

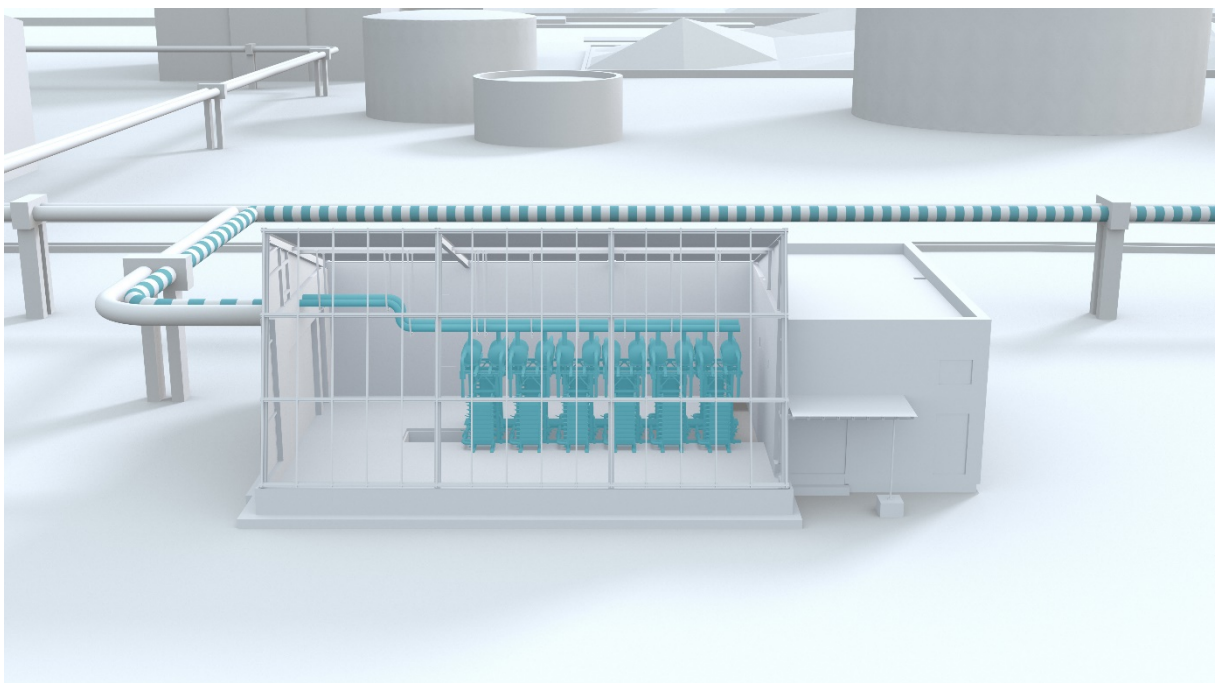
H2FUTURE – A European Flagship Project for Generation and Use of Green Hydrogen



New partnership to meet transformation challenges

Linz, September 2018. Europe's society, and in particular the energy system, will undergo a fundamental transformation over the coming decades. In order to tackle climate change, industry is already intensely researching practical ways for substantially reducing CO₂ emissions. This requires development and roll-out of completely new technologies, e.g. in steel production, and relies on the availability of sufficient energy from renewable energy sources. New partnerships within and across all sectors are needed to meet these challenges successfully.

The EU flagship project "H2FUTURE – Hydrogen meeting future needs of low carbon manufacturing value chains" brings together energy suppliers, the steel industry, technology providers and research partners, all jointly working on the future of energy. With a capacity of 6 megawatts and a production of 1,200 cubic meters of green hydrogen per hour, H2FUTURE is currently the world's largest and most advanced hydrogen pilot facility using PEM (proton exchange membrane) electrolysis technology for producing green hydrogen from renewable electricity.



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The PEM electrolyser plant is scheduled to be fully operational by spring 2019.

Six partners, one common goal

Under the coordination of Austrian utility company VERBUND and with PEM technology developed and provided by SIEMENS, Germany, the electrolyser is currently being built and will be operated at the largest steel production site of voestalpine Group in Linz, Austria.

VERBUND will provide electricity from renewable energy sources and is responsible for developing and testing grid-services with the electrolyser. Using demand side management, the PEM electrolyser will help to compensate fluctuations in an increasingly volatile power supply and enable higher shares of wind and solar energy. The Austrian transmission system operator Austrian Power Grid (APG) will provide support in integrating the plant into the power reserve markets. Scientific partners are the research institution ECN part of TNO (The Netherlands), responsible for the scientific analysis of the demonstration operation and the transferability to other industrial sectors, and the Austrian COMET Competence Center K1-MET, which will demonstrate the potential applications in the European and global steel sectors.

Fundamental project for long-term decarbonisation

In a nutshell, the fundamental goal of H2FUTURE is to demonstrate that an industrially integrated PEM electrolyser is able to produce green hydrogen and supply grid services at the same time. In this way, the potential for “breakthrough” steelmaking technologies which replace carbon by green hydrogen can be examined and the basis for further upscaling to industrial dimensions and in the long run for decarbonizing the economy is created. H2FUTURE will also address regulatory challenges that need to be solved to create a sustainable environment for European industry players.

Project Facts & Figures:

VERBUND Solutions GmbH (project coordinator)
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Siemens AG
K1-MET GmbH
Austrian Power Grid AG
TNO

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