

### Synergies of green hydrogen and biobased value chains deployment

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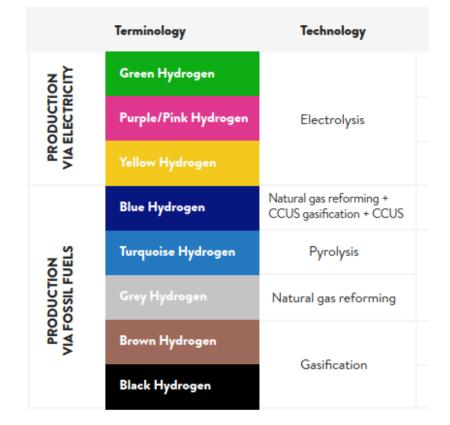
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# Fossil-free hydrogen is a key energy carrier

- Fossil-free hydrogen is a key energy carrier in a net-zero society - foremost in hard-to-abate sectors
- Biomass-based H<sub>2</sub> has great potential to accelerate the realization of the hydrogen economy currently overlooked
- Brings important benefits
  - Non-weather dependent, fossil-free hydrogen production
  - Negative emissions
  - Process integration opportunities



Figure 4. An Illustrative Hydrogen Colour Spectrum



\*GCG footprint given as a general guide but it is accepted that each cate

Source: Global Energy Infrastructure (GEI), 2021

# Many pathways to produce bio-hydrogen

**Biomass** Abundant feedstocks **Biological** Thermochemical conversion conversion **Opportunities for** Photo negative CO2-emissions Pyrolysis H2-production from a fermentation wide range of substrates, Good energy performace incl. waste streams Dark Gasification fermentation **Bio-based intermediates** Biological Hydrothermal Liquid Electricity Gas electrolysis liquefaction Water-splitting Thermal conversion Reforming Electrolysis Pyrolysis **Bio-hydrogen** 



## Many options for integrating hydrogen in bio-conversion

### Gasification based processes

- Carbon dioxide capture and reverse-water-gas-shift reaction
- Addition of hydrogen to gasification of biomass
- Addition of hydrogen to fuel synthesis

### Pyrolysis/HTL based processes

- Addition of hydrogen in-situ during (catalytic) hydro-pyrolysis/solvolysis
- Hydro-treatment of pyrolysis vapors
- Hydro-treatment of bio-oils/-crude
- Carbon dioxide capture and reverse-water-gas-shift reaction

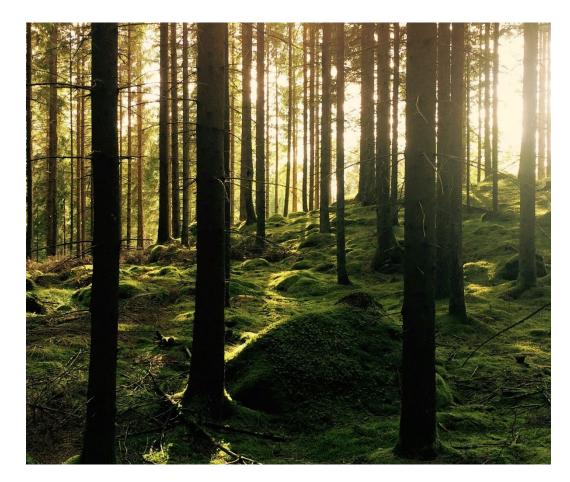
### Microbial processes

 Carbon dioxide capture and reverse-water-gas-shift reaction

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# Biomass conversion technologies have limited carbon efficiencies





Limitations posed by the differing elemental composition of feedstock and product



Biomass feed is used both as carbon source and as energy source, parts of the feedstock is combusted in the process



By-products and side reactions lead to formation of C-containing streams other than the main desired product



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# Hydrogen addition to the biomass conversion process improves the carbon efficiency

- Gasification-based biofuel production has great potential for integration - Doubled (or even tripled) yield from the same amount of biomass.
- The carbon efficiency can increase to over 90 percent if the energy and hydrogen for the process are taken from electricity instead of from the biomass raw material.
- The GHG-performance of bio-electro-fuels is good if the GHG footprint of the electricity used in the process is low

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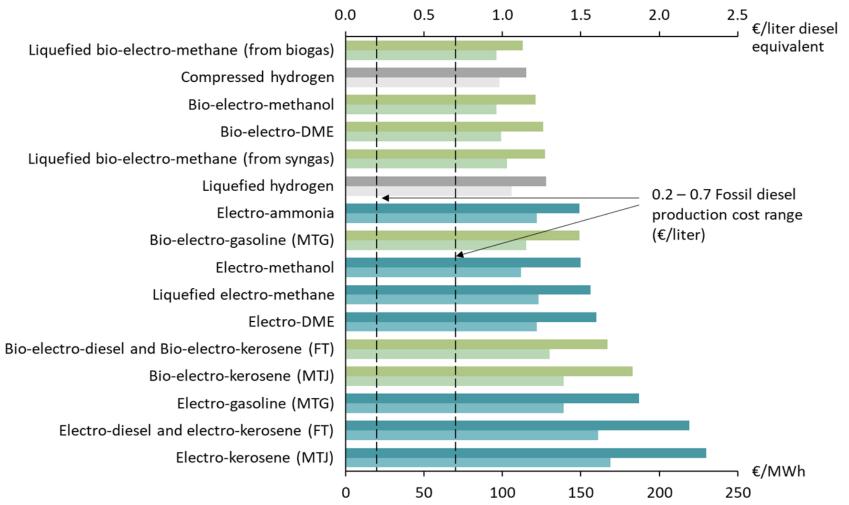


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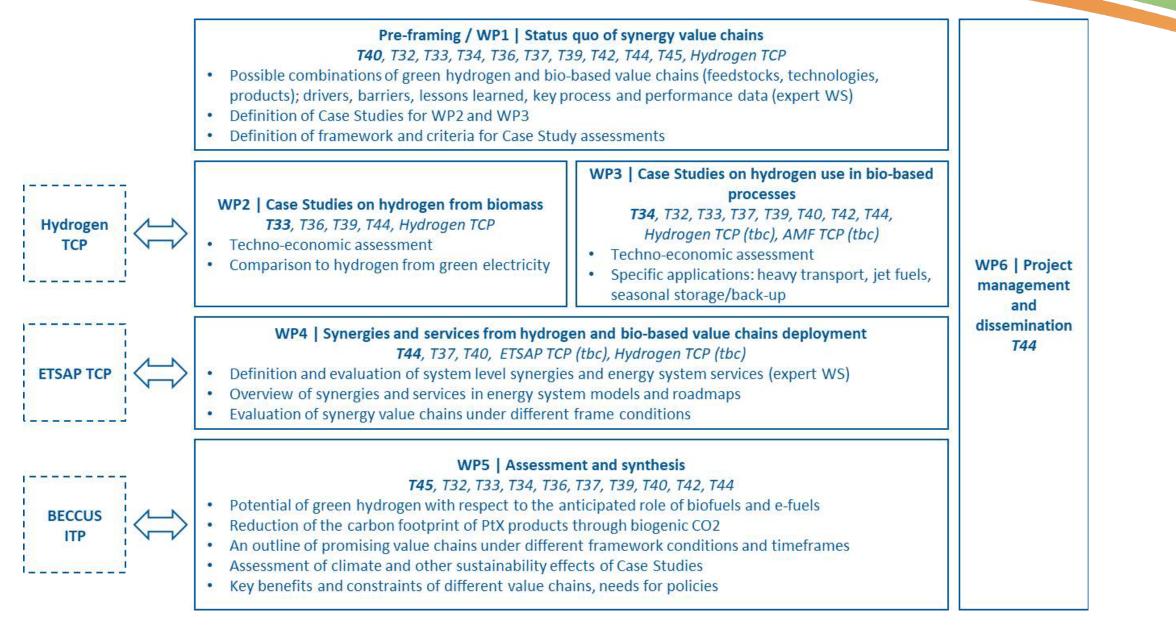
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# Aim & Objectives of the ITP-project

- Illustrate how green hydrogen and bio-based value chains can support each other
- Identify and assess the synergies in between green hydrogen and bio-based value chains in different sectors and at different timeframes
  - Technology maturities, economics, sustainability performances, and infrastructural topics are addressed through Case Studies.
- What is needed to realize the potential of these synergies?
- The project will provide science-based views on several value chains, the drivers and barriers for the deployment, and measures to overcome barriers.







## WP2 and WP3 Implementation

- Describe case studies with different bio-H2 technology pathways:
  - Biomass gasification for hydrogen production (T33)
  - Biological production of hydrogen from wet streams (e.g., from waste-water) (T36)
  - Conversion of bio-based building blocks, such as methanol, ethanol and/or biomethane, to hydrogen (T39, T44, T33)
- Process description (including a block process scheme)
- Development status, applications, and production scale
- Assessment of the technology readiness
- SWOT-analysis
- A number of different KPI's



### Thanks!

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