



## Is Hydrogen the new LNG?

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# Europe's largest natural gas utility

**€ 22.6 bn**  
RAB + affiliates (2019)

**~ € 25 bn**  
Enterprise Value



**~ € 1,093 mln**  
Net Profit Adj. (2019)

**~ € 13 bn**  
Market Capitalization



## SNAM acquisition in the recent years - SME vertical integration for energy transition

**cuboGas**

bio-CNG /L-CNG compressor producer for refuelling stations solutions

**OIES**  
a Snam company

Biogas and biomethane plants leading EPC player

**RENERWASTE**

Leading Italian urban waste and agri biogas and biomethane producer

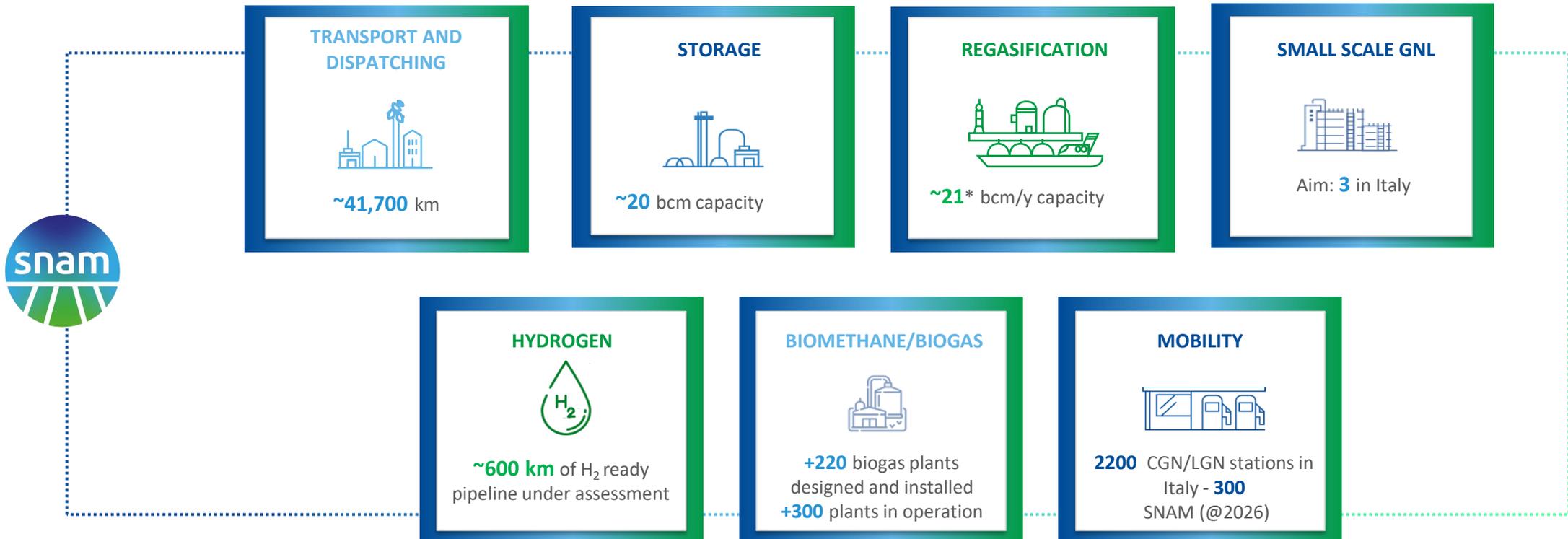
*Iniziativa Biometano*

ENERGY SOLUTION  
**TEP**  
a Snam company

Energy efficiency solution provider across residential, industrial and PA sector

**EVOLVE MIECI**

# Snam's presence along the value chain of natural gas and renewable gas



\*Total regasification capacity: Panigaglia (100% Snam); Rovigo Adriatic LNG (7.3% Snam); Revithoussa (DESFA) e OLT (49.07% Snam)

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# Hydrogen: a «new» source of energy

## MAKE IT

«Grey» Hydrogen	«Blue» Hydrogen	«Green» Hydrogen
Natural gas is separated into hydrogen and carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Natural gas is separated into hydrogen and carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). The carbon dioxide is stored and reused	Water is separated into hydrogen and oxygen molecules thanks to the use of electricity from renewable sources
CO <sub>2</sub> emitted into the atmosphere	CO <sub>2</sub> captured and reused	No CO <sub>2</sub> emitted

Approx. 95% of the volumes today

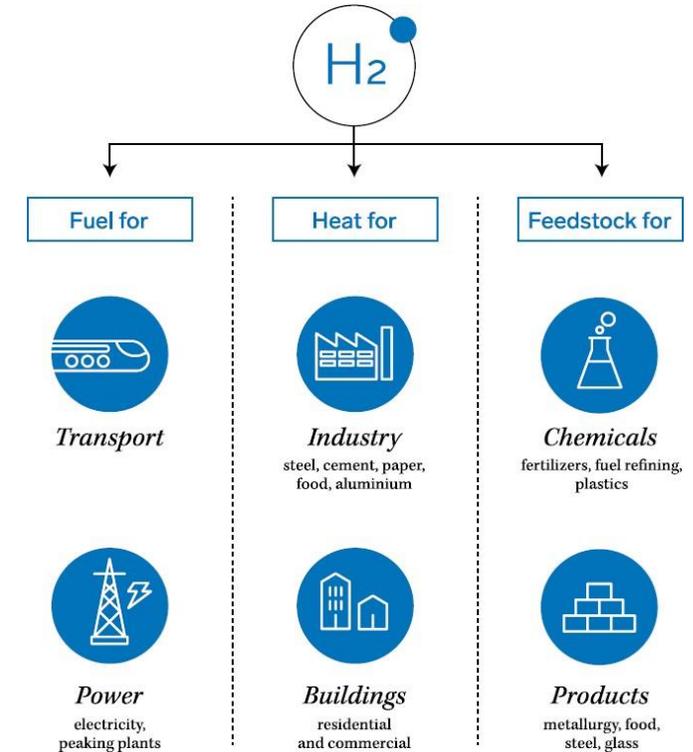
Uses in the beverage industry

Energy carrier for renewables storage

## MOVE AND STORE IT

- Hydrogen can be sent through existing pipelines or carried in tanks as a compressed gas or a liquid
- Unlikely electricity hydrogen is cheap and easy to store

## USE IT



source: BloombergNEF

Hydrogen as been touted as energy solution before. Why we think this time will be different?

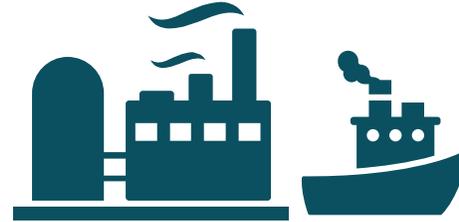
# Hydrogen supply, demand, and policy trends are leading to rapidly improving prospects for affordable low-carbon hydrogen

## Hydrogen production capacity is ramping up rapidly



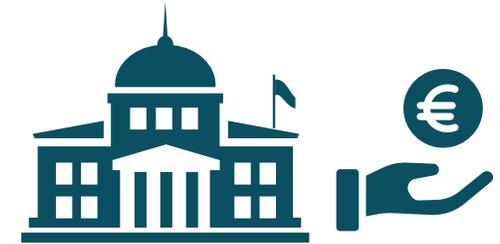
- Rapidly declining costs for renewable electricity
- Planned global investments in electrolysers increased from 3.2 to 8.2 GW between Nov 2019 and Mar 2020<sup>1</sup>
- Various industry initiatives: Hydrogen Europe, Hydrogen Council, Clean Hydrogen Alliance

## Rising demand as sectors look to fully decarbonise



- Decarbonisation of heavy industrial processes (steel, cement, chemical)
- Complement electrification in hard-to-abate parts of the transport system (aviation, shipping, heavy duty trucking)
- Long-duration storage to support an electricity system with a large share of wind and solar.

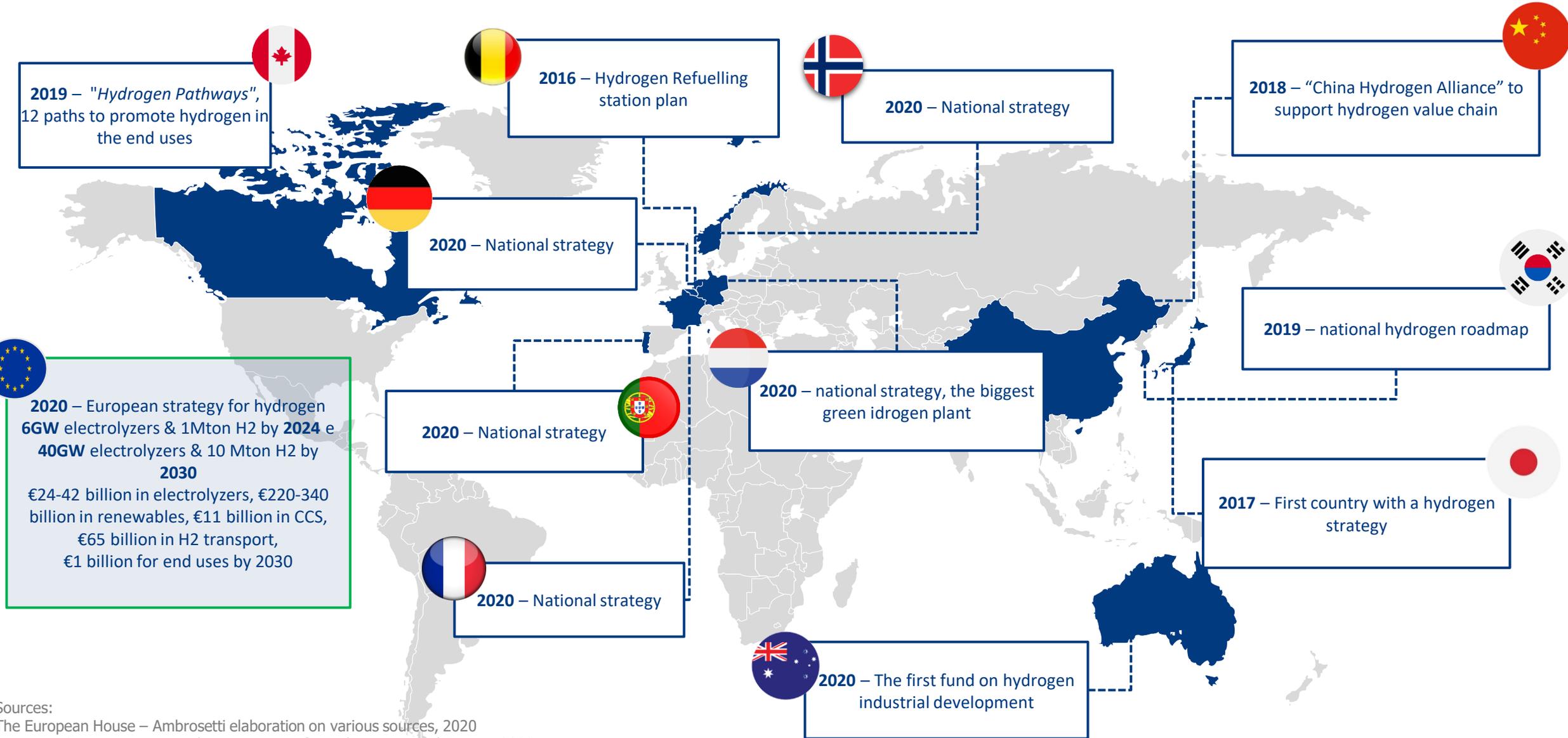
## Supported by a clear policy direction at EU-level



- Renewable fuels are one of three central pillars of the EU's Energy System Integration Strategy<sup>2</sup>
- EU's Hydrogen Strategy launched in July 2020 targets 1 Mt green hydrogen by 2024 and 10 Mt by 2030<sup>3</sup>
- Various financing mechanisms and funds have been announced.

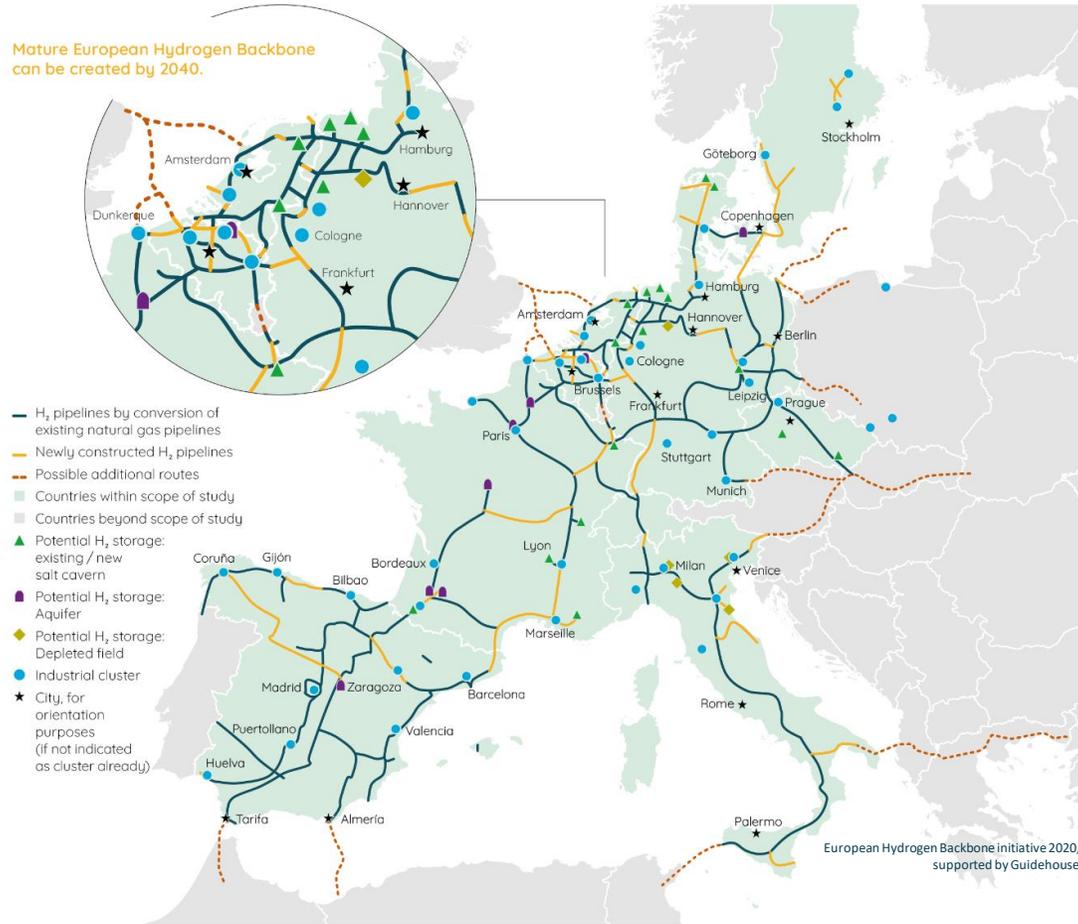
1. Source: Wood Mackenzie; 2. Source: European Commission, COM(2020)299; 3. Source: European Commission, COM(2020)301

# National Hydrogen strategies worldwide



Sources:  
 The European House – Ambrosetti elaboration on various sources, 2020  
 European Commission – A Hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe, 2020

# The EHB is a shared vision from eleven TSOs to engage in a truly European undertaking



- A proposal for a **dedicated hydrogen transport infrastructure**, connecting supply and demand from north to south and west to east.
- Starting with an emerging 6,000 km pipeline network connecting hydrogen valleys by 2030; then stretching into all directions with a length of about **23,000 km by 2040**, with expected further expansion up to 2050.
- Converted 36- and 48-inch hydrogen pipelines, commonly used for long-distance gas transport in the EU, can provide **7 and 13 GW** (at LHV<sup>2</sup>) of hydrogen capacity per pipeline, respectively.
- The proposed backbone requires an estimated total investment cost of **€27-64 billion by 2040**, based on using 75% repurposed natural gas pipelines connected to 25% newly built dedicated hydrogen pipelines.
- Levelised transport costs amount to 0.09-0.17 €/kg per 1000 km, enabling **cost-effective long-distance transport** across Europe.
- The EHB is an **open initiative** – gas TSOs from adjacent geographies, associations GIE and ENTSOG, gas storage operators, DSOs, and other market players are encouraged to join in the thinking, to further develop this pan-European undertaking.

1. Includes Enagás, Energinet, Fluxys Belgium, Gasunie, GRTgaz, NET4GAS, OGE, ONTRAS, Teréga, Snam, Swedegas; covering Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland (indirectly through Fluxys Belgium); 2. LHV: Lower heating value, the energetic value of a gas, after subtracting the heat of vaporisation from the higher heating value.

# A dedicated infrastructure can pave the way to large-scale competitive hydrogen for the European market

A hydrogen network can emerge from the mid-2020s onwards to an initial **6,800 km** pipeline network by 2030.

By 2040, a hydrogen network of **23,000 km** is foreseen, 75% of which will consist of converted natural gas pipelines, connected by 25% of new pipeline stretches.

## A pan-EU hydrogen backbone



The backbone has an estimated cost of **€27 to €64 billion**, which is relatively limited in the overall context of the European energy transition.

The levelised cost is estimated to be between **€0.09-0.17 per kg per 1000 km**, allowing hydrogen to be transported cost-efficiently over long distances across Europe.

## At affordable cost



The group of gas infrastructure companies is convinced that the hydrogen backbone will eventually cover **the entire EU**.

The group **invites** other European gas infrastructure companies to join in the thinking to further develop the backbone plan.

## An open initiative



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# European leadership in hydrogen development



**Ranked #1**

In 2019 Snam has been the **first company in Europe to experiment the introduction of a mix of hydrogen and natural gas with H<sub>2</sub> up to 10% in volume** in its transmission network and involving two industrial companies, a pasta factory and a bottling of mineral waters. Additional pilot projects for industrial clients are already under development.

**8 FCHJU calls**

In April 2020 **Snam submitted project proposals for 8 different Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking calls**, in partnership with the major players of the H<sub>2</sub> sector, both of the industrial and of the research areas.

**~1.5 GW RES**

Snam took part to the Strategic Forum on **Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI)**, established by the EU Commission. Under the IPCEI Snam the development of an **H<sub>2</sub> Valleys (for about 1.5 GW RES)** in the southern part of Italy.

**Key Roles in 3 associations**

Snam has **key roles in the main H<sub>2</sub> associations** both at national and European level: Vicepresidence of H<sub>2</sub>IT, Supporting Member of Hydrogen Council and Technical Committee leader of Hydrogen Europe.

# Snam and the Hydrogen opportunity: 3 streams of action

## 1. Asset Readiness

- **Pipelines:** network is largely hydrogen ready, key reason to underpin replacement
- **Components:** gas chromatographs and other minor instruments would need replacing (<1% RAB)
- **Gas compressor units:** testing the impact of a 5-10% blend.
- **Geological storage sites:** ongoing analysis and research
- Ongoing assessment of use of **membranes to separate NG and H2** out of NGH2 blend

Negligible investment to reach 5-10% NGH2 readiness  
Ongoing investment in the grid «Hy-ready»

## 2. System design

- **Long-term scenarios:** Expected key role of hydrogen in the energy mix
- **Grid evolution:** Development of pathway analyses with increasing share of green gasses
- **Technical standards:** involvement in focus groups to develop common rules on H2 in Italy and Europe

Ongoing work to support long-term grid planning

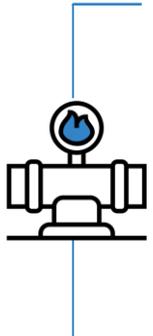
## 3. Value chain development

- Evaluating potential opportunities/pilot projects to scale up clean H2 production and use
- **Potential partnership** with other operators of the value chain
- Scouting for promising **technologies**

Scouting the market for investment opportunities and partnership

Snam as an Enabler; Hydrogen BU created

# Snam is assessing H<sub>2</sub> readiness on its infrastructure through a variety of actions



## On pipelines :

- **injection tests** of a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>NG up to 10 % of volume in the network (to check compatibility of current infrastructure) have been successfully carried out
- new SNAM's **internal standards** for 100% Hydrogen compliant Piping and Pipeline have been issued
- studies are going on existing pipelines to **validate H<sub>2</sub> readiness**, and confidence has been reached that only a small portion (10-15%) of the existing network needs to be replaced



## On compressing stations :

- collaboration with gas turbine suppliers is ongoing to assess (i) the **maximum H<sub>2</sub> percentage** that can be mixed without major modifications and (ii) the extent of the modifications in case of higher percentages
- tests are planned to verify **readiness to accept 5% (potentially up to 10%) H<sub>2</sub>NG mixtures** without changes



## On underground storage :

- feasibility study has been launched to **investigate and simulate** physical, chemical and microbiological phenomena associated with H<sub>2</sub>NG storage
- The study will last two years but we do not expect major constraints to the use of H<sub>2</sub>NG mixtures



*Thanks for your attention*



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