

Demonstrating Opportunities for Power-to-Gas on European Level





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Innovative large-scale energy **STOR**ag**E** technologies & Power-to-**G**as concepts after **O**ptimisation

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- "…holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above preindustrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels."
- Reduce THG emissions by 95% in 2050 compared to 1990.
- Need for CCS measures
- 100 billion USD / a for climate protection in third world countries



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Emission Targets EU

	EU						
Targets	2020	2030	2050				
GHG Emissions							
Greenhouse gas emissions in comparison to 1990	-20 %	-40 %	-80 to -95 %				
Increase of the renewable energy share in energy consumption							
Share of renewable energy in comparison to gross final energy consumption	20 %	27 %					
Reduction of energy consumption and increase in energy efficiency							
Reduction of primary or final energy consumption (PEC/FEC)	20% (increase in energy efficiency compared to business- as-usual)	27% (increase in energy efficiency compared to business- as-usual)					



Emission EU

Country	1990 (Million tons)	2015 (Million tons)	2016 (Million tons)	2015-16 (Million tons)	2015-16 (Percent)	1990-2016 (Percent)
Germany	1.251,6	906,8	909,4	2,7	0,3	-27,3
France	546,4	458,1	458,2	0,1	0,0	-16,1
Italy	518,4	432,9	427,9	-5,0	-1,2	-17,5
Netherlands	220,6	194,6	195,0	0,5	0,2	-11,6
EU-28	5.646,1	4.317,9	4.291,3	-26,7	-0,6	-24,0

Source: European Environment Agency (EEA), EEA greenhouse gas - data viewer

Increased Integration of Renewables needs Storage for power



- Due to the volatile nature of renewable energy - supply and demand does not always match
- Technology to store power in large quantities is not yet available
- Innovative technologies are required to balance the gap

The EU funded STORE&GO project aims at development and operational testing of PtG technologies which can help to fill the gap

Characteristics of Renewables: Load profile



- Supply of renewable power is volatile and excides demand from time to time
- With more renewable energy in the system oversupply will increase
- Without storage capacities, grid operators have to balance the system and have to stop production. The surplus of renewable energy will be lost.
- PtG will enable efficient use of the excess amount of renewable energy by converting it to hydrogen and methane.

Characteristics of Renewables: Load profile

Residual load during an example year in Germany



Source: Fraunhofer IWES 2010

The Role of Power-to-Gas in Future Energy Supply



Energy connectivity through Power-to-Gas

- Europe has a well developed and highly integrated gas supply system
 - 2.2 Mio km of gas pipelines
 - 100 billion m³ of gas storage
- Highly efficient gas infrastructure to transport energy
- The system can be used to transport and store methane for Power-to-Gas plants





Motivation

To reach the ambitious climate goals we will need innovative technologies, which will be able to unlock the potential of renewable energies in Europe. The PtG technology will provide the necessary tools to address the different challenges our future energy system is facing by producing clean ("green") gas from renewable power which can

- be stored to support balancing the energy grid and providing gas for backup gas fired power generation
- be used as clean fuel for ships and cars
- be used to fire heating installations
- be used as chemical energy carrier which is needed in many industrial sectors

Power-to-Gas can play a key role as enabler of the energy transition and become a key element of the energy system of the future



One Solution

Power-to-Gas STORE&GD

Key Facts of STORE&GO

- 27 Partner from 6 European countries
- Duration: 03/2016 02/2020
- Construction and operation of 3 PtG demonstration plants
- Extensive accompanying research
- Funding:





Coordinator:



27 Project Partners will work together in STORE&GO





Project Structure

Management & Coordination WP 1

Demonstration Site PtG concept I *WP 2* Falkenhagen, DE Demonstration Site PtG concept II WP 3 Solothurn, CH Demonstration Site PtG concept III *WP 4* Troia, IT

Cross-cutting activities *WP* **5** – *WP* **8**

Dissemination WP 9

Cross-cutting-Activities



Cross-cutting-Activities

- Techno-economic analysis of storage demonstration operation
 - Environmental impacts
 - Optimized Operation schemes for gas grids
 - Economic analysis
- Integration of PtG concepts in electricity grid management and power supply
 - Opportunities and options for PtG in the power system
 - Impact analysis of PtG
- Reducing barriers
 - Licensing modalities
 - Regulatory regimes
 - Analysis on future technology options and on techno-economic optimization
- Market uptake
 - Analysis of future demand of 'green gases'
 - Potentials across the EU
 - Economic costs and benefits of the PtG large-scale storage option

Public relations and dissemination is an important part of the project

- Website with a variety of freely accessible reports (<u>www.storeandgo.info</u>)
- Various online publications and stakeholder information (<u>www.openaccessgovernment.org</u>)
- BRIDGE (<u>www.h2020-bridge.eu</u>)
 - Advisory platform of the European Commission from 36 projects in the field of storage and smart grids
- Political Dinner on October 17th, 2018 in the European Parliament
- Educational Training programme and public events
- Participation in conferences, trade fairs, expert discussions



Three demosites will prove the operational reliability of PtG



Facts and Figures of the demosites

	Demo site Falkenhagen/Germany	Demo site Solothurn/Switzerland	Demo site Troia/Italy
Representative region with respect to typical generation of renewable energies (RES)	Rural area in the North East of Germany with high wind power production and low overall electricity consumption	Municipal area in the Alps region with considerable RES from photovoltaics (PV) and hydro power	Rural area in the Mediterranean area with high PV capacities, considerable wind power production, low overall electricity consumption
Connection to the electricity grid	Transmission grid	Municipal distribution grid	Regional distribution grid
Connection to the gas grid	Long distance transport grid	Municipal distribution grid	Regional LNG Distribution network via cryogenic trucks
Plant size (in relation to the electrical power input)	1.000 kW	700 kW	200 kW
Methanation technology to be demonstrated	Isothermal catalytic honeycomb/structured wall reactors	Biological methanation	Modular milli-structured catalytic methanation reactors
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) source	Bioethanol plant	Waste water treatment plant	CO ₂ from atmosphere
Heat integration possibilities	Veneer mill	District heating	CO ₂ enrichment
Existing facilities and infrastructure	2.000 kW alkaline electrolyser, hydrogen injection plant	2x175 kW PEM electrolyser, hydrogen injection plant, district heating, combined heat and power plant	1.000 kW alkaline electrolyser

Demosite Solothurn, Switzerland



Demosite Solothurn, Switzerland



Demosite Solothurn, Switzerland



Demosite Troia, Italy

- Plant size: 200 kW
- Catalytic methanation
- \circ CO₂ from air
- Wind and PV power Э
- Liquefaction to "LNG" •



Demosite Troia, Italy



Demosite Falkenhagen, Germany



Demosite Falkenhagen, Germany



Demosite Falkenhagen, Germany



First results: CO₂-Footprint (Troia, Italy)



First results: The role of PtG in the future energy system



Scenarios

First Results – PtG Legal and Regulatory Framework

- Key questions for a supportive regulatory framework for PtG
 - What is a PtG plant a unit that converts energy, stores energy or produces chemicals? (double taxation destroys business case)
 - Which is the energy conversion / energy storage step? Up to hydrogen or up to the final chemical energy carrier, e.g. methane?
 - Who may operate a PtG plant network operators or utility companies?
 - What defines a gas as renewable?
 - How can electricity and heat from renewable gases can be accounted for as renewable?
 - Gas quality standards vary across Europe. Which actions have to be taken to harmonise them?
 - Legal framework still treats separately the electricity world and gas world. Instead how can the energy system be treated holistically in the future?



Key Findings

- With power-to-methane gas, the carbon footprint can be lowered by more than 80% compared to natural gas
- Energy system analysis shows: 27 out of 55 investigated scenarios display a PtG capacity demand of 40 GW up to 200 GW in Europe.
- High generation potential for renewable gas within EU
- The current political framework is not ready for market uptake of power-to-gas and does to support the implementation of PtG



Thank you for your attention!