



The Belgian Hydrogen Ecosystem

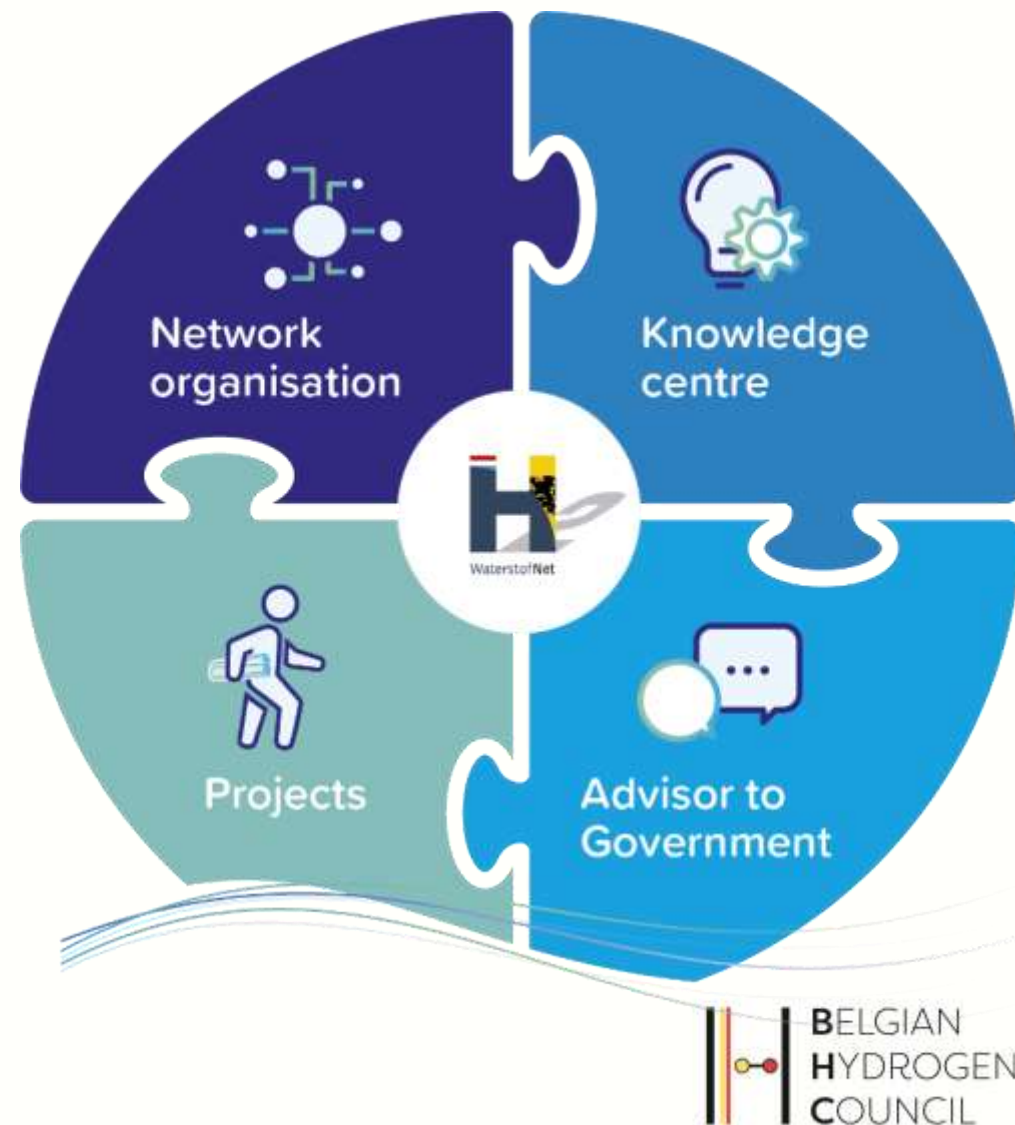


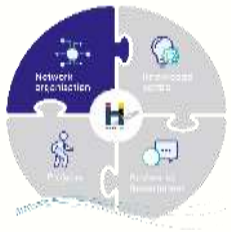
How are we organised?

WaterstofNet

> 15 years of H₂ experience

- Knowledge and collaboration platform on hydrogen
- Focus on Flanders / Belgium / Netherlands / Benelux
- Nonprofit / 13 employees
- Offices in Turnhout (BE) and Helmond (NL)





Network organization: knowledge building, projects

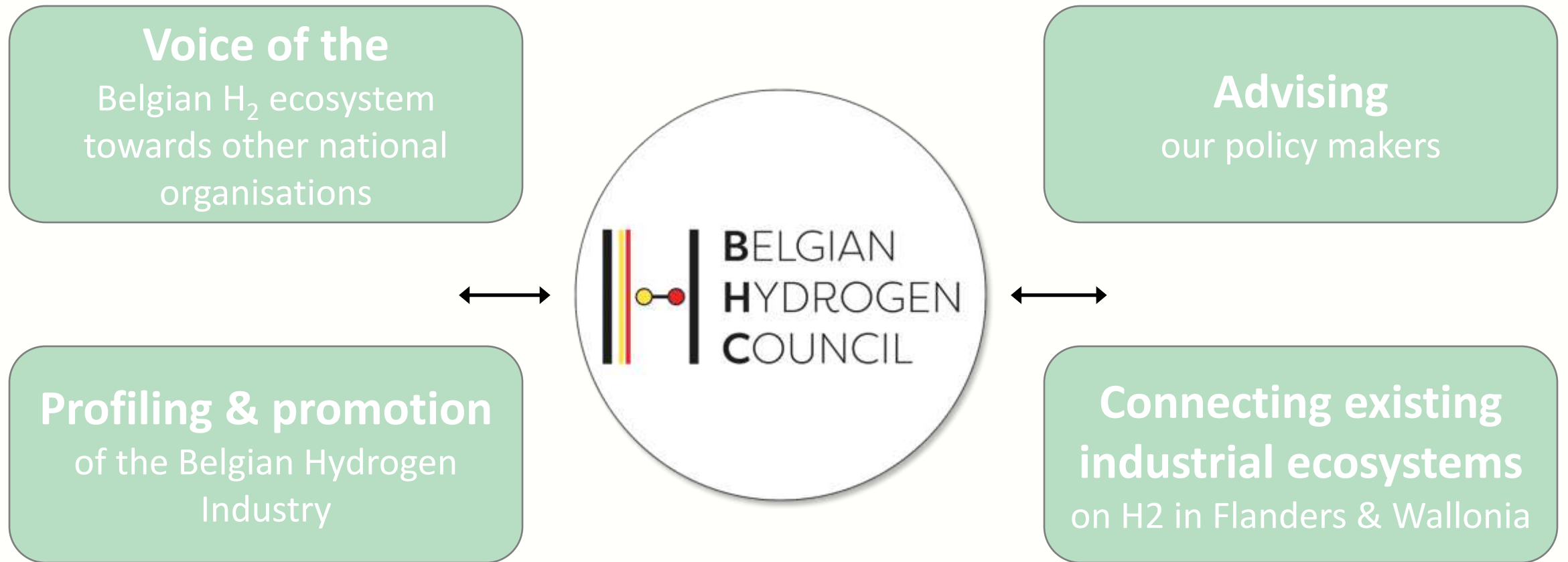


Two existing clusters in Belgium work together





Scope of the Belgian Hydrogen Council



Voice of the

Belgian H₂ ecosystem
towards other national
organisations



GH2 India



Profiling & promotion of the Belgian Hydrogen Industry





Advising our policy makers



Memorandum for hydrogen

Recommendations for the 2024-2029 legislature


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Renewable Energy Directive III

*Key considerations for the implementation of the RFNBO
sub-targets in Belgium*


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Joint Letter

by the Chairs of

Belgian Hydrogen Council
NLHydrogen
German Nationaler Wasserstoffrat



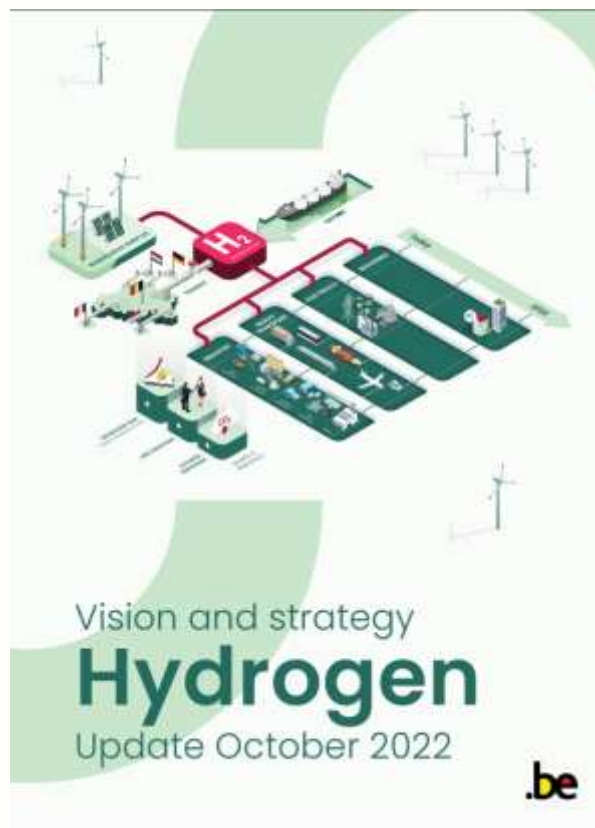


Belgian & regional hydrogen strategies

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Federal level

Focus on import & infrastructure



Regional level - Flanders

Focus on innovation & production & use (industrial)



Vlaamse
Regering

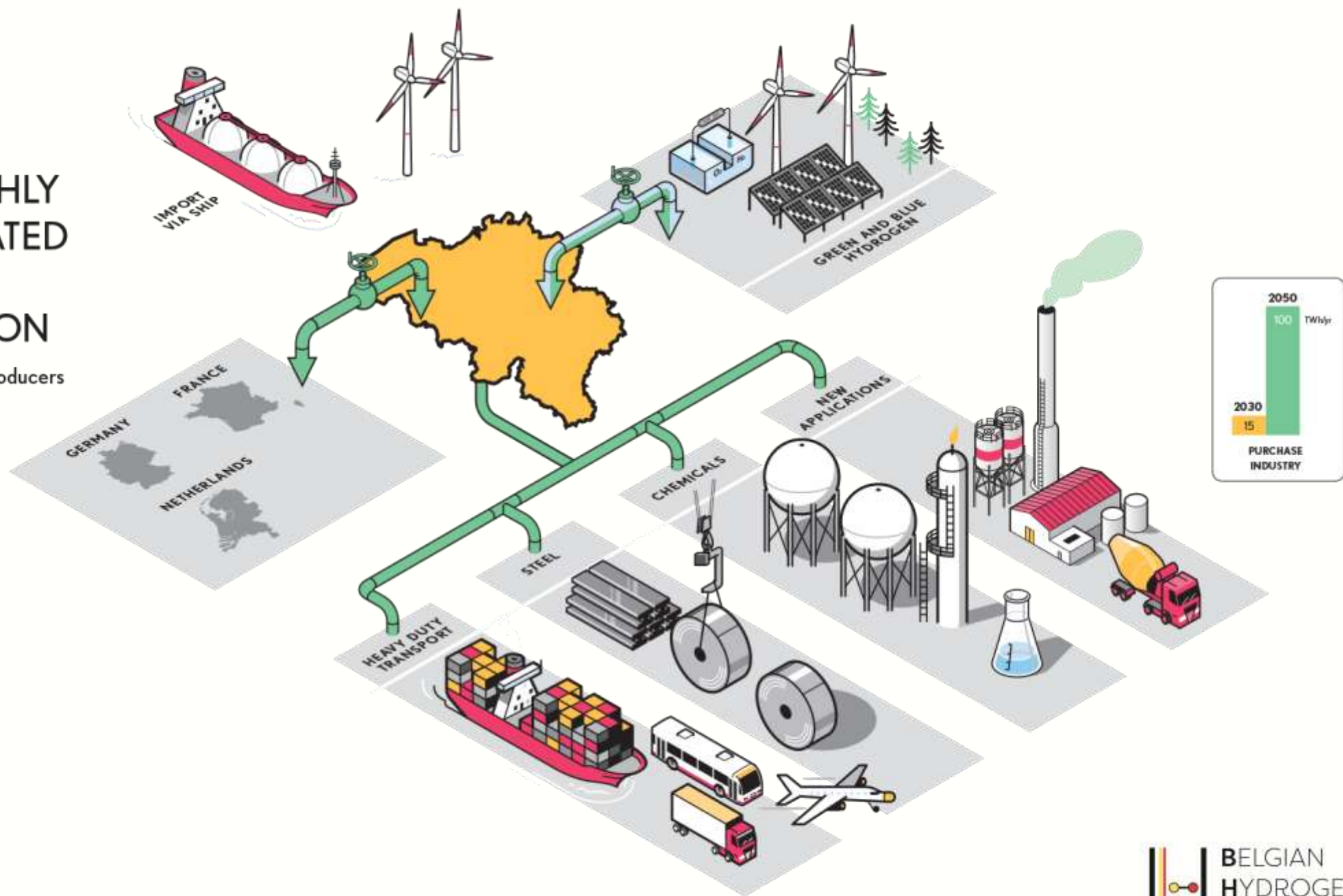
DE VLAAMSE MINISTER VAN ECONOMIE, INNOVATIE, WERK, SOCIALE ECONOMIE EN LANDBOUW

MEDEDELING AAN DE VLAAMSE REGERING

Betreft: Vlaamse Waterstofvisie "Europese koploper via duurzame innovatie"

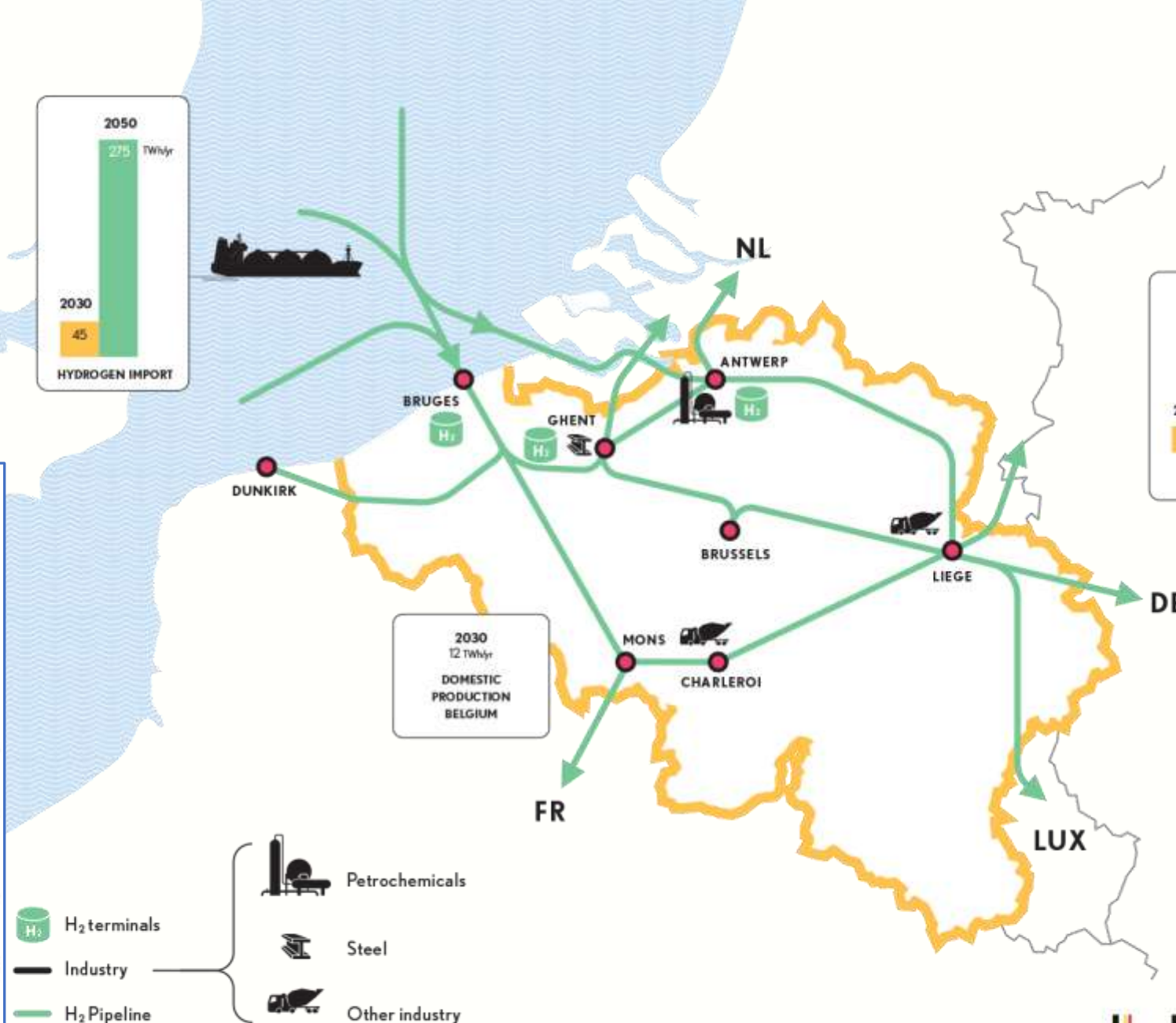
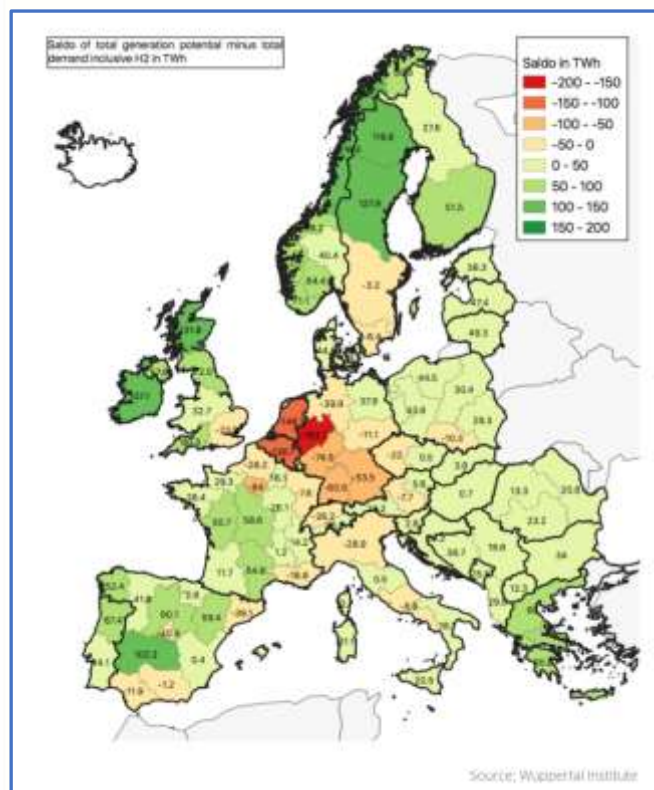
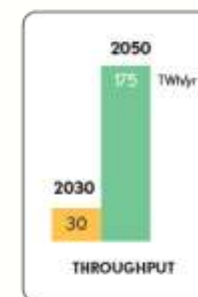
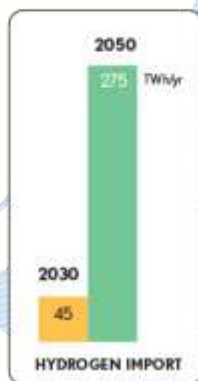
LARGE & HIGHLY CONCENTRATED HYDROGEN CONSUMPTION

& innovative pioneering producers



HUB FOR IMPORT AND THROUGHPUT OF HYDROGEN

Central location in EU



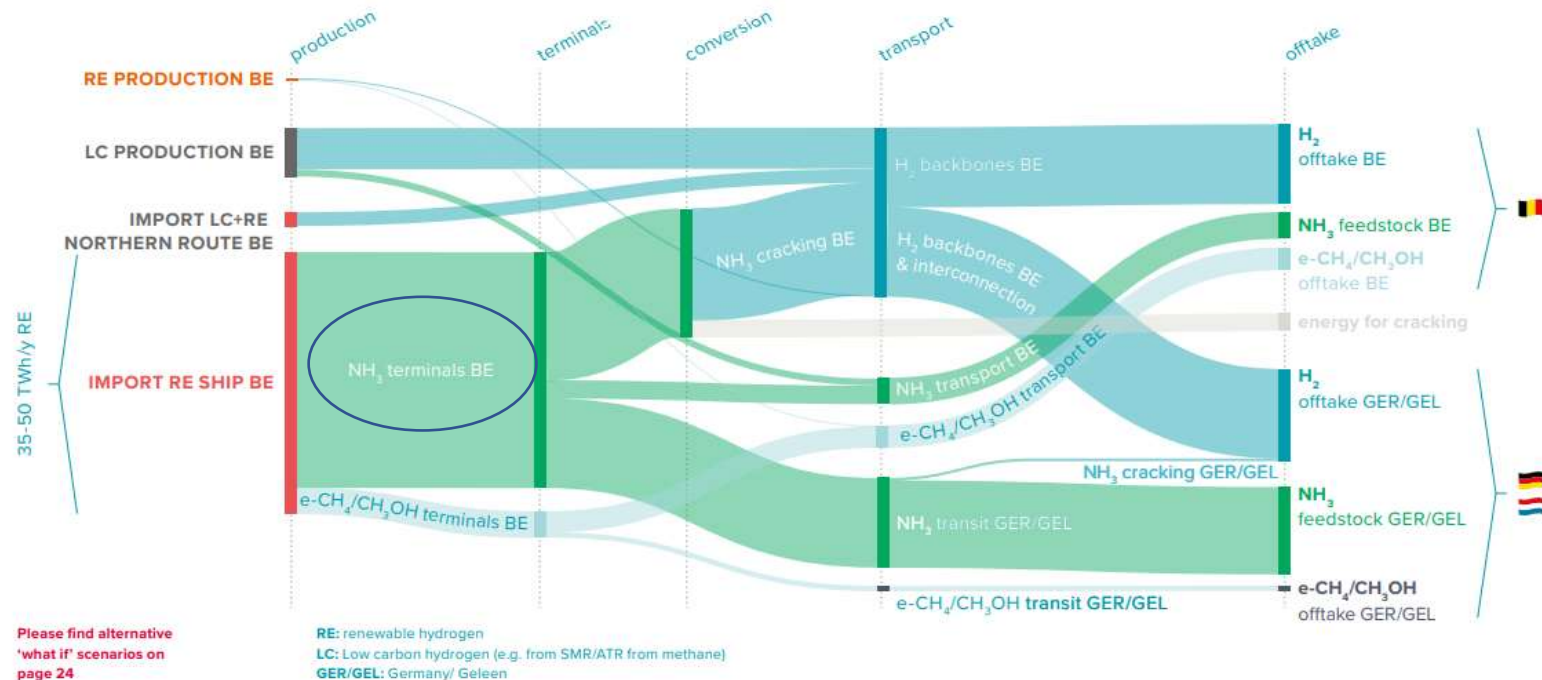
Import study – roadmap (2019-2023)



Short term focus on ammonia as H₂ carrier

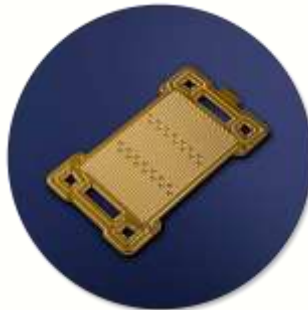
Via Port of Antwerp-Bruges

https://www.waterstofnet.eu/_asset/_public/H2Importcoalitie/Belgium-as-a-hydrogen-import-hub_web_singlepage-presentation.pdf





HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONS



Innovation - research



<https://www.belgianhydrogencouncil.be/research/>

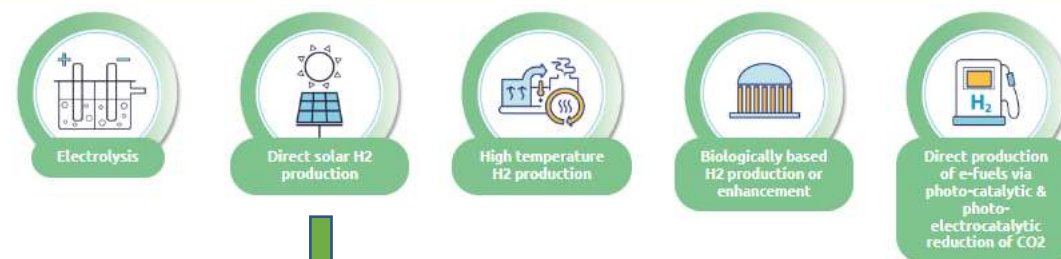


Photo-catalytic (PC)

Photo-electrochemical production (PEC)

Design & synthesis of photocatalysts

Design & synthesis of light harvesting and electro-catalytic materials, porous electrodes & MEA's

Solar production of hydrogen from sea water or waste streams

Design of innovative photo-electrolyzers, focused on membrane-less designs

Integration of thin film photo-voltaic devices with electrochemical cells

Hydrogen panels producing hydrogen from sunlight and water from air



Centre for Surface Chemistry and Catalysis (COK-KAT)

Ammonia synthesis and cracking (also plasma-based), Development of low cost and efficient electrodes, membranes and MEA's, Hydrogen panels producing hydrogen from sunlight and water from air, New catalysts (e.g. for the Haber-Bosch process or plasma catalysis ammonia), Storage of hydrogen in clathrates

KU Leuven: Centre for Surface Chemistry and Catalysis [...]



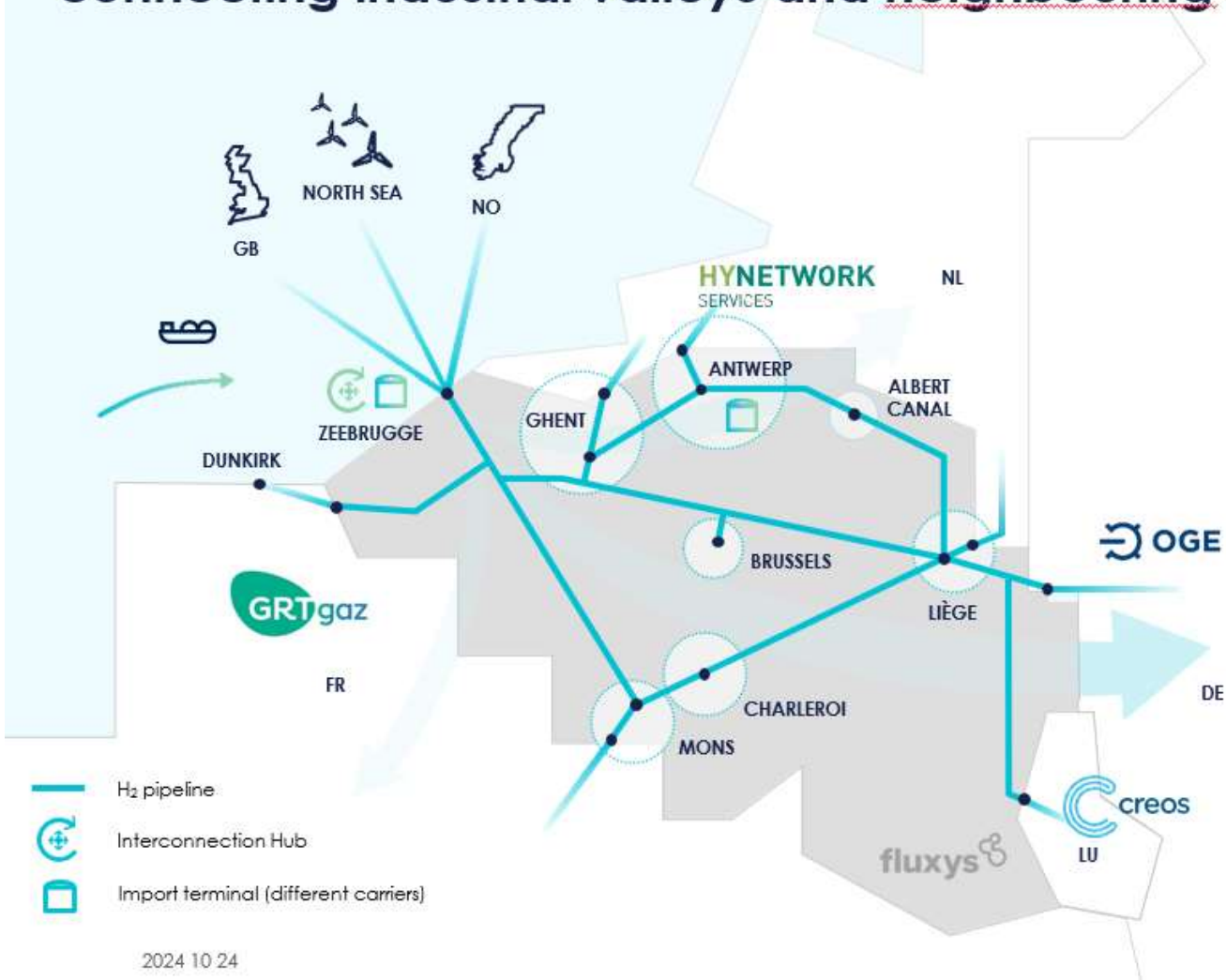
Interactive map BE H2 activities



Plans & realisations

The hydrogen backbone in Belgium

Phased development of hydrogen backbone connecting industrial valleys and neighbouring countries



2024 10 24



- Close cooperation with all stakeholders to build capacity in line with market demand
- Ambition to offer 30 TWh/y transmission capacity by 2030
- Aim to have first capacity ready 2026
- Facilitating and developing import facilities
- Working on multiple cross-border connections to achieve economies of scale



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Hydrogen roadmap 2030: infrastructure under development

Further expand existing terminal capacity & build-out pipeline and cracking capacities



fluxys **ADVIRIO** Construction of an open access ammonia terminal and cracker in Antwerp (2028)

fluxys (open-access) hydrogen pipeline in development
From Antwerp (2026) connecting to Germany (2028)

pipelink (open-access) ammonia pipeline in development
In the Antwerp port area (2028)



vtti AmplifHy project for open-access ammonia terminal and cracker in Antwerp (2029)



Redeveloping a refinery plot into Vopak Energy Park Antwerp, focusing on clean molecules, cracking and industrial processes (2029).



Commissioning of a first Ammonia Cracker in Antwerp (2024), First commercial scale cracker by 2028.



Hyoffwind project Zeebruges – 25MW electrolysis under construction

Hydrogen valley: FIHyPorts



Objectives:

- Production of > 500 tons of clean hydrogen using new hydrogen production capacity
- Use of the clean hydrogen produced several applications in several sectors via testbeds, including sector coupling and maximizing integration of renewable energy
- Implementation of certified RFNBO tracing system
- Monitor performance of testbeds during at least 2 years to provide data for technic-economic assessments
- Demonstrate the financial viability after 2 years of operation and provide scalability analysis
- Demonstrate the replication of the results to other port-areas ...

Multiplication ports





Implementation of EU policy

Renewable Energy Directive

- RED III targets:



Sub-goals for specific “hard to abate” sectors:

- 42% green H2 in industry by 2030
- 60% green H2 in industry by 2035
- 1% RFNBOs in transport in 2030

Belgium:

Industry obligation:

- Chemical industry struggling
 - Cost gap green <-> grey too large
- Preference for low carbon H2

Transport obligation :

- 2 big refineries in BE
- ‘Refinery route’:

Green H2 to produce fossile fuel

Main pathway in BE (4-8%)