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# MODULE 2: GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN IN EUROPE

Development of Roadmap for Green Hydrogen Ecosystem in the SCZone (Sokhna). Training









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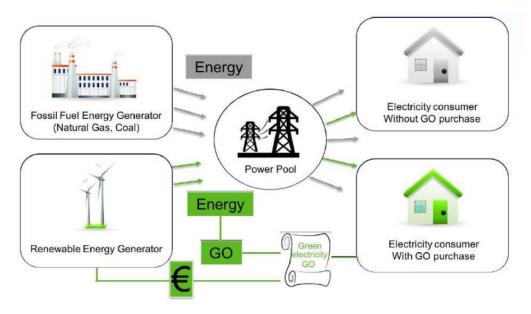




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# INTRODUCTION

### Introduction to Guarantees of Origin









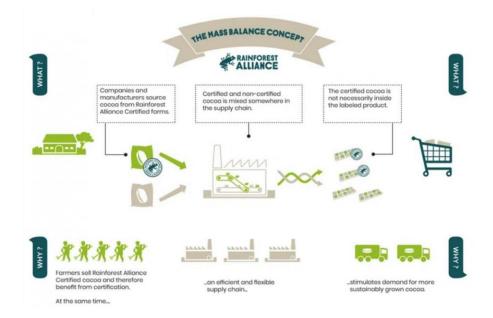


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## INTRODUCTION

### Introduction to Guarantees of Origin

- Renewable energy generation: Renewable energy is produced in power plants.
- Guarantees of Origin (GoOs): Each unit of renewable energy generated is associated with a Guarantee of Origin certificate (GoO) that confirms its renewable source and generation details.
- 3. Registration and tracking: GoOs are registered and tracked in a centralized system, with unique identification numbers and detailed information about the generating plant, the amount of energy generated, the renewable source type, and the generation period.
- 4. Purchase and consumption of renewable energy: Energy consumers can buy renewable energy and receive GoOs to support their consumption. The purchased energy is backed by GoOs that demonstrate its renewable origin.
- Retirement of Guarantees of Origin: When a consumer purchases renewable energy, an equivalent amount of GoOs is retired from the centralized system. These retired GoOs are considered "used" and cannot be reused or resold.
- 6. Mass balance: Mass balance is performed by comparing the amount of renewable energy generated and the GoOs retired from the system with the amount of renewable energy consumed and the GoOs used by consumers. The aim is to ensure that the withdrawn GoOs match the consumed renewable energy.







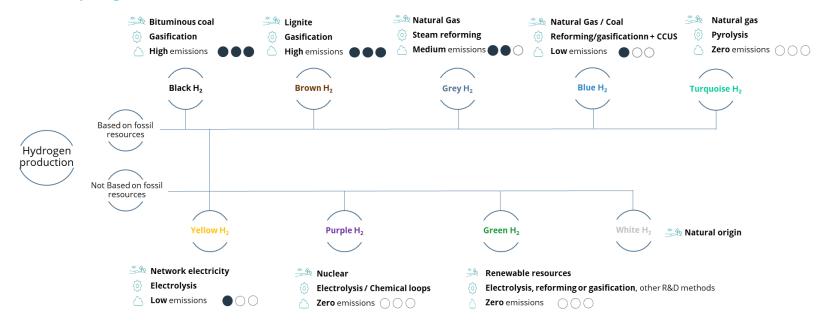




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### Colours of hydrogen













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## WAYS TO DECARBONISATION

### Low carbon hydrogen

#### Pros

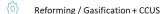
- · Valorisation of existing infrastructures
- · Scalability, profitability

#### Cons

- · Minimising GHG emissions
- · What to do with CO2?
- Maintain fossil dependence









Natural Gas



**Pyrolysis** 



#### Pros

- Two value-added products
- · Zero GHG emissions

### Cons

- · Low market volume of solid carbon
- Maintains fossil dependence

#### Pros

- Constant power electrolyser efficiency)
- · Possibility to use the heat

#### Cons

- · Competition with grid electricity use
- · High cost, low LRT (cycles)

(improved

- Network electricity

Electrolysis

### **Purple**

### Nuclear

- Electrolysis / Termochemical loops
  - S-I
  - Ca Br
  - HvS
  - Cu- Cl

## Yellow

### Pros

- Constant (improved power electrolyser efficiency)
- · Flexibility of electrical system

#### Cons

· Regulatioin











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## WAYS TO DECARBONISATION

### Green hydrogen



### **Electrolysis**

Water + Electricity (+ Heat) = Hydrogen + Oxygen

- Alkaline
- PEM
- SOEC
- AEM

#### Pros

- · Zero GHG emissions
- Increased RES-E penetration in electricity mix

#### Cons

- · Continuing to improve efficiency
- · Adaptability to variable renewable resource
- Scalability
- Cost (CAPEX, optimisation...)



### Biomass and biological processes

Biomass/biogas/bioalcohols thermochemical processes:

- Gasification
- Steam reforming
- Pyrolysis
- Aqueous reforming
- Partial oxidation

- + Biological processes:
  - Biological Water Gas Shift (BWGS)
  - · Dark fermentation
  - Photofermentation
  - Algae (photobiological water splitting)

#### Pros

- Net zero emissions (but possible local CO2 emissions)
- · Negative net emissions possible (combined with CCUS)

#### Cons

- · Competition with other uses of biomass
- · Increasing TRL and improving scalability of biological processes



### Other R&D processes

- · Photoelectrocatalysis of water
- · Water thermolysis
- · Thermochemical cycles
- Waste + plasma
- ...

#### Pros

- Zero GHG emissions
- High potential

#### Cons

- · Profitability
- Increase TRL and improve scalability











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## CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND G.O.

### G.O. Necessities

The Guarantee of Origin (GO) provides consumers with accurate information about the origin of the product they are buying.

Through a traceability system, it ensures the quality of the final product, in this case the H2H<sub>2</sub>

### Drivers of green H<sub>2</sub>: why will consumers demand green H<sub>2</sub>?

- Regulation and penalisation of polluting emissions (CO2, NOX, SOX, etc.).
- Access to possible subsidies and incentives
- Need for energy storage / Possibility of using renewable energy surpluses
- Company image and environmental commitment

### Hydrogen Guarantee of Origin Initiatives:











Designing a European Green Hydrogen Guarantee of Origin









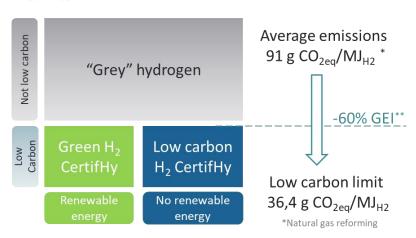


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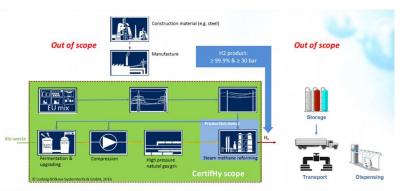
CertifHy – limits

### Limits



Definition of Green Hydrogen and Low carbon Hydrogen. CertifHy





Source: CertifHy <u>Creating the 1st EU-wide Guarantee of Origin for Green</u>
Hydrogen. Webinar. Wouter Vanhoudt





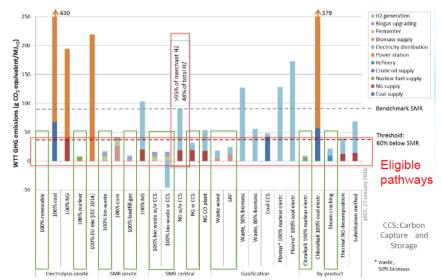




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## CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND G.O.

### CertifHy – Green hydrogen and low carbon hydrogen production methods



- The RED and FQD\* method is used to calculate GHG emissions.
- CO2 emissions from biomass combustion are assumed to be neutral.
- CO2, CH4 and N2O emissions from primary energy extraction to H2\*\* production are considered.
- Emissions associated with the construction and/or decommissioning of the installations involved shall not be considered.

Source: Definition of Green Hydrogen, outcome & scope LCA analysis. CertifHy.





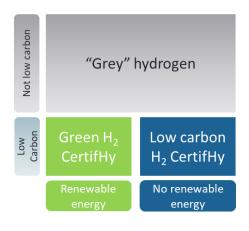




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## CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND G.O.

CertifHy – Classification of the hydrogen produced, according to CertifHy



"H<sub>2</sub> will be as green as the energy used to produce it."

All energy that cannot guarantee its origin (GO) will be considered 100% non-renewable (e.g., electricity from the mix)

Examples:

Electrolysis 60% renewable (with GO) + 40% electricity mix =  $H_2$  60% renewable

SMR 70% biomethane (with GO) + 30% Natural Gas= H<sub>2</sub> 70% renewable

Source: <u>Definition of Green Hydrogen, outcome & scope LCA analysis</u>. CertifHy.









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# CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND G.O.

CertifHy Certif**Hy** ¿Average emissions in the last 12 months < 91g CO<sub>2ea</sub>/MJ<sub>H2</sub>? Produced with renewable energy? Not certificable X renewable + Y no renewable No renewable production Renewable production Average GHG emissions associated to emissions < 36,4 g emissions<36,4 g the lot  $< 36,4 \text{ g CO}_{2ea}/\text{MJ}_{H2}$ ?  $CO_{2eq}/MJ_{H2}$ ?  $CO_{2eq}/MJ_{H2}$ ? Y% 100% X% X% Y% 100% Low carbon Low carbon Green H<sub>2</sub> "Grey" H<sub>2</sub> "Grey" H<sub>2</sub> "Grey" H<sub>2</sub>  $H_2$  $H_2$ 









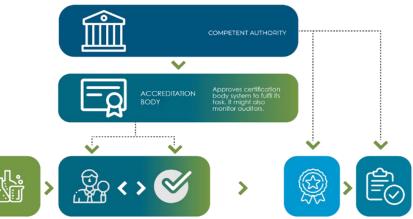


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## CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND G.O.

CertifHy – Key players





#### PRODUCTION DEVICES

Delivers relevant information on sources of feedstocks, GHG intensities, etc.

#### AUDITOR

Assess the delivered information and report whether it meets CertifHy Green or Low-carbon hydrogen requirements.

#### CERTIFICATION BODY

Checks the report and resulting advice from the auditor and gives a statement on its decision

#### ISSUING BODY

Issues the GO based on the CB statement to be assigned to the production device's account.

#### REGISTRY

ICT system keeps track of the issued, traded and cancelled GO's.











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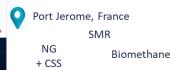
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CertifHy – Production plants in europe using different methods



### Four hydrogen production plants in Europe using different methods:





Low carbon H<sub>2</sub> Green H<sub>2</sub>









 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Electrolysis} \\ \text{Green } \text{H}_2 \end{array}$ 

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Electrolysis

Green H<sub>2</sub>

Blending in NG Grid or methanation











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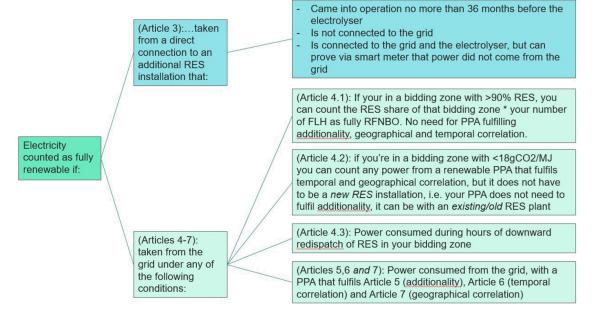




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## EUROPEAN DELEGATE ACT

### Most remarkable aspects













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