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*Green Hydrogen in Morocco:  
Which Opportunities for Morocco & Germany?*

Berlin, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Samir Rachidi, DG, IRESEN



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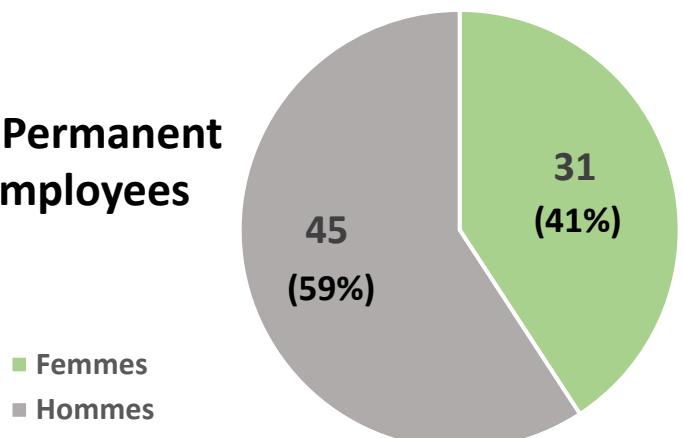
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The Research Institute for Solar Energy and New Energies (IRESEN) was created on the sidelines of the “Assises de l’Énergie” in 2011 at the initiative of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Environment as well as several public and private key stakeholders of the energy sector to support applied research and innovation in the field of green technologies.

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# GREEN & SMART BUILDING PARK



# TOPICS COVERED

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SOLAR  
PHOTOVOLTAIC



CONCENTRATED  
SOLAR POWER



SMART GRIDS



ENERGY STORAGE



WIND POWER



BIO MASS



HYDROGEN &  
POWER-TO-X



ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY



GREEN BUILDING &  
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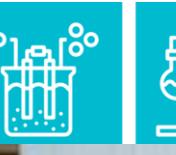


RESOURCE  
MODELING



DIGITIZATION

# GREEN H2A R&D PLATFORM INNOVATION TO CO-LOCALIZE PTX INDUSTRY



Green H<sub>2</sub>A

Hydrogen Ammonia



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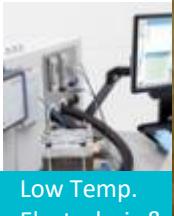
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Low Temp.  
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Temp. Fuel Cell Lab.  
**SOEC-SOFC**



**PtL**



**COMB**



**WATER SPLITTING**



Chemistry &  
Materials  
**D.R.**  
Formulation Lab.  
**CHEM**



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LOHC  
Platform

(Oxy-) Combustion Platform:  
Mobility & Electricity Production  
(Hydrogen, Ammonia, eFuels, etc.)

Hydrogen Refueling Station



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Green Ammonia Platform

Green Methanol Platform

PtL Platform:  
Carbon Capture / Fischer  
Tropsch / Refining

**MAIN BUILDING**  
Indoor Laboratories  
& Offices

H<sub>2</sub> Multi-Technology Electrolyzers Platform  
(Alcalin, PEM, SOEC, etc.)

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Electrolysis & High  
Temp. Fuel Cell Lab.  
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Synthetic Fuels Lab.  
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Combustion Lab.  
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Water Splitting Lab.  
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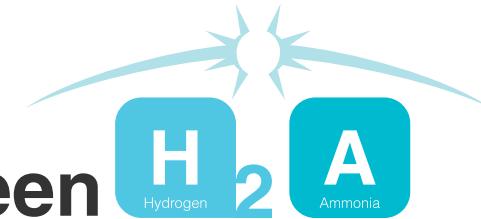


Hydrogen Mobility  
Lab.  
**E-H<sub>2</sub>**



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## TRL 1 - 3

Test range:  
1kW - 50kW  
1g - 1kg



R&D  
UM6P / IRESEN  
and other universities

## TRL 4 - 7

Test range:  
~5MW  
~1 tpd  
**2021**



R&D pilot projects  
**GreenH2A**

## TRL 8 - 9

Test range:  
~10MW - 100MW  
~100 tpd - 1000 tpd  
*mid term*



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Up-Scaling

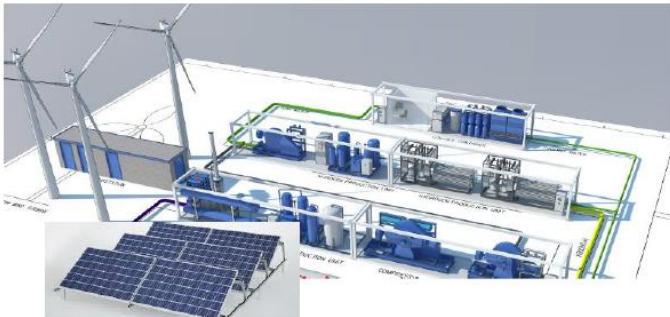
Med-  
integration

>1GW  
>1000 tpd  
*long term*



*other  
industries*

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- Project « Green Ammonia Pilot Plant »
- Capacity : ~ 4 MWe || ~4Tonnes/jour
- Objectives:
  - Assessment of technologies
  - Scale-Up feasibility



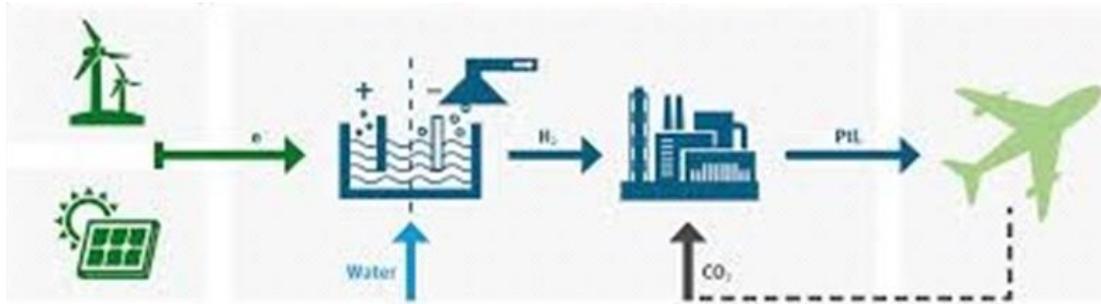
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- Project « PtX Pathways » (Power-To-Liquid – PtL)
- Capacity: ~ 1 MWe || ~100kg-1ton/day
- Objectives:
  - Technology Assessment
  - Scale-Up Perspectives
  - Applications: Local Market and Exports



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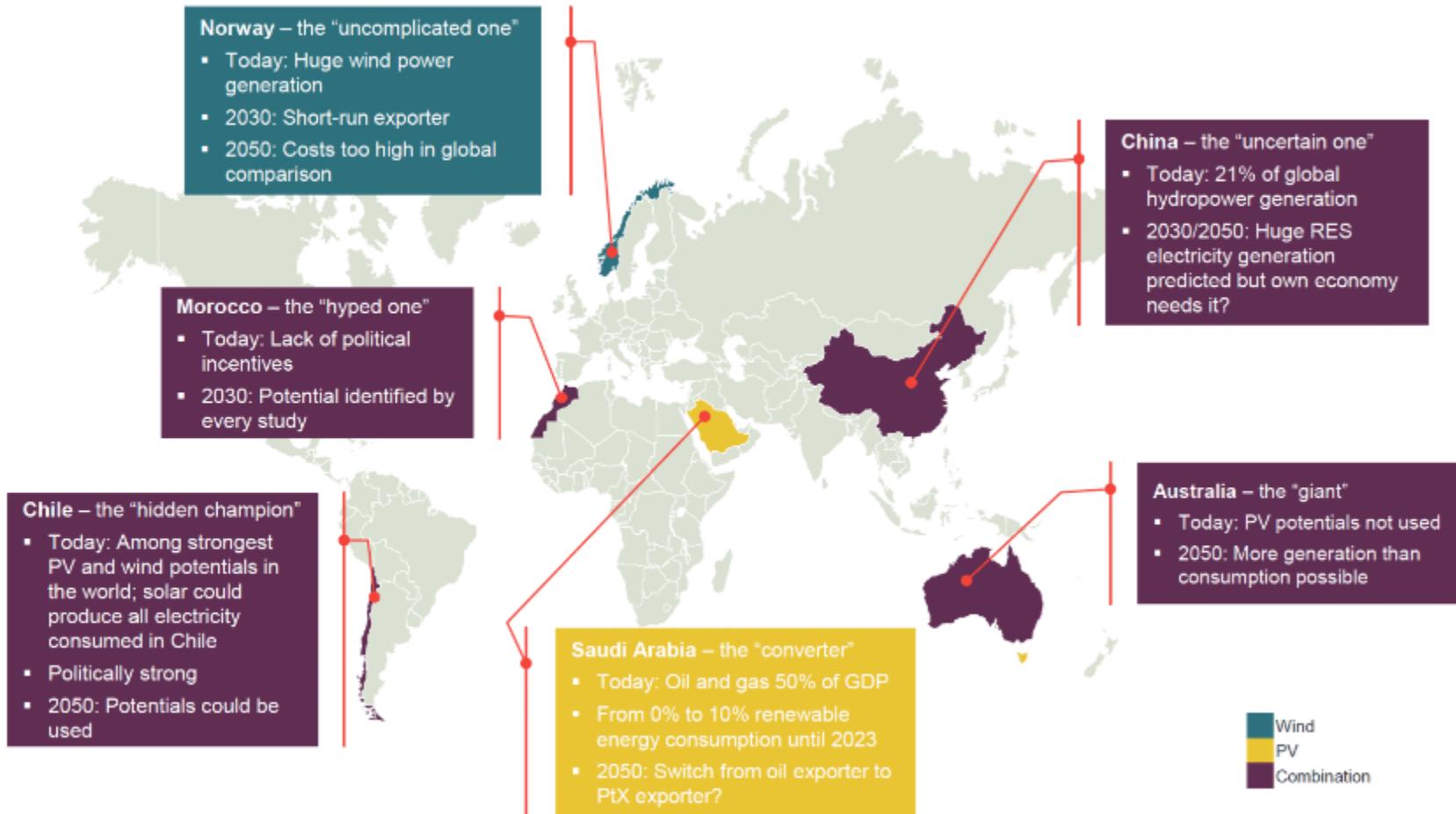
## Capacity Building & Dissemination:



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO: FIRST STEPS

# EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR PTX PRODUCTS: FRONTRUNNER POSITION

Source : World Energy Council Germany, Frontier Economics 2018 Study  
Fraunhofer ISI, Etude Opportunités PtX pour le Maroc, 2019



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO: FIRST STEPS, INITIATIVES & DRIVERS

3 important studies conducted since 2018 on « H2 - Power to X in Morocco »



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OPPORTUNITIES &  
POTENTIAL FOR MOROCCO



MOROCCO'S PTX  
2050 ROADMAP



NATIONAL GREEN  
H2 STRATEGY



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MOROCCO-EU Partnership

Morocco signed an agreement with Germany in June 2020 ,to develop a regional market of PtX

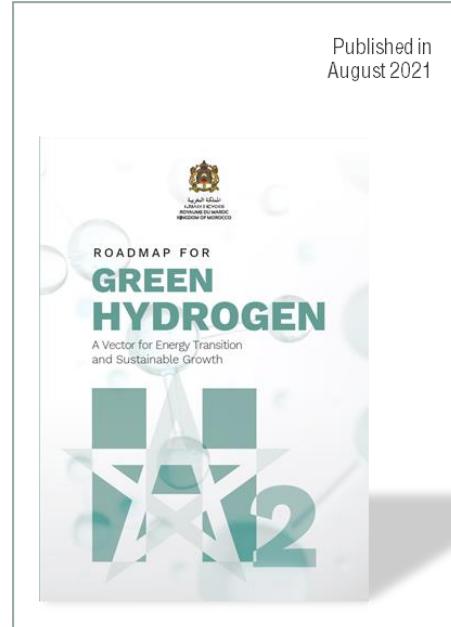


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Creation of a National  
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**GREEN H<sub>2</sub>**

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IMWS

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Green Hydrogen &  
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Infrastructure, Impact, Exports

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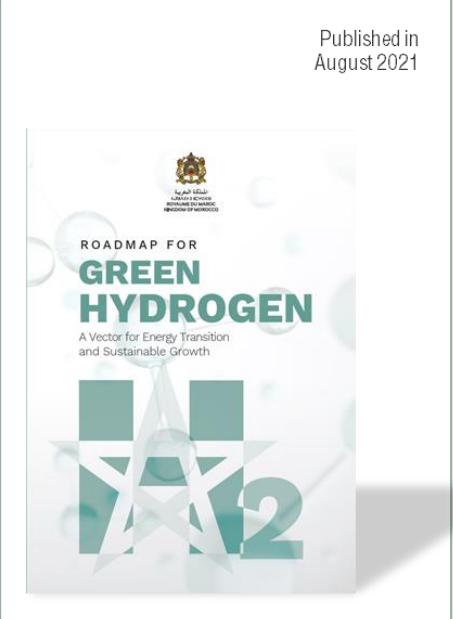
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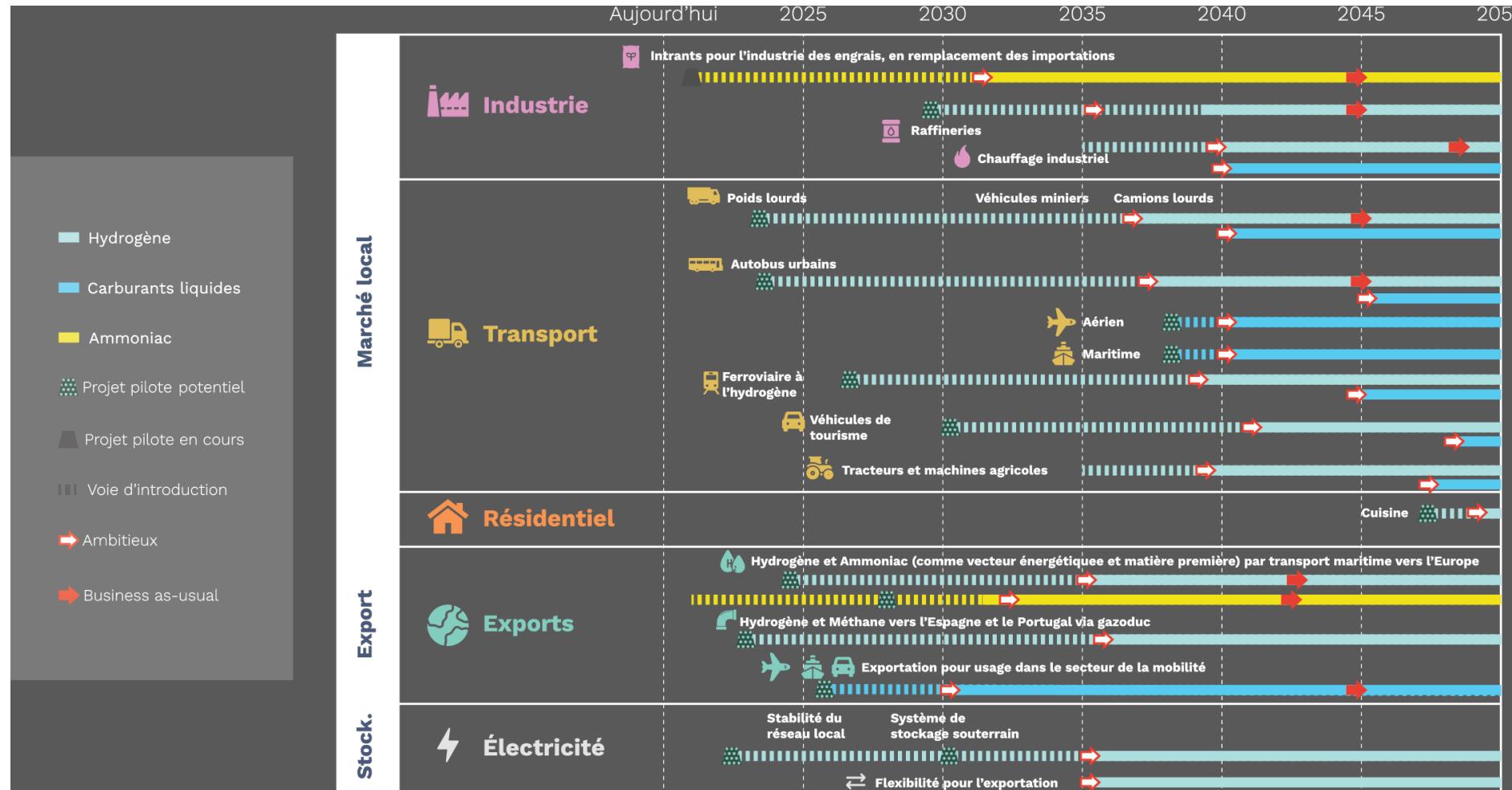


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# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO: ROADMAP (1/4)

## Market Opportunities & Applications



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO: ROADMAP (4/4)



The main object of the GreenH2 Cluster is to promote the hydrogen sector in Morocco through the initiation, support and coordination of innovative collaborative projects in the field of green hydrogen in the Kingdom of Morocco and abroad, in order to encourage innovation and contributing to the emergence of a competitive hydrogen sector.



Strengthen the technical and technological capacities of national players to produce, use and enhance hydrogen



Develop innovation in the hydrogen sector



Supporting national industries



Support the National Hydrogen Commission in creating a regulatory and incentive framework for the development of the hydrogen industry



Encourage and develop the production of hydrogen in Morocco



Contribute to the promotion of Moroccan hydrogen on a regional and international scale



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**Moroccan Offer for  
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03 / 2024



Royaume du Maroc  
Le Chef du Gouvernement

Mesdames et Messieurs les Ministres, les Ministres Délégués  
et les responsables des Etablissements et Entreprises Publics

**Objet : Mise en œuvre de l'Offre Maroc pour le développement de la (des) filière(s) de  
l'hydrogène vert**

La Vision éclairée de Sa Majesté le Roi que Dieu L'assiste permet au Maroc d'occuper  
aujourd'hui une place de choix, aux échelles continentale et mondiale, **en termes de  
développement d'énergies renouvelables et d'avoir pour ambition d'aller au-delà.**

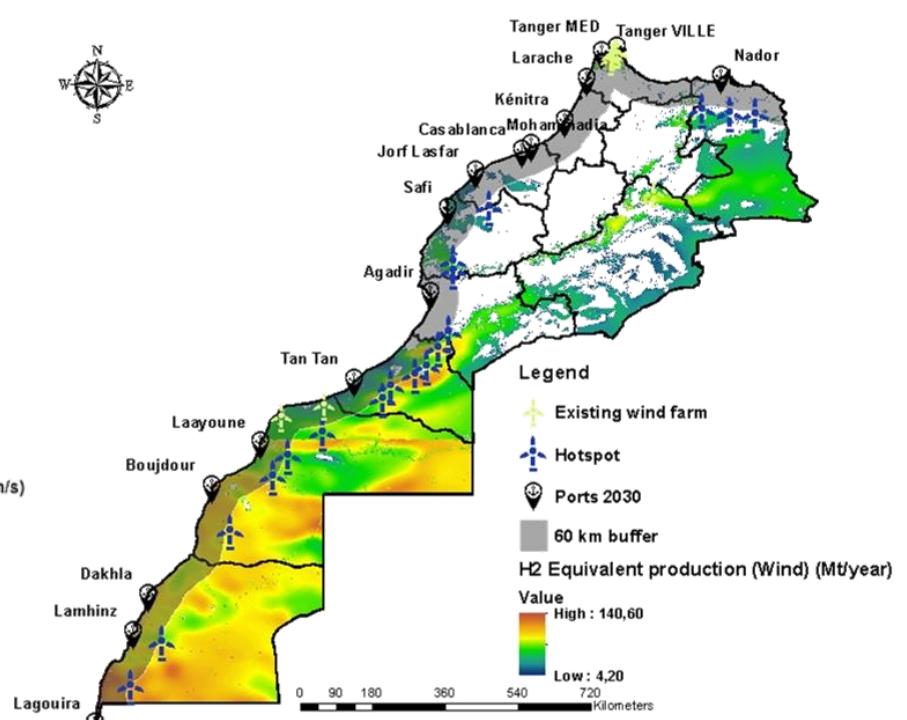
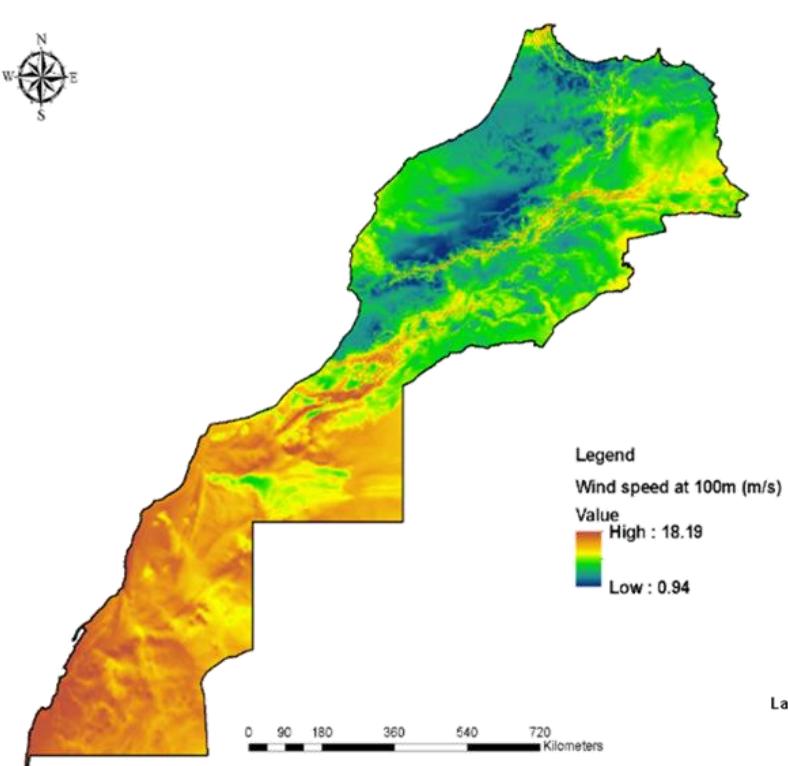
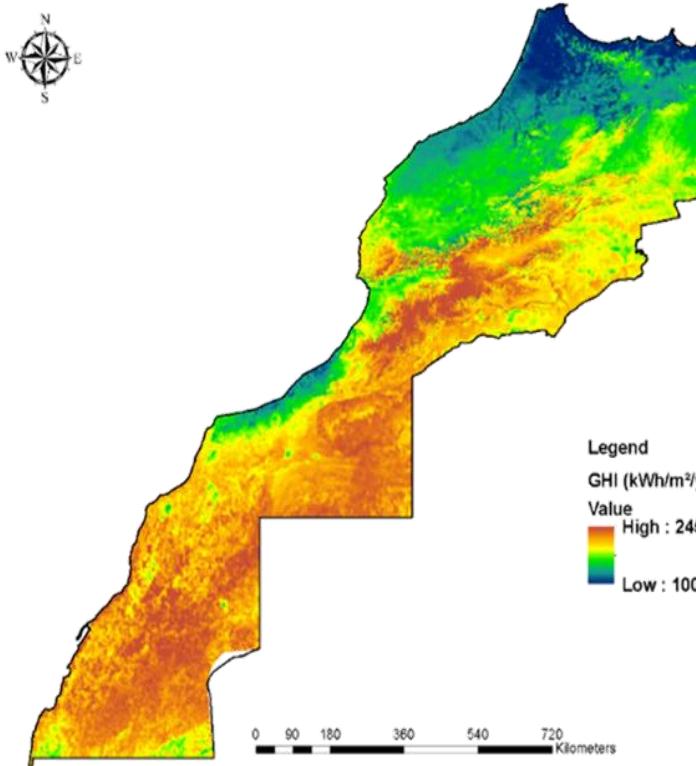
Face aux défis environnementaux, économiques et politiques actuels, accentués par des

# **GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO : POTENTIAL, OPPORTUNITIES & PERSPECTIVES**

# POTENTIAL GREEN HYDROGEN VALLEYS IN MOROCCO



# CRITERES DE SELECTION ÉNERGIE SOLAIRE PV

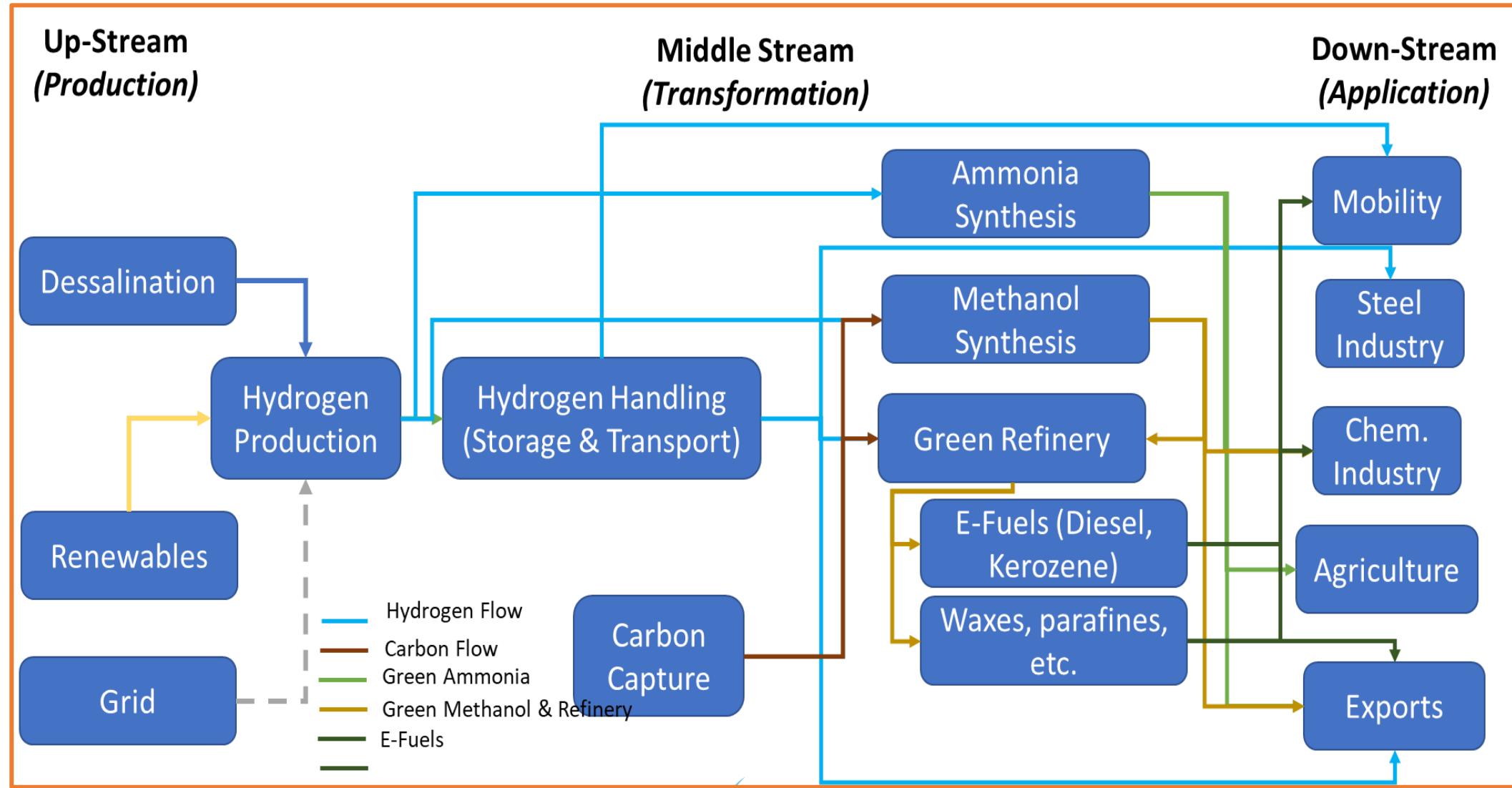


: Carte du rayonnement solaire global

Carte de la vitesse du vent

Superposition + Infrastructure portuaire

# HYDROGÈNE VERT: UNE CHAÎNE DE VALEUR INDUSTRIELLE



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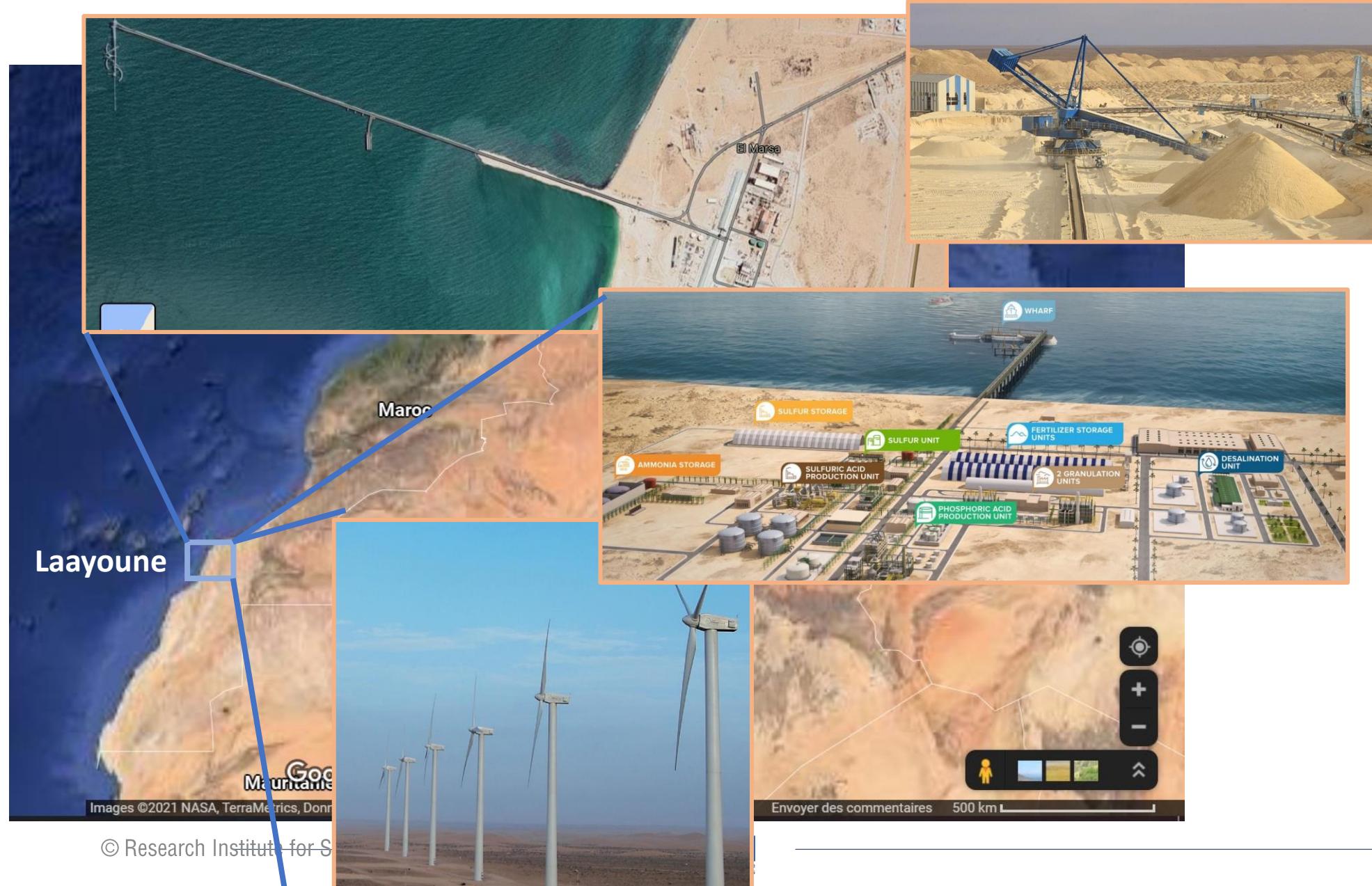
Envoyer des commentaires

500 km

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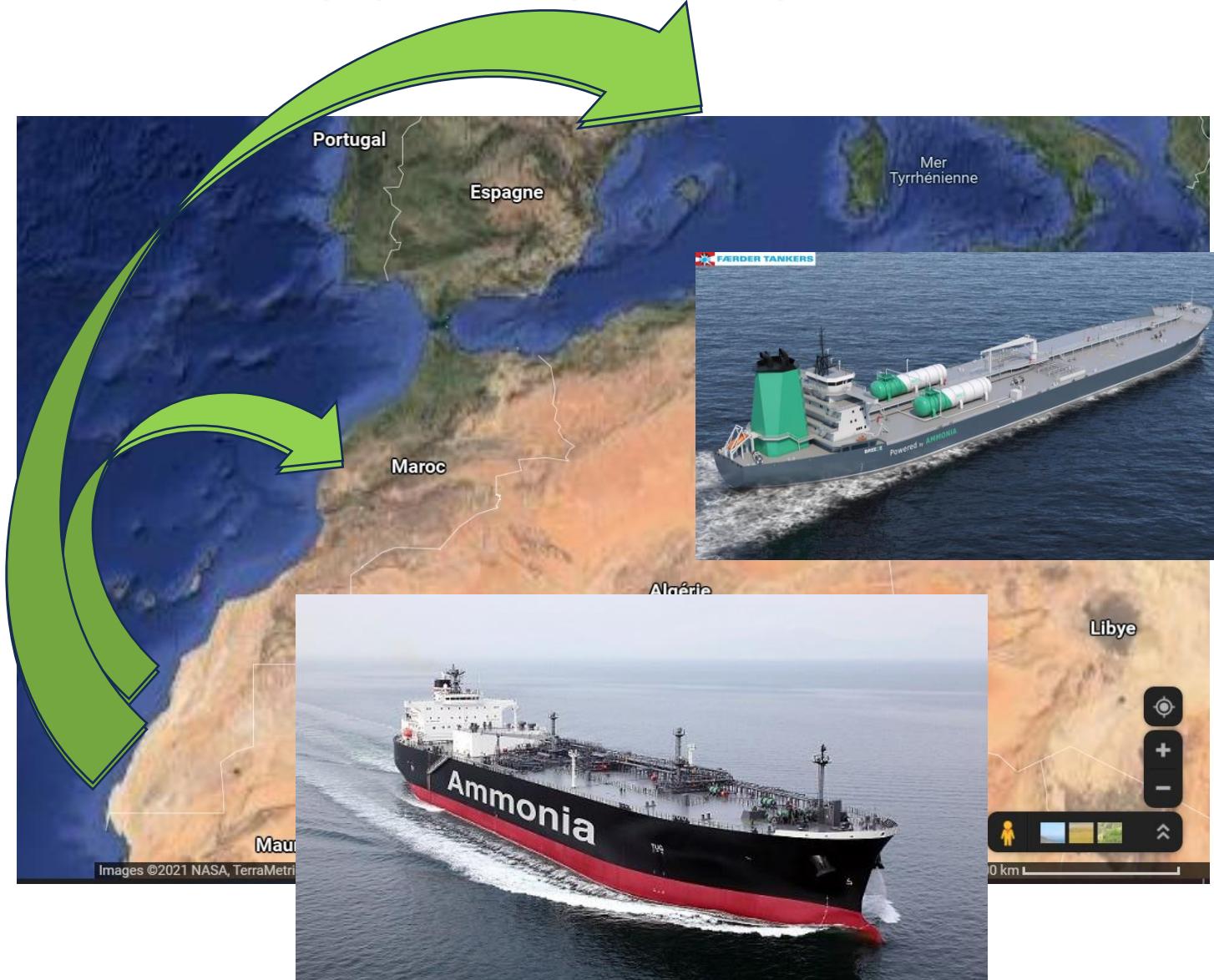


# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO : IDEAS ON HYDROGEN TRANSPORT

# HOW TO DELIVER GREEN HYDROGEN TO EUROPE

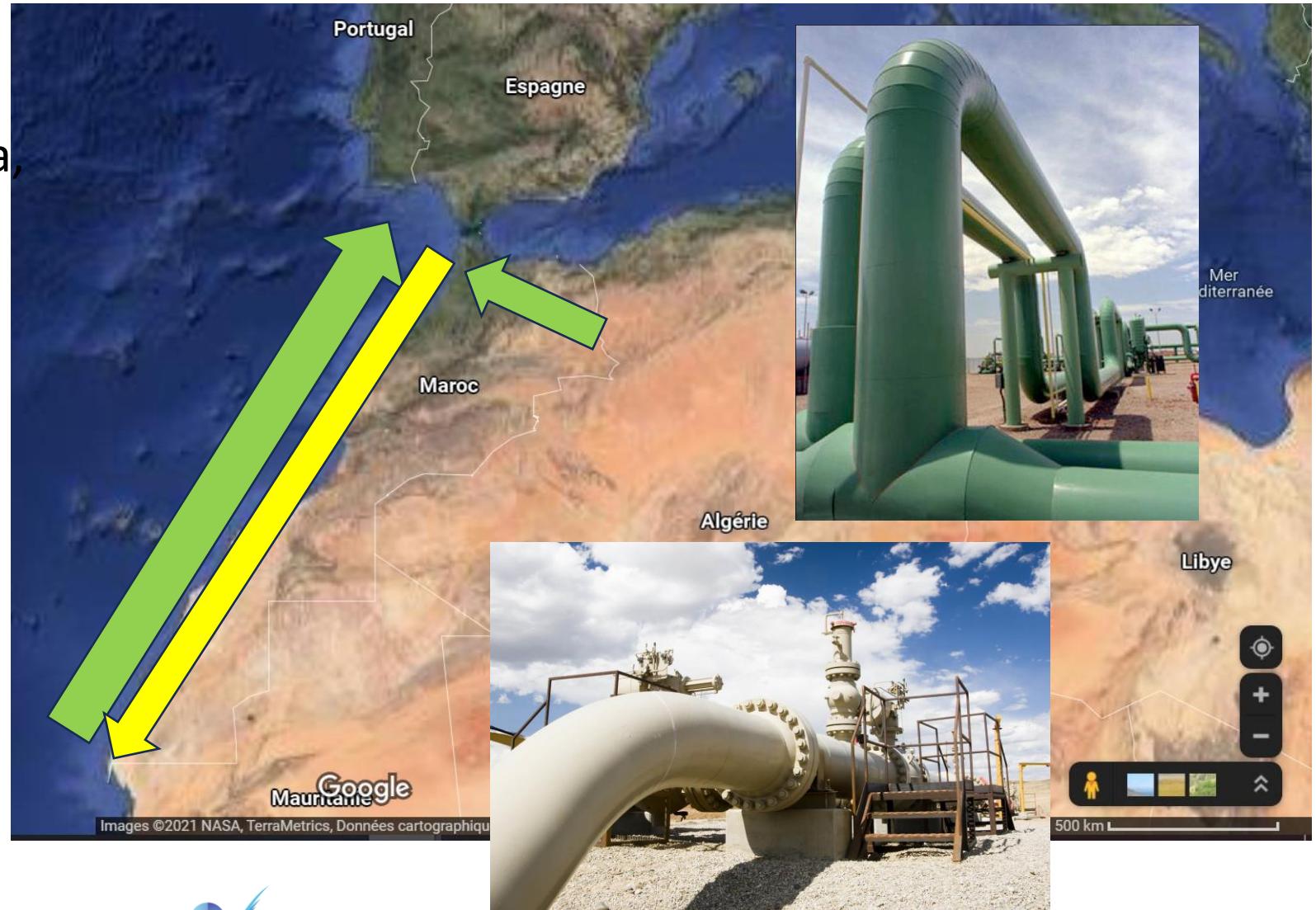
- **Short Term: Ammonia**

- Ammonia via Shipping
- Techno-economic optimal
- Existing corridors and infrastructure (Ammonia imports, for the fertilizer business)
- No need for CO<sub>2</sub>
- All ongoing projects under development are on Ammonia



# HOW TO DELIVER GREEN HYDROGEN TO EUROPE

- Longer Term, Option 1:
  - Pipelines (Hydrogen, Ammonia, eNatural Gas?)
  - ~2000km to build
  - Existing 500km MGE pipeline
  - Ongoing Nigeria Morocco Corridor



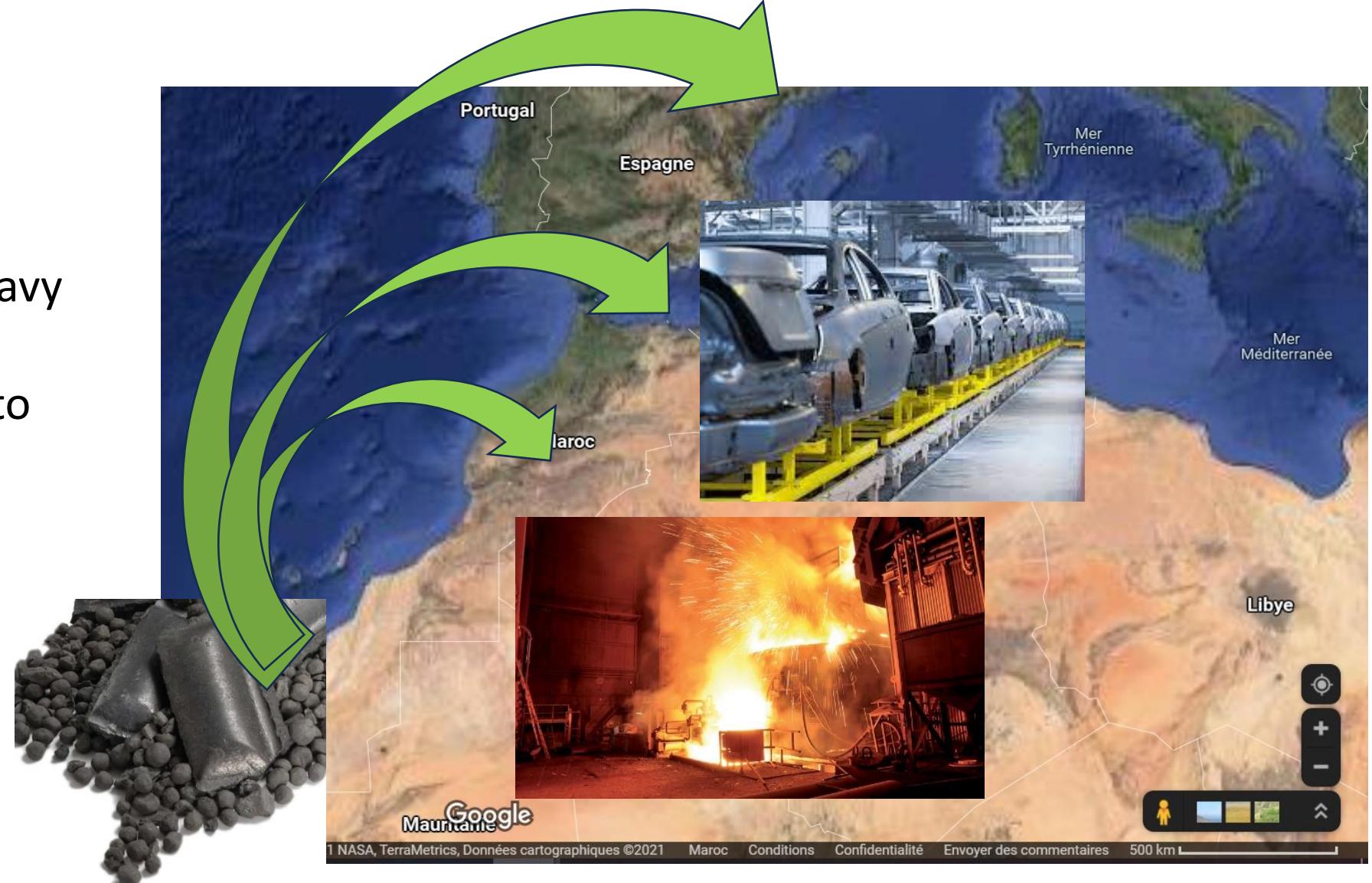
# HOW TO DELIVER GREEN HYDROGEN TO EUROPE

- Longer Term, Option 2:
  - eFuels
  - Shipping
  - Colocalization of vertical integration → Green Refinery industry
  - Existing sources of CO<sub>2</sub>: cement and fossil power plant



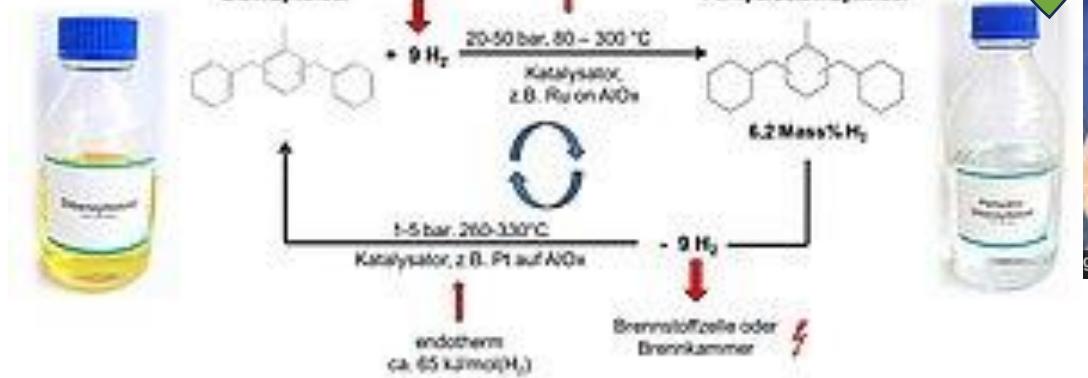
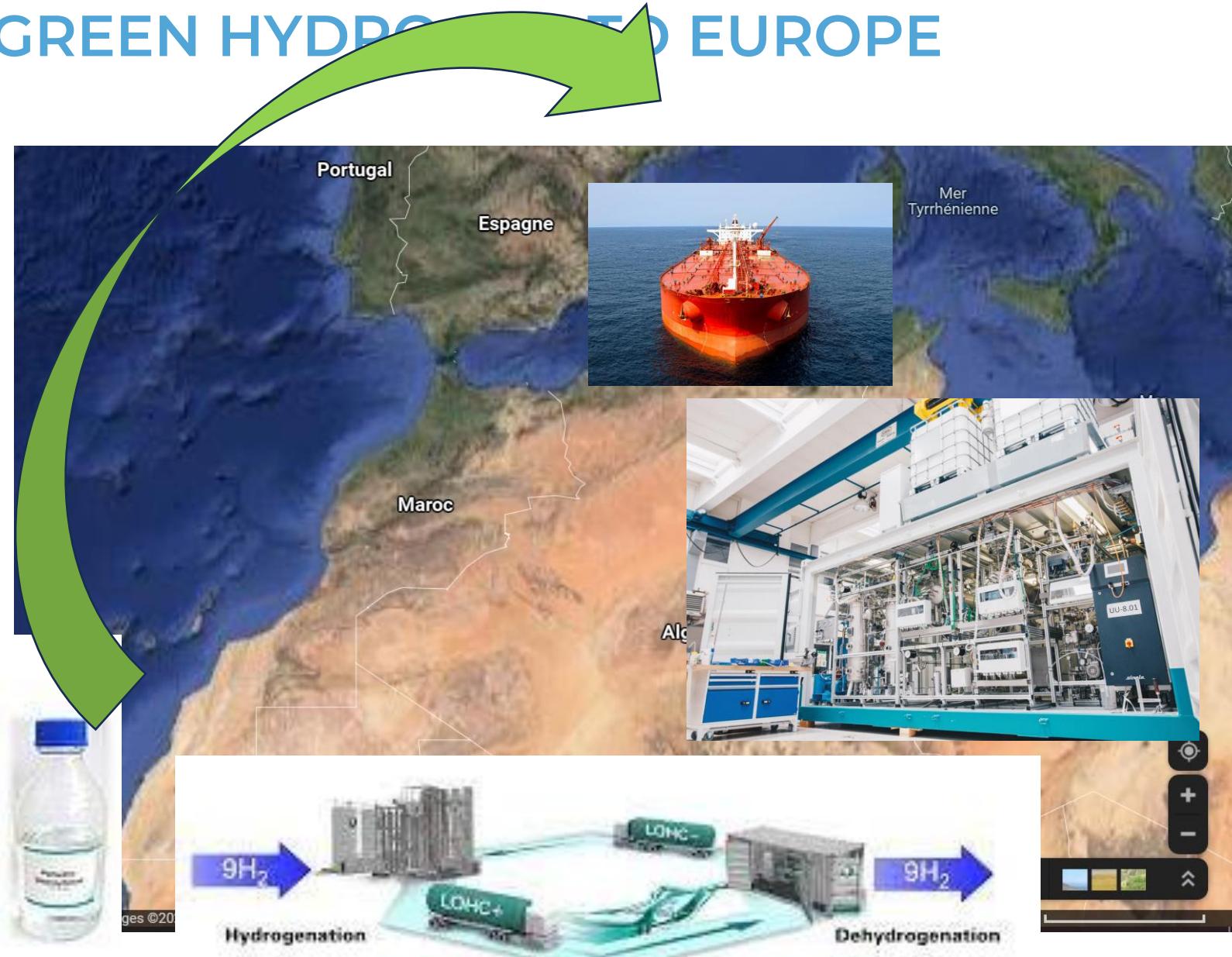
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- Longer Term, Option 3:
  - Green Steel
  - Colocalization of a heavy industry
  - The most dense way to transport Hydrogen



# HOW TO DELIVER GREEN HYDROGEN TO EUROPE

- Longer Term, other Options
  - LOHC
  - Still under demonstration technology
  - Energy symmetry challenge



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO : CONCLUSIONS

- Morocco has a **massive potential** to produce competitive green molecules
- Morocco has been pioneering and proactive in the whole MEA Region in exploring its potential and preparing the deployment of this highly added value future economy
- The « Moroccan Offer for Green Hydrogen » has been validated by His Majesty the King and the Moroccan Government is working on **its deployment**



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOROCCO : PERSPECTIVES

- Export of highly added value industrial Green Molecules (Market size by 2050 ~ €1000Bn)
- Decarbonization of the Moroccan Local Economy :
  - OCP Group's GW scale Project to produce 1 MT of Green Ammonia by 2027
    - → ~ 0.2 MT of Green Hydrogen
    - → ~ 2 GW of Electrolysis Capacity                      → ~ 4 GW of Renewable Power
- Co-Localization of an impactful green industrial value chain:
  - Electrolyzers' Gigafactory announced by John Cockerill (04/01/2023)
  - Perspectives: PV, Wind, Desalination, Steel, Methanol & Heavy Chemical Industry



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**John Cockerill investit dans la filière hydrogène au Maroc**

Après un investissement annoncé sur ses terres liégeoises, John Cockerill conclut un accord stratégique pour développer la filière hydrogène au Maroc. ©Valentin Bianchi / Hans Lucas

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