts' evaluation and puts together the **final ranking list**.

Application form (proposal template)



The proposal contains **two parts**:

Part A
Administrative Forms

- Part A (web-based administrative forms) is generated by the IT system. It is based on the information entered by the participants through the submission system in the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Part B
Technical Description

- Part B is the **narrative part** that includes **three sections that each correspond to an evaluation criterion**. Part B needs to be **uploaded as a PDF document** following the templates downloaded by the applicants in the submission system for the specific call or topic.

New features in the Horizon Europe proposal



NEW FIELDS IN PART A

- **Researchers table** – needed to follow up researchers careers (HE indicator)
- Role of participating organisation
- Self-declaration on **gender equality plan**



FIELDS MOVED FROM PART B TO PART A

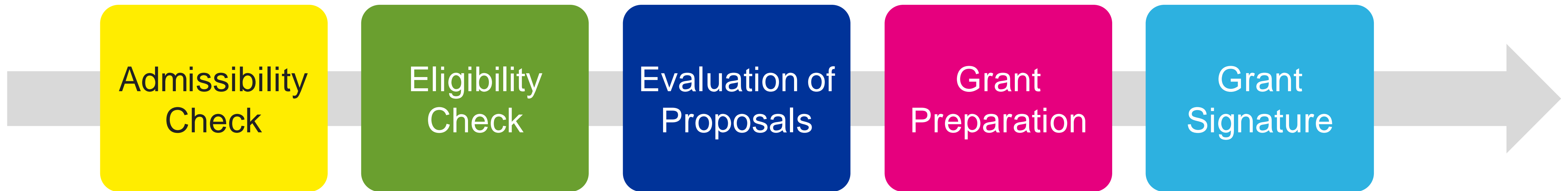
- Ethics self-assessment
- Security questionnaire (**NEW!** in all HE proposals)
- Information on participants' previous activities related to the call



NEW IN PART B

- Glossary of terms.
- Consistency on the use of terminology is ensured in all project phases (from WP to proposal and reporting)
- Extensive explanations on what exactly should be included in each section.

8 months for time to grant, from call deadline to signature of the grant agreement



Call deadline



Signature of Grant Agreement

31st May 2022



31st January 2023

20th Sept. 2022



20th May 2023

Quality of the proposal is key !

- The experts **evaluate** each proposal **as submitted**
- The experts **do not recommend substantial modifications**
- If the experts identify **significant shortcomings**, they must reflect those in a **lower score** for the relevant criterion

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