



# AGENDA national workshop Hylaw Belgium



- 9.00 - 9.30: **Introduction Hylaw project and EU legislative framework** *Alexandru Floristean, Hydrogen Europe*
- 9.30 -10.45: **Experiences with permitting/legislation in existing H<sub>2</sub> projects**
- **Non-public and public fuelling station at Colruyt, Halle**, *Koen Declercq, Colruyt Group*
  - **Public fuelling station of Air Liquide in Zaventem**, *Jean-Pierre Verpoorten, Air Liquide*
  - **H<sub>2</sub> ship Hydroville**, *Roy Campe, CMB*
  - **Type approval buses**, *Luc Vinckx, Van Hool*
  - **Distance rules definition for H<sub>2</sub> stations**, *Philip Marynissen, VITO*
- 10.45-11.00: Coffee break
- 11.00-11.30: **Presentation National Policy paper for Belgium**, *Isabel François, WaterstofNet*
- 11.30-12.30: **Open discussion**
- 12:30-13:00: Sandwich lunch

# Hylaw - national policy paper Belgium

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# Outline

- Topics studied in Hylaw project
- Selection of priorities for Belgium
- Conclusions
- Discussion and follow-up

# Topics studied in Hylaw project

Application	Barriers?	Main topics to be tackled	Level
Production of H <sub>2</sub>	Red	Permitting process complex	Regions
Storage of H <sub>2</sub>	Red	Permitting process complex	Regions
Transport & distribution	Green		
H <sub>2</sub> as a fuel and HRS	Red	Permitting process complex Quality requirements unclear	Regions EU, Federal
Vehicles	Yellow	Incentives, stimuli required	Regions, Federal
	Red	Ships: no legislative framework	EU, Federal
Electrolyser connection to E-grid	Green		
Injection of H <sub>2</sub> in gas grid	Red	No legislative framework	Federal, Regional
Stationary power (fuel cells)	Green		
Over-arching issues	Red	Valorisation of green hydrogen	EU, federal

# Selection of topics for national policy paper

1. Hydrogen refueling infrastructure permitting procedure
2. Hydrogen quality requirements- and monitoring in HRS
3. H<sub>2</sub> for shipping
4. Incentives for hydrogen vehicles: cars, buses, trucks
5. Injection of hydrogen in the gas grid

Remark:

*Due to practical experience with H<sub>2</sub> projects in Flanders, some parts of the policy paper are more focus on Flemish region. Specific info for Wallonia/Brussels should be added.*

# 1. Hydrogen refueling infrastructure: permitting

- Hydrogen refuelling systems exist in different configurations
  - Supply of hydrogen by pipeline or trucks
    - ⇒ **storage** of H<sub>2</sub>
  - Locally produced on-site by water-electrolysis
    - ⇒ **production & storage** H<sub>2</sub>



# 1. Hydrogen refueling infrastructure: permitting

## ■ Status / Issues

- Permitting is a REGIONAL competence.
- Building : No principal issue in legislation but specific issues for each case
- Environmental : No specific legislation for hydrogen available  
⇒ individual procedure/ safety assessment for each installation
- No practical guidelines available for permitting procedure
- No quick procedure for small/test projects (e.g. mobile refueller)

## ■ Relevant legislation in Belgium

- Regional: Environmental legislation

## ■ Good examples in other countries?

- NL: PGS35 document with guidelines for HRS
- D, F, S: quick procedure for small scale test projects





# Hydrogen refueling infrastructure: permitting procedure

## ■ Running actions

- “Best available Techniques” (BAT) study running in Flanders  
⇒ Standard safety checklist; module for calculation safety distances, ..  
BUT long throughput time to turn this into legislation
- Exercise in Wallonia/Brussels to be started

## ■ Recommendations:

- Quick implementation of BBT results in regional legislation
- Publish PGS35-like document with practical guidelines on short term
- Identical procedure in 3 regions
- Develop quick procedure for tests/mobile refueller

## ■ Who has to be adressed?

- Regional depts of environment





## ■ Relevant Legislation and standards

- Directive 2014/94/EU (Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive)
  - ⇒ application of **ISO 14687–2:2012** (H<sub>2</sub> quality requirements for fuel cells) is mandatory
- ISO 14687-2:2012 to be replaced with **:2018** version + extra **ISO 19880-8**, specifying the quality assurance and control protocol
- New EN 17124 standard (H<sub>2</sub> quality requirements + securing of quality) in preparation.

## ■ Issues in real life:

- (old) ISO-standard is hard to implement; measurements only done by limited # labs
- In practice: only check on limited # of contaminants
- No controlling organisation in Belgium; no mentioning of norms in legislation



## ▪ Running actions:

- Individual actions of HRS operators, no coordinated action

## ▪ Recommendations:

- Clear reference to the norm in national (AFID) legislation
- Clear procedure for testing and monitoring of H<sub>2</sub> fuel in HRS in Belgium
- Contaminants to be checked dependent on production method hydrogen (EU norm)?
- Consensus is needed on the requirements for fuel quality (by suppliers, manufacturers of fuel cells, etc.)

## ▪ Who has to be addressed?

- Member states, standardisation bodies, industry

# Vehicles: H<sub>2</sub> in shipping

- Hydrogen engine or fuel cell
- Hydrogen storage on board
  - Gaseous or liquid
- Bunkering of hydrogen
  - Large volumes!
- IMO: 50% reduction in GHG by 2050



## ▪European/International framework:

**Maritime (SEA):** governed at international level by IMO

- IGF-code (low flash point fuels, but no specific H<sub>2</sub> legislation)
- IMO allows approval based on “alternative design” (to be approved by National Maritime organization)
- Risk assessment ⇒ demonstrate equivalence of safety
- Bunkering in IGF-code only for LNG

**Inland navigation:** governed on EU level, mainly CCNR (Centr. Comm. for Navigation Rhine)

- No specific H<sub>2</sub> legislation
- EU directive **2016/1629/EU** allows issue of special permits for alternative fuels  
⇒ comply with chapter 30 in ES-TRIN (however no specific H<sub>2</sub> rules)
- Risk assessment ⇒ demonstrate equivalence of safety
- ADN: European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways

## ■ Belgian situation

### **Maritime:** federal competence

- Belgium is member of IMO
- National legislation “Maritime shipping inspection regulation” (IMO rules)
- Federal Public Service for mobility is responsible

### **Inland navigation:** regional competence since 2015

- Belgium (regions) is member of CCNR
- Regional departments of mobility are responsible
- For each ship: recommendations of CCNR and ADN safety commission are required
- Risk analysis and design optimization with help from classification company

# Vehicles: shipping

## ■ Running actions

- Ongoing work in IGF Code working group and in CCNR

## ■ Recommendations

- Belgium to play its role in IMO to create H<sub>2</sub>-specific legislation
- Regions to play their role in CCNR to create H<sub>2</sub>-specific legislation
- Support of pilot projects ⇒ speed up regulation

## ■ Good examples in other countries?

- Strong support for pilot projects in Norway (ferries)

## ■ Who has to be addressed?

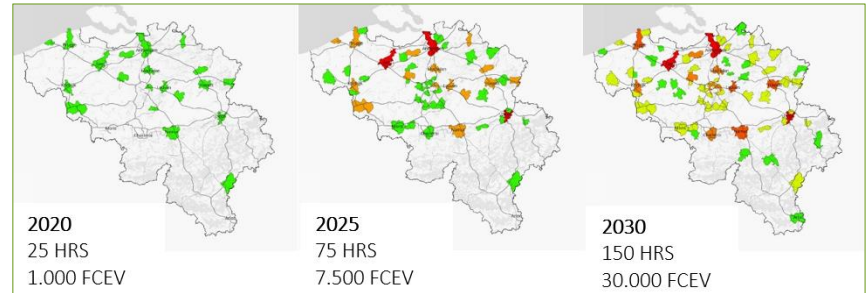
- Member states in IMO, CCNR, ADN; FPS economy (maritime) and regional mobility departments



# Cars-buses-trucks & infrastructure: incentives & stimuli



## Plan H2Mobility



- European framework
  - **Renewable Energy Directive II**  
14% of RES in transport
    - ⇒ Belgian legislation
    - ⇒ to be transposed by mid 2020
  - **Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Directive**  
mandates MS to grant incentives for vehicles /infrastructure  
requires MS to report on national policy framework every 3 years
    - ⇒ National policy Framework  
Alternative Fuels infrastructure
  - **Clean Vehicle Directive**  
Targets on clean vehicle public procurement 2025-2030
    - ⇒ KB Dec 20, 2010 on clean  
vehicles in public procurement

# Cars-buses-trucks & infrastructure: incentives & stimuli

<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>Flanders</b>	<b>Wallonia</b>	<b>Brussels</b>
<b>Incentives</b>			
Exemption from registration tax for cars	x (zero)	x (min. rate)	x (min. rate)
Exemption from annual circulation tax for cars (unlimited in time)	x (zero)	x (min. rate)	x (min. rate)
Purchase grant for zero-emission cars (5000€)	x		
Ecology Premium for companies for investments in environmentally friendly and/or energy-efficient technologies ( <a href="http://www.ecologiepremie.be">www.ecologiepremie.be</a> ).	x		
<b>Zero-emission (ZE) targets</b>			
Public transport	From 2025 all new buses ZE in <u>13 Flemish center cities</u>	From 2030 all new vehicles on alternative fuel (ZE + CNG)	From 2030 all new vehicles are ZE.
<b>Low emission Zones (LEZ)</b>	On city level: Antwerp (installed) Gent, Mechelen (announced 2020)	On city level: Liège (announced 2020)	On regional level. (installed)

Interfederal agreement 2017:  
Public transport ZE from 2025  
in all regions

# Cars-buses-trucks & infrastructure: incentives & stimuli

## ■ Federal incentives:

- Deductibility rate from corporate income for zero emission company cars of 120%
- Public acquisitions: certain target on low/zero emission targets (up to 25%)

## ■ Recommendations:

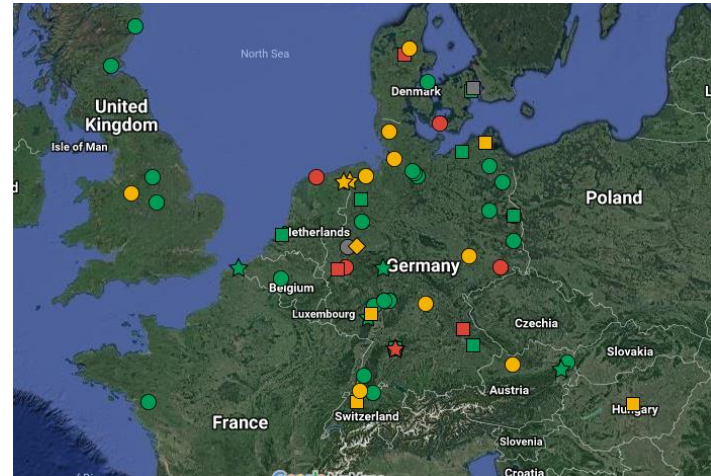
- Transpose REDII to Belgian legislation such that all options for H<sub>2</sub> are open
- Incentives for ZE/H<sub>2</sub> cars and infrastructure for sufficiently long period
- Green public procurement policies – consider H<sub>2</sub> if added value (autonomy!)
- H<sub>2</sub> buses explicitly in long term plan for ZE public transport (De Lijn, TEC, MIVB)
- Other incentives: less or no toll charge for ZE trucks, preferential access to restricted areas...
- Extend low emission zones with stricter rules
- **Support H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure (H<sub>2</sub> refuelling stations)**

## ■ Who has to be addressed?

- FPS economy (REDII), Regional mobility departments

# Injection of H<sub>2</sub> in the gas grid

- Several test projects in EU
- In Belgium: industrial scale project announced last year, Fluxys-Eoly-Parkwind
- 100 MW projects announced:
  - in UK (Northern Gas Networks-ITM);
  - In NL (Gasunie-Engie)
  - In D (Gasunie-Tennet-Thyssengas)...





# Injection of H<sub>2</sub> in the gas grid

- **Status / Issues: No legal framework existing in Belgium**
  - Maximum allowed concentration in transmission and distribution grid
  - Legal status of power-to-gas facility
  - Cross border acceptance of hydrogen in the grid
  - Responsibilities of injecting party?
  - Requirements on injected H<sub>2</sub>?
  - **No guarantee of origin system for green H<sub>2</sub>**
- **Running actions**
  - CertifHy project
  - Normalisation work and several EU projects on allowed % of H<sub>2</sub> in gas grid ongoing
  - Study projects for PtG in Belgium/Zeebrugge





# Injection of H<sub>2</sub> in the gas grid

- Good examples in other countries?
  - Germany: injection up to 10% concentration allowed in transmission grid
  - The Netherlands: study for distribution grid (KIWA study 2018)
  - UK: City of Leeds study 2016
  
- Recommendations
  - Follow-up CertifHy project ⇒ implementation of GoO in regulation
  - Identify relevant technical issues for Belgian transport & distribution grids
  - Follow-up of normalization activities in the field
  - Establish coordinated policy between member states
  
- Who has to be addressed?
  - National and regional gas grid operators, National and regional regulatory agencies

## Questions for the discussion

- Are the conclusions correct?
- Do we miss critical topics?
- How do we prioritize the different topics?
- What are the next steps?
  - Who should be involved in follow-up discussions?
  - Organization of working groups?
  - Check/feedback of the database

*Make It Work*  
**ACTION!**

