



RESEARCH ON FUEL CELLS & HYDROGEN

Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Research in Europe

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Introduction

- European Energy Union priorities are security of energy supply, energy efficiency, competitiveness
 - Success will be based on science and technology innovations
 - Accelerated Innovation is the ultimate solution to climate change

Post COP 21

Bringing wishes to reality



N.ERGHY is the research partner of the FCH 2 JU



Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Joint Undertaking



Industry Grouping
Hydrogen Europe
105 members



European Union represented
by the European Commission



RESEARCH ON FUEL CELLS & HYDROGEN
Research Grouping
N.ERGHY
65 members



The Joint Undertaking is managed by a Governing Board composed of representatives of all three partners and lead by the Industry.

*A portfolio of
clean, efficient
and competitive
solutions based on
fuel cells and
hydrogen
technologies in
energy and
transport*

Role and Impact of N.ERGHY

➤ N.ERGHY

- **Mission** is to **promote, support and accelerate** the deployment of H2&FC technologies by **aligning the European R&D** community and by providing a stronghold for cooperation with industry increasing the **impact of research**
- **Address critical technical** barriers to foster Hydrogen & Fuel Cells technologies to achieve commercialization (TRL 3-6)
*This activity is done in close collaboration with **Hydrogen Europe**.*
- **Propose clear R&I targets** for the future (TRL 1-3)
*This activity is done in close collaboration with the **EERA Joint Program on FC&H2**.*

Role and Impact of N.ERGHY

- **N.ERGHY coordinates H2&FC R&I efforts in Europe since 2008**
 - Close cooperation with EERA Joint Program on FC&H2 (national R&D monitoring, low TRL proposals). More than 80% of the EERA JP members are today member of N.ERGHY
 - Member of the FCH 2 JU Governing Board
 - Stakeholder of SET Plan actions

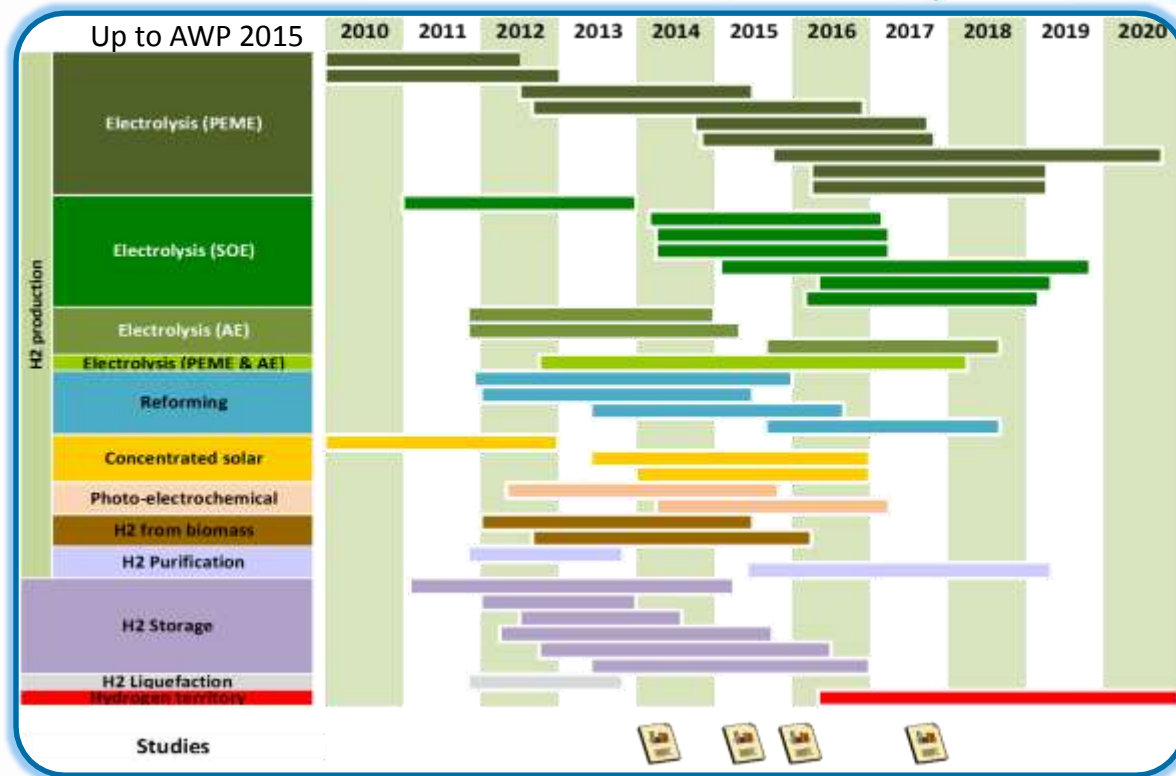
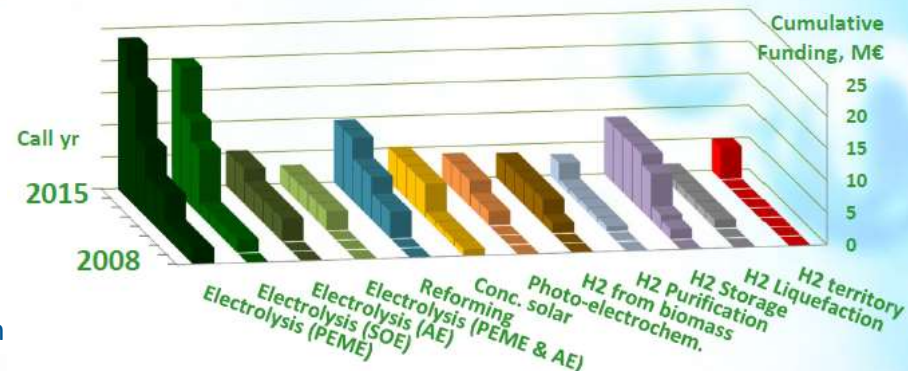
- **N.ERGHY will continue to contribute to the FCH JU public-private partnership**
 - Deployment of commercial products:
 - European Hydrogen Refilling Station and Electrolyzer manufacturers
 - European fuel cell stack manufacturing
 - European fuel cell vehicles
 - Active participation of Europe in international **Regulation, Codes & Standards** activities

Impact of N.ERGHY on H₂ production

➤ 97% of FCH JU support towards green H₂

- Demonstrate on a large scale H₂'s capacity to harness power from renewables and support its integration into the energy system
- Increase efficiency and reduce costs of H₂ production, mainly from water electrolysis and renewables













47 projects
178 M€



Impact of N.ERGHY on H₂ production

PEM and Alkaline Water Electrolysis

8 electrolyzers installed
100 tons of H₂ produced
>93% availability

	<u>FCH JU project results 2015</u>		MAWP target	non-European
	PEME	AE	2017	SoA
CAPEX, M€/(t/d)			< 3.7	1.7-3.5 <small>@ 1 MW / 500 kg/d</small>
Energy consumption, kWh/kg			< 55	65
Efficiency degradation, %/y			< 2	1.1
Min load, % of nominal capa.		-	< 5	0
Max load, % of nominal capa.		-	> 150	100
Hot start, seconds			< 10	10
Cold start, seconds			< 120	300



Based on 2015 project data gathered in the FCHJU 2016 data collection exercise

Impact of N.ERGHY on H₂ production



High temperature electrolysis with CO₂ methanation

Proof of concept of a highly efficient PtG technology

- SOEC short stack tests show degradation rates < 0.5 %/ 1000 h and feasibility of coelectrolysis.
- Multiple nickel based catalysts for the methanation developed & optimized. Lab tests confirm that SNG quality requirements are met with chosen concept.
- Process simulation of HELMETH concept confirm efficiencies > 85 % for large scale plants based on realistic assumptions

SOEC module (in operation)



Methanation module (assembling phase)



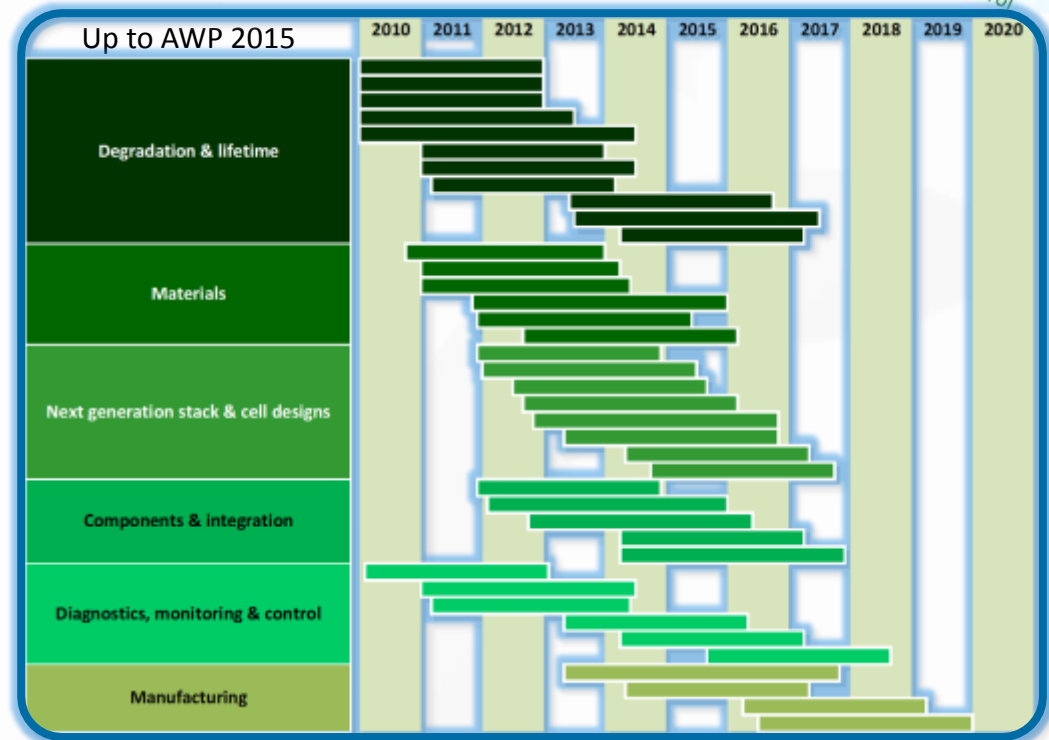
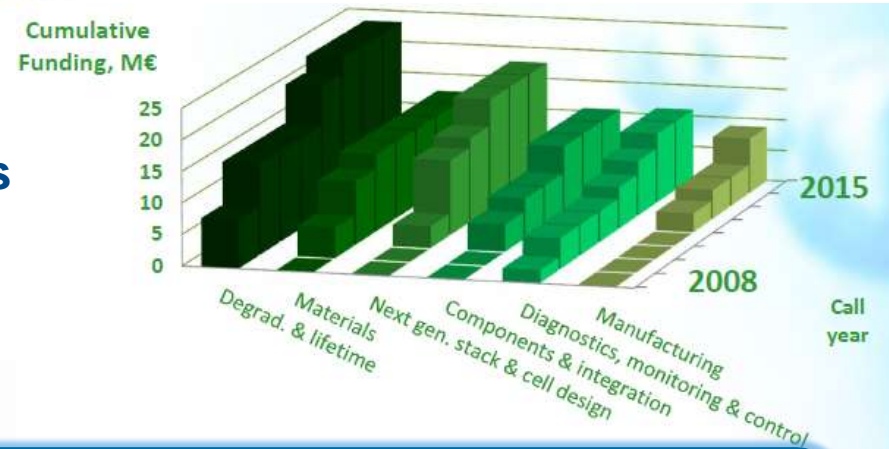
Impact of N.ERGHY on energy

➤ Covering all technologies at all stages of development

- Increase the efficiency and the durability of fuel cells for power production, while reducing costs

42 projects
166 M€

More than 220 publications,
15 PhDs and 17 post docs






Impact of N.ERGHY on energy

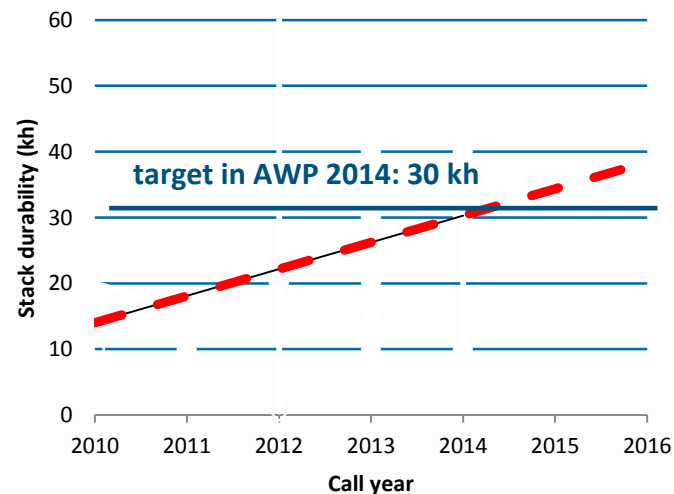
CHP SYSTEM

FCH JU project results 2015

Objectives 2017*

System electrical efficiency, %		>	57
Total system efficiency, %		>	82
Stack lifetime, kh		>	30

*Based on AWP2014



2015 achievements:

- 76,000 h+ of operation
- 4.2 k€/kW SOFC stack average cost
- 5.3 k€/kW PEMFC stack average cost
- 92% of average stack availability



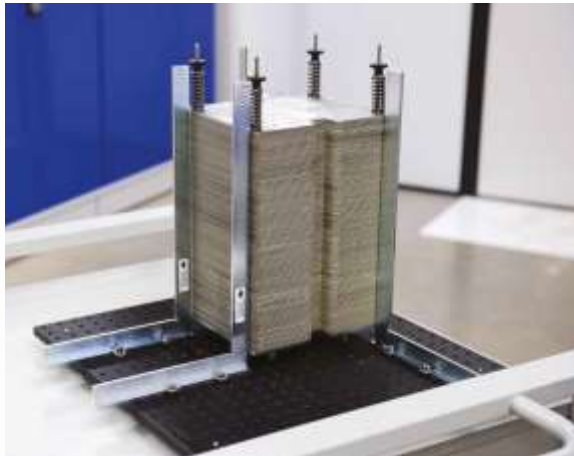
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Impact of N.ERGHY on energy

DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE 50 KW SOFC SYSTEM AND RELATED VALUE CHAIN

INNO SOFC

Designing, assembling and demonstrating a novel **60 kW SOFC power plant** based on an all-EU value chain from component manufacturers to end-user.



Efficiency performance and lifetime:

- 3,000 hours operating time, with two years continuous operation;
- 60% electrical efficiency, and 85% total efficiency;
- life-time of key-components validated in 10,000 hours tests to ensure 3,0000 hours operating time.

Cost reductions:

- 35-60% cost reduction compared to current SoA (6-10 k€/kW in FCH JU Multi Annual Work Plan);
- cost optimization of SOFC stack manufacturing, leading to 2 k€/kW stack costs in serial production;
- cost levels will be achieved already below 1 MW annual production level.

Impact of N.ERGHY on energy



3 test benches are testing 2 systems under 5 different faults
An overall amount of 1500 spectra is expected

EIS board



REAL OPERATION PEMFC HEALTH-STATE MONITORING AND DIAGNOSIS BASED ON DC-DC CONVERTER EMBEDDED EIS

Implementing an **advanced monitoring, diagnostic and prognostic tool** for **air-fed μ -CHP (Ballard)** and **oxygen-fed backup (EPS) PEMFC** systems via **on-board EIS HW**.

A **scaling-up algorithm** is also conceived to reduce testing costs.

EPS short stack @ UFC



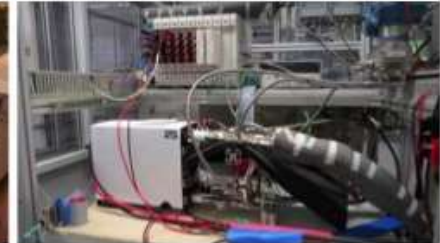
- 4 stacks tested
- 1 system tested
- 4 faults tested

Ballard stack @ AAU



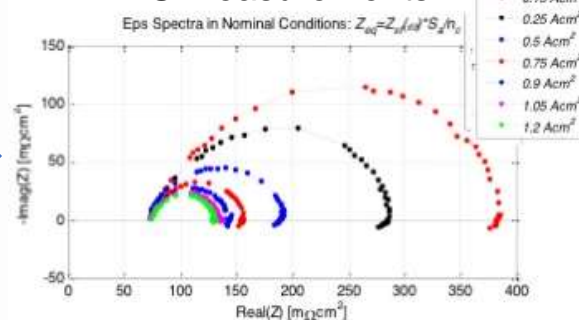
- 5 stacks tested
- 1 system tested
- 5 faults tested

Ballard stack @ EIFER

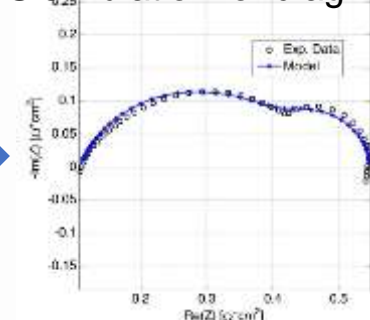


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- 1 system tested
- 4 faults tested

EIS measurements



EIS simulation for diagnosis

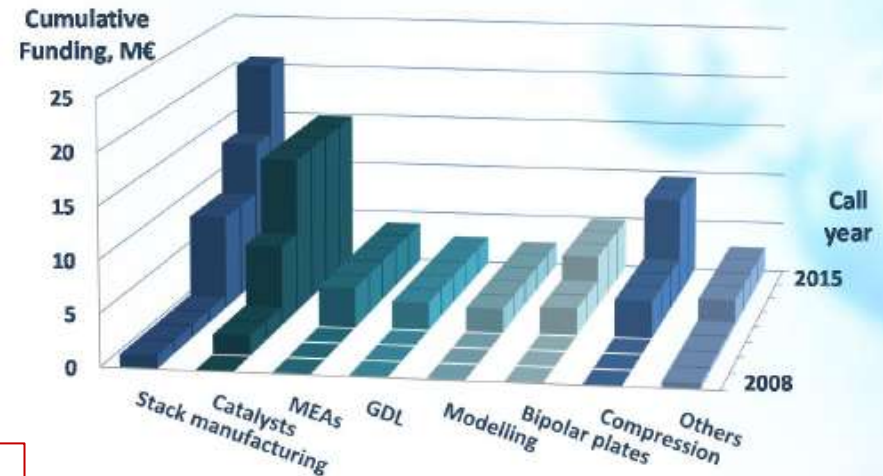


Impact of N.ERGHY on transport

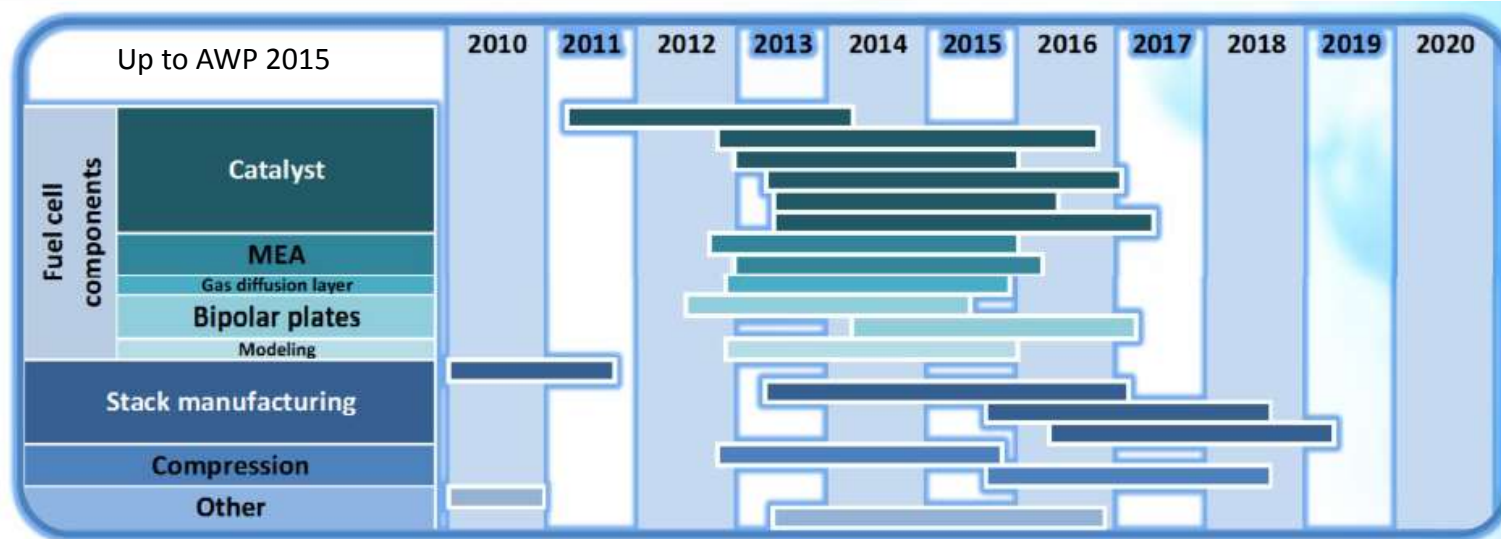
➤ From materials research ... to system manufacturing

- Reduce fuel cell system costs for transport applications while increasing lifetime
- Reduce use of critical raw materials

More than 110 publications, 15 PhDs and 17 post docs



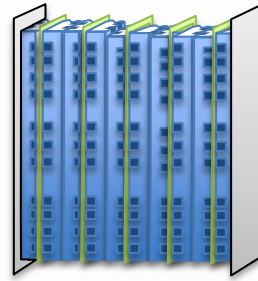
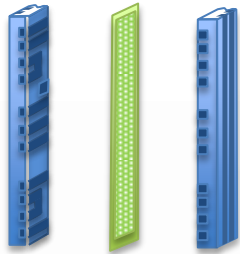
28 projects
127 M€



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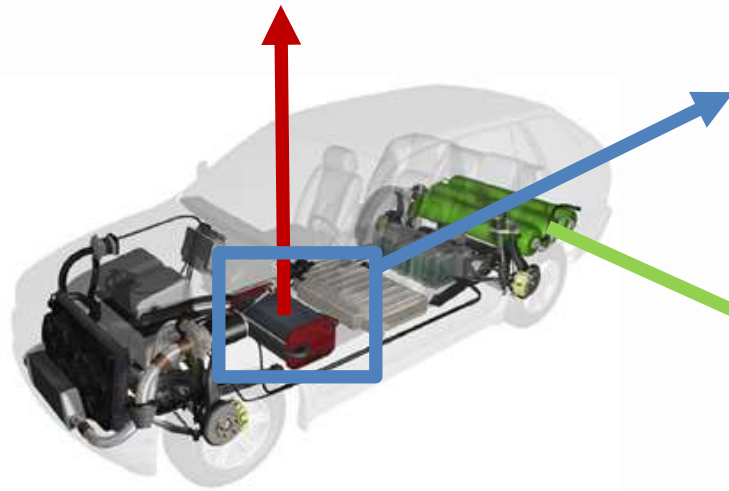
FC Components

- Membranes: +25% in performance
- GDL: +12% in performance & 7% cost savings
- BPP: Improved corrosion coatings; stable >6,000hrs



FC Stacks

- Good performance in Gen 1 (2.8kW/l)
- 4 kW/l in Gen 2
- Cost: 32€/kW @30,000units/yr



H2 Storage

- +22% gravimetric density
- -55% cost savings

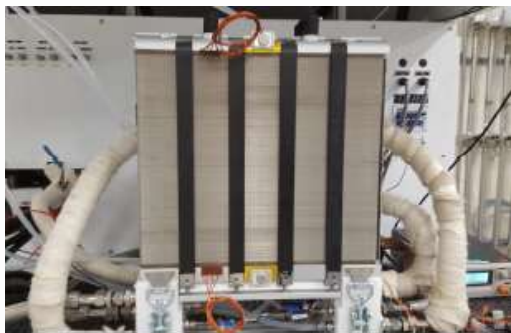
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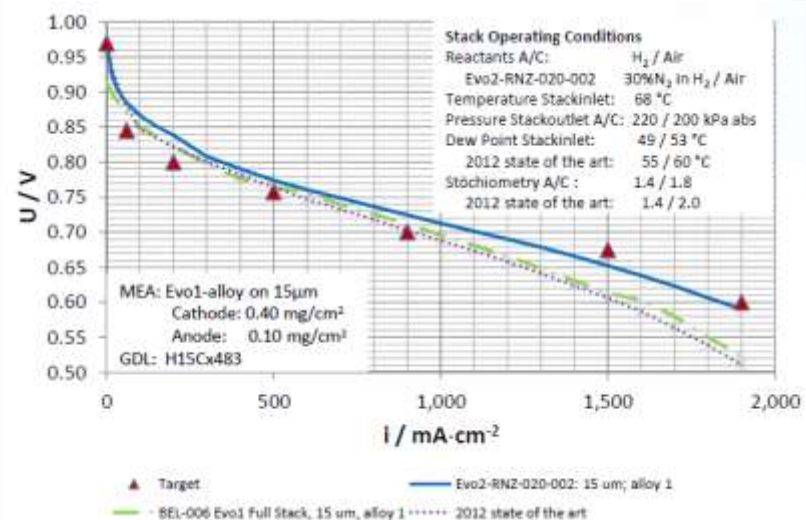
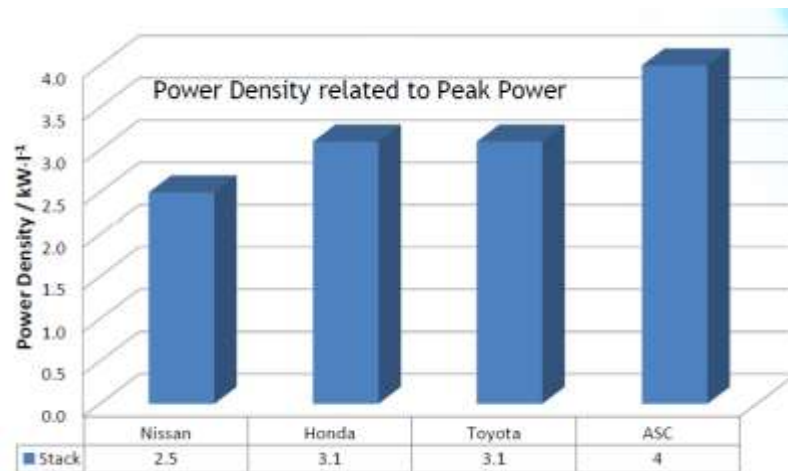
Evo1



Evo2



Automotive Fuel Cell Cluster for Europe II
Develop best of its class automotive stack technology

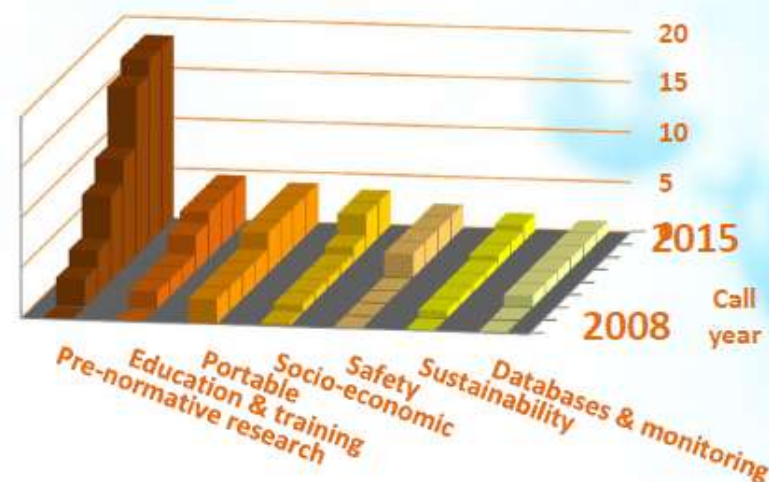


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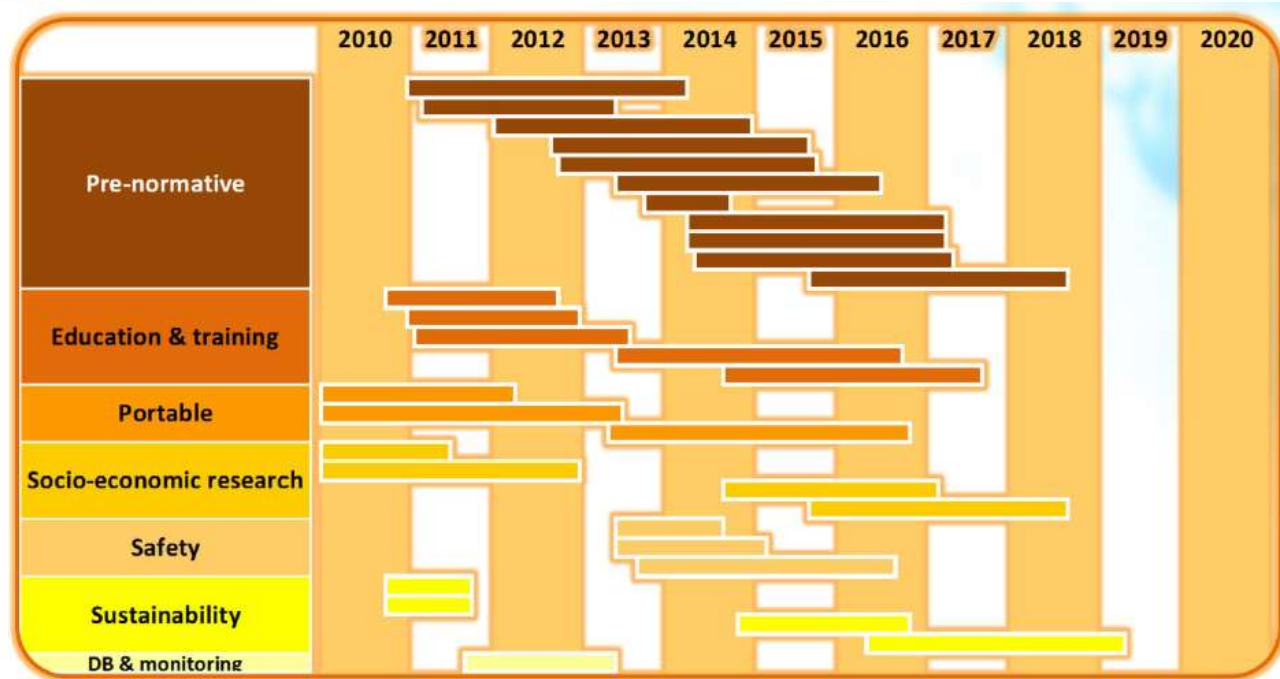
➤ Cross-cutting

- standards, safety, education, consumer awareness, ...
- providing new knowledge to develop and improve RCS

Cumulative
Funding, M€



31 projects
35 M€



Impact of N.ERGHY on cross-cutting



Exporting technology to train first responders outside of Europe



Carrying out the biggest exercise ever to gain a deeper understanding of the social acceptance of hydrogen technologies across Europe



Europe is becoming a reference worldwide and is pioneer in designing a GoO scheme for green hydrogen to inform about the renewable content of the hydrogen



N.ENERGHY ROADMAP

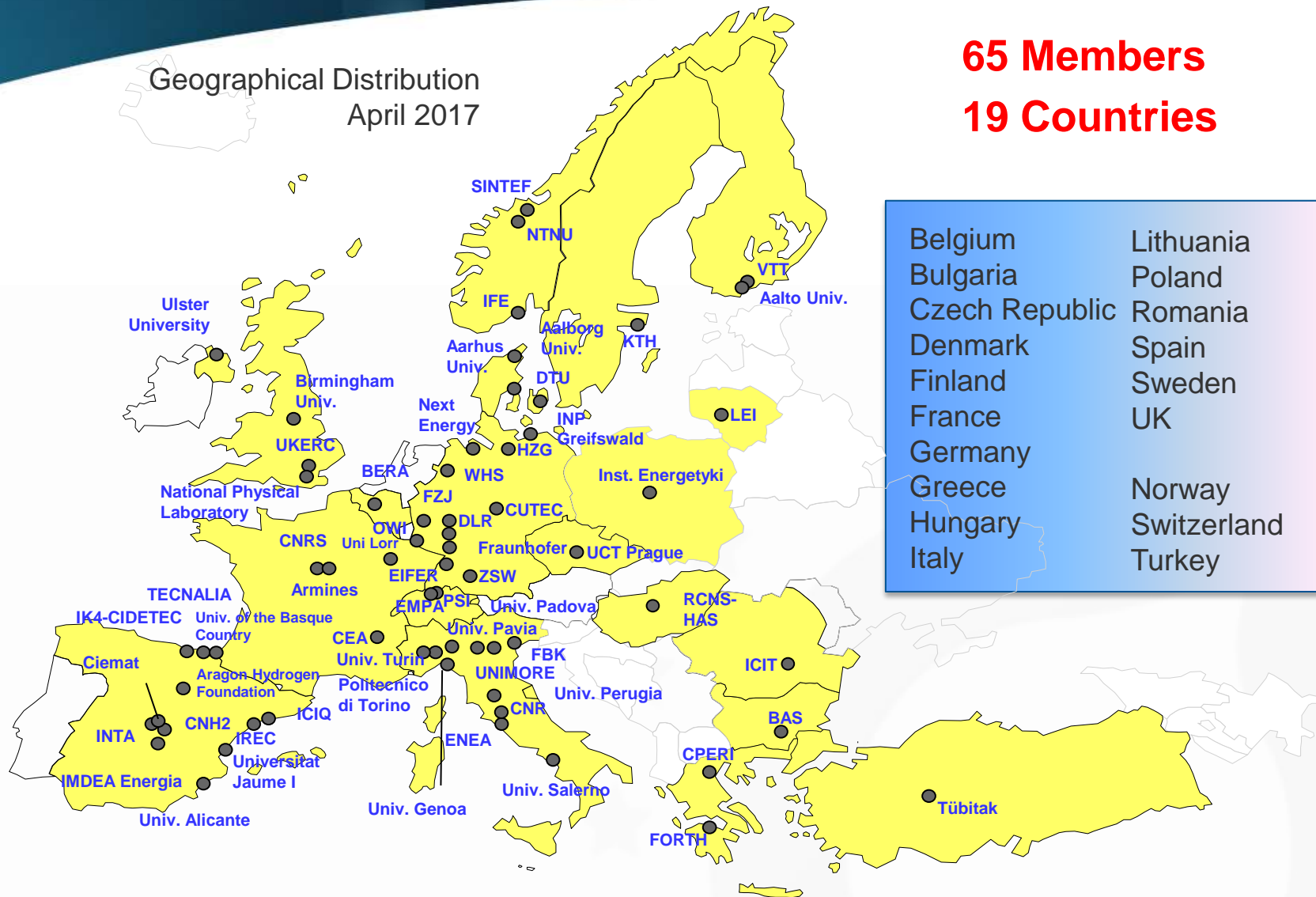
- Take advantage of world R&I activities (USA, Japan, Korea and now China) and focus on European industry needs
- Contribute to build the Multi Annual Working Plan (MAWP), the Annual Working Plan (AWP) and to ensure H2&FC involvement in FP9
- Some examples
 - Energy storage
 - Flexible low and high temperature electrolysis
 - PGM free catalysts
 - Stack architectures
 - On-board tanks
 - Hydrogen compressors
 - ...

**N.ENERGY actions are based
on regional cooperation all over Europe**

Geographical Distribution

April 2017

65 Members
19 Countries



N.ERGHY is integrated in regional ecosystems

- Universities, laboratories, research institutes have strong links with
 - local industries,
 - local authorities,
 - attracting young people in their scientific and technical educations.
- **Education** is of utmost importance to train engineers, technicians and operators and thus to ensure a **qualified manpower** the Hydrogen and Fuel Cells industry will need.
Integrate H2&FC specialities in the generic cursus.

Conclusions

- Hydrogen and Fuel Cells are part of the European energy transition
- A strong Public-Private Partnership with a focused objective to accelerate the development of technology base towards market deployment of FCH technologies
- Strong, competitive Research and Innovation in close collaboration with European Industry is essential to foster commercialization
- N.ERGHY has succeeded in FCH JU to coordinate and focus all over Europe the technological research
- N.ERGHY has identified potential breakthroughs for next generation of products
- N.ERGHY is integrated in regional ecosystems and will contribute to educate qualified manpower that Hydrogen and Fuel Cells industry will need
- Progress in Research & Innovation is worldwide.
All the strength of European Research & Innovation is needed.
A sustainable European support is crucial to keep Europe in the top players.

Further information



- FCH2 JU

: www.fch.europa.eu/



- HYDROGEN EUROPE

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