



# Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Technological Challenges: Future opportunity

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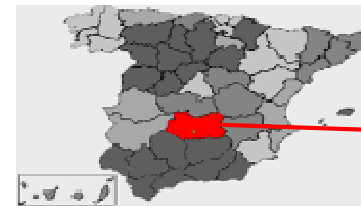


# National Hydrogen Center (CNH2)

- **Public Research Organization** founded as a Consortium by the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness and the Castilla La Mancha region, 50/50.

Its headquarters are established in:

- Oriented to the development of all types of technology related with hydrogen and fuel cells (laboratories, test benches, experimentation stations, fuel cells, storage systems, engineering, safety, standardization...). The objectives are:



- To perform research, experimentation and validation of prototypes and devices.
- To develop and scale up processes.
- To homologate, certify and verify components and systems.
- To foster hydrogen and fuel cell technologies at Spanish and international level.
- To grant the access of scientists and private companies to their equipment and facilities.
- To be the main link between different research centers and private companies in the scope of hydrogen and fuel cells.
- To promote and boost the use of the technologies by conducting social perception studies, dissemination and educational activities focused on applications.



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### CONTEXT:

- Among the **alternative technologies to generate low-carbon heat and electricity** and to replace fossil-fuel based vehicles, residential fuel cells (micro-CHP) and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (FCEV) **are receiving support towards commercialization in many countries.**
- It is assumed that both applications **have mass-market potential** and will have a **significant impact on reducing emissions and primary energy consumption** (Ammermann et al., 2015).
- **Public and consumer acceptance will likely play a role in the successful adoption** of hydrogen and fuel cell applications.



**HYdrogen ACceptance IN the Transition pHase** Hyacinth

The main objective of HYACINTH project is to gain a deeper understanding of the social acceptance of hydrogen and fuel cell (HFC) technologies across Europe.

The social acceptance is widely recognized as a key dimension in the sustainable implementation of HFC technologies.

HYACINTH aims to:

- Identify and understand awareness and acceptance of hydrogen energy and HFC technologies,
- Identify the main drivers of social awareness and acceptance of HFC technologies, and
- Support stakeholders with a social acceptance management toolbox.

The HYACINTH project Runs from September 2014 to February 2017 and the data collection is made in seven European countries with different level of support and implementation of HFC technologies: Belgium, France, Germany, Norway, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.

The project will focus on the specific transition phase of market implementation, between demonstration and market. Combining specific qualitative and quantitative methods and samples of 7,000 surveys of European citizens and about 400 selected stakeholders.

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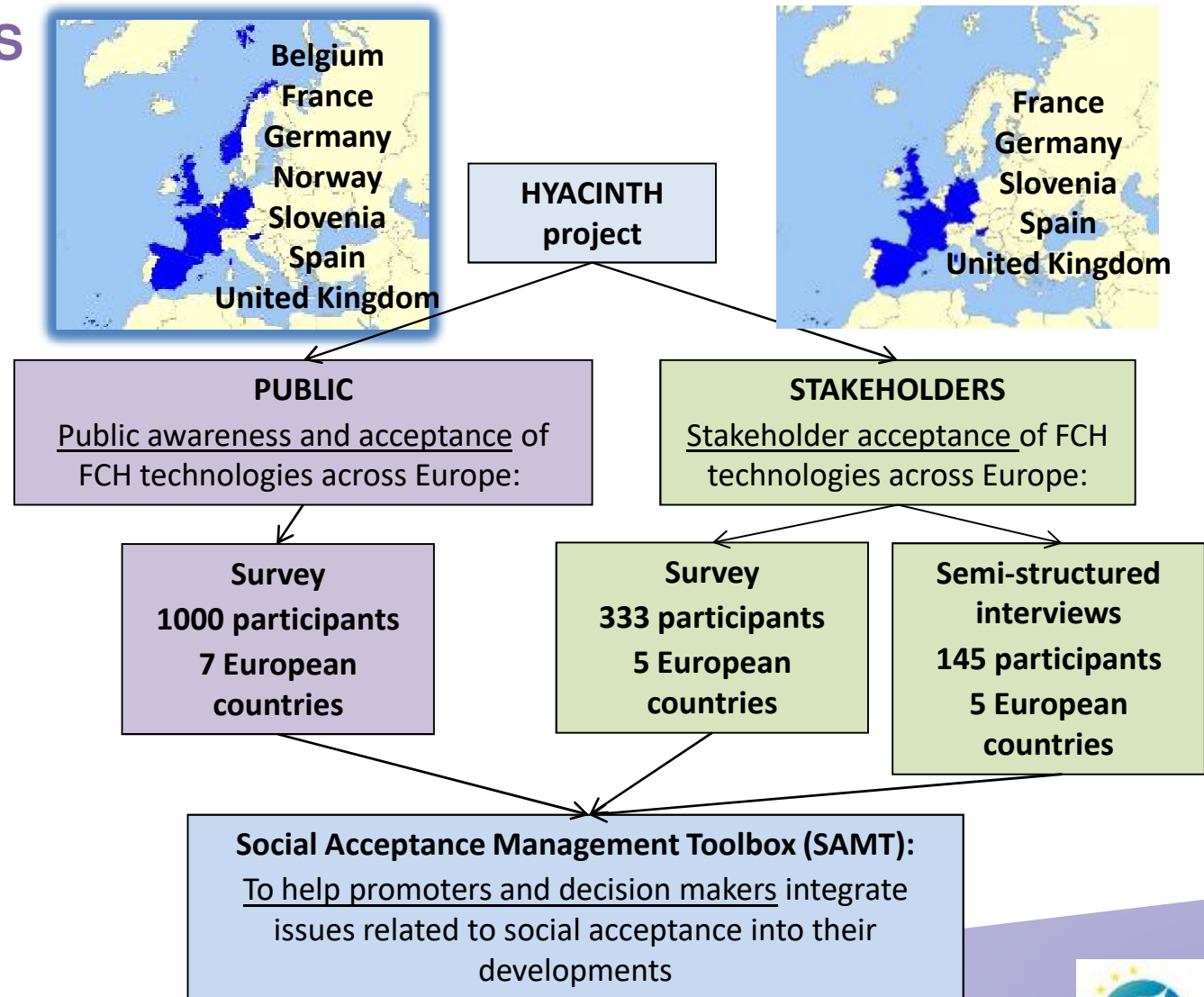
## DESIGN METHODS

### Studies:

1. Public awareness and acceptance of FCH technologies across Europe.
2. Stakeholder acceptance of FCH technologies across Europe

### Toolbox:

To help promoters and decision makers integrate issues related to social acceptance into their developments



## PUBLIC SURVEY- RESULTS: AWARENESS OF HOME FUEL CELLS & FCEVS

Yes, I know quite a few things about them  
3%

Yes, a little bit  
21%

No, not at all  
75%

**home FCH**

Yes, I know quite a lot about these applications  
1%



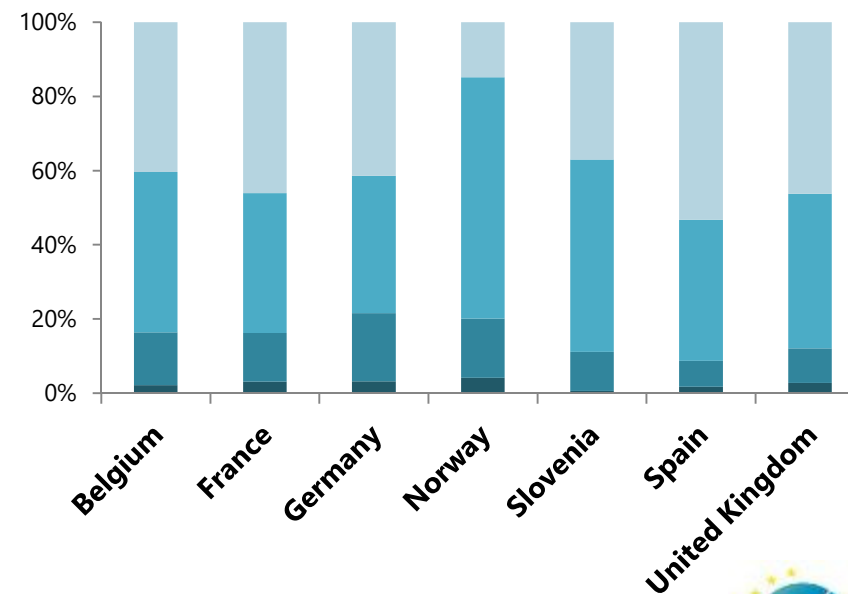
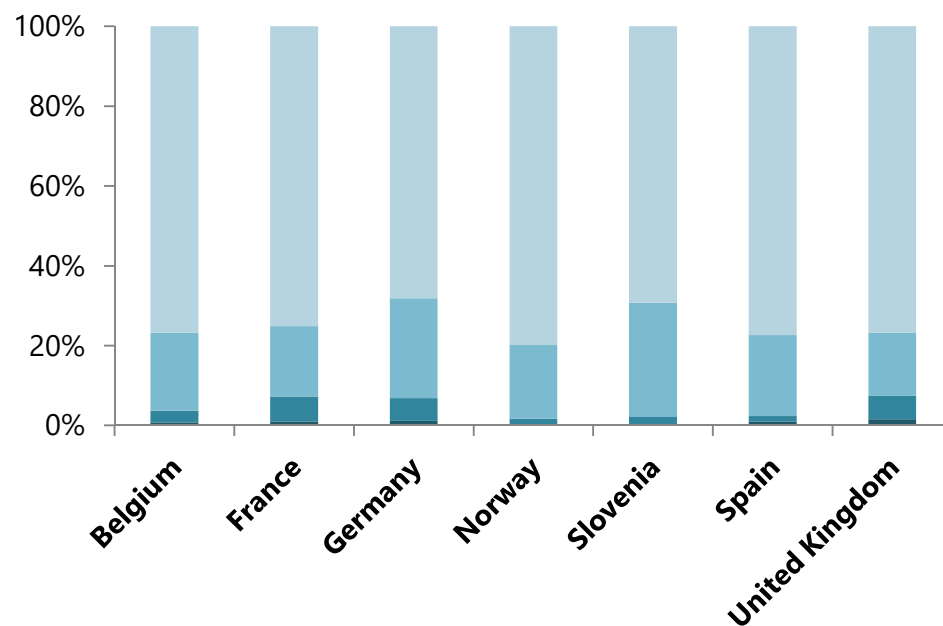
Yes, I know quite a few things about that  
13%

Yes, a little bit  
45%

Yes, I know quite a lot about this  
2%

No, not at all  
40%

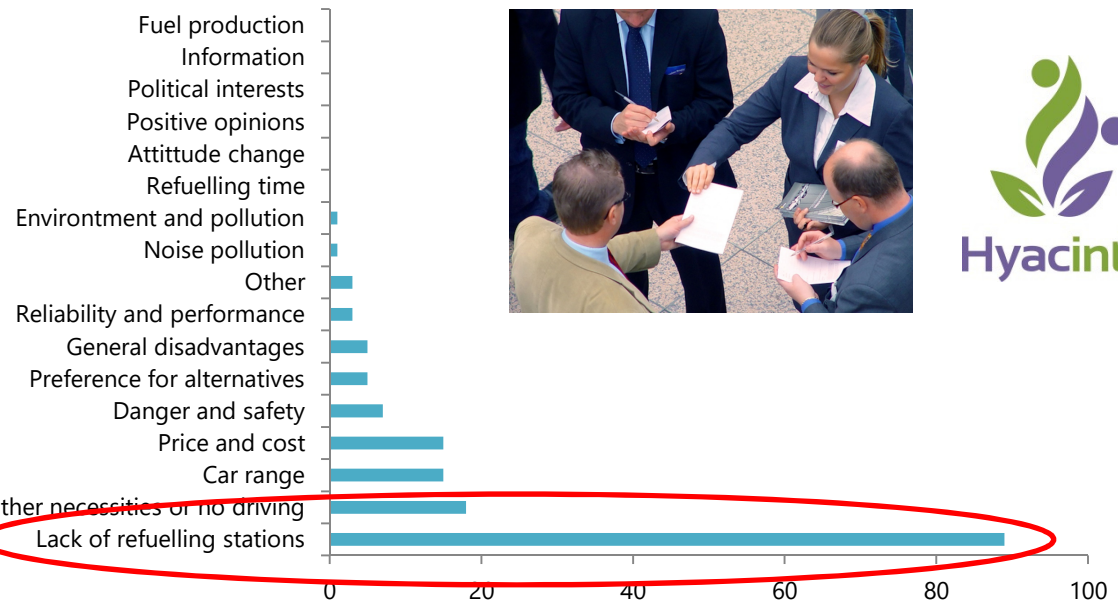
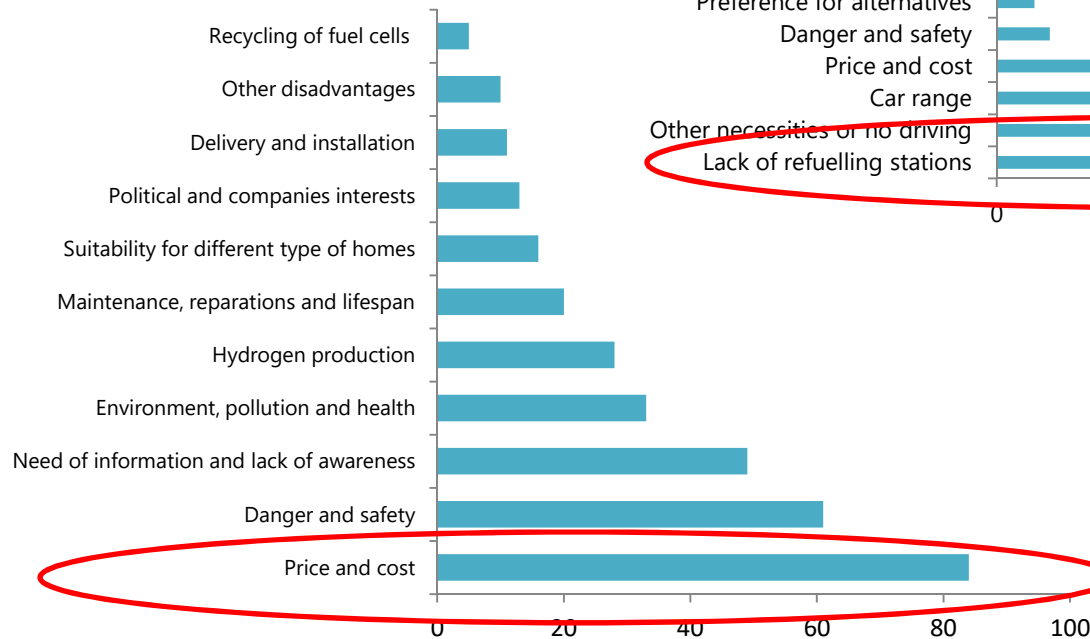
**FCEV**





## PUBLIC SURVEY- RESULTS: RESPONDENTS' REASONS FOR NOT WILLING TO BUY A HOME FCH & FCEV

### home FCH

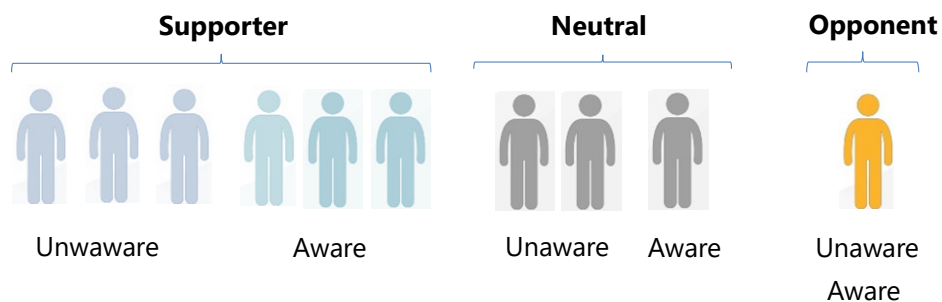
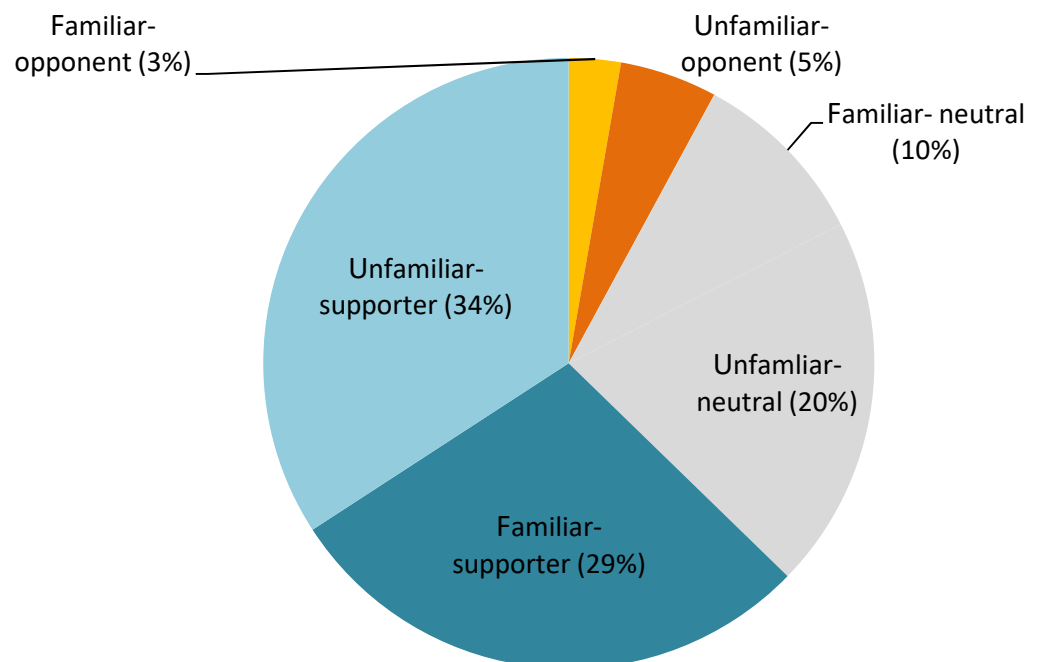


### FCEV

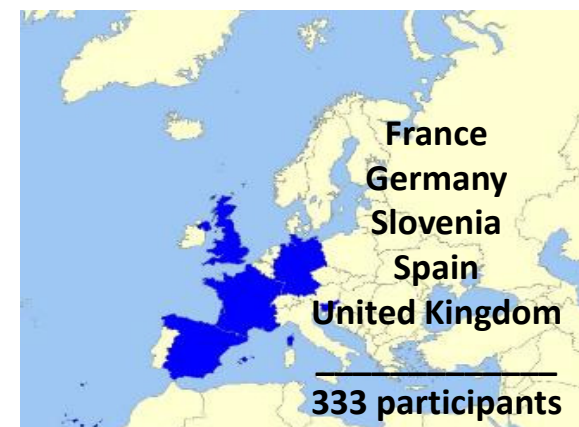




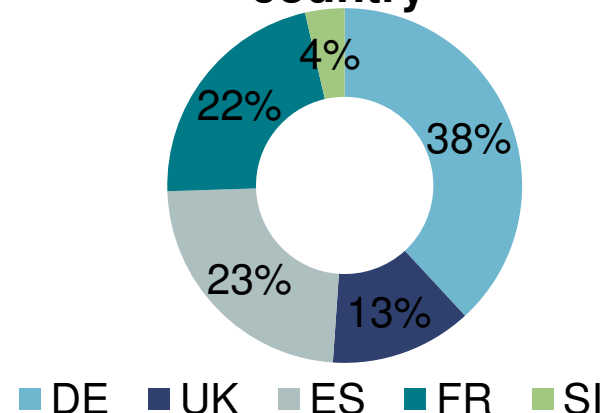
## PUBLIC SURVEY- RESULTS: SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS (ALL COUNTRIES, BOTH APPLICATIONS)



- **Survey content:**
  - Innovation systems rationale: successful technologies require stakeholder alignment
  - Stakeholder perceptions of hydrogen technologies
  - In-depth evaluation of either
    - Small static hydrogen fuel cell applications
    - Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs)
  - Perception of other actors in the innovation system
  - Factors influencing future market development



**Participants by country**

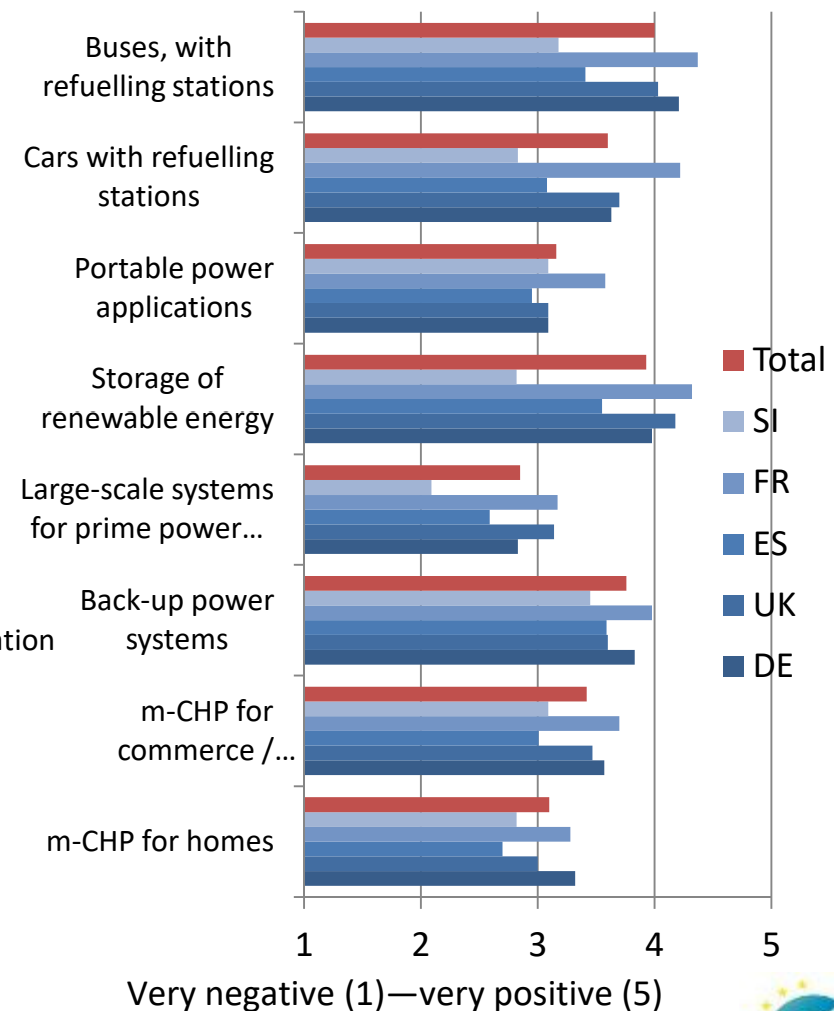


- **Questionnaire survey during spring 2016**
- Population: **selected stakeholders in 5 countries**
- Implementation: **Online questionnaire** (by Norstat)

- 88 % think that FCH are a good or a very good solution for energy and environmental challenges (no country differences)
- Most positive future expectations about H<sub>2</sub>-buses and H<sub>2</sub> as a means of storage for renewable energy
- Respondents are in favour to further governmental support for FCH technologies.

- Heterogeneous affiliations:
  - Around **33% from private companies** (49% FR and 67% SL)
  - Around 15% from public and government organisations, education and other non-profit (DE, SP).
- Plenty of experience:
  - **>25% have 11+ years of work experience**
  - >21% 5-10 years of experience
- Different fields of expertise: multiple answers were allowed:
  - **>50% work in research**
  - 30% on H<sub>2</sub> production
  - 25% in systems integration

What are your expectations regarding the medium-term (5-10 years) market implementation in your country?



## ■ Static applications



- **Most challenging:** cost disadvantages
- **Less challenging:** safety issues and technological maturity.
- Public acceptance, regulatory issues
- Support for research and development is favoured over funding for demonstration project and subsidies on purchase prices.
- Professionals from the same sector and researchers are perceived as most familiar, the public's familiarity lowest.

## ■ Mobile applications



- **Most challenging:** providing refuelling points followed by costs
- **Less challenging:** safety
- They favour FCEVs over other drivetrains / fuels. The highest competition → battery electric vehicles
- Public funding: Support for research and development and providing infrastructure is most important; demonstration project and subsidies for vehicles less relevant.
- Professionals from the same sector and researchers are perceived as most familiar, the public's familiarity lowest.

## ■ Perceptions of hydrogen supply and use

### Strengths:

- **Environmental performance of hydrogen** (despite the scepticism of the inefficiency of combining multiple conversion processes)
- **Versatility: energy storage vector for renewable energy supply** (per se and in relation to electrical grid balancing)

### Weaknesses:

- Cost
- Limited awareness among regulators and government
- Inadequate or excessive regulation
- Competition from alternative technologies
- Lack of commercial support and lack of markets
- Immaturity and durability
- General lack of infrastructure
- Perceived safety issues

### Key expectations:

- Positive view: market development expected by many in the relatively near term.
- Uncertain future for hydrogen and a high degree of conditionality on government policy support.

### Recommendations:

- More government and political support is required
- Need to inform and engage stakeholders
- Additional R&D to reduce costs



## ■ Perceptions of static applications

### Strengths:

- H2FCs for portable power (could also be bracketed with the potential for uninterruptible power)
- **Integration with existing infrastructure** (UK respondents only)
- Efficiency of fuel cells (reducing the pressure on the electrical network)
- **The capacity to offer domestic and non-domestic CHP, power and heat, including high power.**

### Weaknesses

- Cost & Investment costs
- Complexity of the system and its components
- Perceived and 'actual' safety
- Competition from alternative technologies
- The challenge of finding commercial partners

### Key expectations (mixed):

- Expectations expressing a positive inevitability for the technology
- Uninterruptible supply systems as one such niche (German respondents only)
- Stationary uses being more likely than mobile uses (UK respondents only)
- Hydrogen being used as a storage medium as key to the take-up of static applications (UK respondents only)

### Recommendations:

- Government support
- Regulatory support particularly relating to issues of safety

## ■ Perceptions of mobile applications

### Strenghts:

- Operational performance: long range, **short refill times**, high torque, strong performance generally and relative to alternatives
- **Ease integration with existing infrastructure**
- **Suitability for specific fleets**

### Weaknesses:

- **Financial cost**
- Perceived competition with other technologies
- Lack of infrastructure
- Limited awareness and support by regulators and government
- Inadequate or excessive regulations, codes or standards
- Safety

### Expectations:

- **Specific vehicle fleets being the first to use FCH technology**
- Niche uses first or only
- **Tighter emissions standards driving FCH use**
- Battery electric vehicle (BEV) with FCH being the most likely option
- **Transport corridors being first to support FCHs**

### Recommendations:

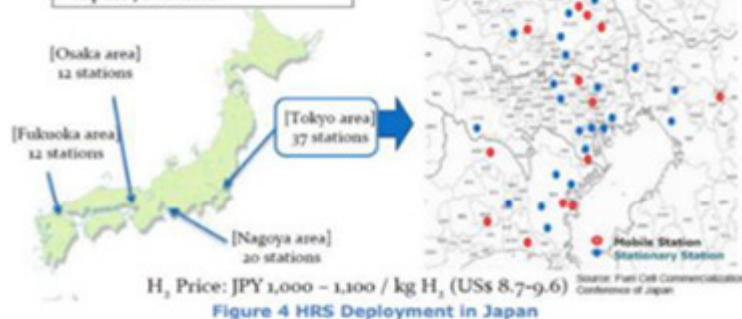
- **Governmental, political and regulatory support**
- **R&D to support cost reductions**
- **Commercial partner support**
- **More communication and engagement generally, including of publics**
- **Investment in refuelling infrastructure**

- **Less than half of the population** in the seven countries **is aware of the existence of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies** in the context of energy production.
- **Public awareness** is significantly **lower for residential applications** and higher for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- **The majority of the population** in the seven studied countries have a **positive initial attitude towards HFC technologies**. The label associated to hydrogen and fuel cells seems to invoke positive feelings and thoughts among respondents.
- **Variation across countries**: associated with **differing levels of government investment** in R&D programmes.
- **R&D stakeholders** have a strong **positive appraisal of HFC technologies**, but with limitations:
  - cost and limited regulatory, political and commercial support;
  - competition from other technologies and inter-related obstacles.
- **Stakeholders view**: medium to **long term** rather than near term.
- **HFC technologies view**: **realistic niche potential in the shorter term**
  - uninterruptible power, auxiliary power and high power demand such as fork lifts and heavy goods vehicles

## OBJECTIVES

	2020	2025	2030
FCEV	40.000	200.000	800.000
HRS	160	320	

Status of HRSs (as of May 2016)  
- Budget secured: 84 stations  
- Open: 78 stations



- H<sub>2</sub> Price in HRS: 8,9-9,6 USD/kg.

## MANUFACTURERS

- TOYOTA MIRAI: solds 3.500 (65.000 €)
- HONDA CLARITY: launched in 2016 (67.000 €)



## Comparative deployment of HRS between 2015-2030

	Alemania	Reino Unido	Países Bajos	Francia	Dinamarca	California	Japón	Corea del Sur
2015-2020	100	65	20	22	15	68	100	43
2020-2025	400	300	80	355	185	100	1000	168
2025-2030	900	1100	200	600				500

## % of HRS respect to conventional service stations

	Alemania	Reino Unido	Países Bajos	Francia	Dinamarca	California	Japón	Corea del Sur
Estaciones de repostaje	14.000	8.600	4.200	12.000	1.975	10.000	34.000	13.000
2015-2020	0,7%	0,8%	0,5%	0,2%	0,8%	0,7%	0,3%	0,3%
2020-2025	2,8%	3,5%	1,9%	3,0%	9,4%	1,0%	2,9%	1,3%
2025-2030	6,2%	12,8%	4,8%	5,0%				3,8%

Average for 2020: 0,5% Average for 2015: 2,5% Average for 2030: 5%

## Comparative deployment of FCEV between 2015-2030

	Alemania	Reino Unido	Países Bajos	Francia	Dinamarca	California	Japón	Corea del Sur
2015-2020	10.000	20.000	1.500	1.000	1.000	20.000	15.000	5.000
2020-2025	100.000	300.000	15.000	100.000	100.000		100.000	50.000
2025-2030	1.800.000	1.600.000	150.000	800.000	300.000		500.000	

**H2PiyR Project -INTERREG:** Next building of 4 new HRS (Zaragoza, Huesca capital, Fraga-Huesca, Tarragona). There will be a total of 10 HRS.

**HyMIC Project -CEF mechanism:** Model for the deployment of hydrogen infrastructures in the Iberian corridors. Partners: Enagas, AeH2, Calvera, FHA, CNH2, Toyota, IDIADA, ZoiloRios, H2B2, Indho, Abengoa and Scaledas.

"THE CHICKEN -OR- THE CHICKEN EGG"

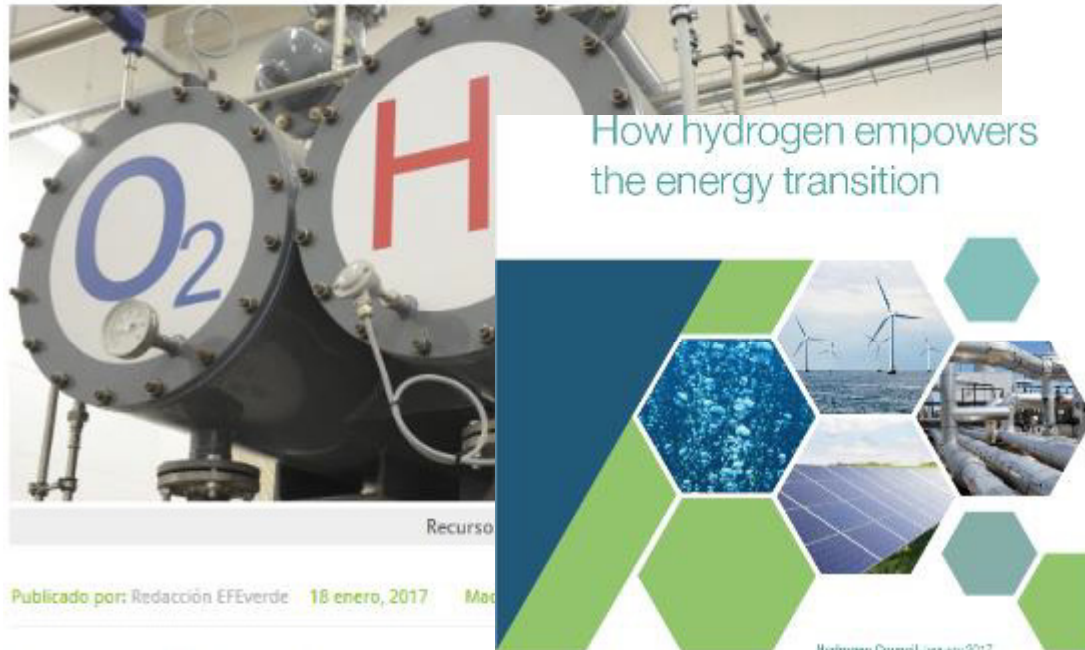




ENERGÍA HIDRÓGENO

## EL NUEVO "CONSEJO DEL HIDRÓGENO" SE PRESENTA EN DAVOS

- Trece empresas líderes mundiales en el ámbito de la energía, el transporte y la industria han presentado en Davos una iniciativa global para promover conjuntamente la transición energética hacia el hidrógeno.



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El "Consejo del hidrógeno" se ha presentado durante el foro económico de Davos como la primera iniciativa mundial en este campo integrada por representantes de 13 empresas y entidades, que buscan situar el hidrógeno como una de las soluciones clave de la transición energética.



- **Thirteen** leading energy, transport and industry **companies** have **launched a global initiative** to voice a united vision and long-term ambition **for hydrogen to foster the energy transition**. The CEOs of the participating companies used the occasion of the World Economic Forum in Davos to kick off this important activity.
- A report entitled "***How Hydrogen empowers the energy transition***" – commissioned by the Hydrogen Council – sets out the vision of the Council and the key actions it considers fundamental for **policy makers to implement**, to fully unlock and empower the contribution of hydrogen to the energy transition



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# FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

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HORIZON 2020



Creating 5 new KICs

2018 EIT Urban Mobility



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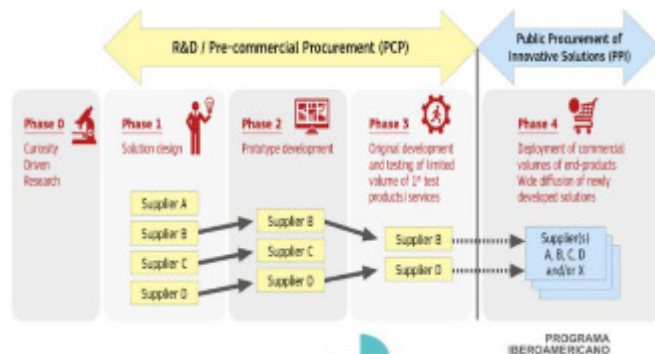
- TRANSPORT PILLAR
- ENERGY PILLAR
  - Hydrogen production
  - Stationary Fuel Cells
- CROSS-CUTTING



Objetivos generales

- Responding to the economic crisis by investing in future jobs and growth
- Strengthening the EU's global position in research, innovation and technology
- Addressing people's concerns about their livelihoods, safety and environment
- Contributing to sustainable development (at least 35% of the overall budget)
- Supporting EU policies - Europe 2020 / Energy Union

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Smart, green and integrated Transport

4 áreas generales



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European Green Vehicles Initiative

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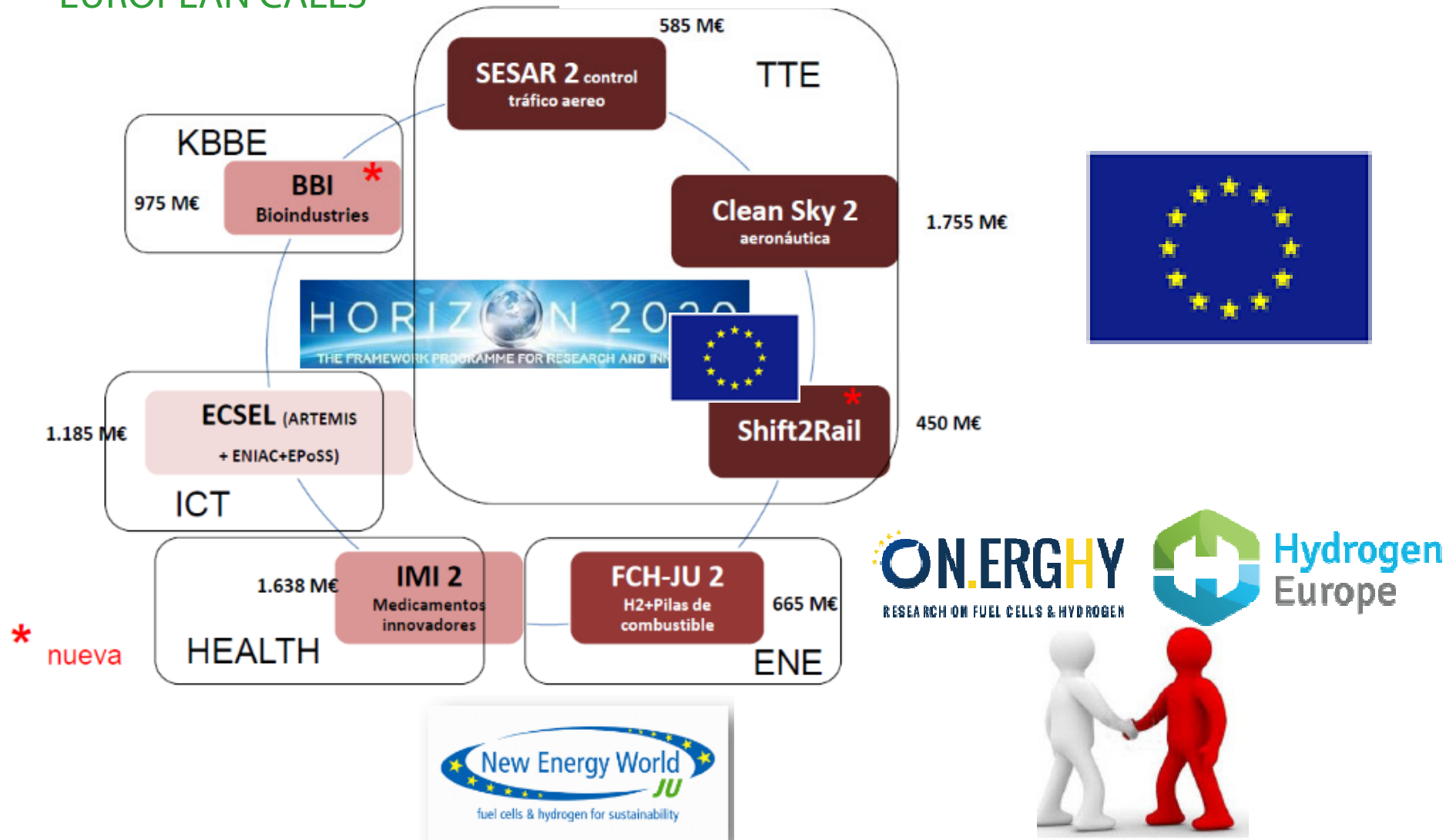
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FAST TRACK TO INNOVATION



## JTIs (PPPs institucionales)

## •EUROPEAN CALLS





## FCH 2 JU Objectives

(COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 559/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the FCH 2 JU)



Reduce the production cost of fuel cell systems to be used in transport applications, while increasing their lifetime to levels which can compete with conventional technologies



Increase the electrical efficiency and the durability of the different fuel cells used for power production to levels which can compete with conventional technologies while reducing costs



Increase the H<sub>2</sub> production energy efficiency mainly from water electrolysis & renewable sources while reducing costs, so that the combined system of the H<sub>2</sub> production and the conversion using the fuel cell system can compete with the alternatives for electricity production available on the market



Demonstrate on a large scale the feasibility of using H<sub>2</sub> to support renewable energy sources integration into the energy systems, incl. through its use as a competitive energy storage medium for electricity produced from renewables



Reduce the use of the EU-defined “critical raw materials”, for instance through low-platinum or platinum-free resources and through recycling or reducing or avoiding the use of rare earth metals

## Transport Pillar

### Main focus:

- Continue support large demonstrations in various road transport applications with a focus on large fleets and new transport modes (urban garbage trucks).
- Complementary research activities in key technologies for the cost reduction of fuel cell vehicles.

### Topics (2017):

Topic	Type of Action	Ind. Budget M EUR
FCH-01-1-2017: Development of fuel cell system technologies for achieving competitive solutions for aeronautical applications	RIA	5
FCH-01-2-2017: Towards next generation of PEMFC: Non-PGM catalysts	RIA	2.75
FCH-01-3-2017: Improvement of compressed storage systems in the perspective of high volume automotive application	RIA	4
FCH-01-4-2017: Demonstration of FC material handling and industrial vehicles	IA	42.5
FCH-01-5-2017: Large scale demonstration in preparation for a wider roll-out of fuel cell bus fleets (FCB) including new cities – Phase two		
FCH-01-6-2017: Large scale demonstration of Hydrogen Refueling Stations and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) road vehicles operated in fleet(s)		
FCH-01-7-2017: Validation of Fuel Cell Trucks for the Collect of Urban Wastes		



## Main focus:

- Aim for breakthroughs in electrolysis to increase H<sub>2</sub> from RES: Novel concepts and upscaling.
- Innovative concepts: game changer and reversible electrolyzers; testing according to protocols of JRC for FCH JU; largest single electrolyzers demo to date (10 MW); liquid organic hydrogen carrier.

## Topics (2017):

Topic	Type of Action	Ind. Budget M EUR
FCH-02-1-2017: Game changer Water Electrolyzers	RIA	2
FCH-02-2-2017: Game changer High Temperature Steam Electrolyzers	RIA	3
FCH-02-3-2017: Reversible Solid Oxide Electrolyser (rSOC) for resilient energy systems	RIA	3
FCH-02-4-2017: Highly flexible electrolyzers balancing the energy output inside the fence of a wind park	IA	5
FCH-02-5-2017: Demonstration of large electrolyzers for bulk renewable hydrogen production	IA	10
FCH-02-6-2017: Liquid organic hydrogen carrier	RIA	2.5
FCH-02-12-2017: Demonstration of fuel cell-based energy storage solutions for isolated micro-grid or off-grid remote areas	IA	5

### **Main focus:**

- To use innovative design and manufacturing in order to improve performance and lower the cost of fuel cells; to repeat the success story of residential fuel cell systems in the commercial segment.
- Innovative concepts: Flexible fuel cell power plants for grid support, transportable FC gensets for urban applications, next generation SOFC stack.

### **Topics (2017):**

Topic	Type of Action	Ind. Budget M EUR
FCH-02-7-2017: Development of flexible large fuel cell power plants for grid support	RIA	4
FCH-02-8-2017: Step change in manufacturing of Fuel Cell Stack Components	RIA	3
FCH-02-9-2017: Development of next-generation SOFC stack for small stationary applications	RIA	3
CH-02-10-2017: Transportable FC gensets for temporary power supply in urban applications	IA	12.5
FCH-02-11-2017: Validation and demonstration of commercial scale fuel cell core systems within a power range of 10-100kW for selected markets/applications	IA	

## Cross-cutting Activity Area Call 2017 Overview

### Main focus:

- 4 topics addressing Regulations, Codes and Standards by means of Pre-Normative Research.
  - 3 topics focus on storage, transport and supply of hydrogen.
  - 1 topic focused on performance and durability of fuel cells.
- Topics (2017):

Topic	Type of Action	Ind. Budget M EUR
FCH-04-1-2017: Limiting the impact of contaminants originating from the hydrogen supply chain	RIA	6.25
FCH-04-2-2017: Harmonisation of hydrogen gas trailers	CSA	
FCH-04-3-2017: European Higher Training Network in Fuel Cells and Hydrogen	CSA	
FCH-04-4-2017: PNR for a safe use of liquid hydrogen	RIA	
FCH-04-5-2017: Definition of Accelerated Stress Testing (AST) protocols deduced from understanding of degradation mechanisms of aged stack components in Fuel Cell systems	RIA	2.5

## LIFE 2014-2020 – Priority Areas



### ❖ Environment sub-programme

- ❖ Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV-RE)
- ❖ Nature & Biodiversity (NAT, BIO)
- ❖ Environmental Governance & Information (GIE)

### ❖ Climate Action sub-programme

- ❖ Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)
- ❖ Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- ❖ Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)

1. Achieving a building with virtually no CO2 emissions.
2. Promoting sustainable mobility.
3. Dissemination the technologies used to the general public and interested scientific and industrial sectors in particular.

Stronger emphasis on:

1. Long term sustainability of the project.
2. Replicability and transferability.
3. Impacts (impacts indicators)



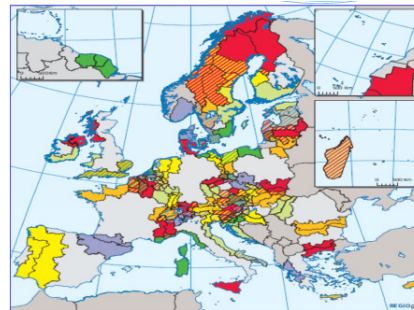
Opportunities for project funding under the 2017 call for proposals on close-to-market environmental solutions, biodiversity, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.



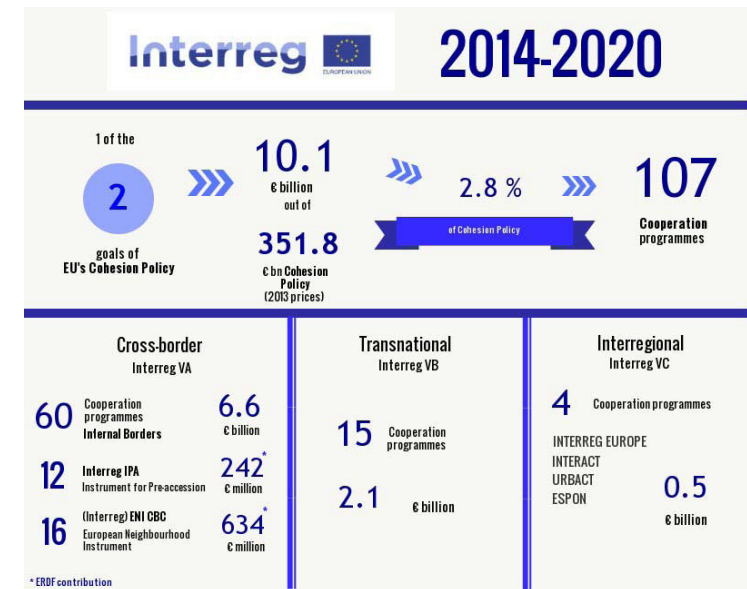




**Interreg**   
**Sudoe**



- It supports regional development in Southwest Europe financing transnational projects through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) with a total budget of 141 million Euros.
- The Programme promotes **transnational cooperation to solve common problems in Southwest Europe**, such as low investment in research and development, weak competitiveness of the small and medium-sized enterprises and exposure to climate change and environmental risks.



## Eligible regions

The projects approved must be organised by public or private partners from regions of different Southwest European countries. **The eligible regions are all the Spanish Autonomous Communities (except Canary Islands), the six Southwestern regions of France, all continental regions of Portugal, United Kingdom (Gibraltar) and the Principality of Andorra.**



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***"It is increasingly understood that the success of innovative energy technologies is dependent not only upon the technical characteristics of these technologies, but equally on supportive social, political and economic contexts (EC, 2014 and 2015; OECD, 2014)."***



**FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN  
JOINT UNDERTAKING (FCH JU)**

**Multi - Annual Work Plan  
2014 - 2020**

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