

## Welcome to the EMR H2 Booster closing conference





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23/05/2023



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# WaterstofNet & the Waterstof Industrie Cluster

A brief introduction



## WaterstofNet: over 10 years of H2 experience

- °2009, non profit, 12 people
- Offices in Turnhout (B) en Helmond (NL)
- 4 pillars
  - ✓ Industrial cluster with > 160 members
  - ✓ Project organisation > 20 projecten
  - ✓ Partner of governments
  - ✓Knowledge centre
- Hands-on experience





### **Benelux cluster**







## **Covering the whole value chain**





## Podcast "Waterstof: het hele verhaal"



#### Available on Spotify, Google Podcasts of Apple podcasts:



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## EMR H2 Booster project



## **EMR H2 Booster**

Aim: to boost the development of clean hydrogen innovation, demonstration and knowledge sharing in the region, as a first step towards the roll-out of a clean hydrogen economy

## Main target group: SME's

- Duration: Jan/2022-June/2023
- Total budget: €1.065.066,13
- Total Interreg EMR subsidy: €532.533,01





## **Strong partnership**



#### Associated partner



#### Main financer





## Strong partnership: regional coverage

Region	Cluster	Development Agency	Other		
Liège	TWEED	Spi			
Limburg (BE)	WN	POM Limburg	Univ Hasselt (Energyville )		
Aachen	IHK Aachen	Stadt Aachen			
Limburg (NL)	WN/Waterstof Coalitie Limburg	LIOF			
	Coördinator: WaterstofNe				
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Associated partner: Stadsregio Parkstad Limburg					



## Work packages

#### WP 1: mapping

- Of plans, roadmaps, visions, views, R&D, etc.
- Of industrial players
- Competence analysis
- Integration in the Digital Innovation Platform

#### WP 2: cases

- 4 Matchmakingsessions
- 4 Hydrogen project concept papers

## WP 3: inspiration and demonstration

- 4 inspiration sessions (one per region)
- 4 demonstration events

WP First Level

Control

• 4 workshops

#### WP 4: Booster

- Long term roadmap for the region
- Definition of longterm governance structure and business model of the EMR H2 Booster

WP management WP Communic

Euregio Meuse-Rhine BOOSTERH2

### Let's boost demonstrate

## Let's boost demonstrate hydrogen in our region! https://www.emrh2booster.eu/





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## Bedankt voor uw aandacht! Thank you for your attention!



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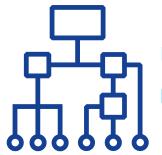




## **EMR H2 Booster**

Work package 1: Mapping of H2-Industrial Players and Regional H2 Strengths

## What was the main task of work package 1?



Identification and mapping of

plans, roadmaps, studies



EMR Industry analysis: mapping of players and competences in the EMR region



Expansion of the Digital Innovation platform (DIP) in the EMR area







#### Summary of all mapped plans, roadmaps and other documents

Analysis of 16 hydrogen related documents by:

- Regional focuses
- Advantages of hydrogen
- Requirements for further developments in the hydrogen economy
- Projects in the EMR region
- Cross border activities

#### Regional focus in the field of hydrogen

Netherlands	Belgium	Germany	
Mobility	Mobility	Mobility	
<ul> <li>Industry (Chemistry)</li> <li>Energy Sector</li> </ul>	Industry     Energy Sector	(Energy intensive)     Industry	
Economy	Infrastructure	Energy Sector	
Climate	Storage of H2	<ul> <li>Entrainment of the</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Innovation</li> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Built Environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Concrete end applications</li> <li>Built Environment</li> </ul>	<ul><li>region</li><li>Heat market</li><li>Built Environment</li></ul>	







#### Summary of all mapped plans, roadmaps and other documents

#### **Requirements and Claims**

Provide funding	
Develop regulatory framework	
Improve infrastructure	
Reduce costs	
Expand renewable energies	
Support the Economy	
Provide supply & demand security	
Strengthen cooperation	
Establish a definition of green hydrogen	
Ensure technology-neutrality	

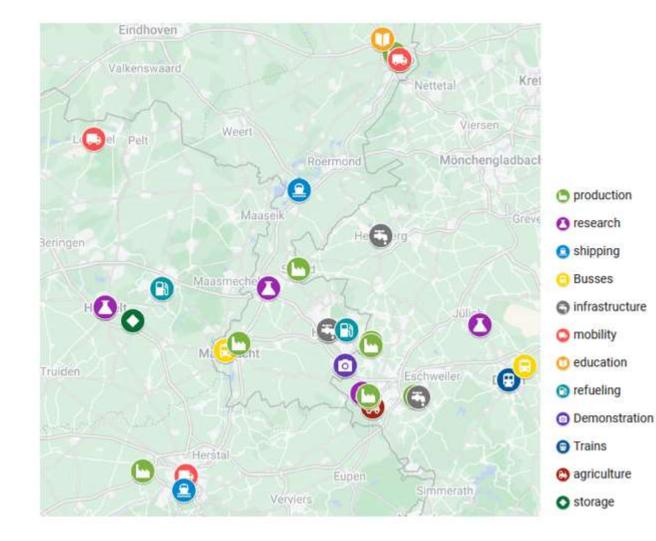






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Active projects in the region









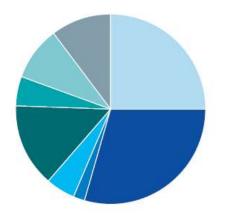
## **EMR Industry analysis**

Mapping of industrial players relevant in the h2 sector

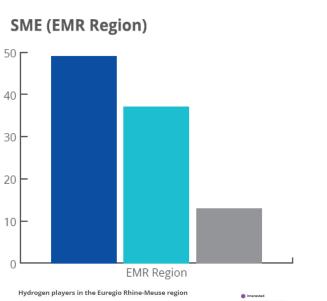
Stakeholder Mapping with the help of a questionnaire

- Questionnaire included 6 questions
- The questionnaire was send out in german, french and dutch
- Total responses: 99

Specialised fields (EMR Region)











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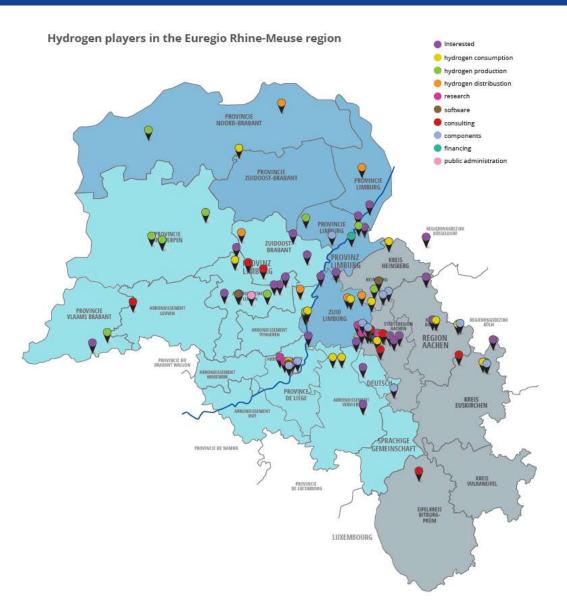
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### **EMR Industry analysis**

Mapping of industrial players relevant in the h2 sector:









SWOT analysis of the economy in the EMR in the field of hydrogen

Document will be finished by the end of June

The assignment includes the following work packages:

- 1. Summary of already existing literature
- 2. Conducting a SWOT analysis of the regional economy
- 3. Recording of licensing issues and presentation of solution approaches in the project area
- 4. Development of maps and graphs
- 5. Presentation and preparation of the results





#### Establishment of a cross border networking opportunity

DIP Digital Innovation Platform

European Regional		
	Hydrogen supply Hydrogen Mobility Hydrogen Supply (Mobility) +1	

#### Euregional hydrogen networking group

- Can be automatically translated to german, dutch, french and english
- Agglomerates all events, news and informations of the project and in the region
- Offers the possibility to network with other members and search for partners
- Platform which can be used even after the project is completed







#### Project partners



#### **Associated partner**



#### **Co-financers**



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## Workpackage 2: Cases and Matchmaking

Closing conference 23-05-2023 Genk



## Goals and deliverables WP2

### Work-package title:

"Definition of a number of cases to be developed as a stepping-stone to project realizations"

### **Deliverables:**

### 4 Case-papers: according to the EMR-H2B Project plan:

"We will come up with at least 4 hydrogen project concept papers containing at least the partners involved, the envisioned result, the proposed workplan and a high level business case. These cases shall be the first step towards Green Hydrogen projects realization."

#### **Organize 4 Matchmaking sessions**

"Connect as many existing and new SME, research, and other partners to possibly join the project-consortia to be formed"



## **Steps followed**

- We started mapping all hydrogen projects and project-ideas within the region Meuse-Rhine.
  - This resulted in a list with 53 H2-initiatives to date.
- Selection criteria, for selecting the projects we wanted to write the case papers for, were agreed.
- 4 main themes covered in several similair or related initiatives were chosen:
  - 1. Hydrogen for inland shipping and barges
    - Possible succesion for RH2INE-, Zellie- en future proof shipping?
  - 2. Hydrogen production
    - Many small electrolyser projects: Saint Gobain, Stawag Aachen, Multiple MV-Energy.
  - 3. Setting up Local Hydrogen Hubs
    - Hydrogen-Hub or Lab Avantis, Hydrogen of Clean Energy hub Venlo
  - 4. Cross-border Hydrogen Bus-connections
    - Hydrogen-busses between Aachen, Liege and Maastricht?



- Lead-partners were sought during 4-regional events in thematic break-out- and Match making-sessions around the 4 theme's
- 8 project cases were researched and pursued further: 6 are now worked out in case papers.
- For 3 projects a high level business-case evaluation is being performed to check the feasibility.
  - Evaluations are carried out by external bureaus: Stork Engineering, Summit engineering and Buro Kragten.



## **Resulting Case papers**

#### 1. Hydrogen use in Ceramic-production ovens: VanderSanden (B-NL)

- Lead case-paper: WaterstofNet.
- 2. Hydrogen for Inland Shipping: Barge-and Hydrogen hub Maasbracht (B-NL-D)
  - Lead case-paper: WCL
- 3. Bundling 6x1 MW electrolysers in Limburg MV-energy / Green Watts (NL-D)
  - Lead case-paper: LIOF / MV-energy
- 4. Cross border H2-re-fueling chain: Groep Bruno-Vissers Energy (B-NL)
  - Lead case-paper: POM-Limburg.
- 5. Valorization of scientific knowledge by Academia and Industry. (NL-B-D)
  - Lead case-paper: WCL. In cooperation with U-hasselt, Forschungscentrum Julich and LIOF (R&D Matchmaking)
- 6. Crossborder Hydrogen Busses, Aachen, Liege, Maastricht (D-B-NL)
  - Lead case-paper: Stadt Aachen. In cooperation with LIOF

Case paper: Identifying legal obstacles for Cross-Border Energy-Projects in the EMR. Parkstad/ IHK





## Matchmaking Sessions



## Matchmaking sessions organized:

### 4 main- Matchmaking sessions during the regional events:

- Genk 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, Thorpark T2 Campus (B)
  - 'Hydrogen, the fuel of the future?'
- Geleen 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2022, Brightlands Chemelot Campus (NL)
  - 'Shaping the energy transition in the Euregion using sustainable hydrogen'
- Spa 18th of April, Francorchamps Circuit (B)
  - 'Signing of an EMR Hydrogen declaration'
- Ubach-Palenberg 26<sup>th</sup> of April, Neumann & Esser (D)
  - 'Hydrogen as an Opportunity for SMEs'

### **3 dedicated thematic matchmaking sessions around:**

- Clean Energy Hub Parkstad November 4<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Hydrogen Hub Maastricht December 16<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Valorisation Academic H2 Knowledge and R&D May 2023



## Matchmaking session impressions

• Thorpark T2 Campus Genk



• Brightlands Campus Geleen





## Matchmaking Spa Francorchamps,

#### Co-organized by E.E.N. / B2Match

- 103 individual 1on1 meetings of 15 minutes in 6 rounds
- 83 matchmaking participants
- 19 Matchmaking tables











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# 10:30 Coffee break & signing opportunity of the Francorchamps Hydrogen Initiative

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# EMR HYDROGEN BOOSTER WP3 Events





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EUROPEAN UNION European Regional Development Fund

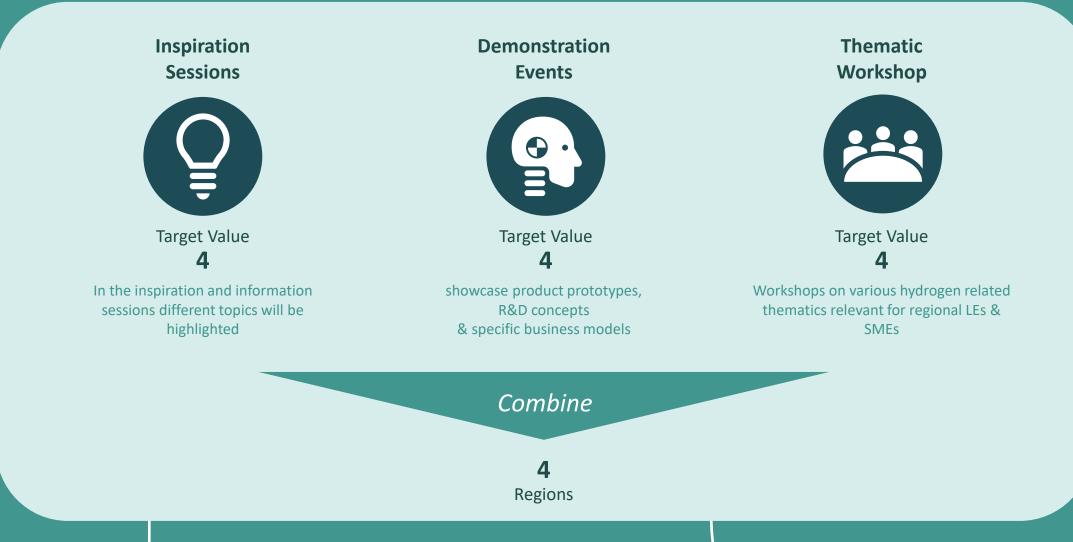
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### OVERVIEW Workpackage 3: Events



Luregio Meuse-Rhine BOOSTERH2 EUROPEAN UNION European Regional Development Fund	INSPIRATION SESSIONS	DEMONSTRATION EVENTS	THEMATIC WORKSHOP
1 <b>EVENT GENK</b> 11/10/2022			
2 <b>EVENT GELEEN</b> 21/10/2022			
3 WEBINAR 11/03/2023			
4 <b>EVENT SPA FRANCORCHAMPS</b> 18/10/2023			
5 EVENT ÜBACH-PALENBERG 26/04/2023			
6 <b>THEMATIC EVENT GENK</b> 02/05/2023			
<b>THEMATIC ONLINE CONFERENCE</b> 16/06/2023			



# Hydrogen Seminar Genk -T2 Campus

11/10/2022 -Limburg, BE

#### **Inspiration Event**





# Demonstrations

### Genk -T2 Campus

11/10/2022 -Limburg, BE

Limburg economisch

versnellen



Interreg Euregio Meuse-F EMRH2 Shaping the energy transition in the Euregion using sustainable hydrogen Geleen - Chemelot

21/10/2022 -Limburg, NL

**Inspiration Event** 



Break Out-Sessions Business, Government & civilians Testimonials Hydrogen

Fillingstation





MobilityHydrogen Industry ClusterFinancingWaterwaysWICsubsidy



LIOF

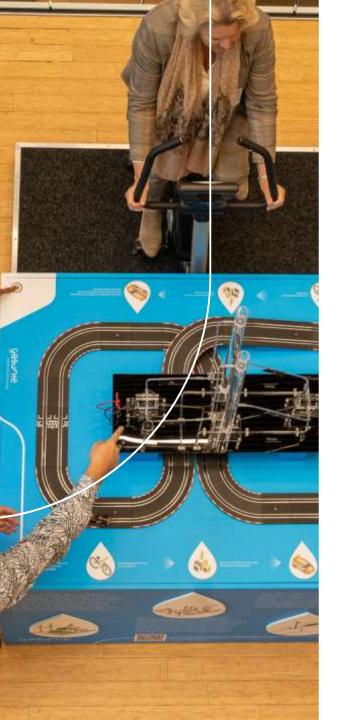


Air Liquide



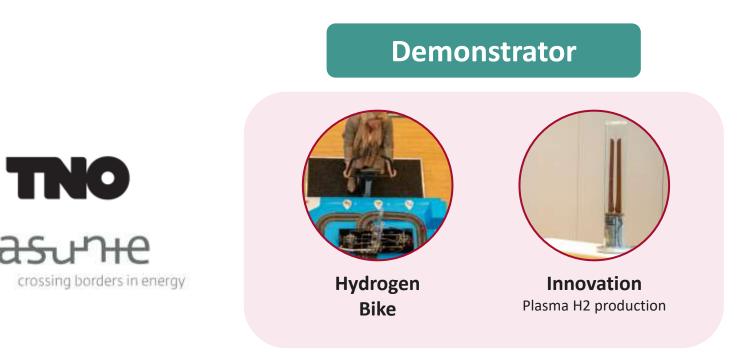






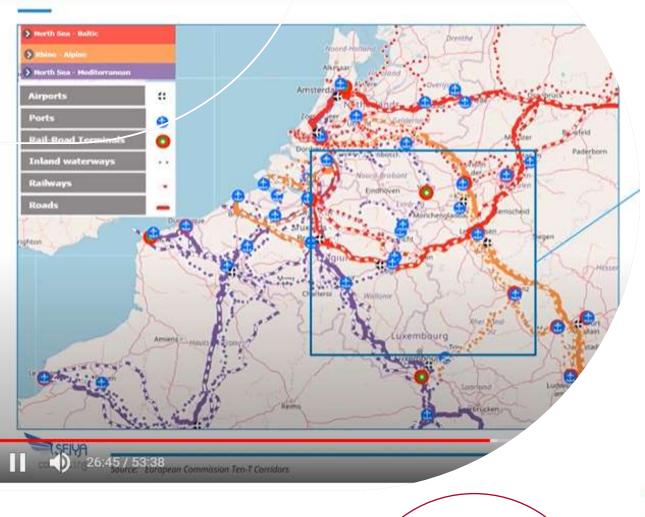
### Shaping the energy transition in the Euregion using sustainable hydrogen Geleen - Chemelot

21/10/2022 -Limburg, NL





EMR H2 Booster study, the current state of the H2 econransport Equation The EMR-Region is at the core of 3 Ten-T Corridors



### Online Webinar EMR H2 Booster study

**Thematic Workshop** 

#### Analysis of hydrogen opportunities in Euregio Meuse-Rhine

#### → WP4

Establishment of a Cross Border Hydrogen Booster







### The future of H2 economy with the position of H2 in heavy-duty mobility Spa-Francorchamps 18/04/2023 – Liège, BE



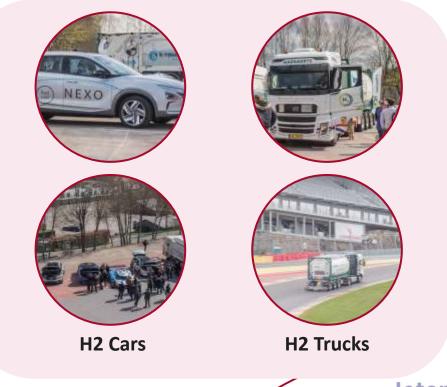




### H2 in heavy-duty mobility Spa-Francorchamps

18/04/2023 – Liège, BE

#### Demonstrator







### The future of H2 economy with the position of H2 in heavy-duty mobility Spa-Francorchamps 18/04/2023 – Liège, BE Thematic Workshop



**EMRH2 Booster Industry & Training** 





### Hydrogen as an opportunity for SMEs Neuman & Esser Group 18/04/2023 – Übach-Palenberg, DE

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### Hydrogen as an opportunity for SMEs Neuman & Esser Group 18/04/2023 – Übach-Palenberg, DE

Demonstrator



Factory tour





### On the road to Hydrogen **Genk** -T2 Campus 02/05/2023 -Limburg, BE

#### **Thematic Workshop**



Subsidies

Safety

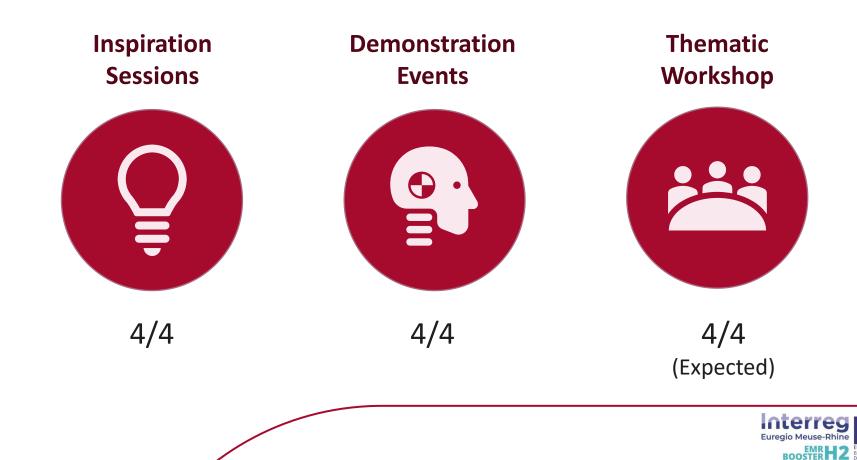
Experience

**Refueling stations** & International Road transport





# OVERVIEW Deliverables WP3





### OVERVIEW OUTREACH



**673** Registrations **6** Events (+ 1 planned) In person & Digital



**Cross Border** & Broad audience









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Looking forward through the EMR Hydrogen Roadmap Raphaël Schoentgen – Hydrogen Advisors

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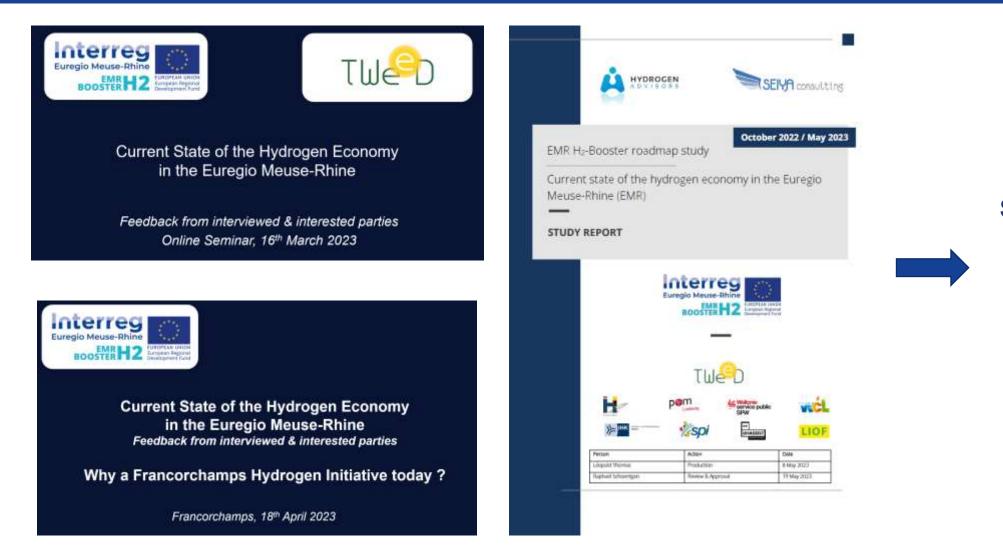
# **EMR H2 BOOSTER**

### The EMR Roadmap Study / A wide Panel of Players Interviewed





### **Two Presentations of the Study + Report Already Delivered**



#### **Suggestion today**

Focus on the main ideas coming out of the study

#### In a visual way

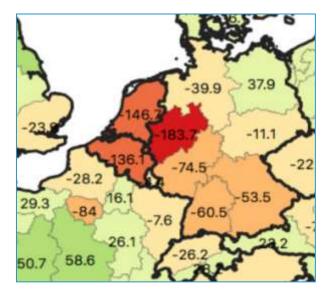


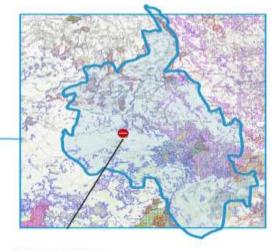
### The EMR H2 Booster essential driver = H2 pipelines deployment



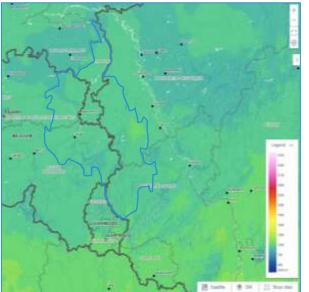
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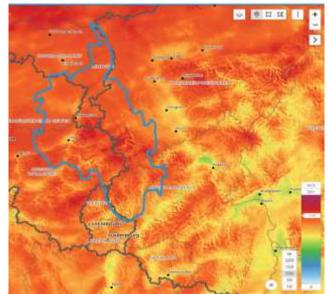
### **Reasons behind**





Dalhem windfarm stopped project









### Important to develop a transnational view - at state level

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Source : Le Soir

### Important to develop a multinational view - at state level





### Important to also act at federal + regional level on borders



### Beyond, the EMR H2 Booster must articulate a vision = priorities





### And then ensure implementation = articulate actions in time





### Of paramount importance will be administrative approvals





### The second paramount element is to build the common ecosystem





### With a first focus on a hydrogen road corridor





### And a second focus on a hydrogen river corridor



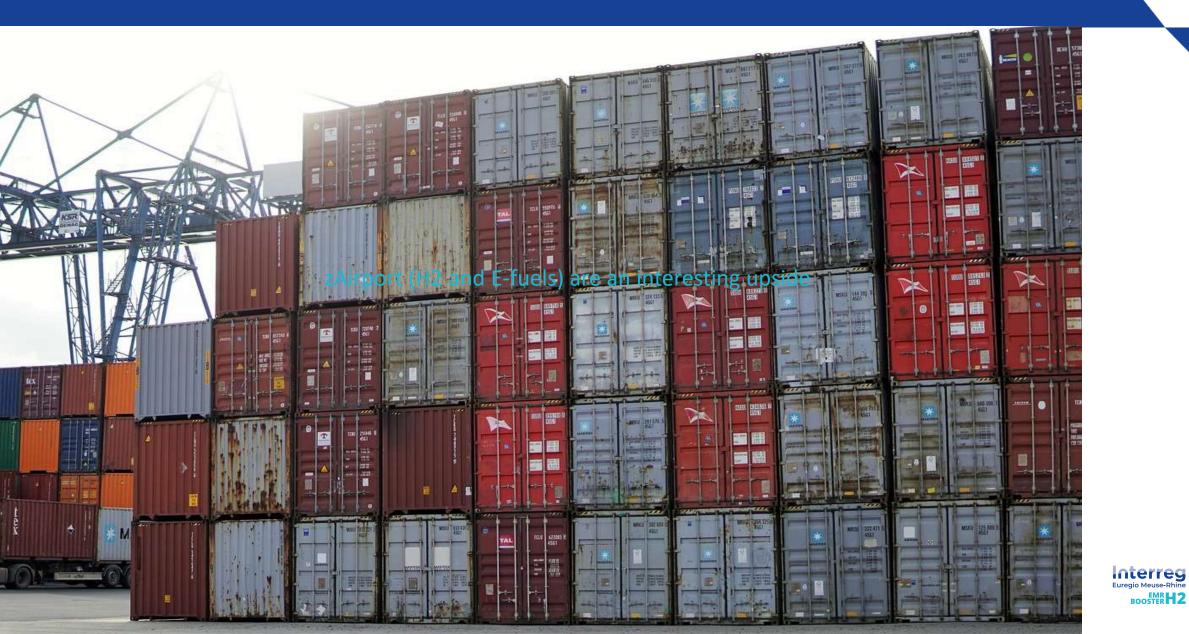


## Airport (H2 and E-fuels) are an interesting upside





## Ports offer a natural H2 play, another interesting upside



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## Last but not least railroads may offer H2 transport upsides





## Uneven susbidy schemes might however hamper the development







## H2 know how and skill force needs to be mutualized and developed



## H2 techs / products start to be developed and should be pushed





## EMR can become a hub for H2 mobility services (roads and rivers)



Interreg

## With H2 know how and products that can then be exported





The cross border (players accross two countries) and cross sector (industrials with tech center) links should therefore be fostered

Build on the success of the Francorchamps Initiative Get inspired by the dynamic in DE and extend



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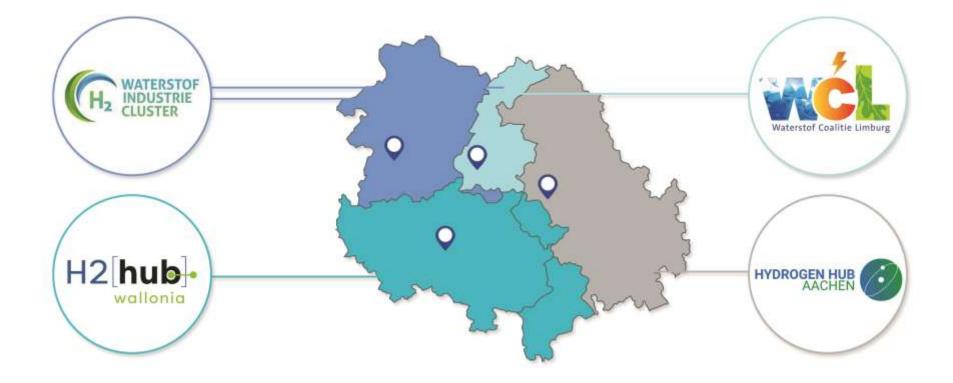


Looking forward through the EMR Hydrogen Roadmap Raphaël Schoentgen – Hydrogen Advisors

> and the continued online booster Valère Counet – Cluster TWEED

# **EMR H2 BOOSTER**

# Existing H2 clusters joining forces and structuring over the whole EMR region





## **EMR H2 Booster common services offer**



The end of the project that is being transformed into a crossborder common services offer

#### Project partners



#### **Associated partner**



#### **Co-financers**





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## Virtual EMR H2 Booster





## Scope / Virtual EMR H2 Booster with Liège

#### Training/job

Technifutur & forem

**Research & Innovation Hub** 

Industrial Testing pilot & infrastructure & Research and Innovation

CRM Be-blue Ecodistrict : what size/capabilities...

International H2 Europe

Hydrogen Europe, BEI / AWEX International (export) & link to global H2 network

Advisory & financing project building-up (incubation-> market)

WSL WE Noshaq

H2 Networking

TWEED

Regulation Certification Permitting



# Scope / Virtual EMR H2 Booster with BE Limburg

#### Training/job

Syntra PXL (Campus T2 Genk

#### **Research & Innovation Hub**

VITO & Energy Ville are working on electrolysers research

#### Industrial Testing pilot & infrastructure & Research and Innovation

Energy Ville: for research and testing

Facthory or Flanders Make for pilot lines

International H2 Europe

#### Advisory & financing project building-up (incubation-> market)

- LRM & Nuhma for Venture Capital
- Vlaio for flemish subsidies on hydrogen within the ecologiepremie+ program

#### H2 Networking

WsN & POM Limburg, although broader scope than hydrogen

**Regulation Certification Permitting** 



## Scope / Virtual EMR H2 Booster with NL Limburg

#### Training/job

- Maastricht University, HS-Zuyd, LIOF, Hydrogen Colaition Academy with WCL
- Research & Innovation Hub /Industrial Testing pilot & infrastructure & Research and Innovation
- Brightlands Chemelot Campus, RWTH Aachen, TNO
- International H2 Europe
- Hydrogen Europe, WaterstofNet, TNO, TU-eindhoven, Forschungscentrum Julich
- Advisory & financing project building-up (incubation-> market)
- Volantis, Arcadis, Buck Consultants, LIOF, LEF, Invest-NL, RvO, Sustainnovate Today
- H2 Networking
- WCL, WaterstofNet, LIOF,
- Regulation Certification Permitting,
- TNO, KIWA, TuV, Province of Limburg, Veiligheidsregio Limburg



## Scope / Virtual EMR H2 Booster with Aachen

#### Training/job

IHK Aachen via DIHK

Forschungszentrum Jülich (Helmholtz-Cluster HC-H2)

Zukunftscluster Wasserstoff

i Gas Energy

Research & Innovation Hub / Industrial Testing pilot & infrastructure & Research and Innovation TME RWTH Aachen ; Fraunhofer IPT ; Aldenhoven Testing Center International H2 Europe Forschungszentrum Jülich (Helmholtz-Cluster HC-H2) ; Zukunftscluster Wasserstoff ; JARA

Advisory & financing projects (incubation-> market)

AGIT

#### H2 Networking

Hydrogen Hub Aachen

**Regulation Certification Permitting** 

TrHy (Duisburg)



# **EMRH2 Booster Target**

# TARGET

- Sme's & technology providers within the EMR region
- Users (challenge owner H2 needs)
- International provider willing to penetrate the EMR market



## **EMR H2 Booster** Long term vision

# Long term vision

How to guarantee the long term from here to the Virtual EMR H2 Booster?

• The Francorchamps Hydrogen Initiative

thanks to the success of the first eddition, we are already thinking about a second edition and we are confident to continue structuring the EMR H2 ecosystem and more in Francorchamps

- Webinars inter clusters on the 3 sub-ecosystems identified in the study
  - EMRH2 Roads Corridors
  - EMRH2 Rivers Corridors
  - EMRH2 Ecosystem
- Access to European Projects/ New Interreg projects



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# Euregio Meuse-Rhine

**European Regional Development Fund** 



# **EMR H2 Booster closing event**

Coördinator EMR Rob van Vugt

# **European Funding & Interreg**



# **About Interreg**

- EU Cohesion
- Jointly tackle common challenges and find shared solutions
- Three types of Interreg programmes
- Interreg EMR Cross-border operation





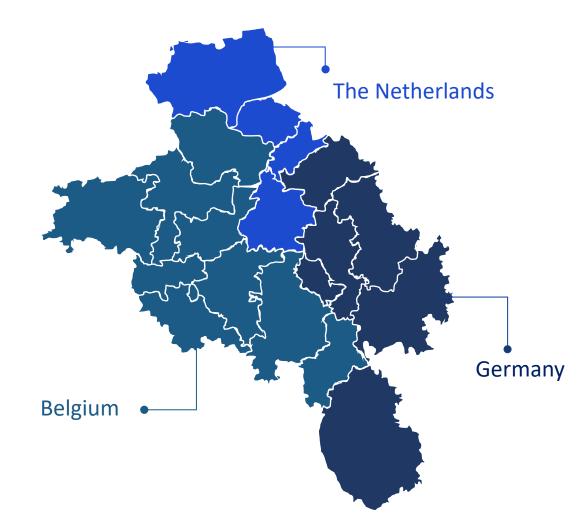
# European Funding & Interreg Euregio Meuse-Rhine

- Growing together through cooperation, trade and respect
- Working together as equals, regardless of borders
- **Objective:** to promote a **harmonious development** of the Union as a whole





# Interreg Euregio Meuse-Rhine





# Our Programme 2014-2020

Four investment priorities:

- Innovation
- Economy
- Social inclusion and education
- Territorial development
- 2014-2020: 66 projects and over 500 partners
- 196 million EUR total project–costs of which 50% ERDF



# Why did we believe in the H2Booster project?

# Awareness for clean energy



The project created an overview of existing hydrogen initiatives and plans (status quo) in the EMR and developed ready-to-be-implemented case papers for the hydrogen sector in our region.



#### **Cross-border collaboration**

Promoted cross-border collaboration among stakeholders in hydrogen to establish a H2 network



#### **Project Partners**

Very competent project partners with the necessary expertise



#### Lifting borders

The project was focussed on transregional cooperation and inspiration via workshops, demonstration and inspiration events in all three countries



#### **Initiated change**

The aim of the project was to "boost" the realization of a clean hydrogen economy in the EMR



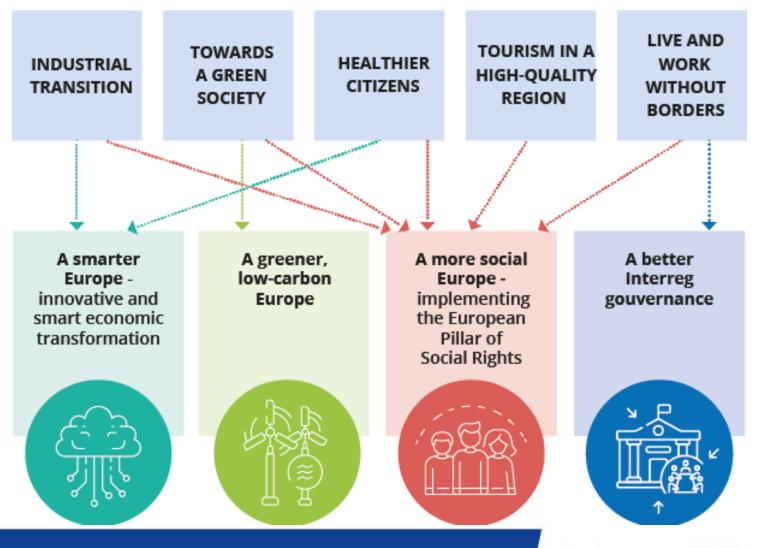
# **Congratulations to the EMR H2 Booster Project Partners**





### 5 grand societal challenges

The Future of Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE)





# Interreg VI

- New 2021-2027 Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE) programme has started
- Focusing on 5 grand societal challenges in 4 priorities, including industrial transition
- Launch of next call (nr 2) for proposals is currently being prepared for early next year



# Interreg VI

- Goal to further reduce administrative burden, both for applicants/beneficiaries as well as for the programme
- Want to know more? Follow-us on Social Media, or contact the programme via the MA/JS or the Regional Antenna in your region



# **Programme Partners**





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# Thank you for your attention.

Congratulations with the completion of this project.



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#### Meuse – Rhine (NL – BE – DE)

H<sup>2</sup>Booster event,

23 Mai 2023

#### Introduction

- Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE)
- For whom?
- Content of the program
- Let's get going!
- How does it work?
- Questions?





### Frederik Loy

Regional Antenna Limburg (B)



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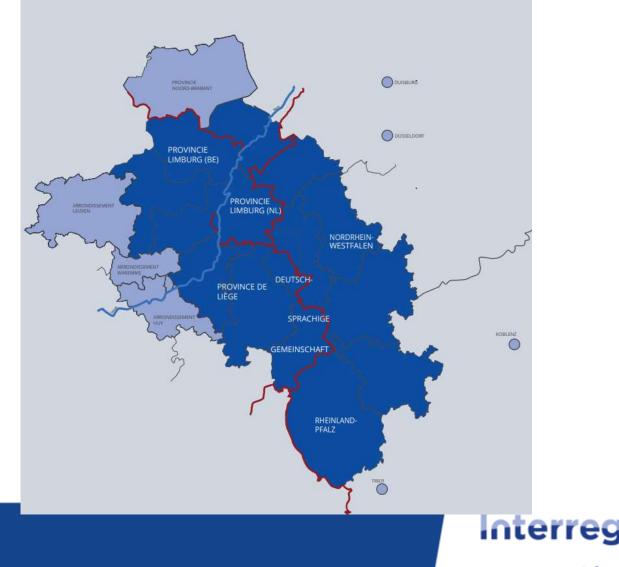
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# **Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE)**

- "Interreg" = EU program aimed at strengthening cross-border cooperation and reducing the barrier effect of the national border
- "Meuse-Rhine" = geografic area
- 6th edition, "2021-2027", period 2022-2029
- Call 1 in progress Call 2 opens in 2024



# **Interreg Meuse-Rhine (NL-BE-DE)**



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### For whom?



# For whom? – For you!

- (SME) business
- Educational and research institutions
- Governments
- Civil society....

Always in collaboration with at least one organization from one of the other member states in the program area





• Interreg Maas-Rhine (NL-BE-DE) contributes to five major societal challenges that have an impact on the entire program area:





All this technically translated into 4 priorities:

- A smarter Meuse-Rhine area
- A greener, low-CO2 Maas-Rhine area
- A more social Meuse-Rhine area
- Better administrative cooperation in the Meuse-Rhine area





- Innovative Industry 4.0 solutions and development and implementation of advanced technologies – advanced manufacturing, industrial data, automation/robotics, 3D printing, IoT, blockchain technology, AI, battery technology, green hydrogen, photonics, biotech, nanotech and electronics, quantum technology, innovative chemistry and process technology
- Paving the way to greener production processes
- Impact on the labor market, training and lifelong learning



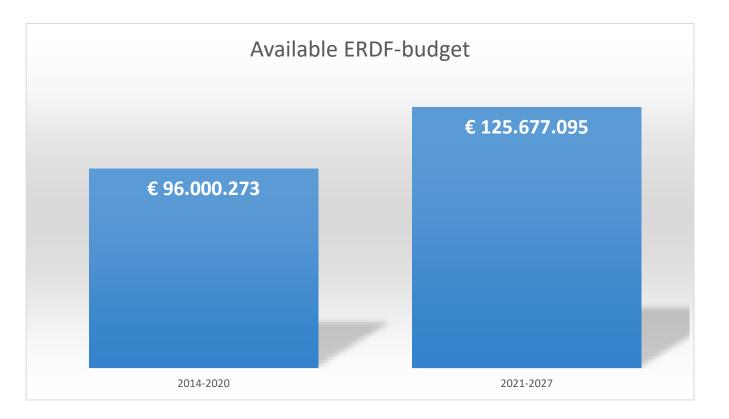


- Innovations to increase the share of renewable and clean energy
- Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience
- Embracing the circular economy by encouraging the use of green inputs, the reuse of raw materials and the reduction of waste flows
- Better match of green labor demand and supply from training



#### Budget:

- Almost 31% extra budget
- 50% ERDF for projects





- In short, a program with many starting points for relevant social themes
- More than € 117 million in EU contributions to projects and more than € 50 million in national co-financing is expected
- Stronger focus on SMEs
- Innovation aimed at higher TRL levels, close to the market



# Let's get going!



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# Let's get going!

- Define subject and test against program
- Thinking about concrete cross-border challenge(s), necessary impact and associated products / deliverablesLooking for cross-border partners approach the Regional Antennas
- Think about costs and financing maximum 50% EU contribution, arrange at least the other half yourself
- Keep an eye on information / updates from the program about the approval process and the launch of the first call for proposals via <u>www.interregemr.eu/2021-2027</u>



# How does it work?



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# How does it work?

- Faster application and selection procedure
  - Project calls / calls for proposals as application procedure
  - Digital 2-step procedure (step 1 short project sketch to test suitability and chances of success in the program and step 2 full application)
  - Clear "go" / "no go" after step 1
  - Shorter duration of application procedure
  - More focus on quality and guidance during the application process



# How does it work?

- Faster application and selection procedure under development
  - Call calendar is under development
  - Further reduction of administrative burden
  - Introducing new simplified cost options
  - Management verifications instead of 100% First Level Control less focus on financial control, more focus on substantive realization
  - New monitoring system JEMS



# **Questions?**



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23 May 2023

# How to go from H2Booster to demonstrations



#### **EMR-H2-Booster**



- EMR-area is geographically important/strategic for hydrogen
- H2-Booster delivered crucial information on :
  - Visions
  - Actors
  - Applications
  - Roadmap
  - Connecting people
- Can we together with Interreg make the next step towards demonstrations ???



### "Yes, we can"



#### Proven record of key-demonstrations by industry/Interreg











#### Lessons learned for developing projects



- Clear project definition in 4 pages
  - 1 page : project idea
  - 1 page : consortium
  - 1 page : budget
  - 1 page : planning
- Project idea: in line with the roadmap/ambition of the consortium/visions
- Consortium: not only 'coalition of the willing', but also 'consortium of the investing'
  - Budget: realistic budget, including costs for demonstration
- Planning:

realistic planning, including delivery times, permitting/homologation/....



#### Let's take the next step together

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### Bedankt voor uw aandacht! Thank you for your attention!



Join us!

# 12:10 Consortium picture moment & Reception and lunch

