

# THE ENGINE FOR FUTURE-PROOF LIVING



KIVI Lustrumcongres: Op weg naar een Waterstofland

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**WATERSTOFWIJK HOOGEVEEN**



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# Agenda

Stork and Renewable

Start HYDROGREENN and Hoogeveen project

Wicked problem

Vision on House heating

Social acceptance challenge

Technology Challenge

Implementation

Challenges to creating a Hydrogen future

H<sub>2</sub> Production Roadmap.

# FLUOR STORK A STRONG COMBINATION

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partnering with  
**4,000** clients



operating continuously  
for a total of



4

with a revenue of



in a wide range of sectors



Energy



Chemicals



Power



Mining



Infrastructure



Industrial



Government

# STORK VALUE PROPOSITION - HOW WE OPTIMIZE CLIENT ASSET PERFORMANCE

## STORK IN THE CLOUD



## Subject Matter Experts



## Knowledge Online



## Digitization & Innovation



## STORK NEARBY



## Stork centers



## Stork partners



## STORK @ SITE



Multi-skilled,  
connected technician



Maintenance  
analytics



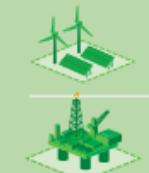
Connected equipment



Field technology  
solutions



Clean Energy



Upstream



Power



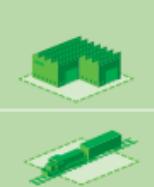
Refining & Chemicals



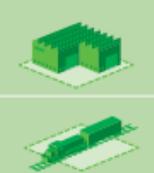
Food & Pharma



Metals & Mining



Manufacturing



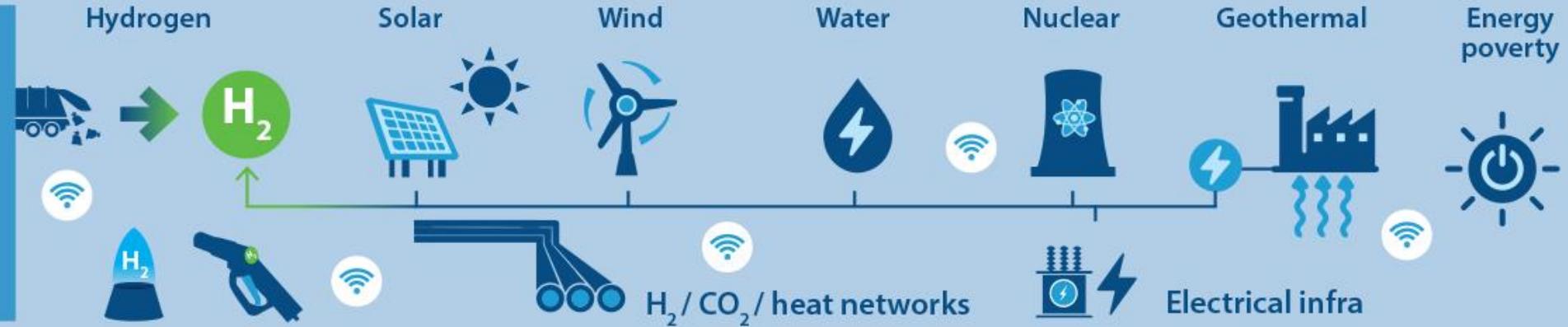
Infra & Water

# STORK DECARBONIZATION VALUE PROPOSITION - HOW WE PROJECT THE ENVIRONMENT

WORLD'S FOOTPRINT

## SUPPORT THE ENERGY TRANSITION

- New technologies
- Cost efficient O&M services
- Reduce energy poverty



CLIENT'S FOOTPRINT

## DECARBONIZE EXISTING ASSETS

- Advisory services
- Overall management
- Actual execution



STORK'S FOOTPRINT

## DECARBONIZE OUR OWN ACTIVITIES

- In the field
- As we travel
- In our own workshops

And share our knowledge with the community around us



## Site work related

## Local impact theme

## Involves fugitive emissions

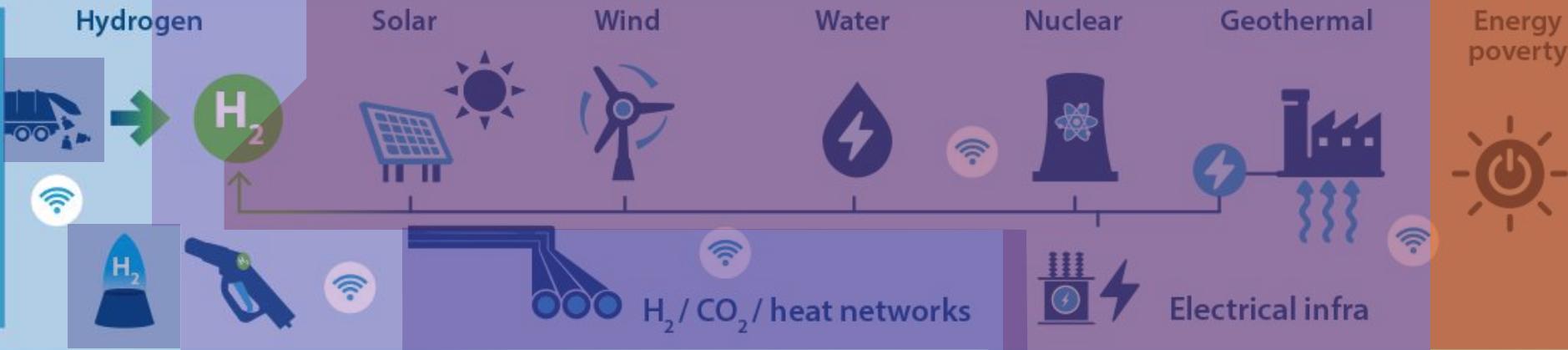
## Electrical theme

## Circularity theme

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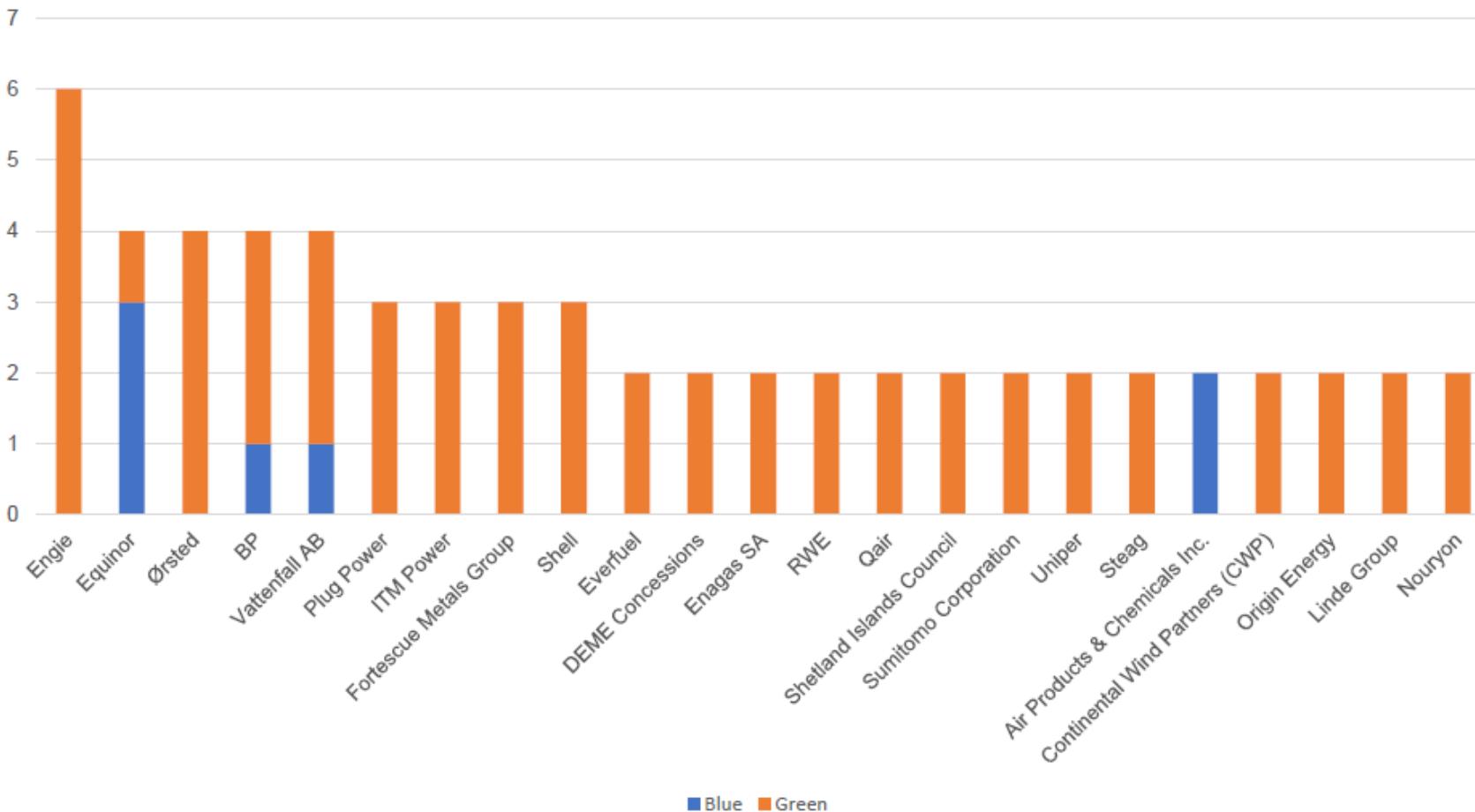
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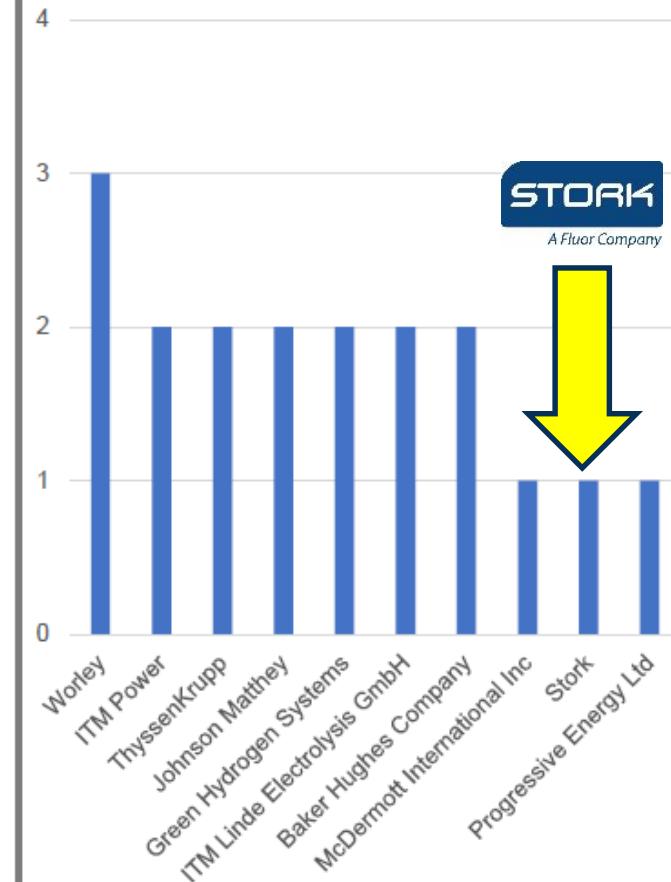
LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOTPRINT

# Who are the players?

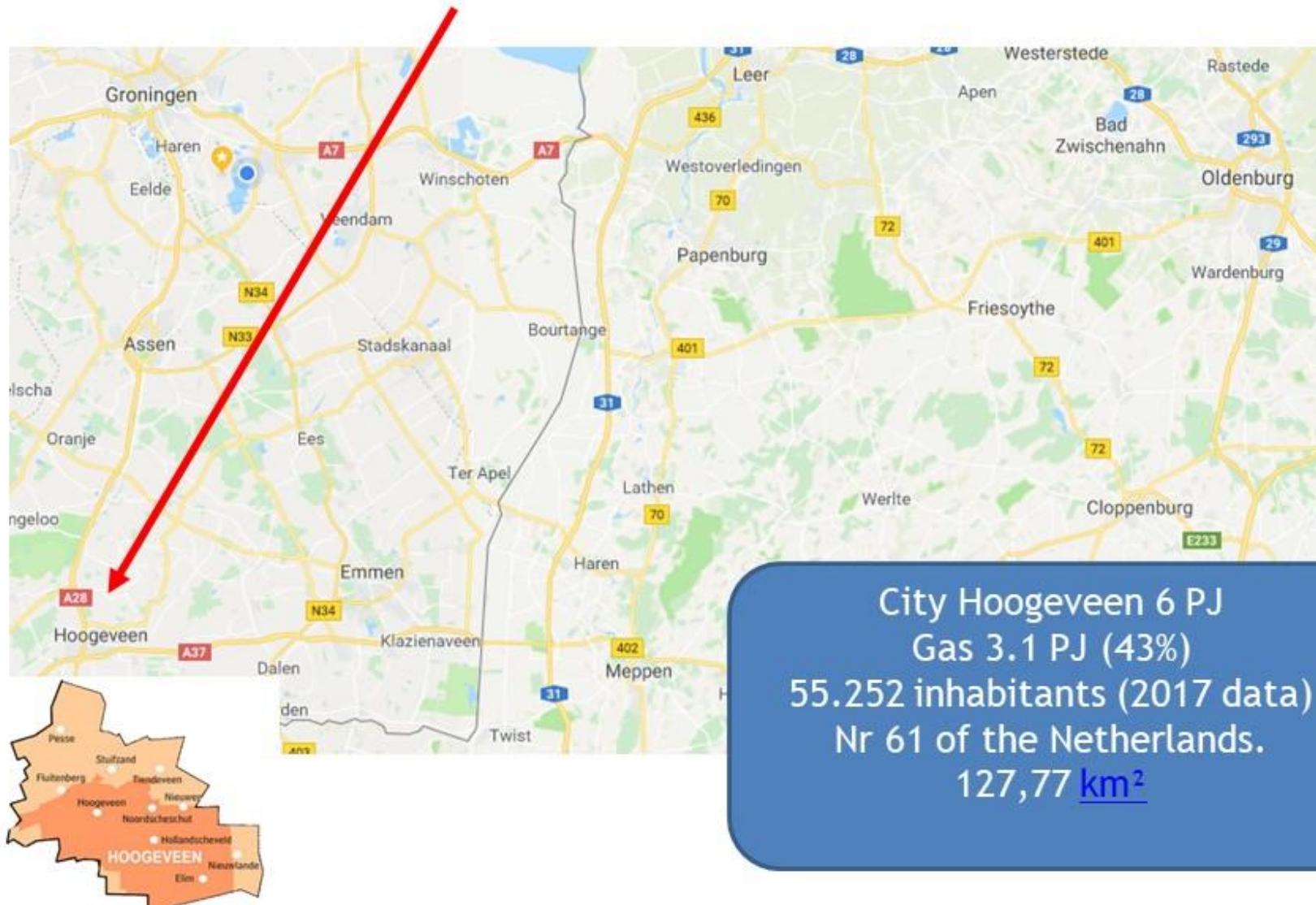
Number of hydrogen developments by (lead) developer



Successful contractors since January 2021



# Hoogeveen (Drenthe)





Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu



Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland

**TNO**

innovation  
for life



SAMENWERKENDE BEDRIJVEN EELSDelta

**SIEMENS**



NAM



Resatu



## Coalition of Hydrogen ambassadors Kick-off

12 September 2017

[WWW.LOODSKOTTER.NL](http://WWW.LOODSKOTTER.NL)



# GREEN HYDROGEN, THE ENGINE FOR FUTURE-PROOF LIVING.

## Our vision for the future?

At least 1 million Dutch homes fitted with a hydrogen central heating system.

Tabel 1 Woningvoorraad naar energielabel, 2015

	Sociale huurwoning	Particuliere huurwoning	Koopwoning	Totaal
BENG	8.800	47.200	52.600	108.600
A	208.300	129.400	632.600	970.300
B	393.500	92.400	451.900	937.800
C	763.900	184.900	1.310.400	2.259.200
D	532.400	147.900	677.800	1.358.100
E	254.600	101.700	451.900	808.200
F	115.700	83.200	406.700	605.600
G	46.300	157.100	406.700	610.100
Totaal	2.323.500	943.800	4.390.600	7.657.900

Heat Pumps

Combination Hydrogen Boiler and Hybrid Heat pump and some basic isolation will be the most attractive option.

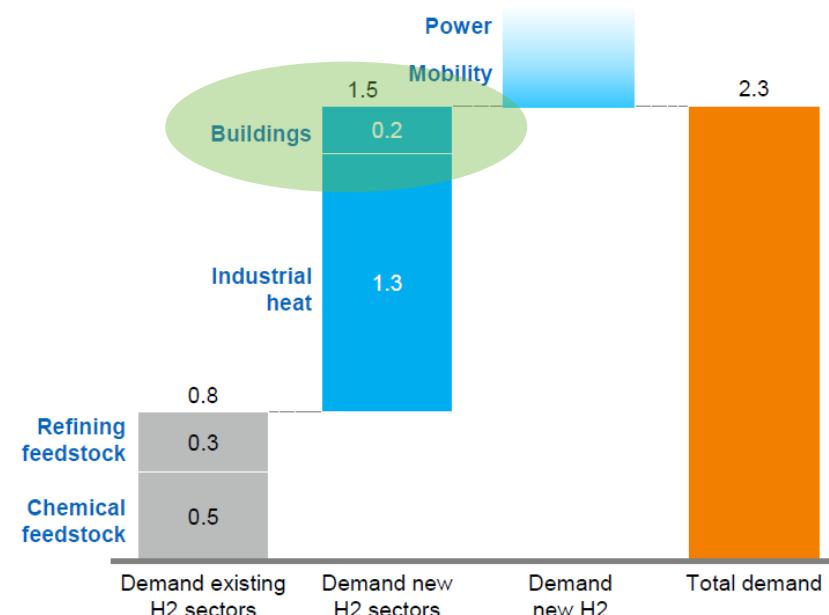


# Dutch Demand H2

The maximum H2 market in the Netherlands to 2030 is ~2.3 mtpa H2 with the majority of demand coming from new H2 applications



Estimated zero-carbon H2 market demand in the Netherlands  
in 2030, mtpa H2



## Market sizing methodology

**Chemical feedstock<sup>1</sup>** | 100% of grey H2 replaced with zero-carbon H2

**Refining feedstock<sup>2</sup>** | 100% of grey H2 replaced with zero-carbon H2

**Industrial heat<sup>3</sup>** | Replacement of high-temperature heat by H2 for:  
100% In chemicals      75% in refining<sup>4</sup>      20% in steel<sup>5</sup>

**Buildings** | 100% H2 in 500,000 buildings<sup>6</sup>      0.5% blend of H2 in natural gas for other buildings<sup>7</sup>

**Mobility<sup>8</sup>** | 600 trucks      0 ships      Potential upside in both segments post-2030

**Power<sup>9</sup>** | Up to 15% of electricity production converted to H2 post-2030

Tabel 11 - Aantal HR-ketels op waterstof in 2020, 2030 en 2050

	2020	2030	2050
Aantal HR-ketels waterstof (WEQ) - laag	0	0	0
Aantal HR-ketels waterstof (WEQ) - hoog	0	280.000	5.600.000

CW Delft and McKinsey



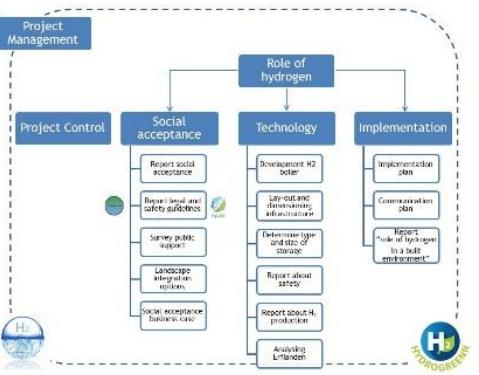
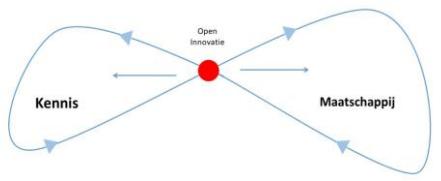
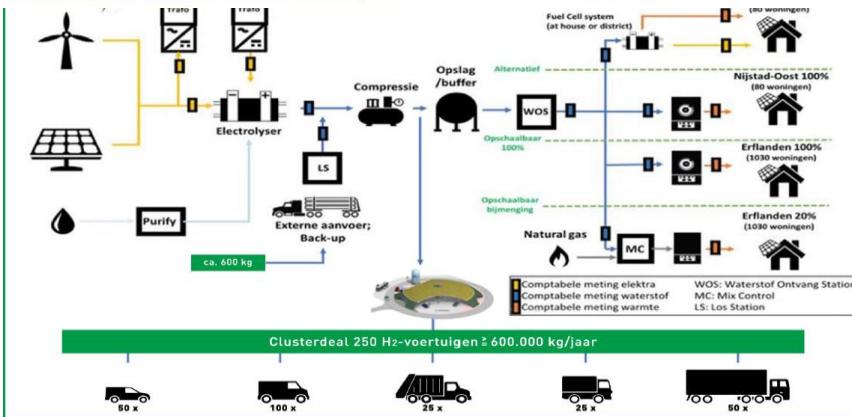
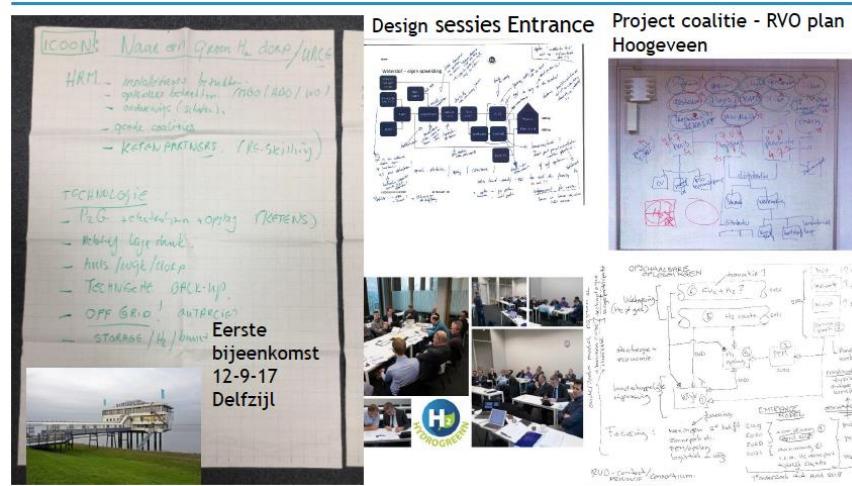
# WICKED PROBLEMS



Based upon Rittel and Webber (1973)



# From slogan to concrete in 4 years



## INVESTERINGSAGENDA WATERSTOF NOORD-NEDERLAND

Op weg naar emissievrije waterstof op commerciële schaal

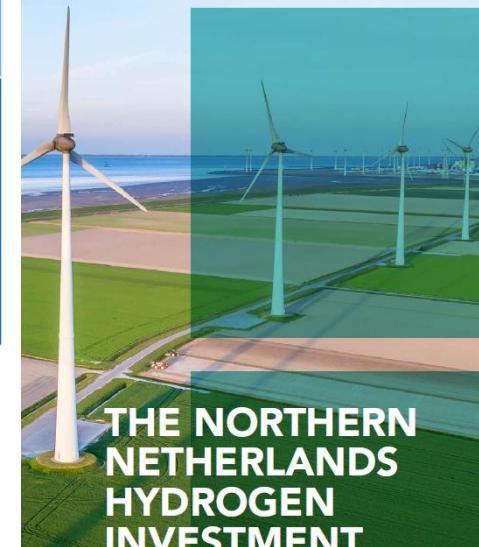
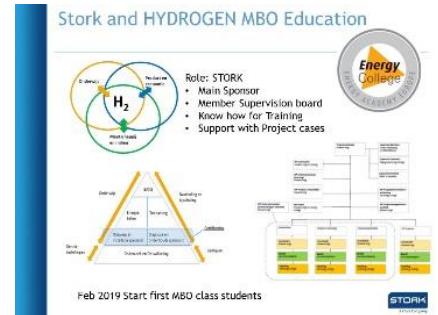


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DAGBLAD VAN  
NOORDEN



Hoogeveen krijgt 4,4 miljoen euro om in deel  
Erflanden aardgas te vervangen door waterstof.



■ 30 augustus 2019

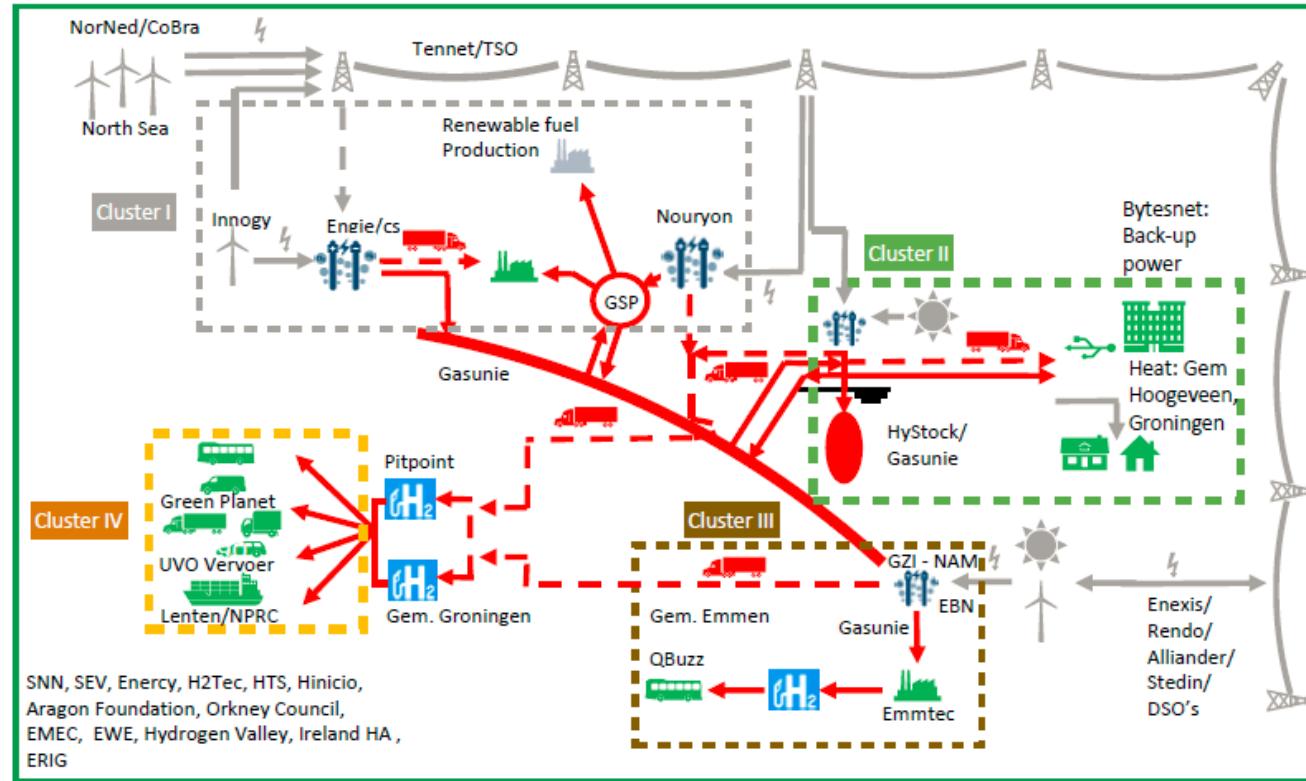
Noord-Nederland is door Europa aanwezen als de regio waar de komende jaren de groene waterstoftechnologie zich verder moet ontwikkelen. Vanuit Brussel gaat er € 20 miljoen subsidie naar het project Hydrogen Valley, gericht op de ontwikkeling van een volledig functionerende groene waterstofketen. Het project kost in totaal € 90 miljoen, duurt zes jaar en gaat begin 2020 van start.



#### Internationale steun

De subsidiesaanvraag is ingediend door HEAVENN, een samenwerkingsverband van 31 publieke en private partijen uit zes Europese landen. De leidende partijen bij de aanvraag waren het Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland (SNN) en de New Energy Coalition. Bij het traject werden de partijen internationaal ondersteund, onder meer vanuit de Verenigde Staten en Japan. Het HEAVENN-project is bijzonder, omdat het de hele waterstofketen omvat en verbindt binnen één geografische regio.

# Part of the EU HEAVENN project



## Hydrogen Energy Applications for Valley Environments in Northern Netherlands

### The Movie:

<https://vimeo.com/368013901>

# HOW CAN WE MAKE DUTCH HOMES MORE SUSTAINABLE WITHOUT BURDENING THE COMMUNITY WITH SKY-HIGH COSTS?

In Hoogeveen, 22 representative parties are working on an innovative and constructive option for an alternative energy supply. We have joined hands on behalf of the government, higher education and the business world to form the Hydrogen District Hoogeveen consortium.



# JOINING FORCES FOR A



# RESPONSIBLE FUTURE



Phase 1: **Nijstad Oost**  
100 homes



Phase 2: **Erflanden**  
427 homes



Phase 3: **Ten Arlo Plant**  
 $H_2$  production with locally generated solar energy



# ABOUT NIJSTAD-OOST

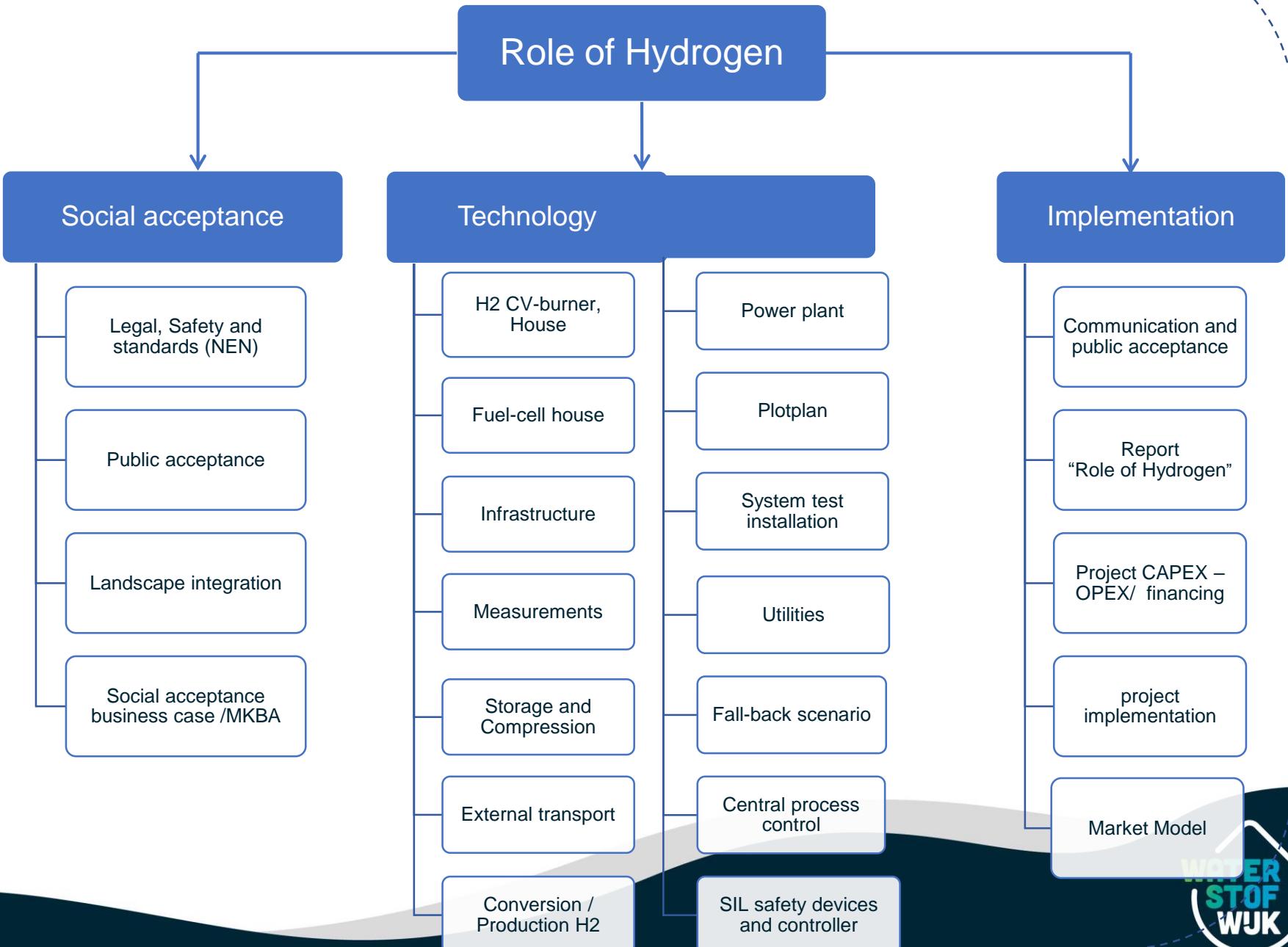
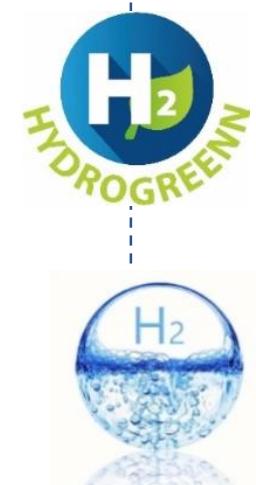
- Located just outside of Hoogeveen
- Formerly an industrial area for sand extraction
- Landscape development with a combination of innovative living and recreation
- The convenient location lends itself to creating an organized, controlled environment
- The area is fitted with gas pipes and the necessary equipment



# DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DELIVERABLES

1. An innovative hydrogen central heating system without CO<sub>2</sub> emissions thanks to a retrofit solution.
2. The technical development of a hydrogen central heating system with a plan for a hydrogen gas meter.
3. Legal and organizational support through the development of guidelines in the field of legislation, safety, standards and certification.
4. Well-founded advice for development and increased social support.
5. An economic spin-off for business through scalability to more than a million homes in the Netherlands alone.
6. A substantiated social cost / benefit analysis.

# ORGANIZATION WORK PACKAGES



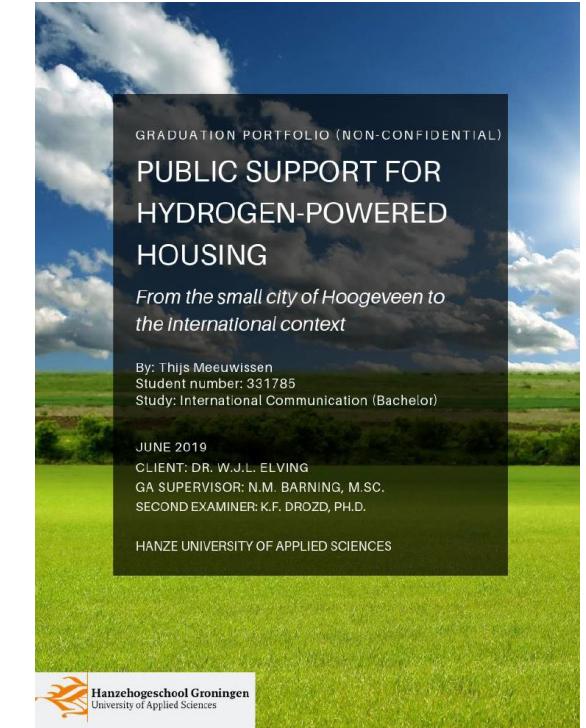
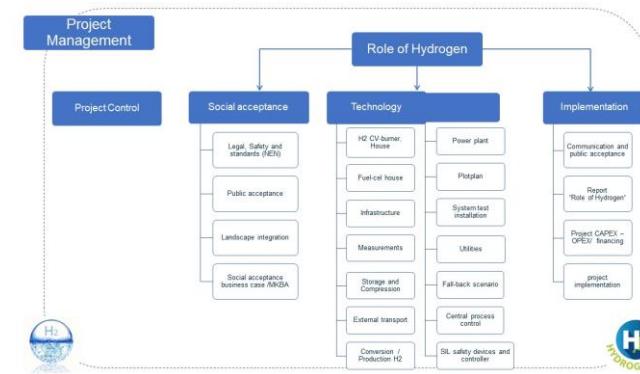
# INITIATIVES RELATED TO HYDROGEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

- A Green Planet hydrogen refueling station in the Hoogeveen municipality, near the village of Pesse.
- Functional from the end of 2019.
- Conversion by NAM of a former natural gas processing plant in Emmen into a sustainable energy hub.
- Opening of the green hydrogen installation HyStock in Veendam by Gasunie. Functional since June 26th. 2019



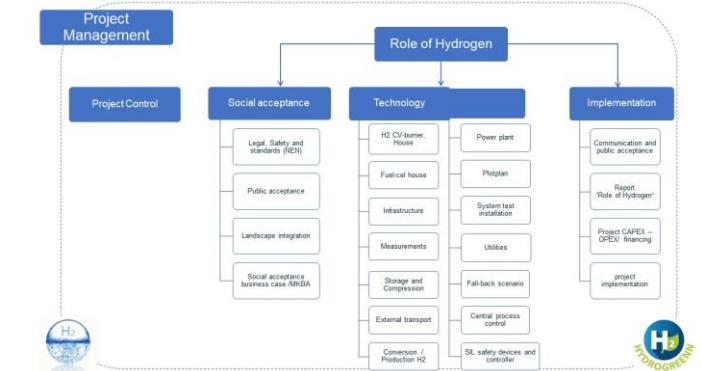
# SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE CHALLENGE

- Legal
- Public acceptance
- Landscape integration
- Social Acceptance Business case



# SA LEGAL AND NEN CHALLENGE

- Legal frame work for Hydrogen is missing or how to fit Hydrogen in current regulation
- Items
  - Ownership – of conversion installation and infrastructure?
  - Who is allowed to sell Hydrogen to the public (market model)?
  - How to fit safety regulation into current standards. (storage in public neighborhood)
  - Can we force people to change to Hydrogen?
  - Should we use the Gas or Heat law as an umbrella for this project?
  - What is the back-up facility?



# SA PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE CHALLENGE (at Start)

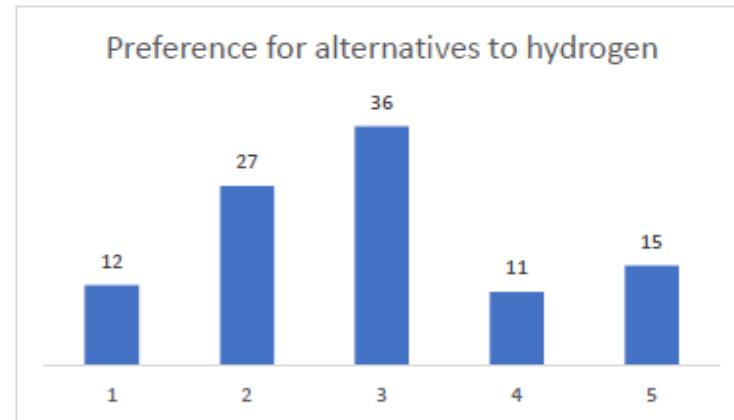
## Gains

- Affordable
- Sustainable
- Status in community
- Contribution

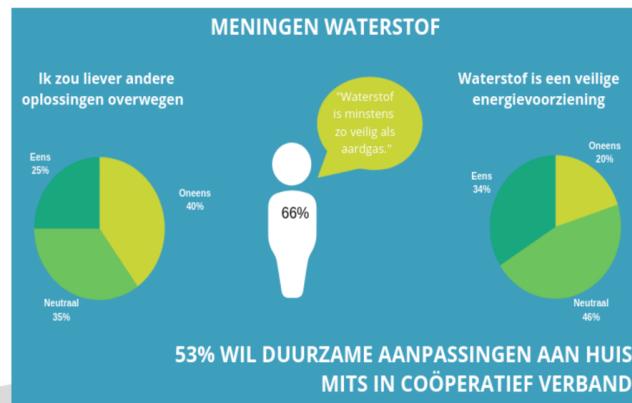


## Pains

- Cost for household
- Concern about safety (20%)
- Technical feasibility



With 1 being "highly disagree" and 5 being "highly agree" clearly a majority of people is in the neutral part where the average person voted 2.9 on preferring alternative sustainable measures than hydrogen. This indicates that much is still to do in the field of informing and convincing the people of the neighborhood; they know a project is happening, but they do not know the exact content or the benefits which it would bring.



# HOW GREEN SHOULD GREEN BE?

- H<sub>2</sub> Production versus H<sub>2</sub> application
- Solar – Wind – external grid with green power certificates
- Cost is an important driver for households, but 100% green is more expensive than 90% green ( CO<sub>2</sub> reduction)
- Green Hydrogen versus Blue Hydrogen.
- **Hoogeveen project will be green but Leeds 21 project will be blue.**

In New National VESTA MAIS Model Blue and Green Hydrogen will be part of modelling.



# COST: HOW TO CLOSE THE FINANCIAL GAP?

- CAPEX
- OPEX

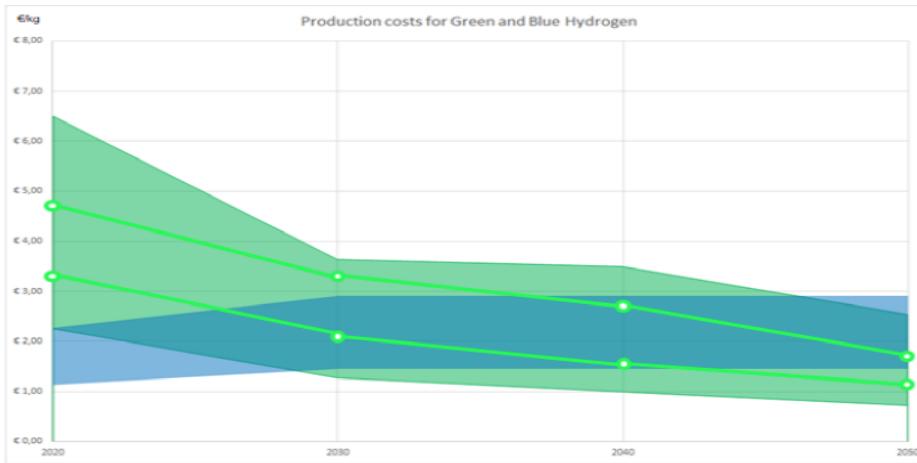
Hydrogen versus Natural gas versus all electric.

Why now?

- We will use a National Dutch program – “Aardgas vrije Wijken” around 4,4 Million Euro to execute this program.
- HEAVENN EU Funding



# Hydrogen Price forecast in Euro/kg, From 9 sources



Bron: Productiekosten groene waterstof; Bron Van As-Jacobsson & Hellinga 2020 (CE\_Delft; Jongsma, Chris; Van der Veen, Reinier; Vendrik, Joeri 2020, 16)

## Bronnen:

- Bloomberg NEF - Hydrogen's Plunging Price Boosts Role as Climate Solution
- TKI Nieuw Gas - Roadmap Hydrogen
- IEA - The Future of Hydrogen
- METI Japan - Basic Hydrogen Strategy
- CE Delft - Waterstofroutes Nederland
- DNV-GL - Hydrogen in the electricity value chain
- "TNO samen met DNV GL - Waterstof uit elektrolyse voor maatschappelijk verantwoord netbeheer - Businessmodel en businesscase"
- Nature Energy - Economics of converting renewable power to hydrogen
- IRENA - Hydrogen: A renewable energy perspective

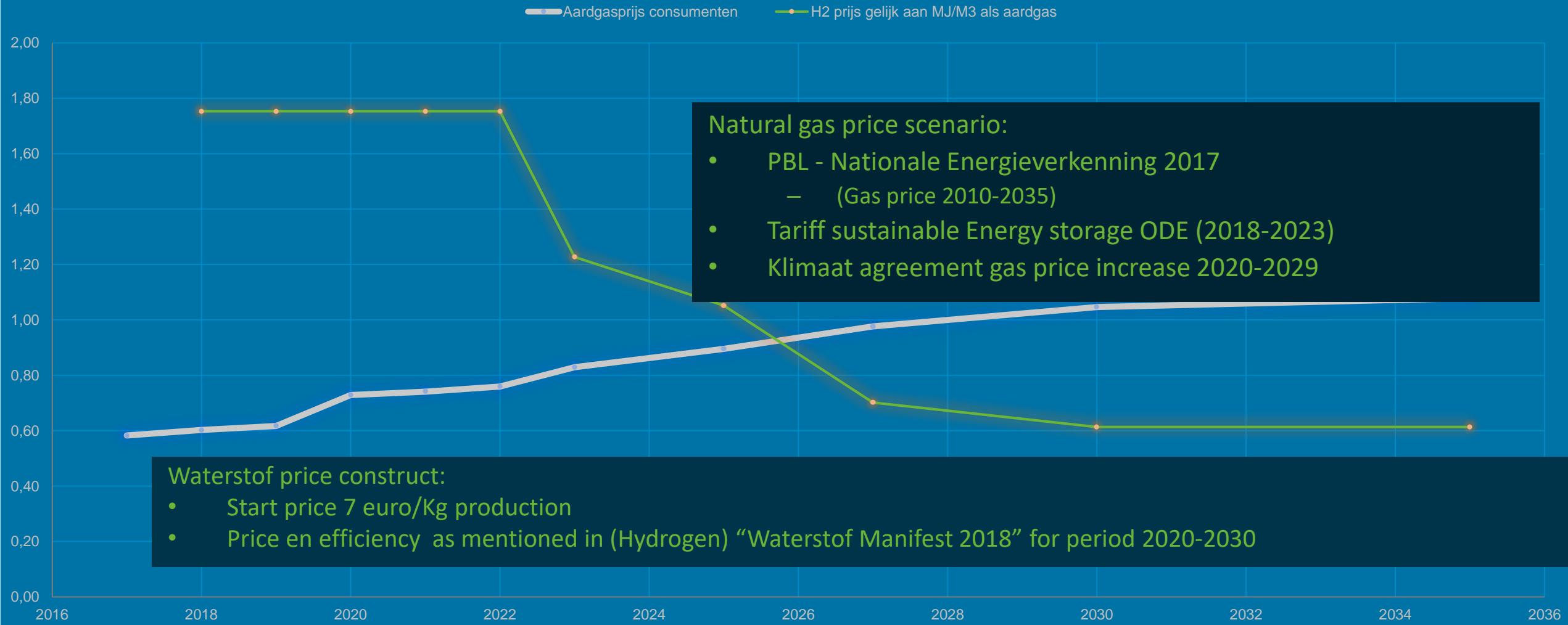
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Gemiddelde		€ 2,72			€ 1,43	
Gemiddelde Min/Max	€ 2,17		€ 3,4	€ 1,04		€ 1,66

Kostprijzen groene waterstof 2030-2050 ontwikkeling (CE Delft 2020 tabel 20) (Hoogervorst, N; 2020, 29 tabel 20)

# HYDROGEN PRICE 2020: 8 EURO/KG EXCL. TAX

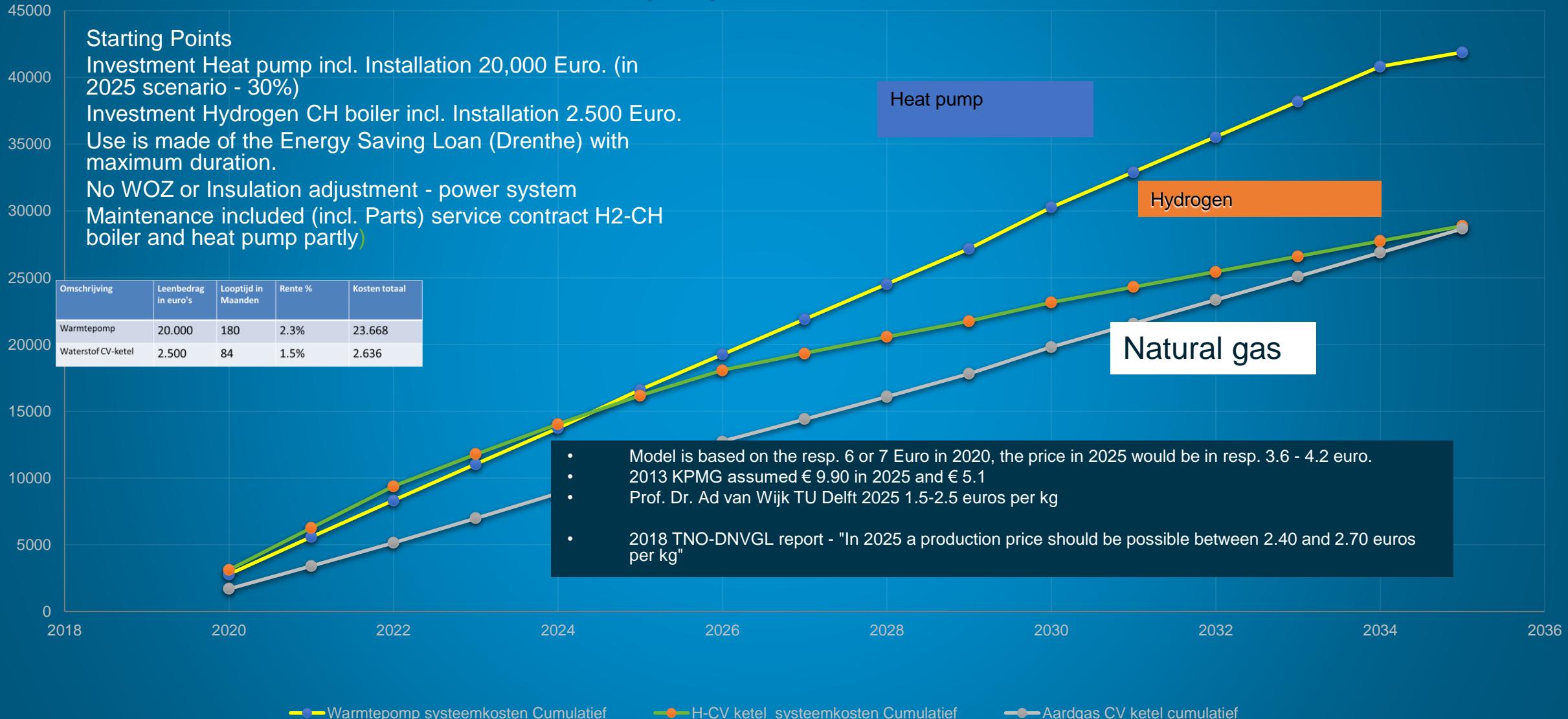
## PRICE DEVELOPMENT

Price G-Gas versus Hydrogen for end user (homes) by 35.17 MJ/M3 Natural gas as reference price in Euro

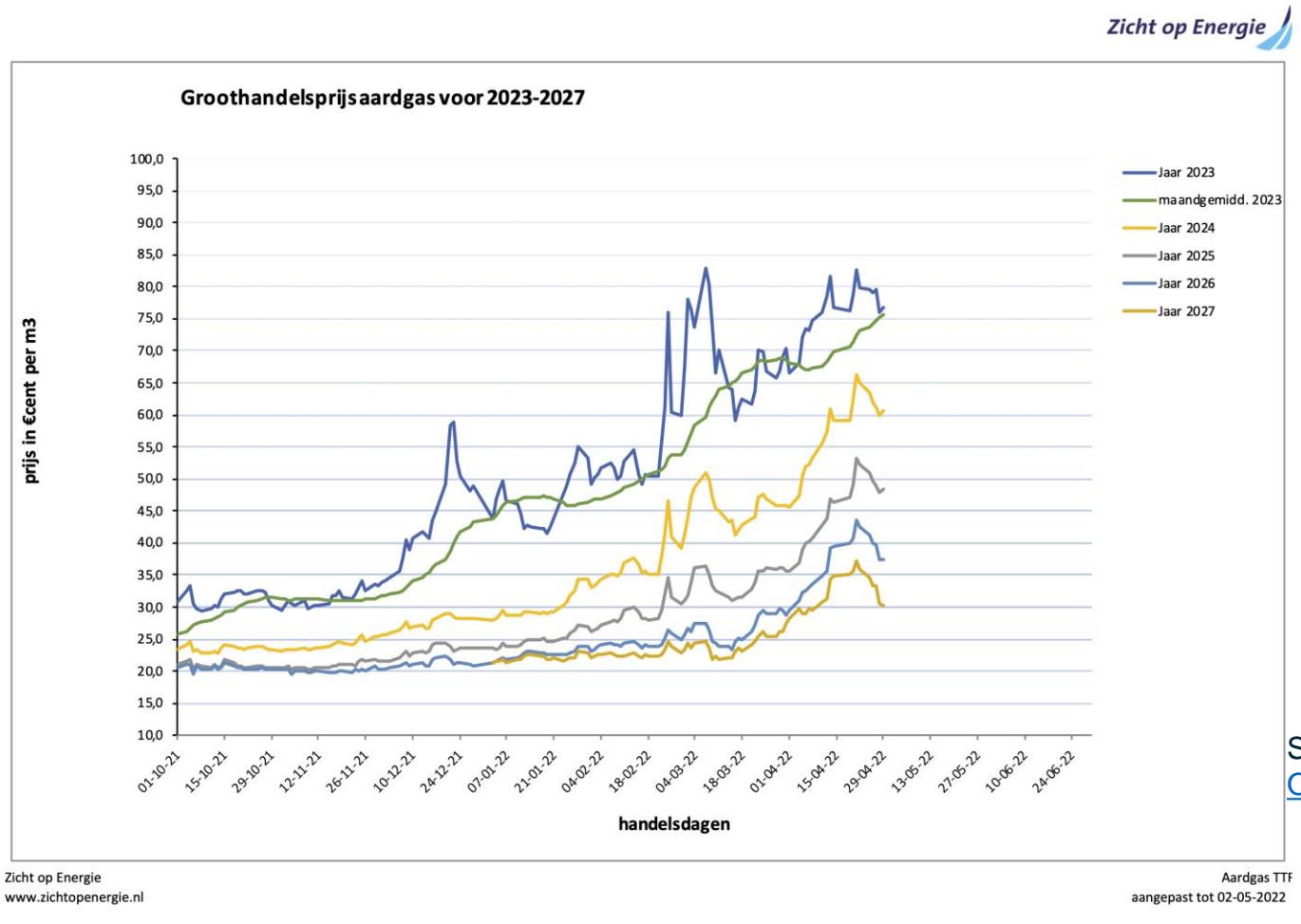


# H2 PRIJS 7 EURO/KG 2020

## Cumulative costs 2020-2035 heat pump versus CV en H-CV Burner



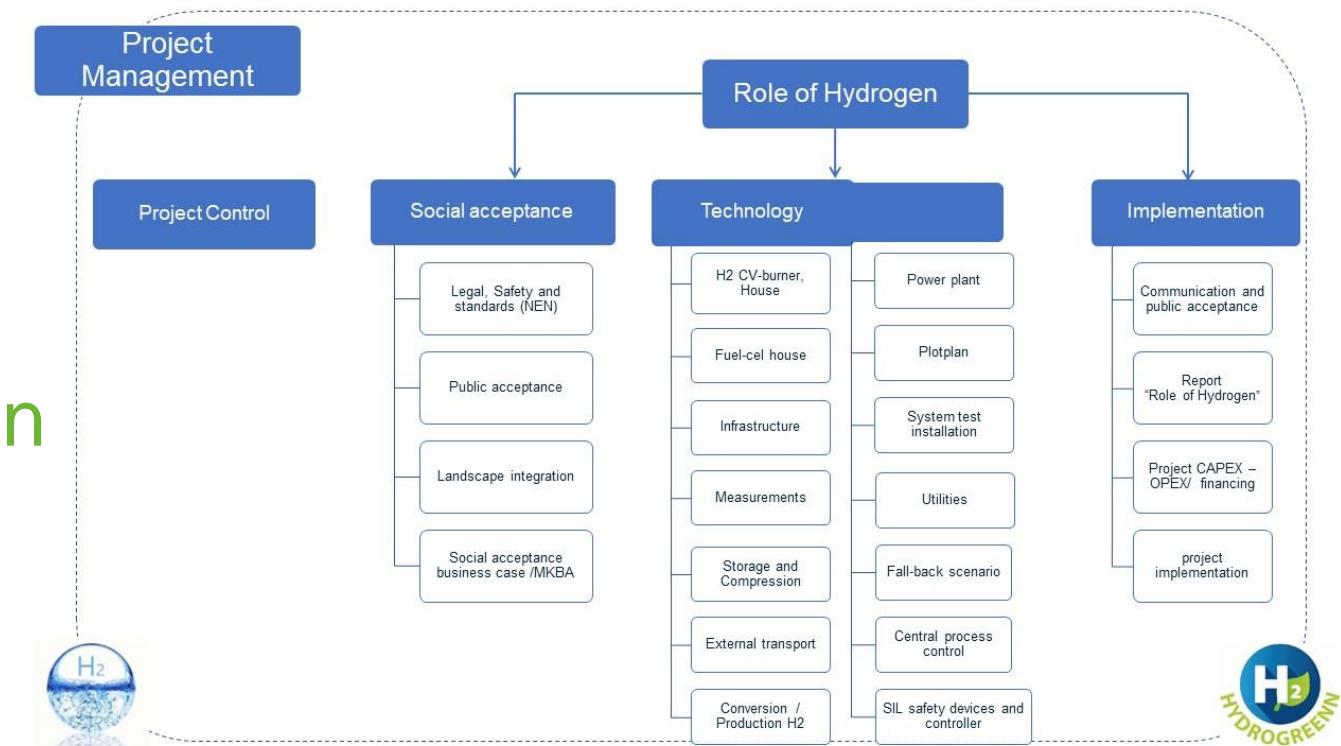
# Wholesale price of natural gas 2023-2027

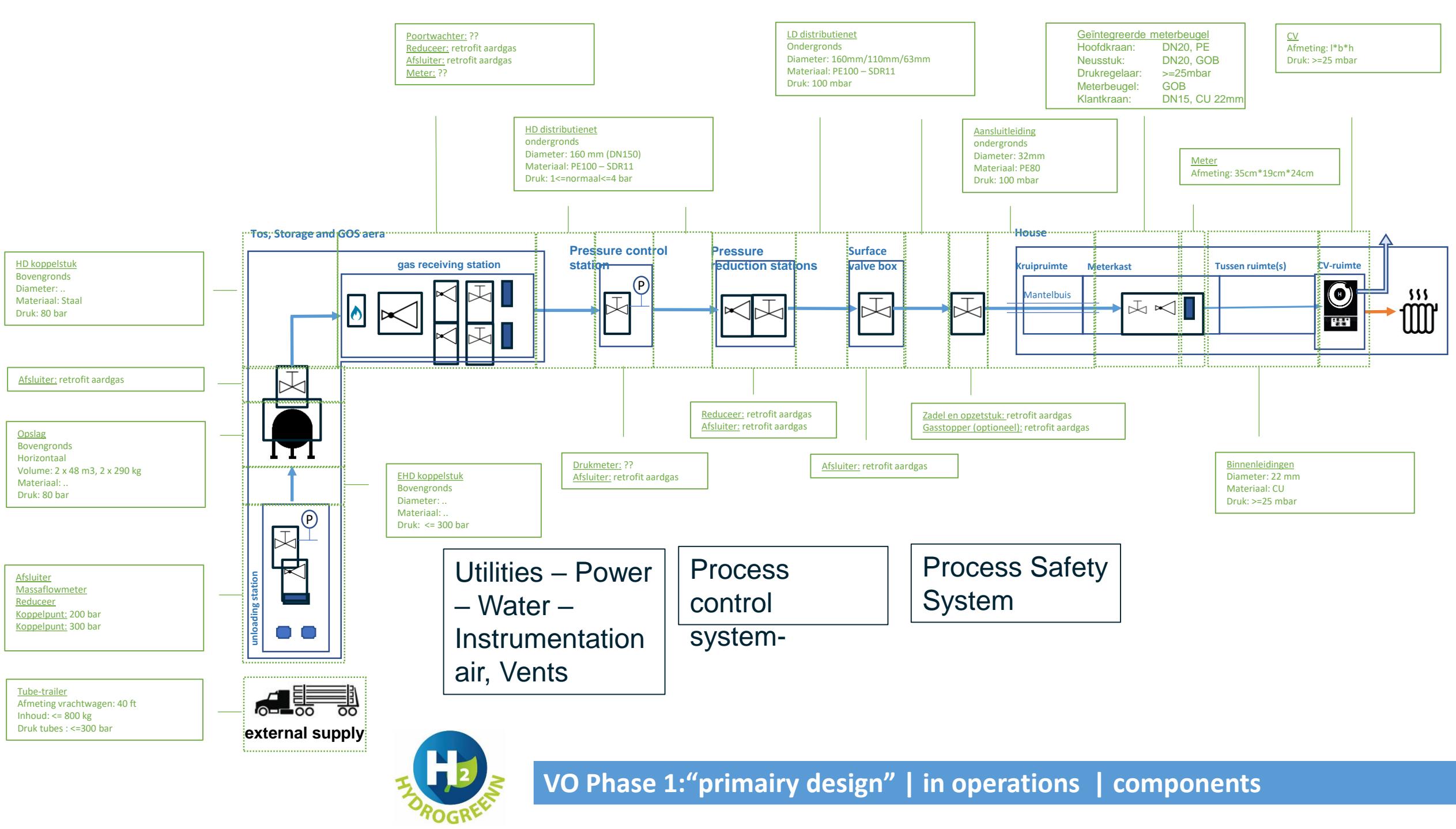


Source 2-5-2022:  
[Ontwikkelingen aardgasprijzen | Zicht op Energie](#)

# TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

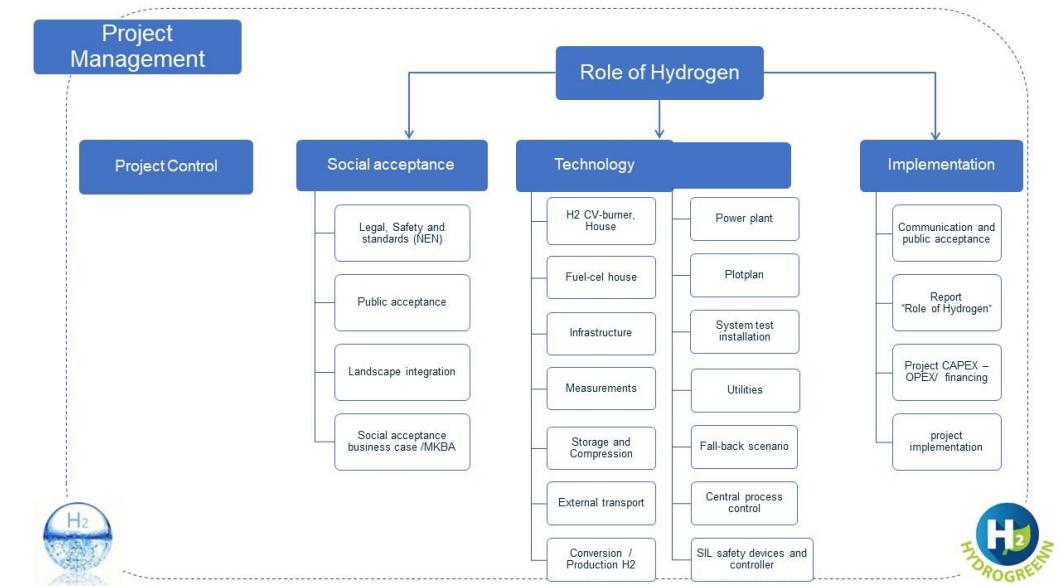
- Gas quality
- Measurement
- Conversion
- Storage and Compression
- Infrastructure
- H2 Heater – House
- System test installation



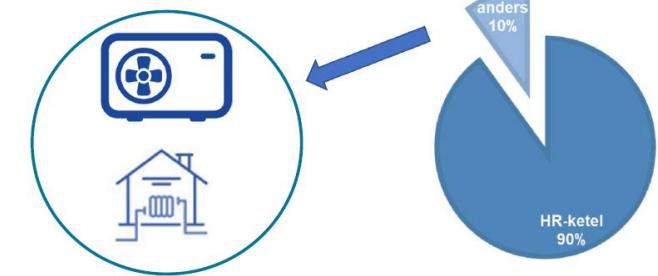


# TECHNICAL CHALLENGE QUALITY OF GAS

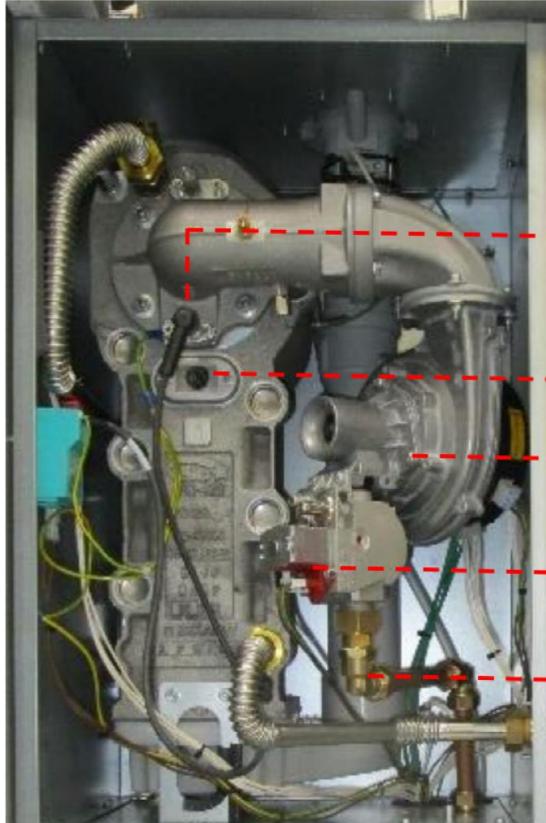
- Gas quality
  - Do we need an odorant or should we use a sensor?
    - Most of gas leaks are outside the house, most leaks with excavation work
  - What kind of odorant do we use?
    - Same as natural gas? (THT)
    - Other Smell?
    - Harmless for fuel cells?



7,7 miljoen  
huishoudens in NL



# Hydrogen Boiler



message H2-boiler - retrofit solution

CO<sub>2</sub> - none

CO - none

NOx - much lower (reported reductions > 50%)

CAPEX - slightly higher

OPEX

maintenance - similar



# TECHNICAL CHALLENGE MEASUREMENT

- Gas Measurement
  - We will lose some Hydrogen quality / calorific value on the route:
  - Who should pay for that?
  - Do we need a QA H<sub>2</sub> measurement after the handover?
    1. Tube trailer to tank
    2. Electrolyzes to tank
    3. From high pressure storage – compressor when we handover to the 4 bar net?

# TECHNICAL CHALLENGE MEASUREMENT

- Measurement
  - What has to be the frequency of scanning?
  - Should we measure flow of energy or heat transfer?
  - Can we use the G4 measurement
  - Does it fit into the “Meterkast” meter cupboard in the houses?
- YES we can use the existing G4 measurement in the houses

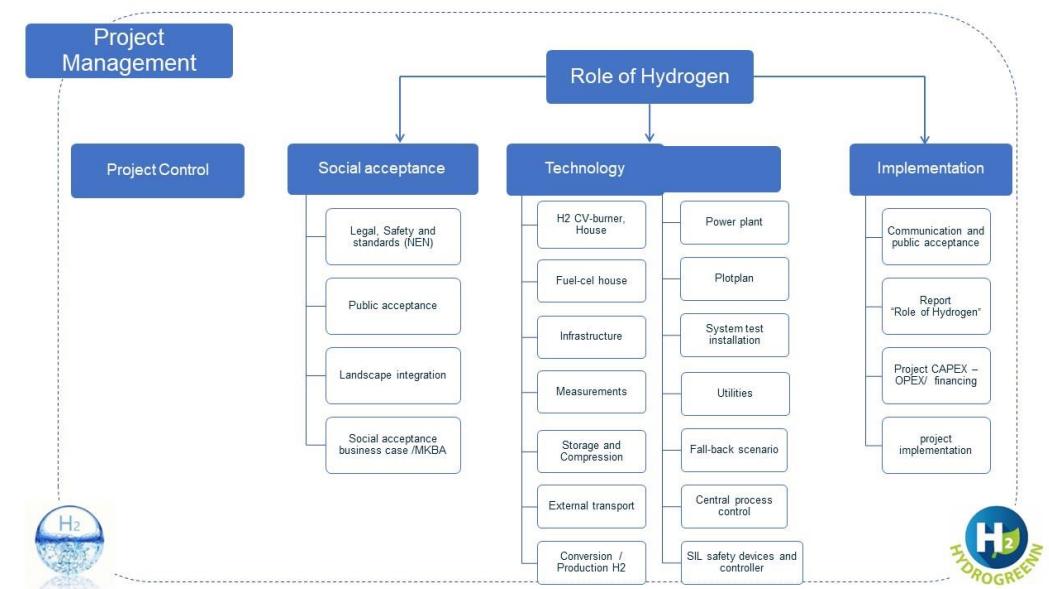


# TECHNICAL CHALLENGE STORAGE /COMPRESSION

- H2 Storage and compression
  - What kind of pressure do we need to lowest cost of storage?
    - Low pressure – we need a large tank
      - Landscape interaction
    - High pressure we will need additional compressor:
      - Also higher cost
      - Energy efficiency will go down.

# TECHNICAL CHALLENGE HOUSES

- H<sub>2</sub> Heater – House
  - Do we need a odorant or should we use a sensor?
  - Thermal acoustic sound problem with higher flows?
  - What is the internal house gas infrastructure quality?
  - Cooking will converse to electric.



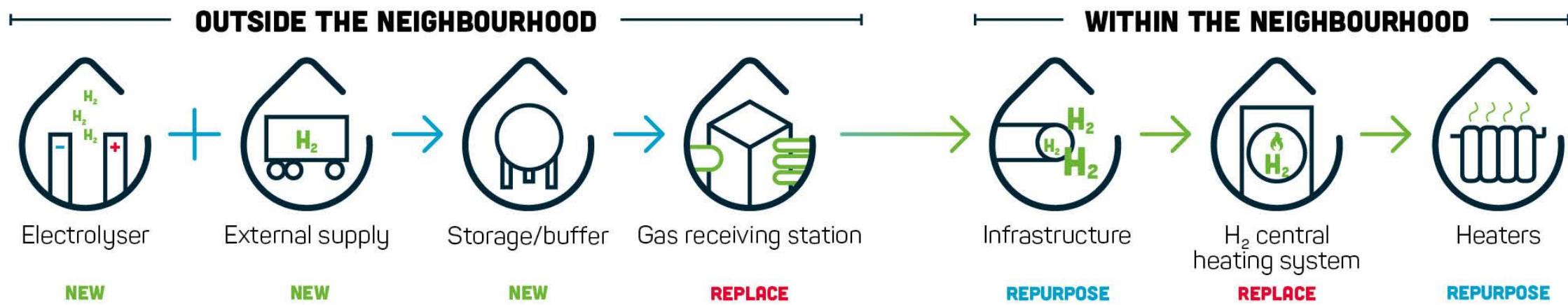
# IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGE

- Communication and public acceptance
  - Public website <https://www.hoogeveen.nl/waterstof>
- Project report
  - Public [Report Waterstofwijk Hoogeveen](#)
  - Public Report [Indicative Social cost benefit analysis Hydrogen heating MKBA Hydrogen City Hoogeveen the Netherlands](#)
  - Public [Report Waterstofwijk Hoogeveen Safety](#)
- Project CAPEX / OPEX/ Financing
- Project implementation
- Market model (for H2 Gas supply)



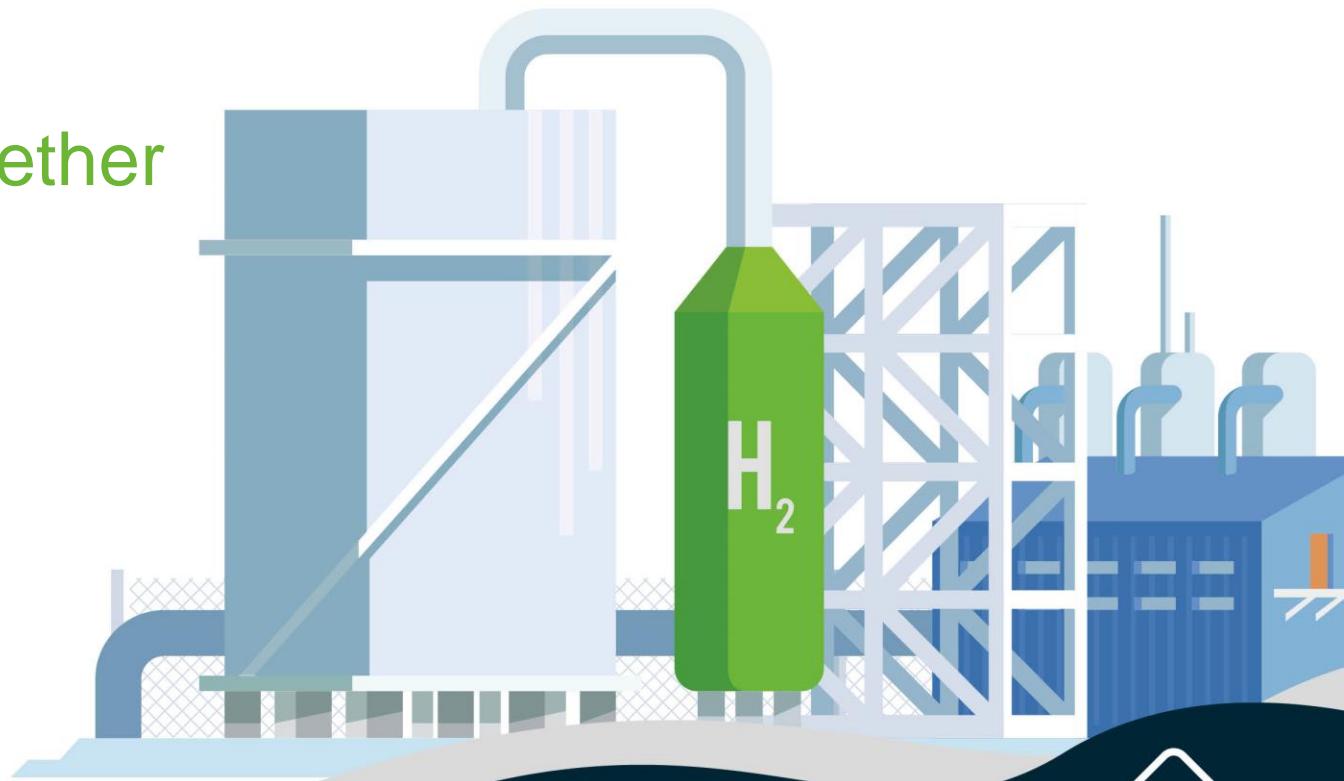
# FROM PLANNING TO PRACTICE

Installation, Infrastructure and Storage  
at the demonstration project in the  
new housing district Nijstad-Oost



# WHAT WE ASK OF OUR NATIONAL POLITICIANS

1. An open mind
2. The possibility of working together
3. Financial support
4. Room to innovate



# Green Deal H2-wijken



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## Green Deal H2-Wijken

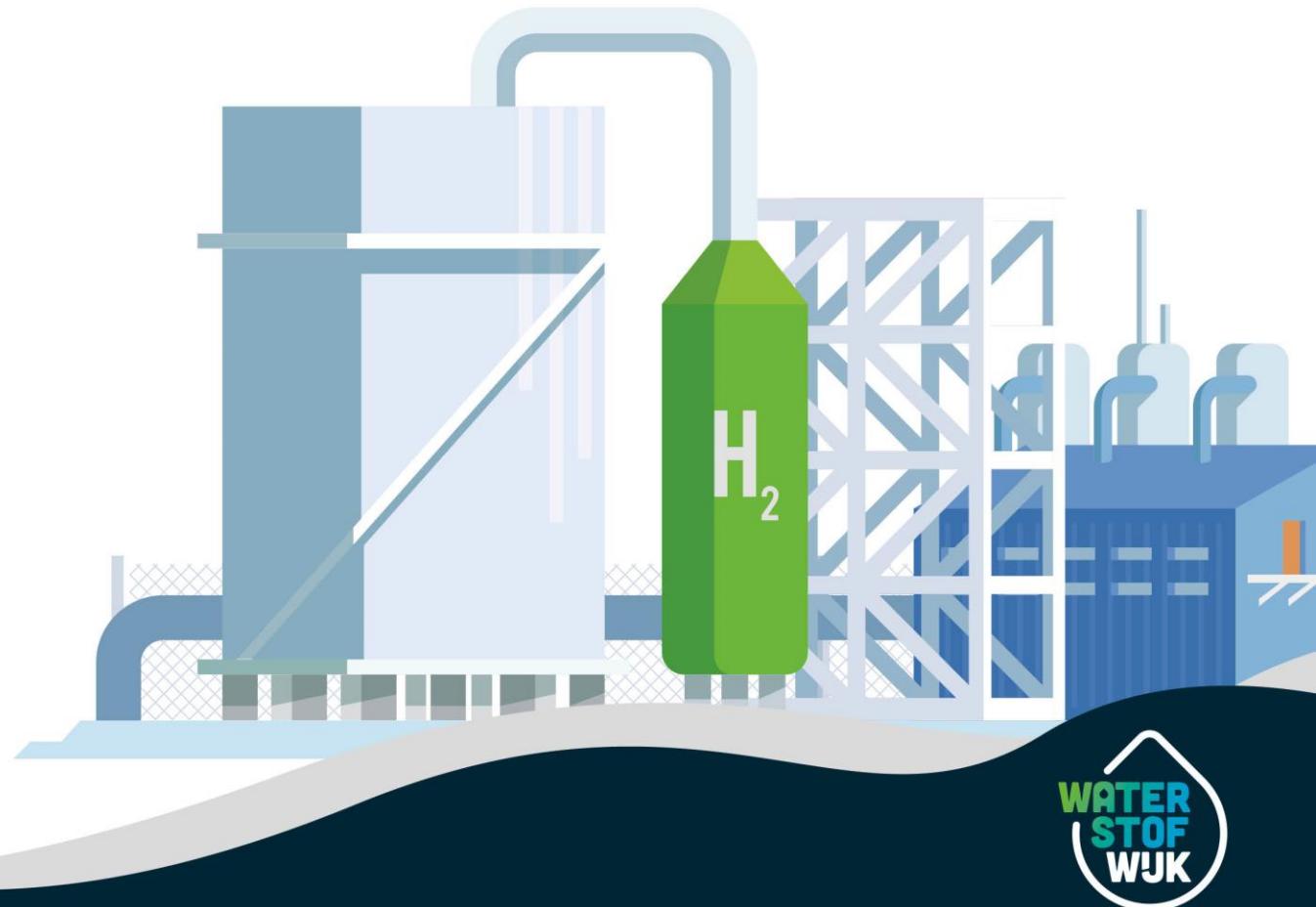
Naar praktische toepassing van waterstof als warmtevoorziening  
in woonwijken

### Partijen:

1. De Minister van Economische Zaken en Klimaat, Bas van 't Wout, hierna te noemen: EZK;
2. De Staatssecretaris van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat, Stientje van Veldhoven, hierna te noemen: IenW;
3. De Minister van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties, Kajsa. H. Ollongren, hierna te noemen: BZK;



# CHALLENGES CREATING A HYDROGEN FUTURE



# H<sub>2</sub> in Build Environment

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2021 First 100% H<sub>2</sub> Project at Hoogeveen

2023 First 100% H<sub>2</sub> Project  
Existing houses at Hoogeveen

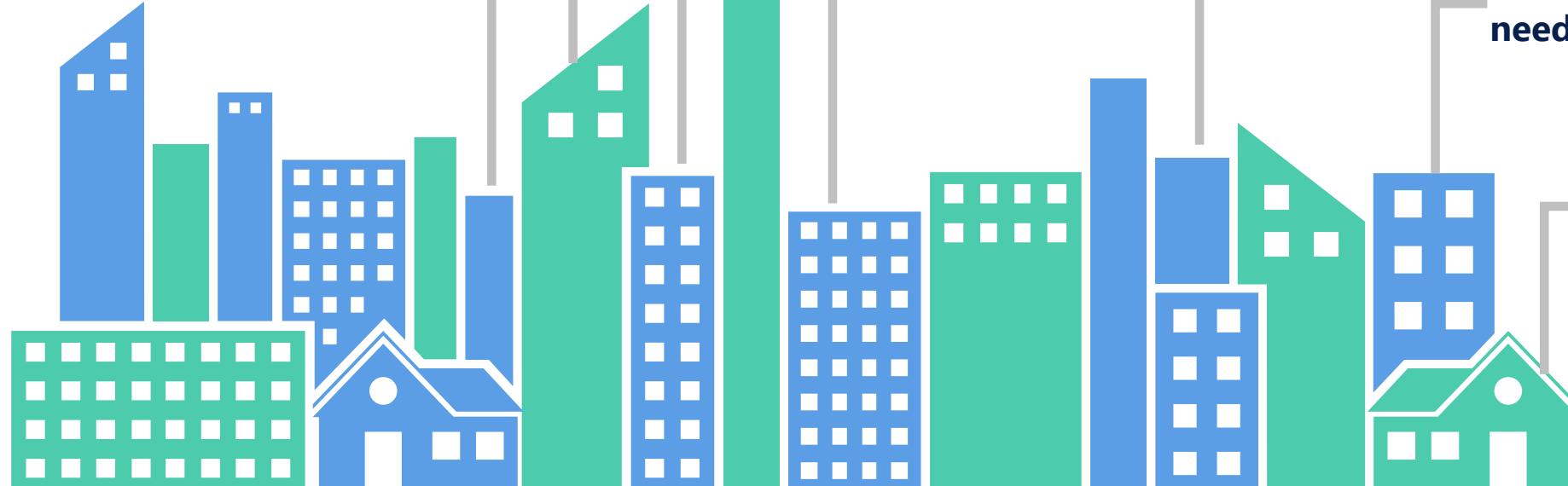
250.000 Houses at 100%  
250.000 Houses eq. at Mixture%

2024- 100K H<sub>2</sub> Burners on Dutch market possible

Main H<sub>2</sub> TSO Gas grid  
Available 2025

100-200 K TON H<sub>2</sub>  
needed

Best result  
when  
combined  
with hybrid  
heat pump



# H<sub>2</sub> in Build Environment-outlook 2050

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**Hydrogreen H<sub>2</sub> Project consortium,  
Market > 1 million Houses**

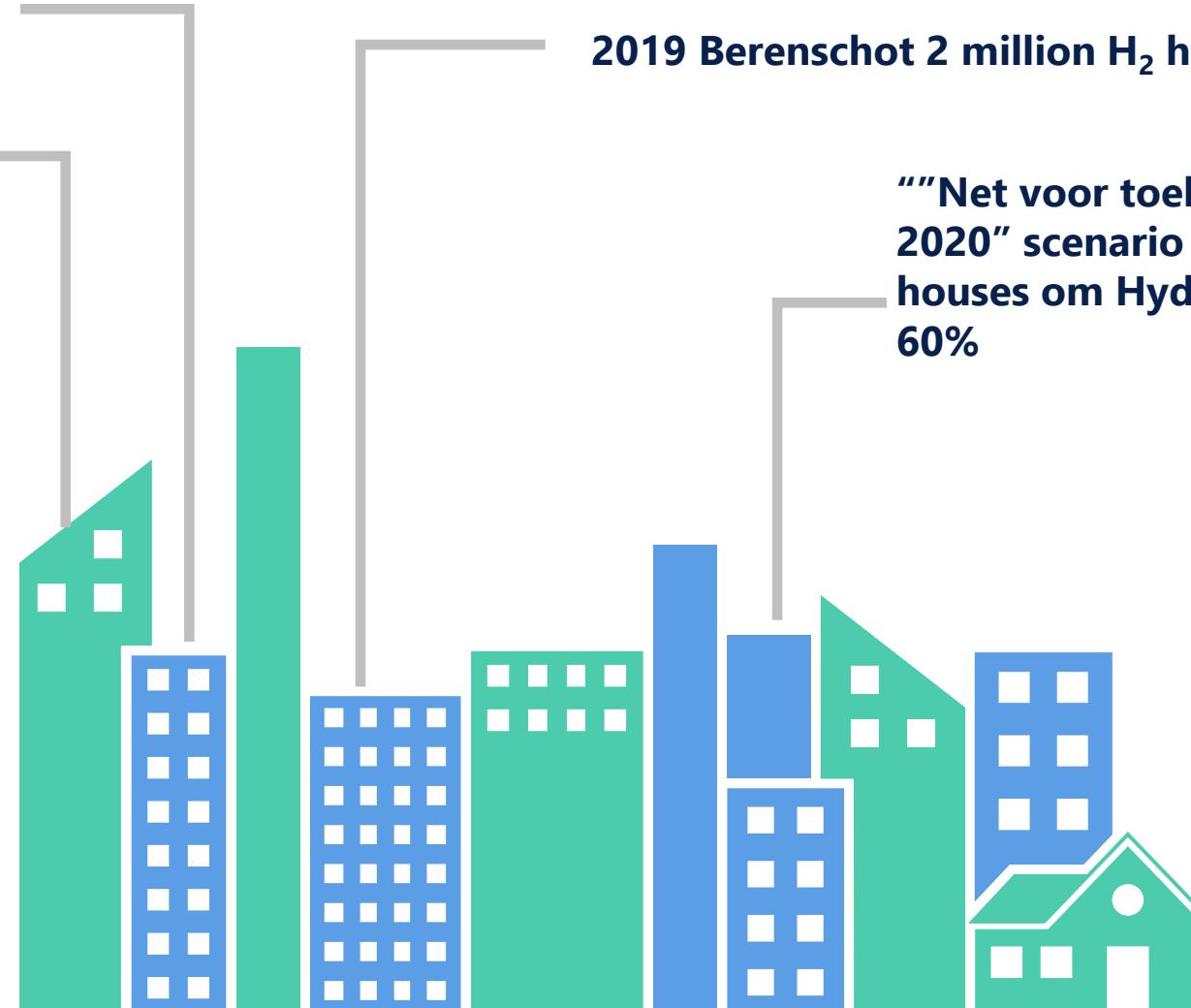
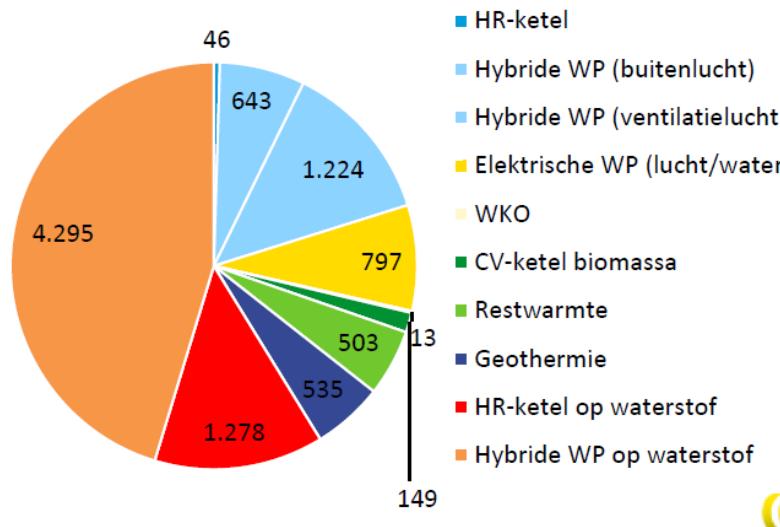
**CE Delft 1,2-1,7 H<sub>2</sub> houses – “Net van  
de Toekomst”**

**Stedin 38% of there > 2 million  
houses**

**2019 Berenschot 2 million H<sub>2</sub> houses is possible**

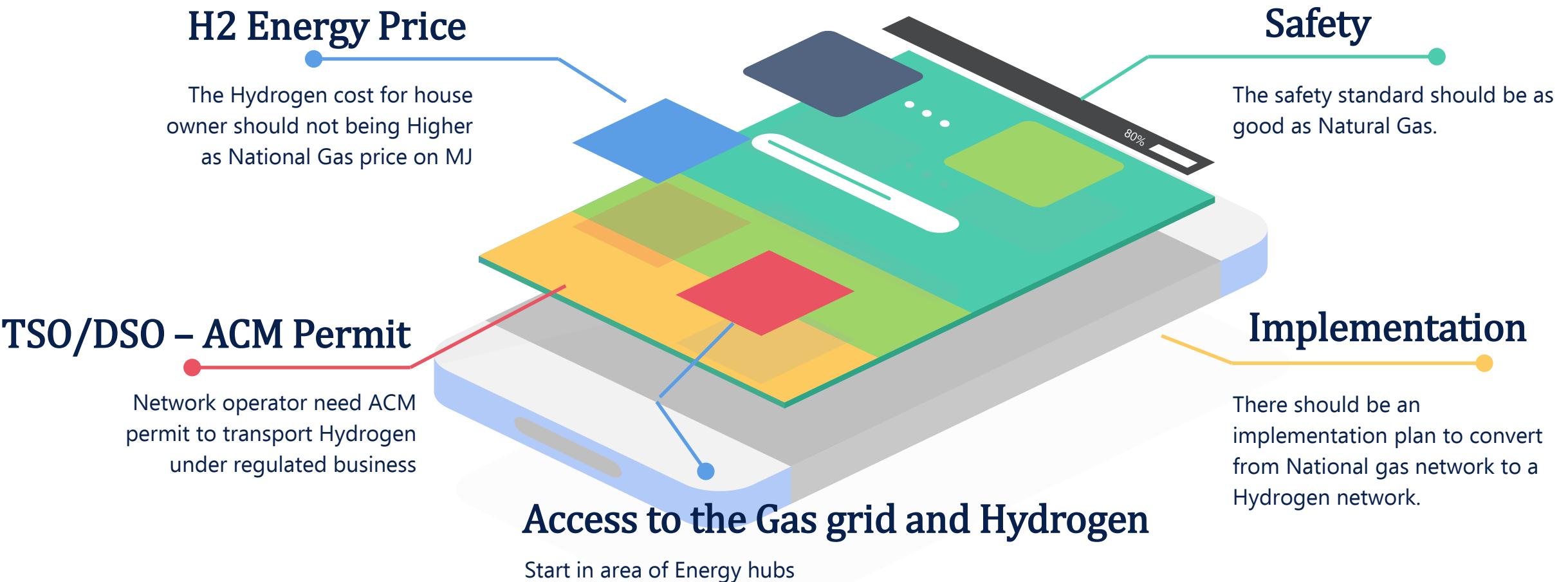
**“Net voor toekomst update  
2020” scenario C” 20% of all  
houses om Hydrogen a (D)  
60%**

Aantal WEQ per optie (duizenden)



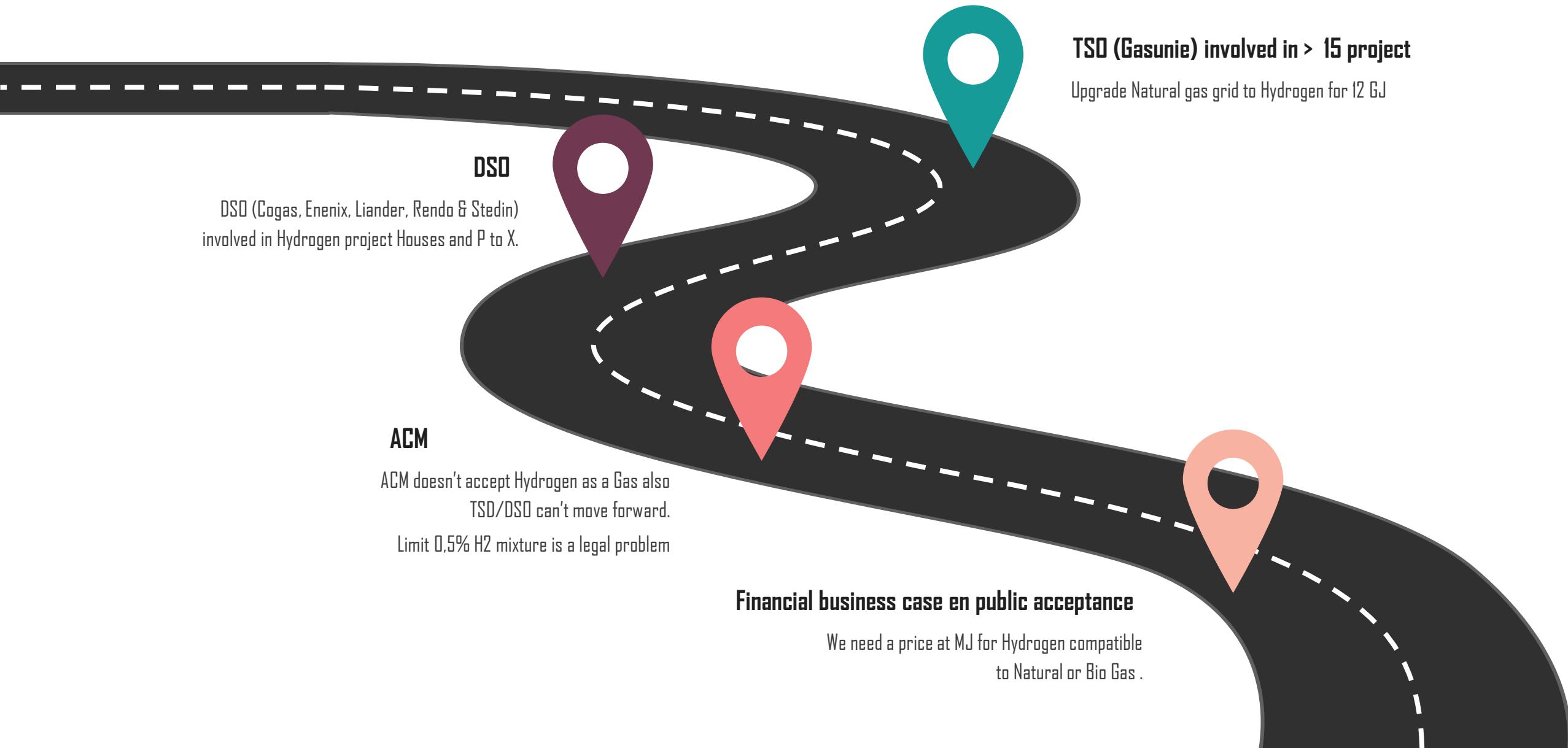
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## Restrictions

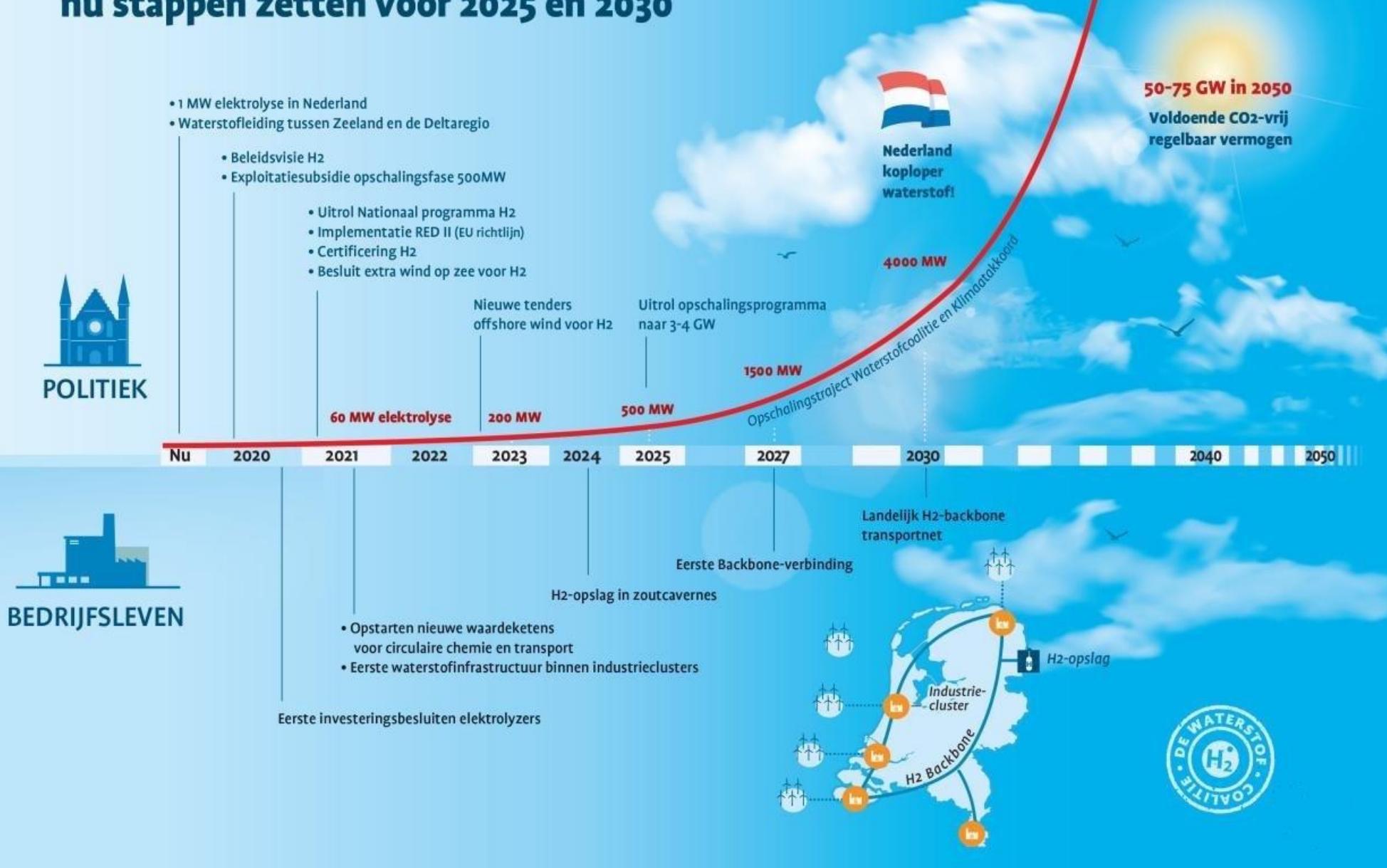


# Hydrogen Network and projects

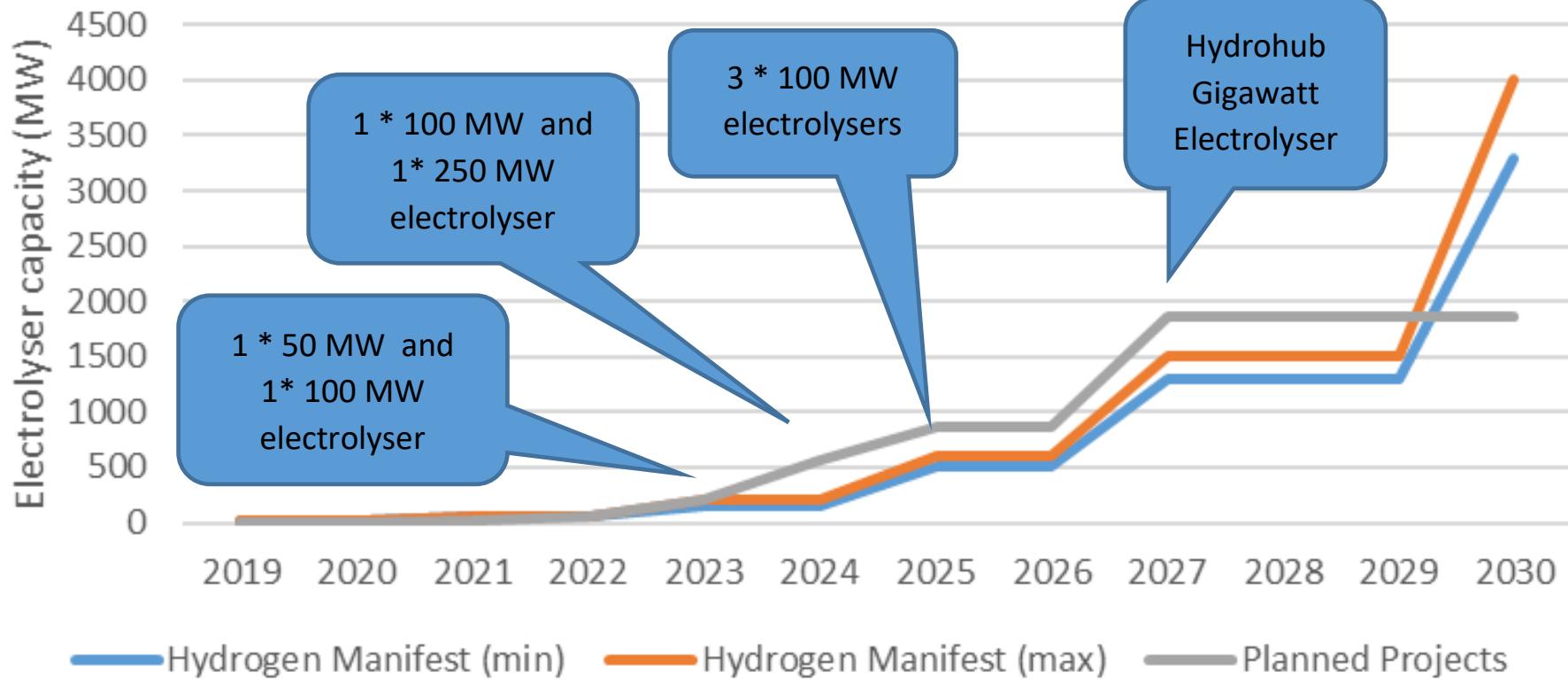
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# Samenwerken aan waterstof: nu stappen zetten voor 2025 en 2030



## Green hydrogen production



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# **NEXT STEPS**

Implementation in the neighbouring Vinex district of Erflanden is the next step. As of 2022, the goal is to equip 1,100 homes with green hydrogen as a sustainable source of energy.

# Activiteiten na ondertekening intentieverklaring

## Bewoners:

- Bewonersavond Erflanden
- Bewonerssessies voorbereiding uitvoering

## Uitvraag rollen:

- Marktorientatie waterstofleveranciers
- Marktconsultatie waterstof CV-ketel

## Projectmanagement:

- Keten overzicht
- Planning
- Business Case
- Risicodossier

### Green Deal H2-Wijken

**RTV Drenthe**  
Ruim 4 miljoen euro subsidie voor waterstofwijk Erflanden ...  
De gemeente Hoogeveen krijgt ruim 4 miljoen euro subsidie voor de ... "In Nederland is er een aantal projecten waarbij wijken overgezet ...  
26 okt. 2020

**RTV Drenthe**  
6,5 ton van provincie Drenthe voor waterstofwijk Hoogeveen  
6,5 ton van provincie Drenthe voor waterstofwijk Hoogeveen ... van een deel van de al bestaande woningen in de naastgelegen wijk Erflanden.  
17 nov. 2020

C-234  
Green Deal H2-Wijken  
Naar praktische toepassing van waterstof als warmtevoorziening in woonwijken  
Partijen:  
1. De Minister van Economische Zaken en Klimaat, Bart van 't Wout, hierna te noemen: EZK.  
2. De Staatssecretaris van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat, Sjoerd van Oldruitenborgh, hierna te noemen: IeSW.  
3. De Minister van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties, Kajsa H. Ollongren, hierna te noemen: BZK.

## Uitbreiding ketenpartners:

- Energie van Ons

## Voorlopig ontwerp:

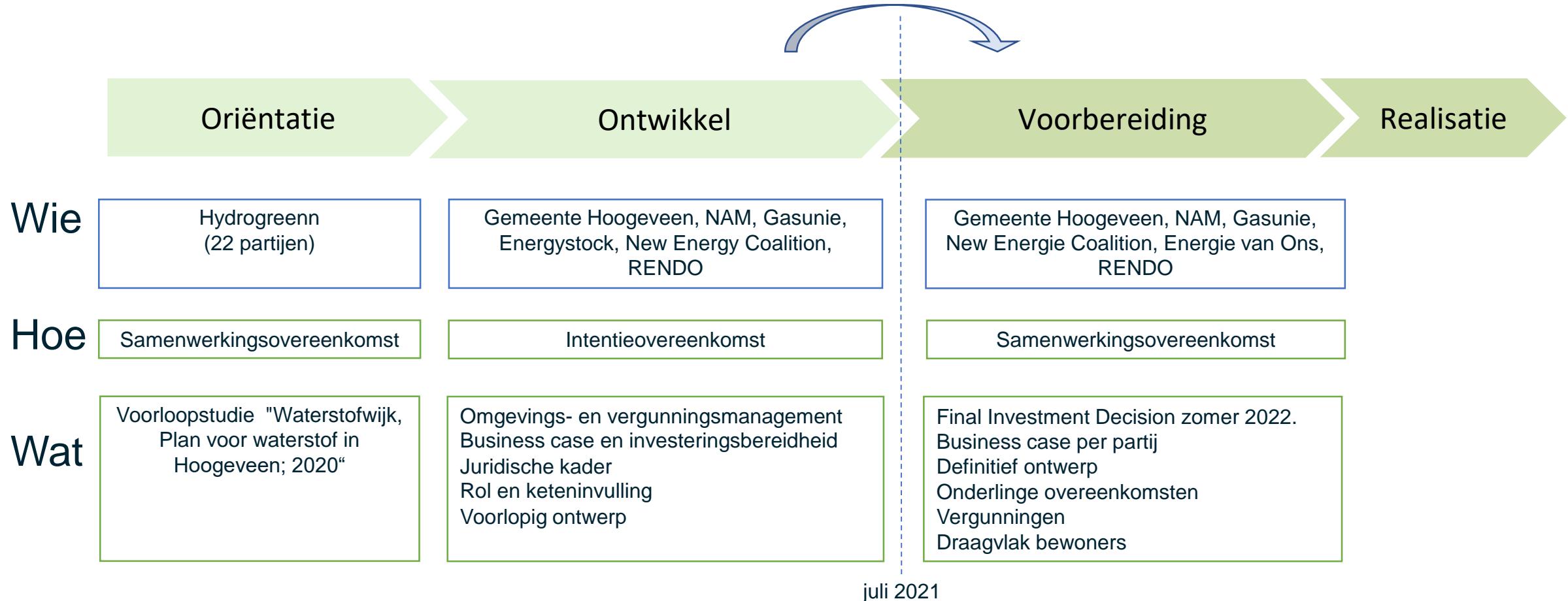
- Distributienet
- Losstation en GOS
- Installatie nieuwbouw woning
- Inrichting voorkeurslocatie

## Omgeving - en vergunningen:

- QRA – voorkeurslocatie
- Botsproef met veiligheidsregio en RUD
- Gesprek eigenaren – voorkeurslocatie



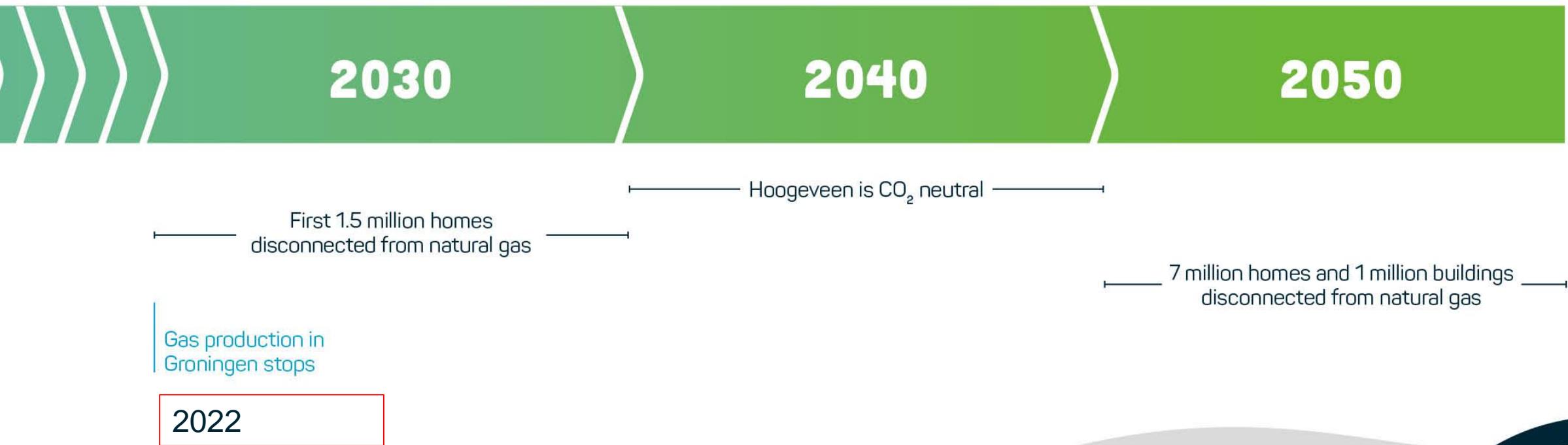
# Next project phase



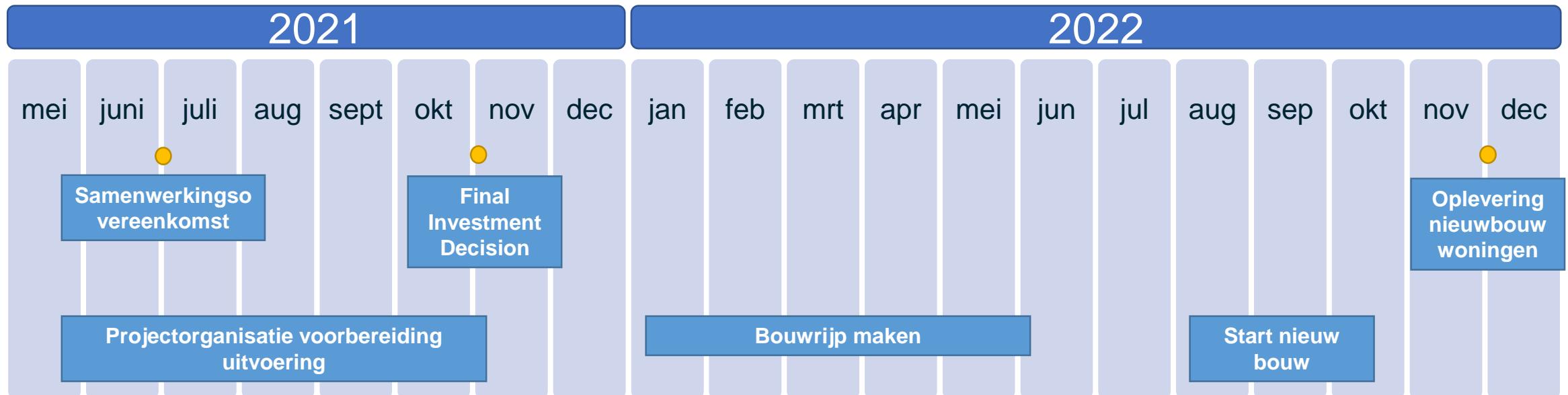
# TIJDLIJN SHORT-TERM



# LONG-TERM TIMELINE



# Planning Nijstad-oost



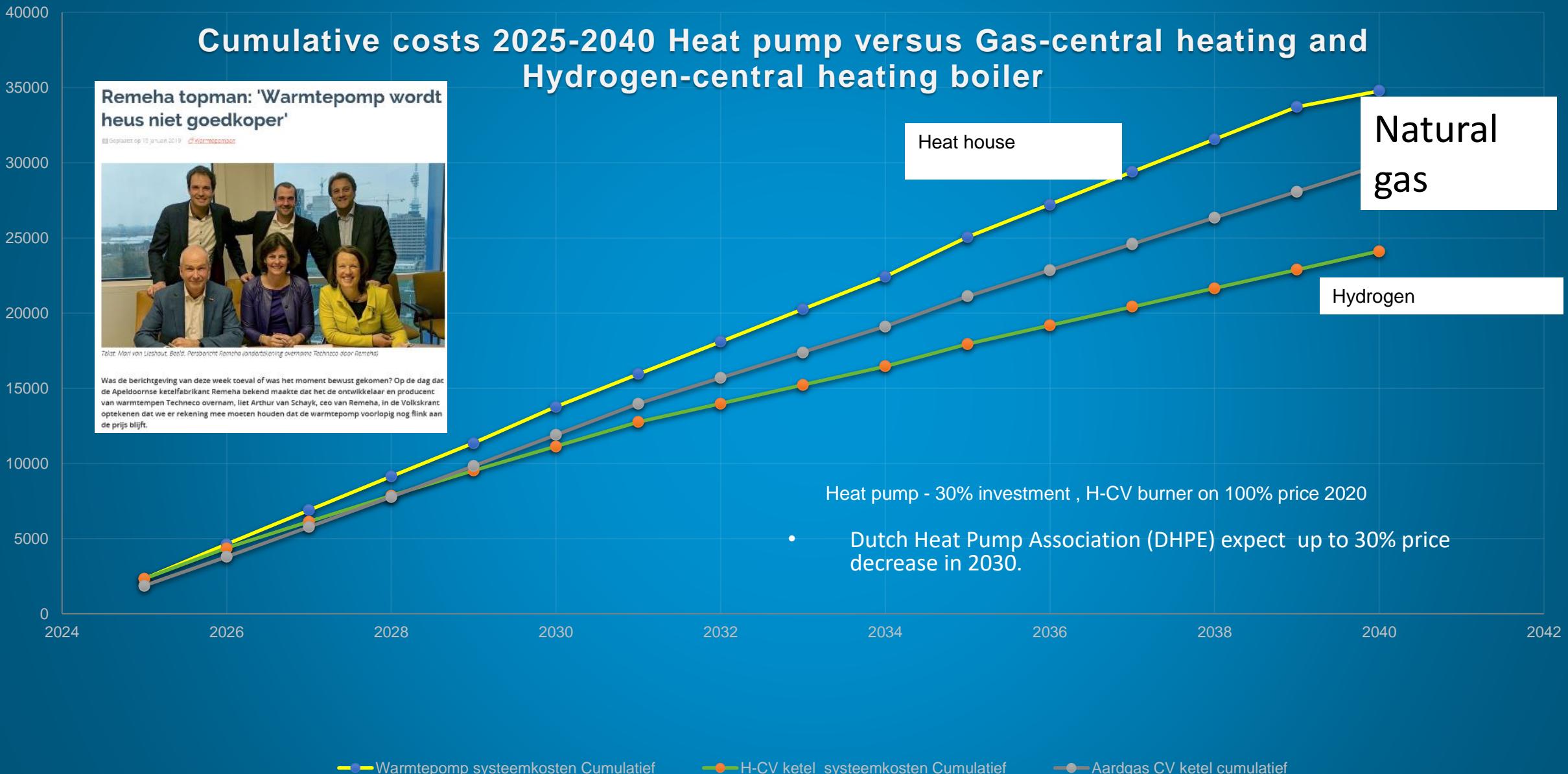
**INNOVATIVE PLANS?  
WE'RE READY.  
ARE YOU?**



# BACK-UP SLIDE



# START 2025 – WARMTEPOMP -30% INVESTERING



# HOUSE AMOUNT AND ENERGY LABEL

Tabel 1 Woningvoorraad naar energielabel, 2015

	Sociale huurwoning	Particuliere huurwoning	Koopwoning	Totaal	
BENG	8.800	47.200	52.600	108.600	
A	208.300	129.400	632.600	970.300	Heat Pumps
B	393.500	92.400	451.900	937.800	
C	763.900	184.900	1.310.400	2.259.200	
D	532.400	147.900	677.800	1.358.100	
E	254.600	101.700	451.900	808.200	Combination Hydrogen Boiler
F	115.700	83.200	406.700	605.600	and Hybrid Heat pump and
G	46.300	157.100	406.700	610.100	some basic isolation
Totaal	2.323.500	943.800	4.390.600	7.657.900	will be the most attractive option.

Bron: WoON 2015 / EIB

# Hoogeveen – Nieuws in India

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# FUEL CELL INDIA

INDIA'S FIRST MAGAZINE FOR THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY

## ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH GREEN HYDROGEN



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### ► ARTICLE

#### 100 new homes running entirely on hydrogen in the municipality of Hoogeveen, Netherlands

**I**NCREASED concern over carbon emissions has caused many governments to push for reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in their countries across many sectors, including commercial and residential buildings. Rather than heating buildings using traditional methods such as natural gas, some municipalities are looking to convert boilers from natural gas to hydrogen, to eliminate carbon emissions.

The municipality of Hoogeveen in Netherlands intends to build around 100 houses in the new district of Nijstad-Oost; these houses will run entirely on hydrogen. Construction work is due to start in 2022. The municipality sees this development as a way of contributing towards the energy transition in the Netherlands, by building gas-free houses.

The aim of the HYDROGREENN - municipality of Hoogeveen project was to deliver a (techno-economic) blueprint and associated technology concept for the heat supply of the 100 houses in the new district of Nijstad-Oost on 100% hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), based on operating with a hydrogen central heating boiler. The key challenge of the project is focused on creating new residential areas without having to use natural gas as the key energy carrier to supply heating and to make urban areas more sustainable. This blueprint and technology must be capable of being applied to existing residential districts throughout the Netherlands. As well as reducing the use of natural gas, this will also create a market opportunity for the parties concerned. The blueprint will not only cover technological aspects, it will also incorporate the social business case, hydrogen sources and support from residents. This approach will be compared to other hydrogen-based solutions (fuel cells, local heat networks etc.), in order to gain insight into advantages and disadvantages.

Nijstad-Oost is not a standalone project; it is a demonstration project serving as a catalyst for the application of hydrogen in the built environment. The reason why we are not starting with existing buildings straight away is so that we can create, from a greenfield site, a clearly-

defined and controlled environment that is comparable to existing buildings (in regards infrastructure and equipment). The controlled environment will serve as a launching pad for applying the technology to existing homes in the nearby district.

This constitutes the first step in a multidimensional program, with its own concrete objectives. Effects in the newly built homes will be followed closely, but the project is also a prelude to scaling up the technology for application to the nearest existing district: Ermelo. An issue that is even greater than new homes in the Netherlands: how do we make the existing heat supply more sustainable? That's why work will also focus on hydrogen boiler solutions for existing homes using experience gained from this project. Blending tests will then be introduced gradually for these existing homes until they are also eventually running entirely on hydrogen.

The hydrogen project is a unique collaboration between 22 organizations encompassing the whole chain, consisting of government authorities,



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knowledge institutions and companies. They are investing a total of 15,000 man-hour in the project.

The final report containing the research results of Waterstofwijk Hoogeveen (Hydrogen plan in the Dutch town of

Hoogeveen). The most important conclusion of the two-year study is that existing residential areas can also switch from natural gas to sustainable hydrogen for their heating. The specially developed hydrogen boiler makes use of the existing natural gas infrastructure. Heating the 'built environment' with hydrogen is therefore not limited to new-build one construction. The report was presented today during a webinar to the consortium members of the project. The basis for the implementation of the plan is the Nijstad-Oost demonstration project in Hoogeveen with 100 new homes. The municipality of Hoogeveen, together with the consortium parties involved, will now take the steps to realize the plan: the construction of the hydrogen network and the connection of 100 new homes in Nijstad-Oost. This will be followed by the conversion of 427 homes in the existing Ermelo district. Hydrogen for existing buildings. The study shows that heating with hydrogen in the built environment can be safely used as a substitute for natural gas.

The Northern Netherlands created a six-year plan HEAVENN (Hydrogen Energy Applications in Valley Environments for Northern Netherlands) and the Northern Netherlands is the first region to receive a subsidy for their so-called Hydrogen Valley. The North Netherlands subsidy application for a



Hydrogen Valley has been approved by the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) of the European Commission. It concerns a subsidy of 20 million euros with a public-private co-financing of 70 million euros. This brings the total project size to around 90 million euros. This subsidy is intended for the development of a fully functioning green hydrogen chain in the Northern Netherlands.

Over the past several years, the Northern Netherlands has accelerated

its hydrogen project pipelines together with its ambitions of becoming the leading European hydrogen ecosystem. The Northern Netherlands has received recognition from the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) Hydrogen Valley grant as the leading European Hydrogen Valley developing a full-fledged green hydrogen value chain, and is highlighted as a target region for the European Just Transition Fund. Furthermore, global businesses (e.g. Engie, Equinor, RWE, Shell and Vattenfall) have increasingly committed to the Northern Netherlands as their hydrogen ecosystem of choice, and regional governments have increased their commitment to realize the Northern Netherlands hydrogen ecosystem. Close collaboration with surrounding countries will add to the region's development.

This increased momentum has brought about the next phase in the realization of the Dutch hydrogen opportunity, moving from pilots and demos to maturing and scaling up the Northern Netherlands hydrogen ecosystem. To highlight the ambitious nature of the Northern Netherlands, one goal of the region is to have offshore hydrogen production by 2030. Whereas the project pipeline in the 2019 Investment Agenda was worth EUR 2.6 billion in total, all investment in this 2020 Investment Plan amount to over EUR 9 billion.

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