

HYDROGEN IMPORT AND THE RISK OF SUPPLY, STUDY CASES FROM AFRICA

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HYDROGEN ECONOMY,

MOMENTUM FOR GREEN HYDROGEN



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FUEL OF THE FUTURE ?

- 1960 fuel cell development boosted by space programs
 1970 first use of the phrase "hydrogen economy," by General Motors (GM).
 1973 fuel crisis gave a boost to scientific interest in hydrogen
- First cycle of interest in the hydrogen-based economy faded out in the mid-1980s oil prices dropped back down to historical lows
- Return of interest in hydrogen energy, stimulated by the popular book : Jeremy Rifkin, "The Hydrogen Economy," 2002 concept of 'Peak Oil' moving slowly to a new gas based energy sources
- 2010 combination of economic crisis success of lithium batteries ended the second cycle





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HYDROGEN EMISSIONS



 Mainly produced from fossil fuels, resulting in close to 900Mt of CO₂ emissions per year.



GREEN HYDROGEN



Current production cost

Investment of USD 770/kilowatt (kW), efficiency of 65% (lower heating value – LHV), an electricity price of USD 53/MWh, full load hours of 3200 (onshore wind) Irena, Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation 2022



GREEN HYDROGEN

Electricity cost is important







Irena, Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation 2022



WHAT MAKES SENSE

Most relevant application for green hydrogen use.

- Decarbonize current production:
 - ammonia and methanol,
 - upgrade refineries
 - Still production is responsible of around 8 % of total emission:
 - Direct iron reduction
 - 20.45 Mt potential (from 159 Mt in 2019)



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Capacity of DRI projects in Europe

Bellona, Hydrogen in steel production, 2022

20.45 Mt potential (from 159 Mt total in 2019) •

Hamburg, DE	Grey hydrogen
Dunkirk, FR	Natural gas
Taranto, IT	-
Eisenhuttenstadt, DE	Hydrogen from electrolysis
Bremen, DE	Natural gas -> hydrogen from electrolysis
Leoben , AU	Hydrogen
Salzgitter, DE	Natural gas and hydrogen
Wilhelmshaven, DE	Natural gas> hydrogen from electrolysis
Gällivare-Oxelösund, SW	Hydrogen from electrolysis
Kiruna-Malmberget- Svappavaara, SW	Hydrogen likely from electrolysis
Duisburg, DE	Natural gas
Dunkirk, FR	Hydrogen and natural gas> hydrogen from electrolysis
Boden-Luleå, SW	Hydrogen from electrolysis



AMMONIA AND NITROGEN



Nitrogen demand by end use and scenario

- Ammonia
 - H2 / NH3 storable shippable fuels
 - Japan believe that green is too expensive: Need thermal plants
 - NH3 as fuels (shipping, industrial furnaces)
 - Chemical industry
 - Aviation (however need for short term decarbonization)
- Nitrogen
 - However nitrogen fertilizers are to pick than decline (ecosystems, zero growth policy in China/ India
 - Combining with the production of biofuels and synthetic fuels



IEA (2021), *Hydrogen*, IEA, Paris



Irena, Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation 2022





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IRENA (2021), IEA (2021)

BloombergNEF (2021), ETC (2021), Hydrogen council (2021),

9 demand scenarios





NEED FOR IMPORT

13%

EA

Net Zero Scenario

18%

ETC Supply-side decarbonisation only scenario 22%

BNEF Green Scenario

22%

Hydrogen Council

12%

I.5°C scenario

Final hydrogen demand in EU by 2050

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Potential to already low cost



Costs by 2020

https://www.h2atlas.de/en/

Maximum hydrogen potential in TWh



5% of the Tech. Pot: 5,797 TWh



Sustainability risk

Sustainable water available to maintain normal exploitation without adverse effects.

Take into account potential recharge and human and industrial use

Hydrogen potential with Sustainable groundwater in TWh



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Using sustainable groundwater
Unavailable or unsustainable production



Sustainability risk

Water consumption of hydrogen in 2050 compared with selected sectors today (billion cubic metres)

- Hydrogen would reduce the Cost of desalination water
- however environmental impact should be carefully assessed
- Hardly would benefit to increase potential



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Togo Sierra Leone Senegal Nigeria Niger Mali Liberia **Guinea Bissau** Guinea Ghana Gambia Cote d Ivoire **Burkina Faso** Benin 1,000 2,000 3,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 0 4,000 Using desalinated water Unavailable or unsustainable production Sustainable groundwater

Hydrogen potential with desanlinated water in TWh





Conflict risk

Nigeria and Mali are mainly impacted

Senegal with highest potential to risk zones







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Hydrogen potential without conflict risk in TWh

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Social risk







Hydrogen Export Electricity Access

Less than 50% of new Renewable Energy should be used for Hydrogen Production/Export

Based on surveys with WASCAL partners



Social risk



- Promote off-grid solutions
- Acceptance of RE

Based on surveys with WASCAL partners

12 November 2019



- Basic Lighting
- Further basic usage
- Improving daily Life



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Local use

<u>High Interest</u> in Domestic Hydrogen Use





Interested in Domestic Hydrogen Use

Not Interested

- Examples <u>Domestic Hydrogen Use</u>
 - <u>Energy security</u> (e.g. Energy Storage)
 - Reduce dependency on traditional biofuel

Based on surveys with WASCAL partners



Local use

Fertilizer is mainly imported

Ammonia (nitrogen) based fertilizers mainly in use in Mali and Ghana



Based on UNSD, Commodity trade statistics Database, 2022



Local use of electricity and green hydrogen

- Electricity and clean energy access is based on a direct use of electrification to promote universal access at a level of 696 kWh / household/ capita
- Fertilizers industry is based on hydrogen content equivalent of different types
- Both usage are based on recent imports and population counts

Hydrogen potential with Sustainable groundwater in TWh





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Hydrogen potential with local demand in TWh





CONCLUSION

Final green hydrogen import potential from 14 African countries

Final hydrogen demand in EU by 2050

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