



New BusFuel



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NewBusFuel – Large scale hydrogen refuelling infrastructure for fuel cell bus fleets

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FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN
JOINT UNDERTAKING

1. What does thinkstep do?
2. Introduction into the NewBusFuel project
 - Case studies produced within the project
3. Project Output #1:
Guidance document for planning of hydrogen refuelling stations (HRS)
 - Technical aspects
 - Economic aspects
 - Environmental aspects
4. Project Output #2:
Recommendations for improving the cost-efficiency of hydrogen refuelling for bus fleets

What does thinkstep do?



Product Sustainability

- Life Cycle Assessment and Environmental Footprinting
- Design for Competitiveness and Environment
- Collaborative Sustainability Communication
- Integrated Life Cycle Calculation Engines
- Compliance Process Management



Corporate Sustainability

- Carbon & Energy Optimization
- Environmental Management
- Sustainability Reporting
- Supply Chain Sustainability
- Portfolio Sustainability Management



Proprietary & Industry-specific Content

Data Provision

- LCA Databases and Sustainability Content
- Regulatory Content and Compliance
- Best Practices and Case Studies
- Benchmarking Libraries



Consulting & R+D Services

- Technical, Economic and Environmental Analysis
- Sustainability Strategy Development
- Sustainability Reporting and Management
- Sustainability Performance and Improvement

- New Bus Refuelling for European Hydrogen Bus Depots: (short: NewBusFuel)
 - Pan-European research project
 - Funded by the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU)

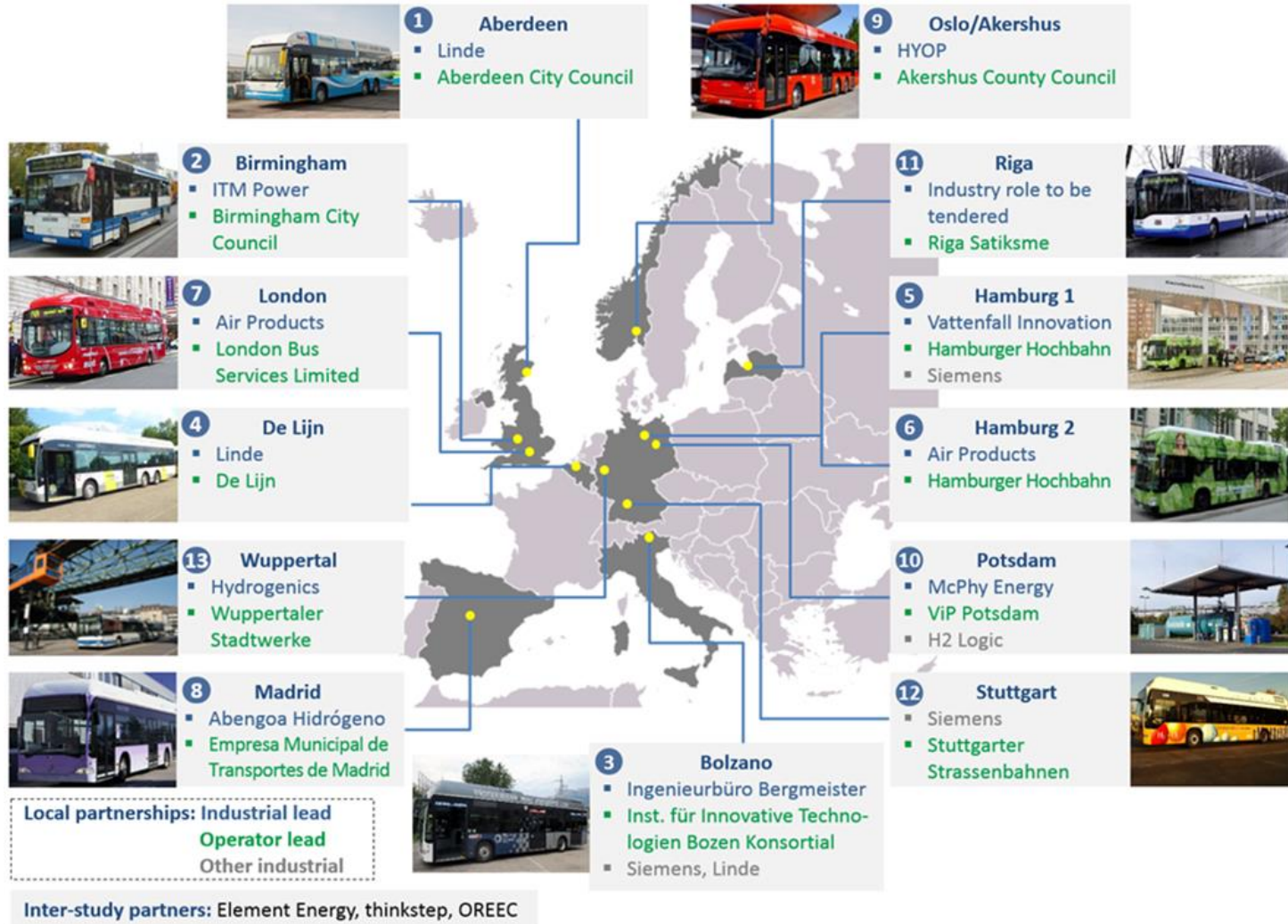


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- Aim: **Resolving the knowledge gap** on large scale hydrogen refuelling infrastructure for fuel cell bus fleets

- **Key challenges** of large scale hydrogen refuelling (to bus fleets):
 - Scale: throughputs in excess of 2,000 kg H₂/day
 - Reliability: close to 100% reliability to refuel
 - Refuelling time: time window for refuelling usually only 4 – 6 hours/day
 - Footprint: limited space availability in urban bus depots
 - Storage demand: desire for considerable storage capacity (usually >2 t H₂)
 - Business models: novel partnerships between suppliers and bus operators necessary
- General approach of NewBusFuel:
 - Bringing together experts from technology providers and bus operators

Locations and partners



1 Aberdeen

- Linde
- Aberdeen City Council

9 Oslo/Akershus

- HYOP
- Akershus County Council

2 Birmingham

- ITM Power
- Birmingham City Council

11 Riga

- Industry role to be tendered
- Riga Satiksme

7 London

- Air Products
- London Bus Services Limited

5 Hamburg 1

- Vattenfall Innovation
- Hamburger Hochbahn
- Siemens

4 De Lijn

- Linde
- De Lijn

6 Hamburg 2

- Air Products
- Hamburger Hochbahn

13 Wuppertal

- Hydrogenics
- Wuppertaler Stadtwerke

10 Potsdam

- McPhy Energy
- ViP Potsdam
- H2 Logic

8 Madrid

- Abengoa Hidrógeno
- Empresa Municipal de Transportes de Madrid

12 Stuttgart

- Siemens
- Stuttgarter Strassenbahnen

3 Bolzano

- Ingenieurbüro Bergmeister
- Inst. für Innovative Technologien Bozen Konsortial
- Siemens, Linde

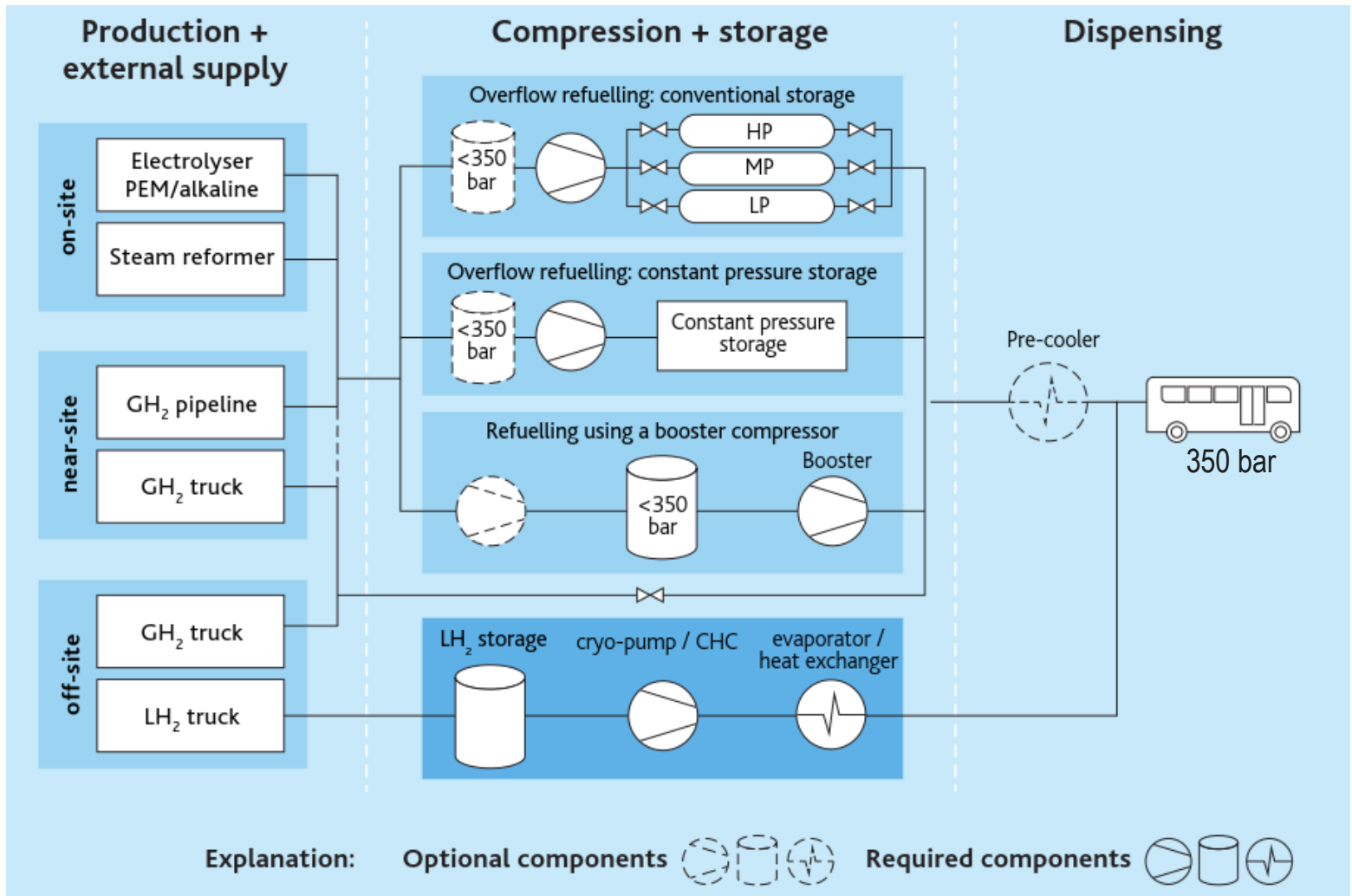
Local partnerships: Industrial lead
Operator lead
Other industrial

Inter-study partners: Element Energy, thinkstep, OREC

13 case studies for 12 cities

- Results of the case studies:
 - In-depth **technical concepts**
 - Detailed **construction plans** with required safety zones
 - Comprehensive **cost assessments**
- **Optimisation** of the developed solutions, especially with respect to:
 - Cost
 - Refuelling reliability
 - Site-specific space restrictions
 - Authorities
 - Compliance with regulations, codes and standards (RCS)
 - ...

Technical variety among the case studies

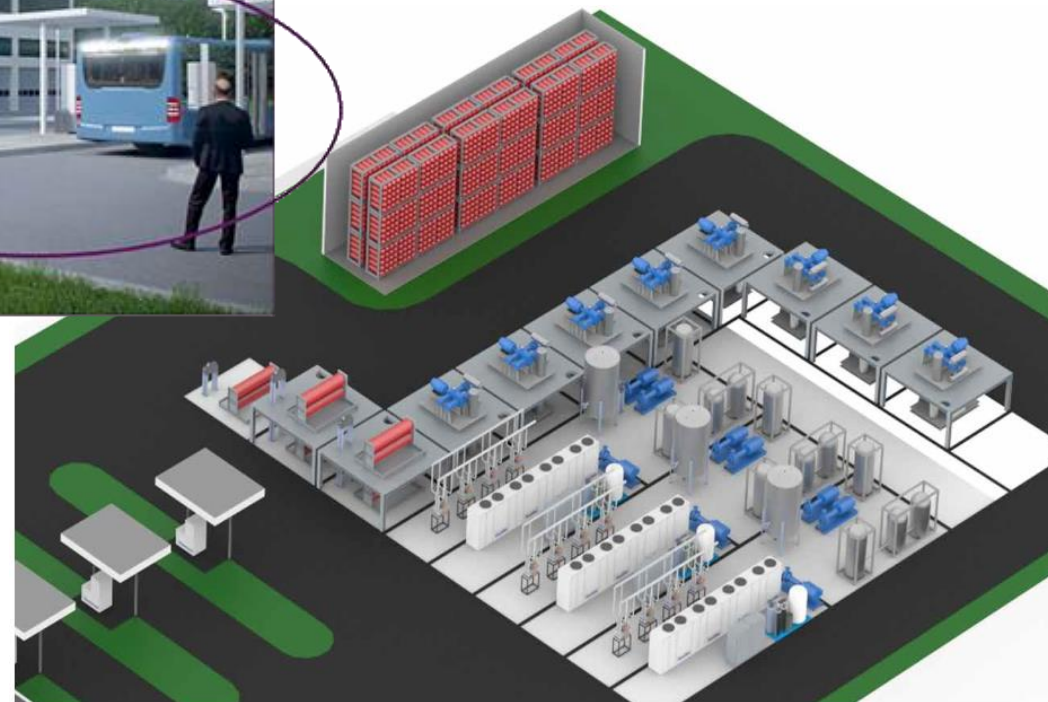
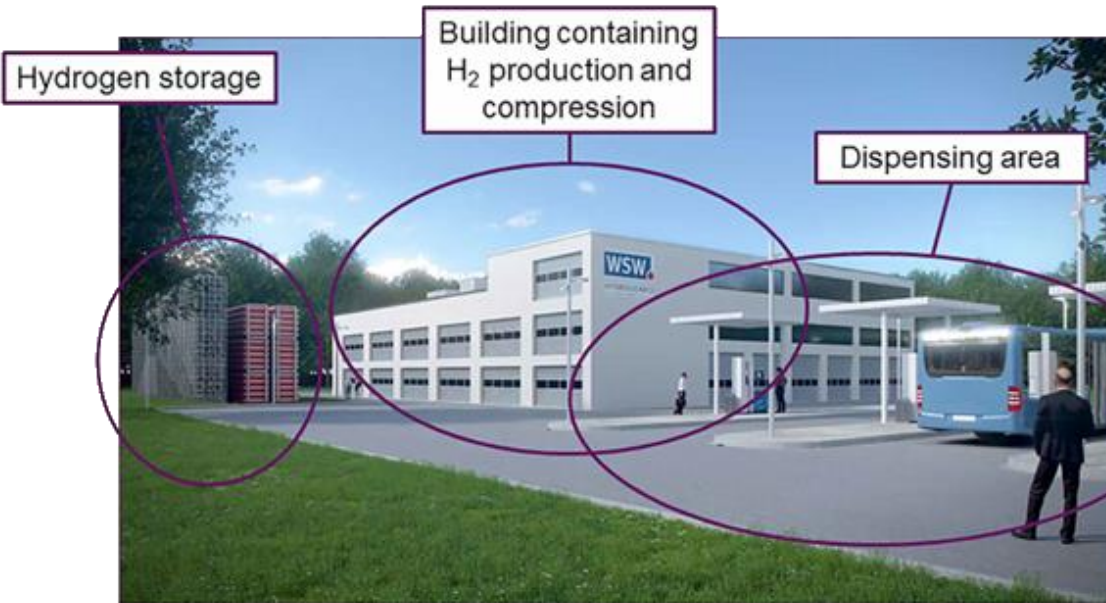


HRS examples from NBF

On-site H₂ generation I

Hydrogen Refuelling Station (HRS) with **on-site electrolysis** and a maximum daily capacity of 6 t H₂/d

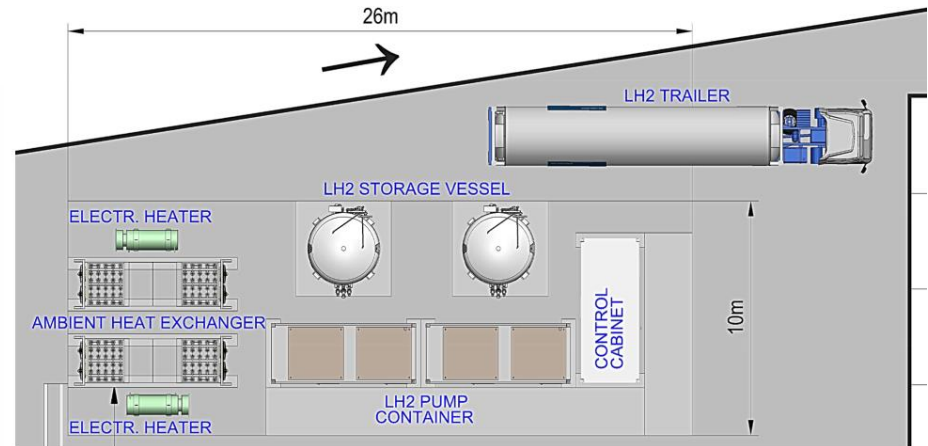
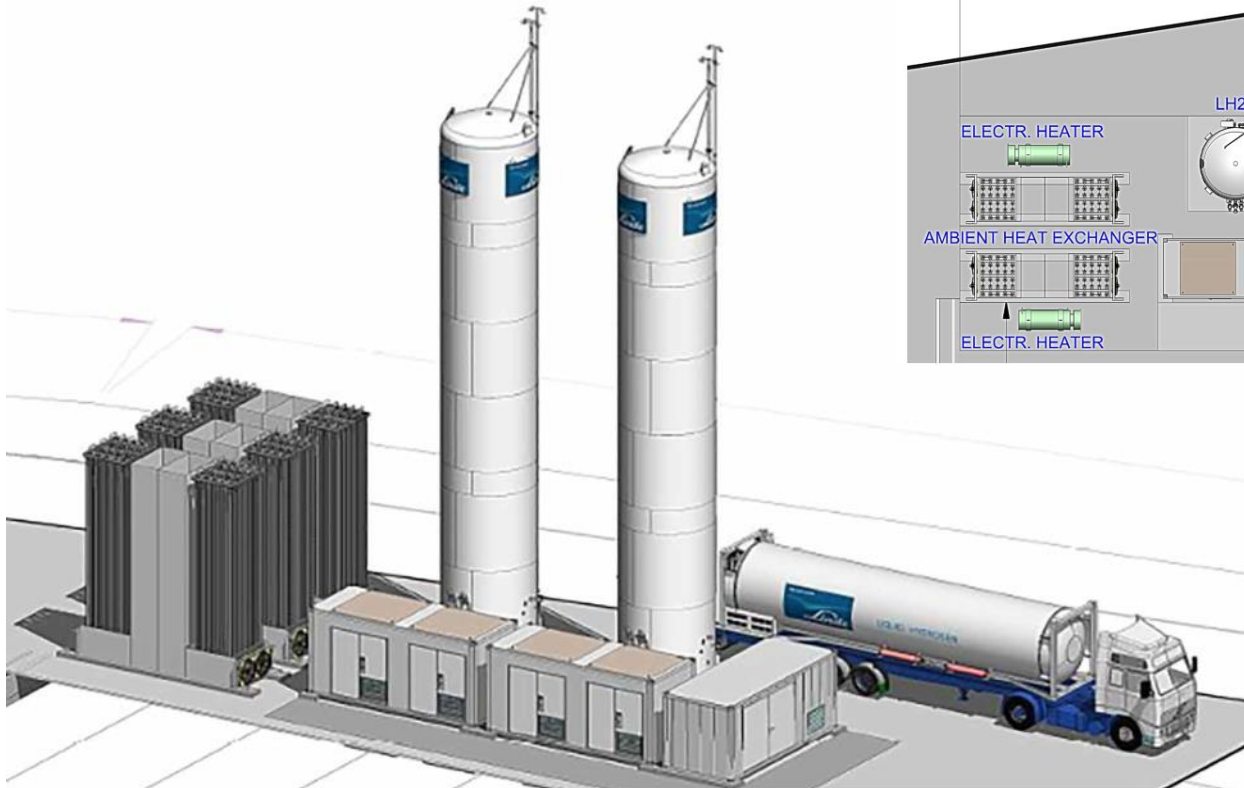
1 t H₂/d supplies 40 FC buses @ 25 kg H₂/d



Source: WSW/Hydrogenics

HRS examples from NBF

H₂ delivery



HRS using LH₂ delivery
with a daily capacity of
2.25 t H₂/d

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25 kg H₂/d

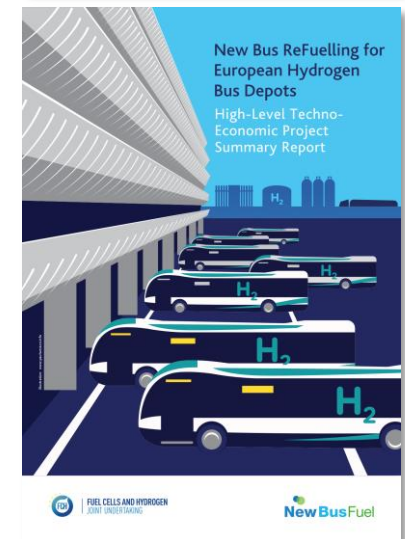
Source: Linde

Aim of our work

- Gather data and information from all case studies and **capture key lessons learned**
- **Provide insights** to relevant stakeholders (in aggregated and anonymised form)

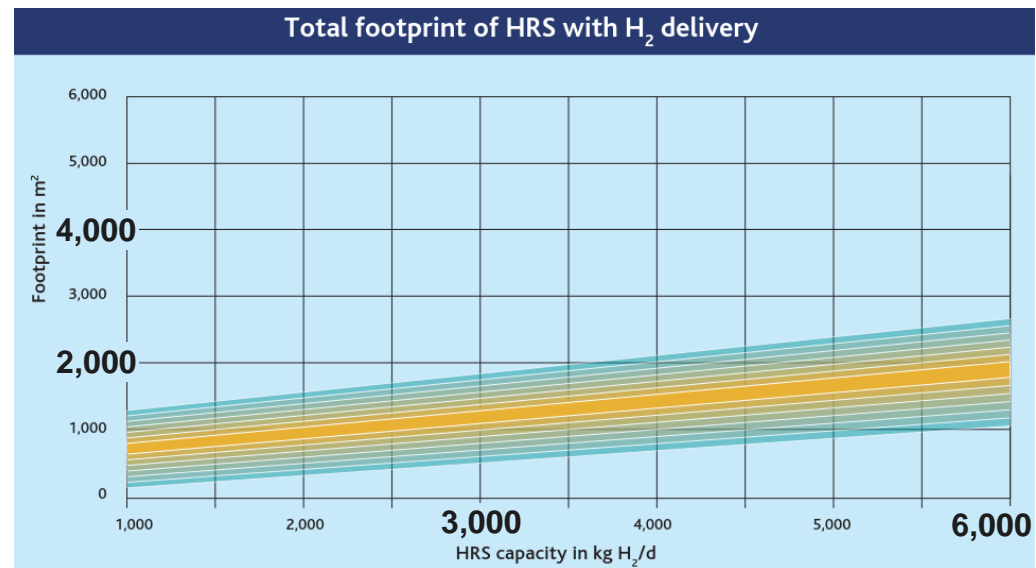
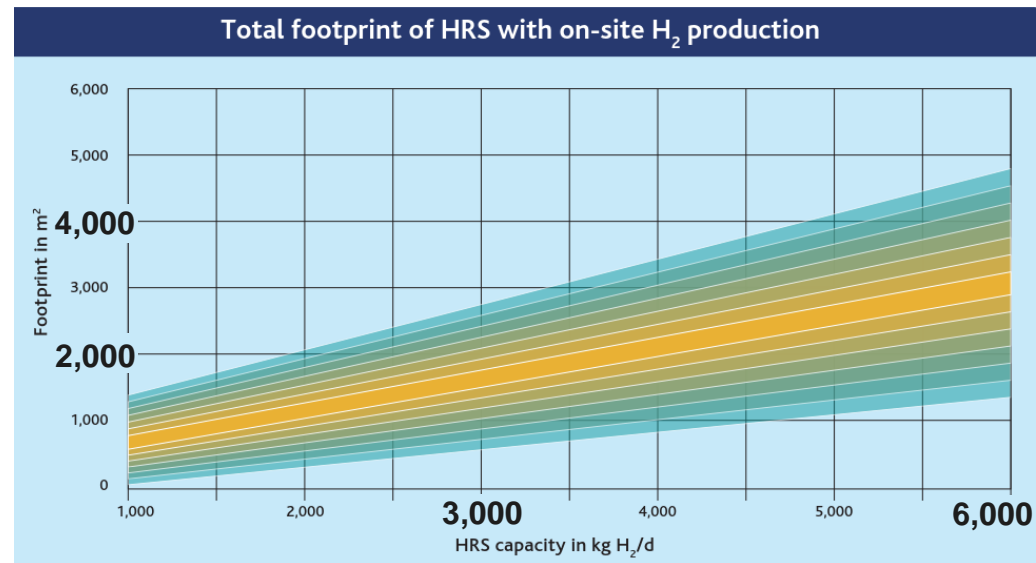
Two public documents:

1. Guidance Document on Large Scale Bus Refuelling
→ Assistance for development of HRS
2. High-Level Techno-Economic Summary Report
→ Recommendations for improving cost efficiency (addressing bus operators, technology suppliers, policy makers)

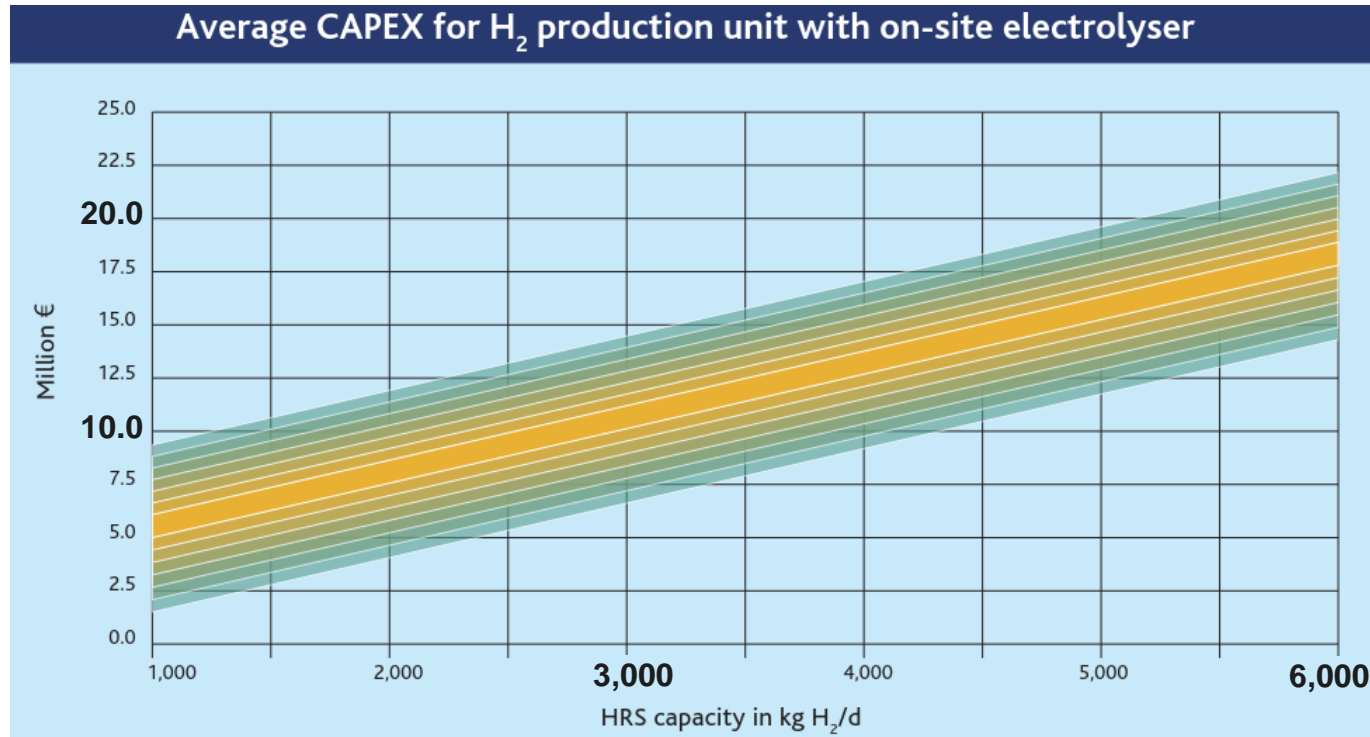


HRS footprint

- Space constraints for the HRS at the bus depot can be crucial
- Range of results from all HRS case studies used → capacity dependent indication
- Indications on many other technical characteristics are provided in the guidance document

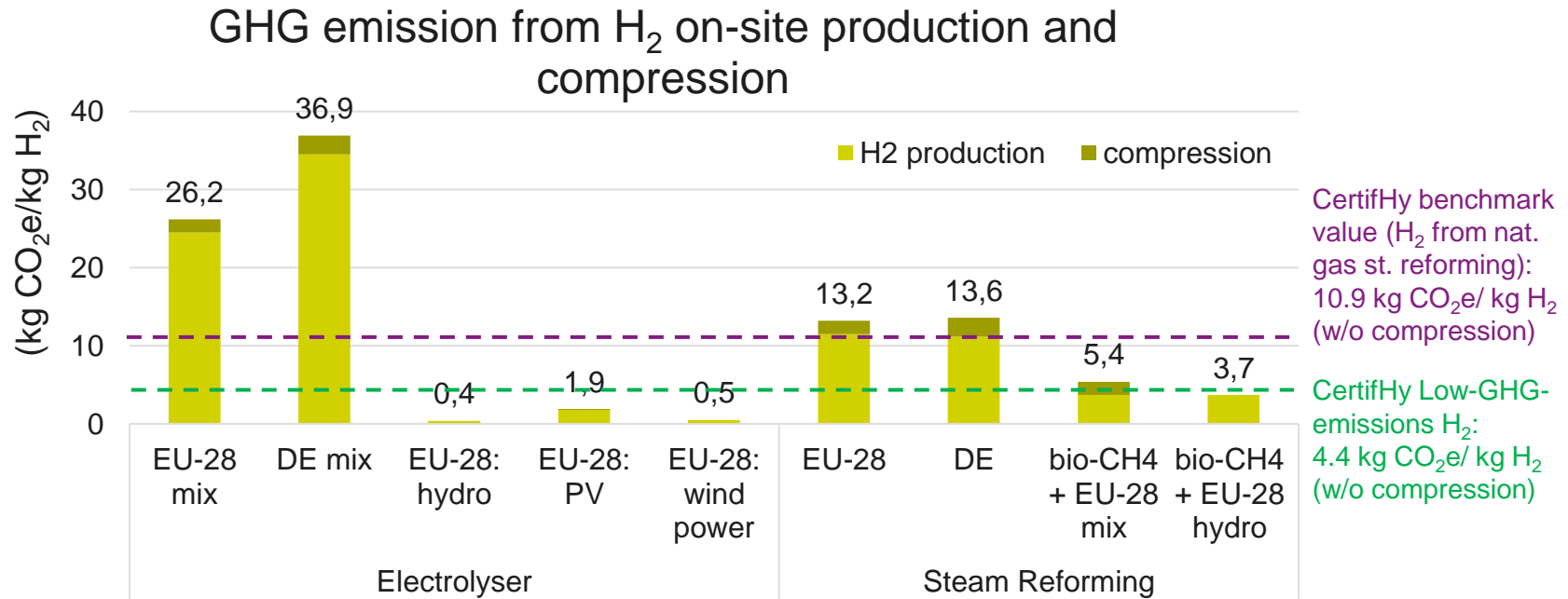


Cost of HRS modules and overall HRS costs



- Indicative approximations also derived for economic characteristics, e.g. investment of HRS modules, overall HRS cost, OPEX and CAPEX contributions, etc.

HRS with on-site H₂ production

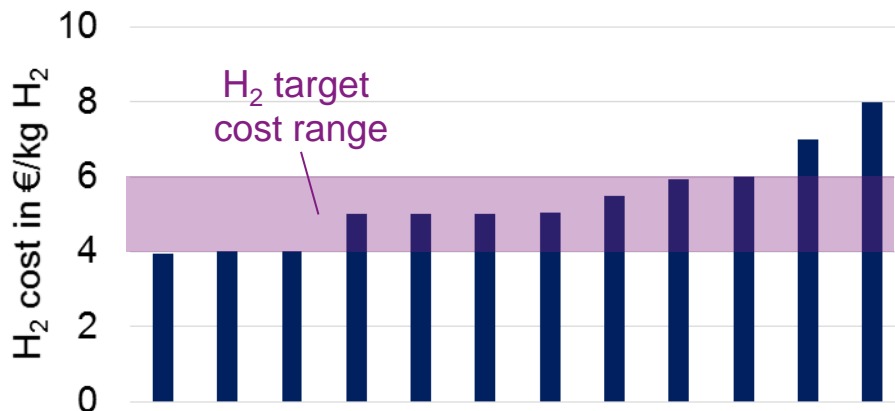


- Addressing the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for different HRS concepts and in various countries
- Comparison of GHG emissions of H₂ from electrolysis and steam reforming and analysis of effect of using renewable energies (green electricity and biomethane)

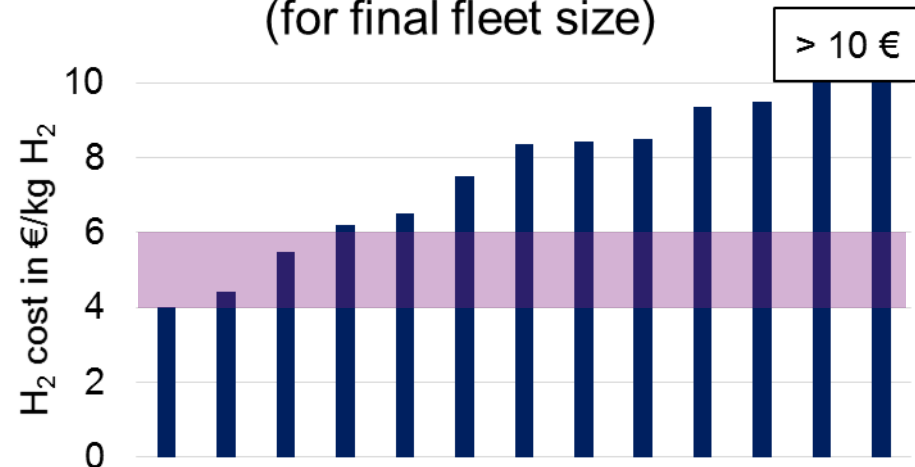
Target cost and achieved cost

- H₂ target cost range
 - 4 – 6 €/kg H₂ for most studies (fuel cost parity with diesel)
 - was achieved by three studies with different HRS concepts
 - case studies exceeding target cost → identification of levers for improving the cost efficiency

H₂ target cost at nozzle
(for final fleet size)



Achieved Ø H₂ cost at nozzle
(for final fleet size)



Bus operators: Balance between reliability and cost

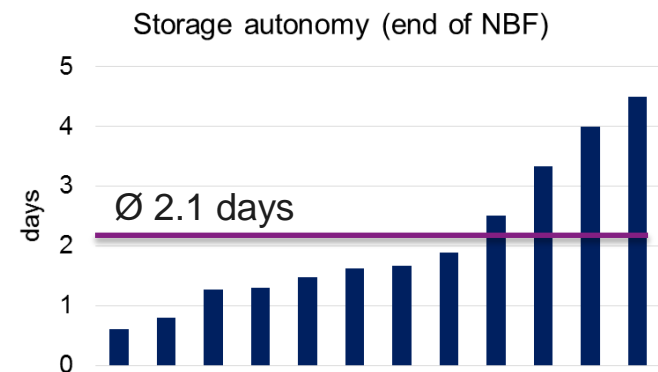
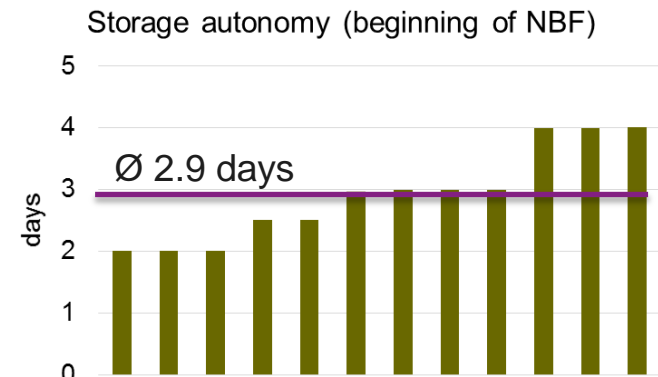
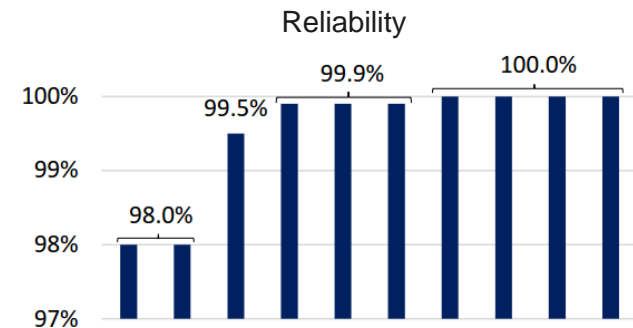
- High refuelling reliability is required by all bus operators

Common but cost intensive approaches for refuelling reliability:

- 'n+1' redundancy
- Large H₂ storage capacity

More cost-efficient measures:

- Stocking critical spare parts
- Quick response of trained staff
- Enforcement via contractual framework
- Modularity creates redundancy for larger HRS

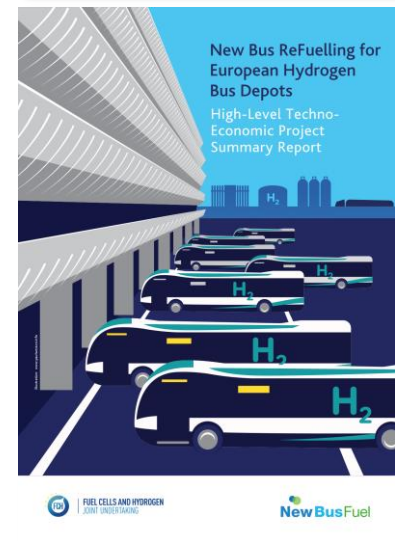


These and many other recommendations are explained comprehensively in the two public documents:

- **Guidance Document** on Large Scale Hydrogen Bus Refuelling
- High-Level Techno-Economic Project **Summary Report**

→ Both documents downloadable at: <http://newbusfuel.eu/>

→ Or contact us in case you have further questions





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