



# The Hydrogen market boosted by Ammonia: *feed, standards & balancing*

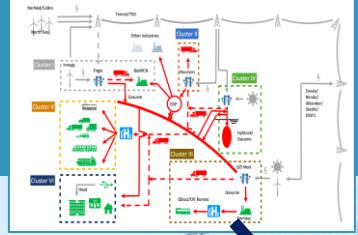
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# About HyXchange

Initiative by Gasunie TSO  
and 4 Sea Ports. 60  
Market parties involved

One strand of multi-pipeline gas network in NL repurposed for H2.  
First stage 2026; Completed in 2030  
Including salt cavern H2 storage



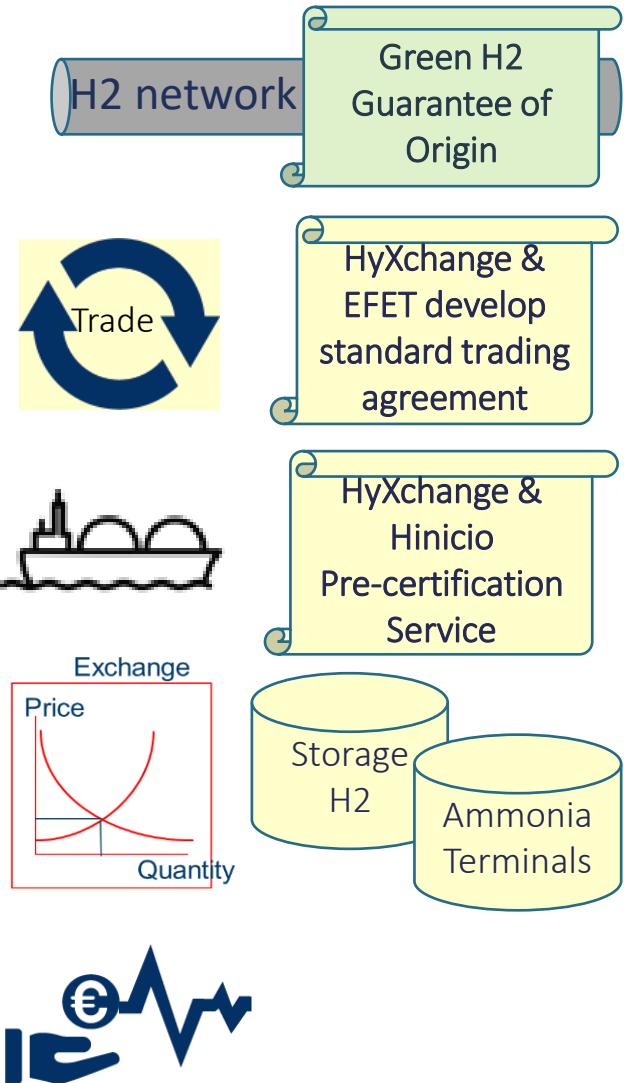
Salt  
Caverns

EU Gateway im/exports



# Development activities HyXchange

- ❖ Pilot preparing Green Hydrogen Guarantees of Origin (GOs) now available in NL
  - Standard contract for trading of Hydrogen GOs
- ❖ Pre-certification hydrogen carrier imports into Europe
  - Simulation hydrogen spot market on national H2 grid
  - Exploration of a price index product
- ❖ *These activities conducted in co-operation with Hinicio*

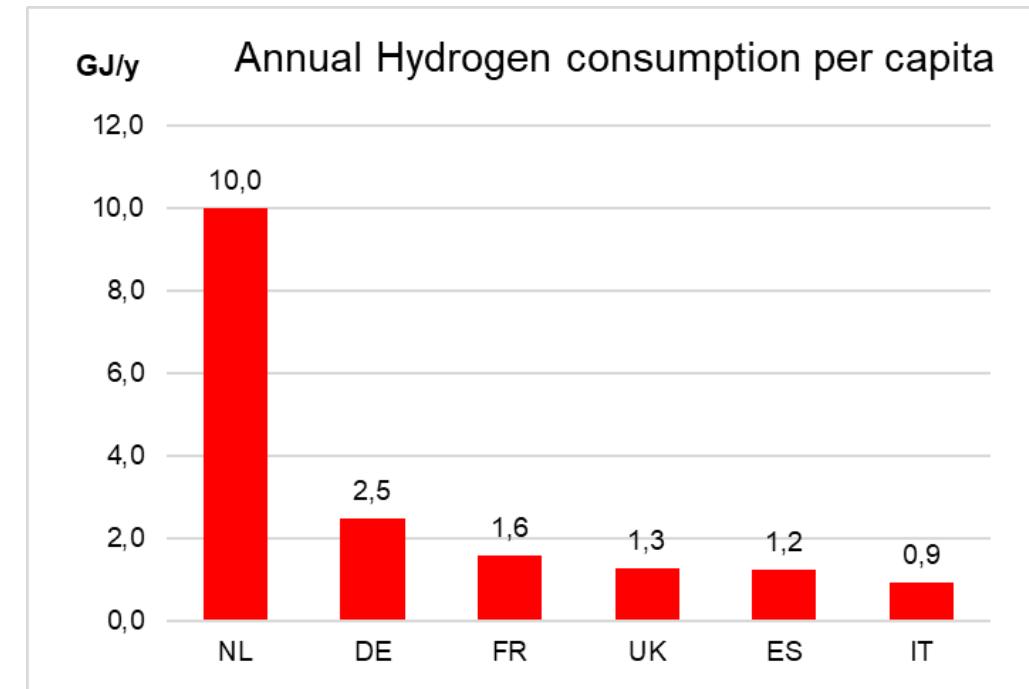
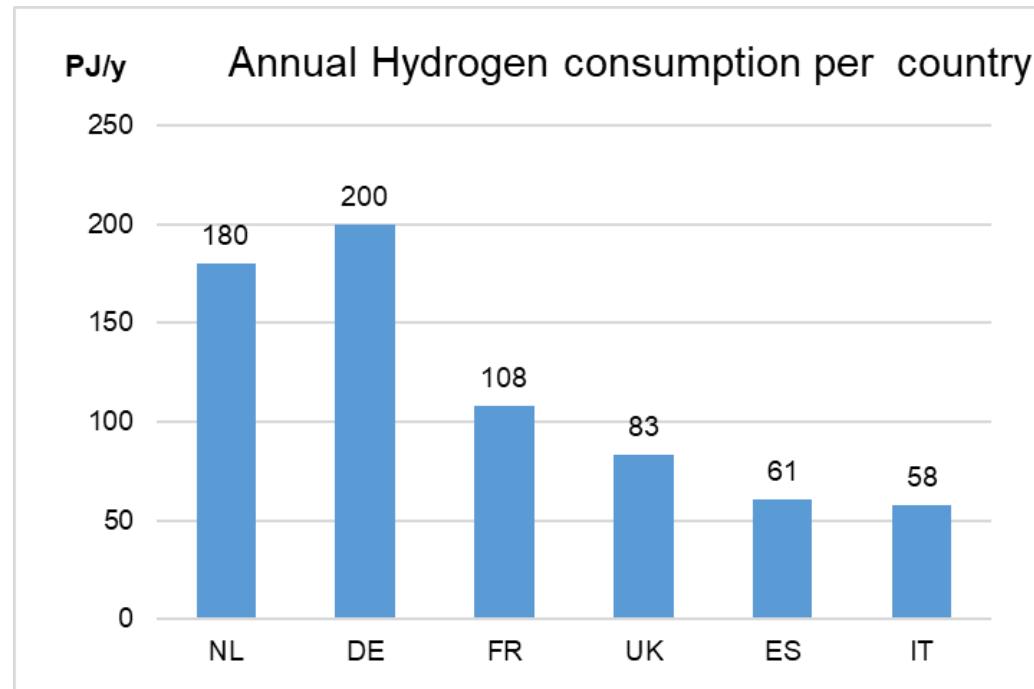




# The Dutch H2 / ammonia market

# Netherlands: biggest Hydrogen use per capita today

- Annual hydrogen consumption EU: Germany 200 PJ, Netherlands 180 PJ\*, mostly grey
- Netherlands: 10 GJ per capita, by far the highest in the world.
- Annually 4 billion m<sup>3</sup> natural gas (10% of total use) to produce 110 PJ hydrogen (Until rec
- Almost half of the hydrogen used for ammonia production: for fertilizers and chemicals



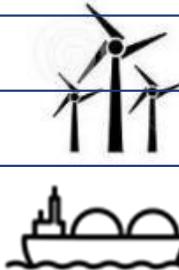
\* Data source: "Contrasting European hydrogen pathways", Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and University of Cologne, March 2021

# Target EC: industrial H2\* 50%- 78% green by 2030

\* Except refineries. Original target Fit for 55: 50%. In RepowerEU, this is 78%

- Current industrial H2 demand Netherlands: 116 PJ (excluding H2 for refineries)
- In 2030: bigger due to H2 for steel industry: 200 PJ

Renewable hydrogen demand Netherlands	GW	hours	TWh	PJ H2	Kton H2	Pattern
78% industrial H2, current		8760		90	<b>750</b>	Continuous
78% industrial H2, 2030		8760		156	<b>1300</b>	Continuous
<b>Possible sources:</b>						
10 GW offshore wind 50% base electrolysis, OR	5	6000	30	74	<b>600</b>	Intermittent
10 GW offshore wind 50% peak electrolysis	5	3000	15	37	<b>300</b>	Intermittent
Import liquid Ammonia (2 ships/week) a 80.000m <sup>3</sup> (partly used as ammonia, partly converted in H2)*				108	<b>900</b>	Continuous



Difficult to cover the target fully with (additional) renewable power in the Netherlands:

- Import of renewable hydrogen / ammonia: certainly needed to fulfil the target
- This has been speeded up now after invasion of Ukraine /energy crisis (high gas prices)

\* Part of current H2 demand is for ammonia production. Imported ammonia can fill that directly



The Dutch green Hydrogen  
guarantee of origin system:

- HyXchange pilot early 2022
- Go live October 2022

The EU certification challenge

- Import Pre-certification  
initiative

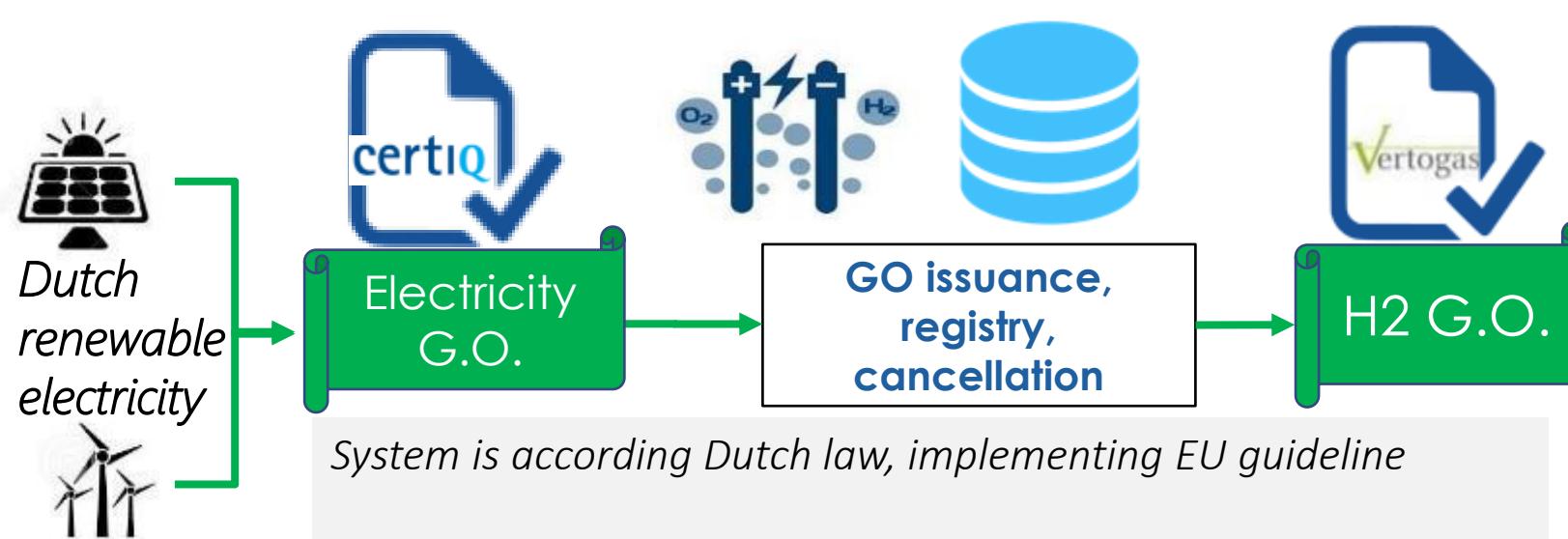
## HyXchange H2 certificate pilot: 18 parties, 3 months dry run End report finalized. Findings used to improve live system.



- January – May 2022, conducted by HyXchange assisted by Hinicio (Certifhy designer)
- Dry run new H2 GO system by Vertogas, certifying body (biogas, now also H2)
- GO test for green hydrogen, prepare go-live of system based on Dutch law
- GO low-carbon hydrogen: same format
- Pilot included registration, cancellation, splitting and trade
- Findings into live system operational now

# Report on Website: Hyxchange.org

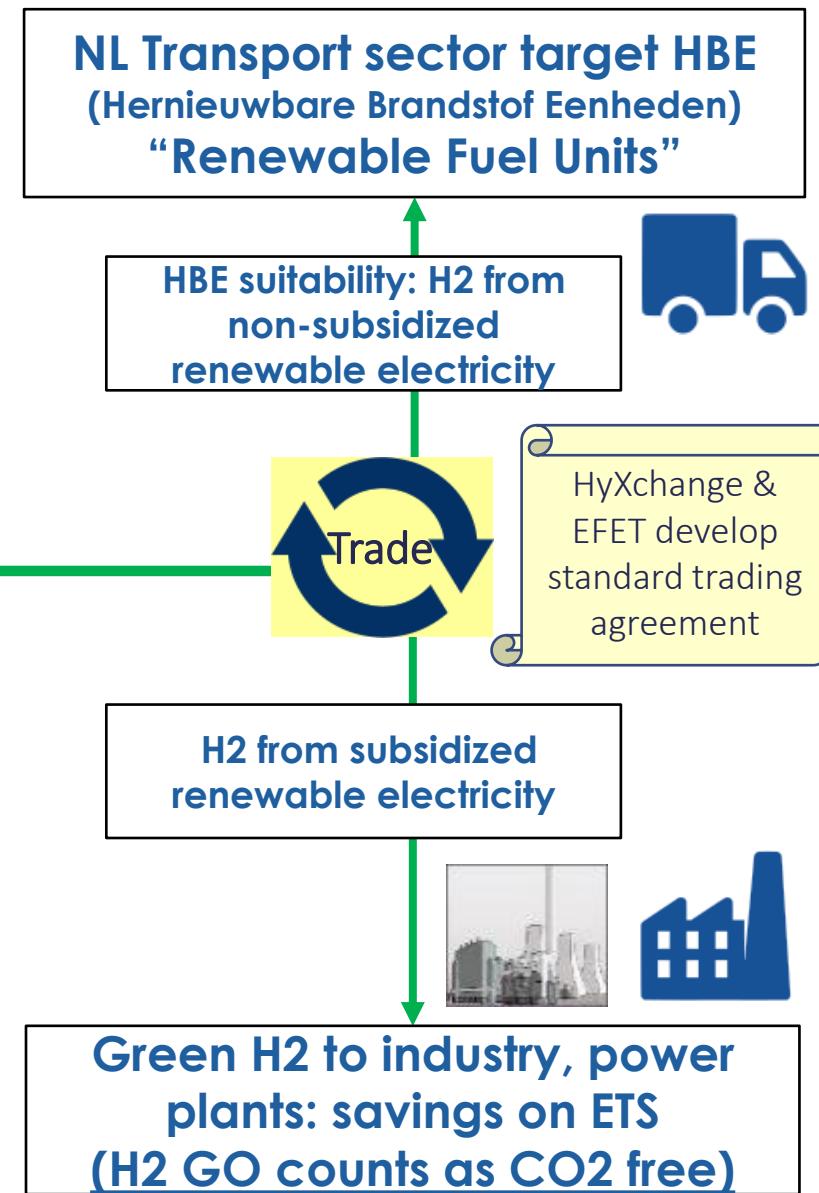
# Dutch law GO system: After pilot, system started recently October 2022, First in Europe



*Guarantees of origin O's separately tradable from the physical commodity! Independent from a hydrogen infrastructure*

*However, at this point in time:*

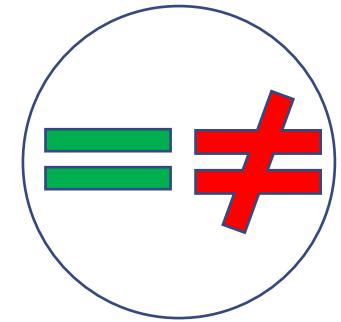
- Low carbon hydrogen not involved / supported
- Imports or Exports not involved / supported



# International (EU) system: EU certificates based on RED2 Renewable Energy Directive: draft Delegated Acts

Delegated act on “Additionality”: long discussion on strict demands “what is Green H2”

- Temporal correlation: time matching of renewable supply and electrolyzer
- Geographical correlation: renewable supply and electrolyzer in same area
- Additionality requirement: H2 only from renewable power built recently



Draft, much debated, downvoted in EU parliament: “relax requirements!” Still in discussion.

AND

Delegated act on carbon footprint requirement: -70% (versus H2 from SMR)

- Not much debated, widely accepted
- Whole chain: renewable, electrolyzer, conversion into carrier, transportation, conversion from carrier (e.g. NH3) to H2



→ IMPORTANT FOR IMPORTS INCLUDING AMMONIA

# Why is this a problem? It doesn't need to be!

Many H2 imports are from semi-autonomous windfarms and solar farms. EU acceptance should be easy

*Delegated Act (DA)*



Case 1

## Partial renewable hydrogen

- Renewable share of grid

- $< 3,4 \text{ kg CO}_{2\text{eq}}/\text{kg H}_2$  consumed



Case 2

## 100% renewable hydrogen

- New renewable installation

- $< 3,4 \text{ kg CO}_{2\text{eq}}/\text{kg H}_2$  consumed

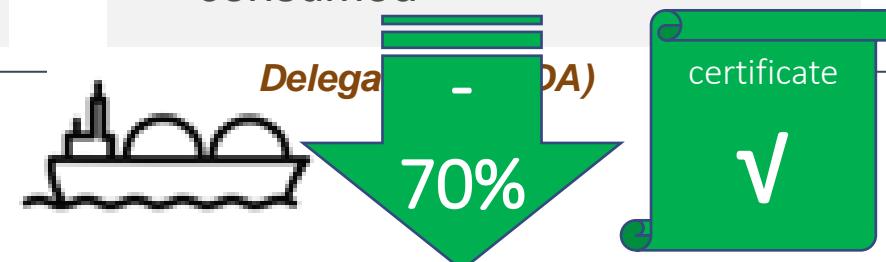


Case 3

## 100% renewable hydrogen

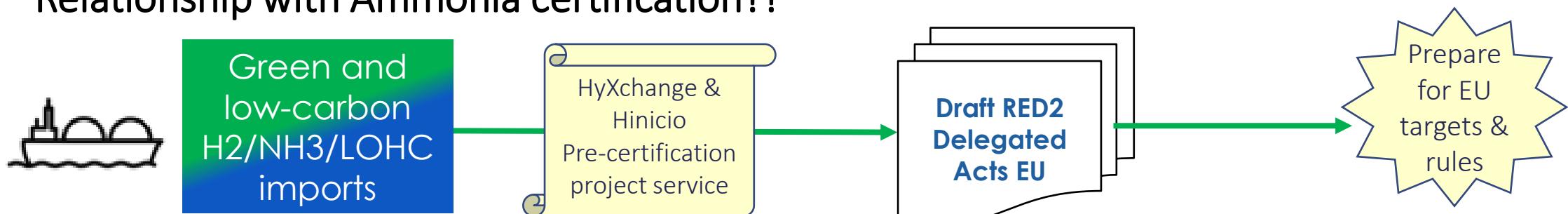
- Additionality
- Temporal correlation
- Geographical correlation

- $< 3,4 \text{ kg CO}_{2\text{eq}}/\text{kg H}_2$  consumed



# Pre-certification project service by HyXchange & Hinicio

- Certification key enabler for international imports, trading of hydrogen counting for:
  - targets for RFNBO hydrogen
  - targets for percentage of renewable hydrogen in the industry
  - exemption from CBAM charge
- Pre-certification: doing the homework for important projects – ahead of the final rules
- We enough about the draft rules to prepare for readiness; then hit the ground running
- Both green and low carbon Hydrogen (with same -70% criterion), Certifhy based
- Taking into account steps in between like ammonia conversion & transport
- Project service, first parties signing up ..
- Relationship with Ammonia certification?!





Hydrogen spot market simulation, now ongoing

- Hydrogen network and storage
- Balancing role of ammonia

# H2 spot market/balancing simulation on a (inter) national hydrogen grid. Unique in the world

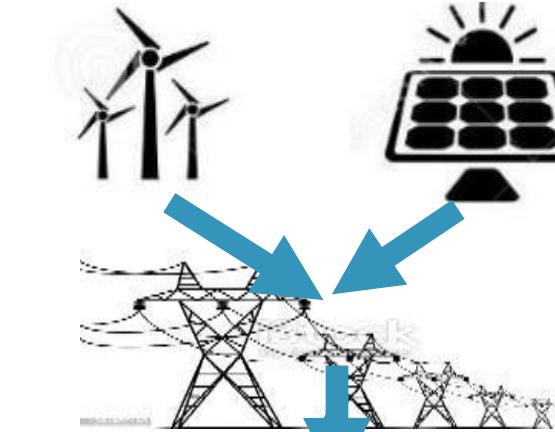
- Balancing varying electrolyzer H2 output with flexible H2 output of low-carbon SMR+CCS.
- H2 hourly electrolysis overproduction: store or utilize in gas power plants
- Storage: line-pack and salt caverns important for balancing
- Import hydrogen (ammonia, LOHC, liquid H2), each with storage, conversion and flexibility:  
→additional balancing opportunities
- Connection to Germany, Belgium
- Diversity of consumers: industry sectors; housing; transport; each with their own demand patterns.



# HyXchange simulation of Hydrogen spot market

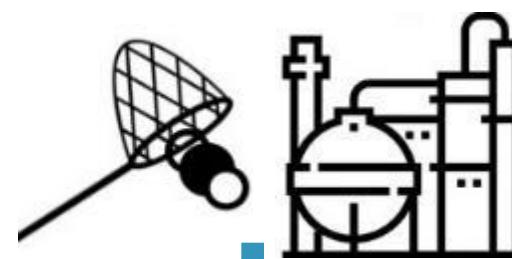
## Different sources, patterns, balancing

### 1. Renewable



Storage and  
line-pack H<sub>2</sub>

### 2. Low carbon

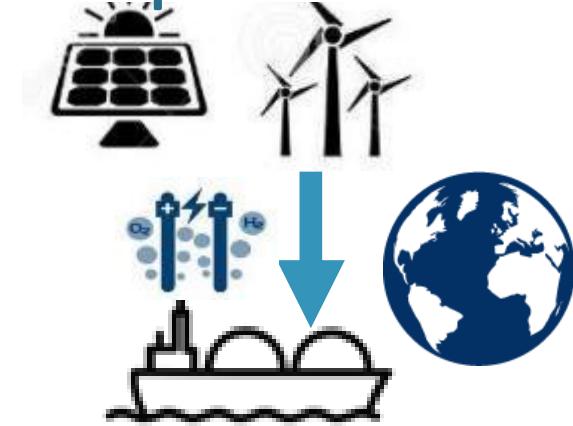


Somewhat  
flexible



Secure Baseload Climate Neutral Hydrogen

### 3. Import renewable

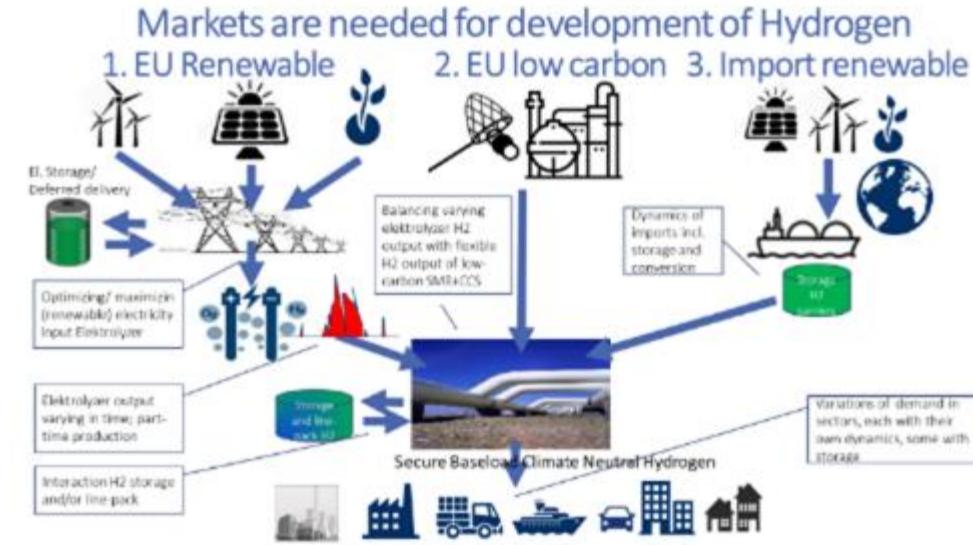


Ammonia, H<sub>2</sub>  
carrier  
Terminals

Flexible



# Hourly Clearing prices and volumes simulated



Subsidized by Dutch government gas technology program

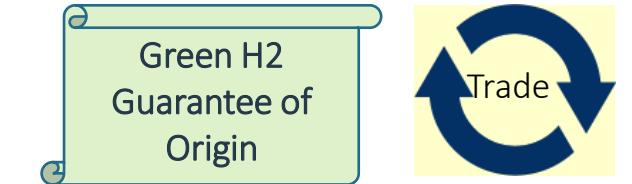
Step 1 Model (dispatch) simulation, Dutch techn. institution

Step 2 Game (spot market) simulation with market parties

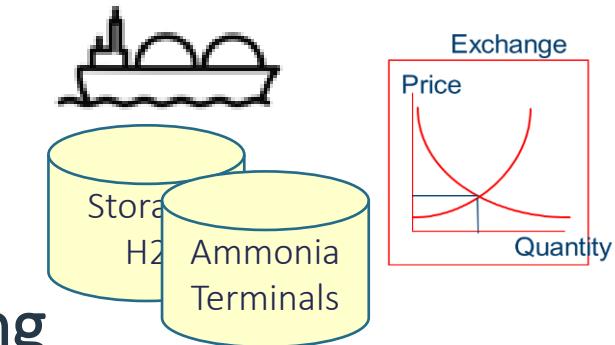


# SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

1. HyXchange kickstarted H2 Guarantee of Origins Trading starting up, market parties involved



2. We need H2 carrier (NH3) imports into NW-Europe:
  - for volume feed to achieve H2 targets,
  - and as an antidote for the energy crisis
  - for balancing the H2 grid: HyXchange simulation ongoing



3. Time is of the essence; industry needs standards to decide on FIDs
  - Speed up solutions by pre-certification of import H2 carriers
  - Opportunity for involving (draft) Ammonia certification standards



# Thank you for your attention

If you want to contribute to the HyXchange program or join the initiatives:

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