

# Digitalization as an Enabler of a Green Hydrogen Value Chain

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#### Why SAP?

- 1. SAP Mission: Help the world run better and improve people's lives.
- 2. SAP is part of the **CEO Alliance for Europe's Recovery**, **Reform and Resilience working on the following workstreams:** 
  - 1. Cross-EU charging infrastructure for heavy duty trucks
  - 2. Integration of EU Power systems, in particular grids
  - 3. Digital carbon footprint tracking
  - 4. Sustainable healthy buildings for the future of work and living
  - 5. E-buses for Europe
  - 6. Green hydrogen value chain
  - 7. Rapid build-up of battery production
- 3. SAP serves all the relevant industries: Utilities; Oil and Gas; Chemicals; Engineering, Construction, and Operations; Cargo Transportation and Logistics; Aerospace and Defense; Automotive; Industrial Machinery and Components; Building Products; Future Cities; Agribusiness; Consumer Products; Retail; Banking; Insurance.



#### Supply



Supporting companies: Project planners, service providers, operators, auditors.



Renewables generation

**Cracking and steam reformation** produces  $H_2$  and  $CO_2$ . The  $CO_2$  is stored away safely and for a long time. The result is <u>blue hydrogen</u>. (Transitional solution to support the balancing of green hydrogen demand and supply).

Electrolysis:

- 1. PEM (Proton Exchange Membrane)
- 2. Siemens Alkali (chemical)
- Thyssen Krupp solid oxide (high temperature, e.g. use of the sun)

The result is green hydrogen.

Preparation and processing for **transportation** in agreement with the demand side and the prerequisites of the production location:

- 1. Liquified / pressured  $H_2$
- 2.  $H_2$  packed in LOHC
- H<sub>2</sub> transformed to ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) via the Haber-Bosch process
- 4.  $H_2$  transformed to methanol (CH<sub>4</sub>O)

Production of end products (if the prerequisites allow it):

- 1. Renewable based fuels (e.g. kerosene, gasoline, diesel)
- 2. Renewable based olefins (as the basis for renewable based plastics)
- Renewable based gas (e.g. methan (CH<sub>4</sub>))

Intermediate storage facilities.

- What quantities in which form and what timeframe are needed on the demand side?
- What price will be paid and how does it change over time?
- What are the best **locations** and **technologies** to produce green hydrogen and resulting products?
- What is the best mix out of lowest overall CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and lowest overall cost from renewable energy production to the final end consumer product or service?

Water

#### Transport







On the road



Via train



Creation of **new or additional pure H**<sub>2</sub> **infrastructure** consisting e.g. of caverns, pipelines, pressure and liquid tanks plus the needed logistics (e.g. in harbors etc.). **For** products like **ammonia**, **methan**, **methanol and LOHC mainly existing infrastructure can be used**. That reduces the overall costs and speeds up mass adoption.

- What is the **best transport method** depending on the specific green hydrogen value chain?
- What are the **critical investment needs** to have a full functioning supply chain?
- How can the green H<sub>2</sub> based products be tracked when they are mixed with conventionally produced products of the same kind?
- How can the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint be measured from the source to the final end consumer product or service?

#### Demand



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- What investments and which technologies are needed to extract the H<sub>2</sub> out of the carrier products if the demand side requires it?
- What are the **sectors** where green house gas emissions can be reduced with the least effort and the highest speed?
- How can the mass balancing problem be solved when there is green H<sub>2</sub> based and fossil fuel based input at the same time?
- What are new business models that help to fasten up the acceptance of green H<sub>2</sub> based products and services?

#### Regulation



Infrastructure planning

- How do regulators, governments and institutions get the **transparency** about what is going on at the supply, transport and demand side?
- How must the green H<sub>2</sub> based products be subsidized to make them competitive and/or the price for CO<sub>2</sub> be increased?
- How can the **critical investments** to have a fully functioning supply chain be subsidized in the most efficient way?
- What are the right instruments and market rules to support the **energy transition** from first pilots to a full functioning market?

#### Bringing all needed layers together

- **Transparency** of the specific H<sub>2</sub> green value chain
- What are the **roadmaps** on the supply, transport, demand and regulation side?
- How can we best **work together** to scale up fast with the lowest risk?



#### Digitalization

#### Individual excellence



#### Working together as a team

- Using **one digital platform** to exchange information, align on plans and come to the right decisions.
- Each participant of the green H<sub>2</sub> value chain registers to speed up the process for everybody else:
  - Which parts of the specific value chain are covered?
  - What are the products and services they offer?
  - References
  - Contact persons
- What supply is needed in what timeframe?
- What subsidies are available for what?
- What are the actual and future market rules?



#### Energy Transition across Mills, Utilities and Oil, Gas and Energy

Project partners: Steps Westküste Project lead: Jürgen Wollschläger,

managing director of Raffinerie Heide and the project's coordinator.

This project is in a **pilot stage**.

It is a **great example how different industries work together** to massively reduce the input of fossil fuels, reduce CO<sup>2</sup> through the whole process and come up with products that are requested by their customers.

The part **regulation** has to play is to make this set up competitive compared to the existing practice to motivate mass adoption.

Our part will be to **understand the new business processes in detail** that arise from this new collaboration and **provide the existing and new software solutions** that are needed.



Source: https://www.westkueste100.de/en/#ProjectHome/

#### Energy Transition across Mills, Utilities, Chemicals and Oil, Gas and Energy

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**Project partners:** 

Here another example from Austria that also **includes the chemical industry** which is also in the pilot phase.

If we do not have the setup of an industrial park then there are additional aspects like trading of the different commodities, transport, supply chain and further regulatory aspects.



Picture: https://fuelcellsworks.com/news/lafarge-omv-verbund-and-borealis-to-collaborate-on-major-decarbonization-project-focused-on-co2-capture-green-hydrogen/

#### **The Mass Balancing Approach**

The same mass balancing approach that has been proven successful in the utilities industry is used for the chemical industry. Here the example of BASF. However, this also is relevant for refineries and a lot of other use cases.



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## Thank you.

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