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“Establishing a European understanding of
admissible hydrogen concentration in the gas grid”

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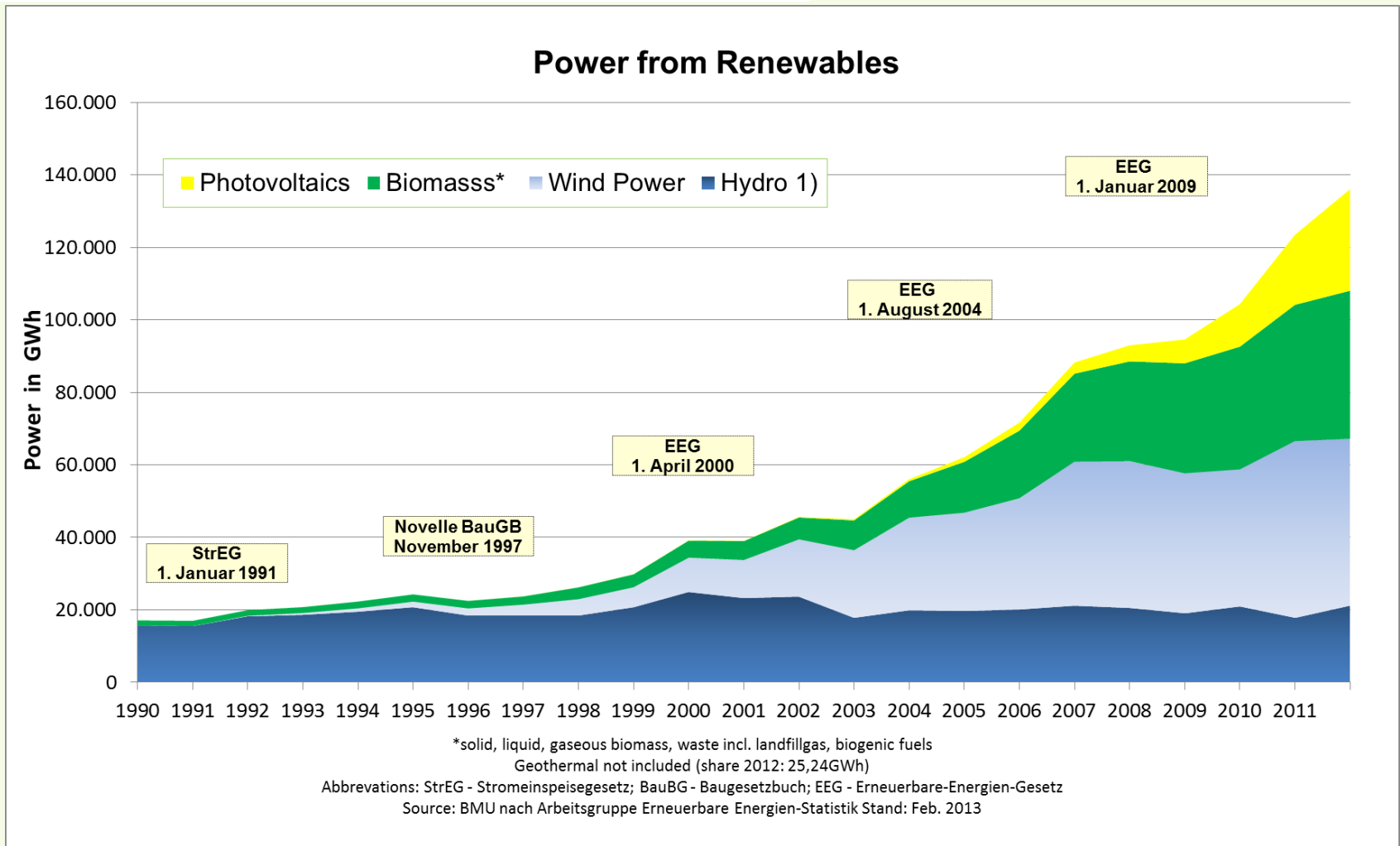
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MOTIVATION



Motivation

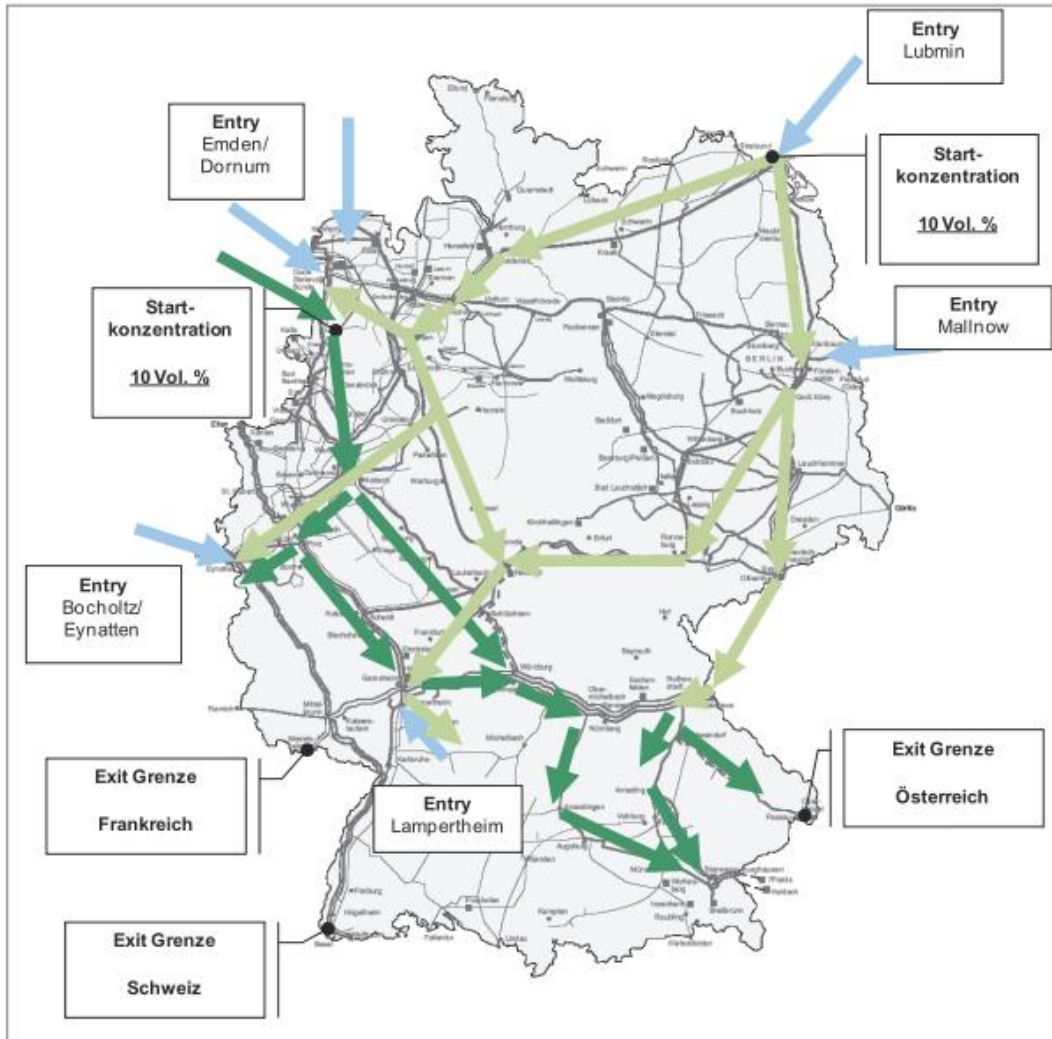
H₂ injection/use is connected to sustainability/energy storage



- Long term storage (seasonal) of REN is feasible in the gas grid only (accounts for Germany but different e.g. for Austria and Switzerland).
- GHGE reduction goals in the transport sector needs solutions and Power to gas can reduce the load in the power grids
- Two energy carriers with strengths and weaknesses (H_2 and CH_4).
- In order to decide in which ratio the two should be implemented into the energy system an economic investigation is mandatory.
- Preconditions for such an analysis are:
 - Knowledge on H_2 -tolerance of the gas grid
 - Knowing the cost for adoptions of infrastructure
 - Knowing the cost for the e-gases (CH_4/H_2)

Motivation

Hydrogen distribution when injected in Baltic/North Sea entries



→ H₂ injection is an European issue

Source: NEP 2012

H₂-TOLERANCE OF THE GAS GRID

CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE



Selection of studies/projects reflecting the basis for current knowledge on H₂-tolerance

- “Naturalhy”, 2004-2009 (focus on pipelines, end use and safety)
- “Ameland”, 2007-2011(demonstration/ end use)
- “DVGW energy storage concepts”, 2010-2012
(state of the art analysis/ development and assessment of technical concepts – Germany)
- “HIPS”, 2011-2012 (state of the art analysis – Europe)
- DVGW “Energy Measurement” and “H₂-Tolerance”, 2012-2014

 “...using the existing natural gas system for hydrogen”

- Project duration 2003 – 2009
- EU 6RP (39 Partner - Gasunie, GDF, NUON, DBI, GERG, ...)
- 8 work packages (LCA, Safety, Durability, Integrity, End Use, ...)
- Funding: 17 Mio EUR
- Comprehensive testing e.g. pipeline materials has been performed
- Excerpt of findings
 - In the pipeline system no show stoppers has been identified.
 - Individual consideration of H₂ addition to the gas grid is recommended.
- Note: Not all elements have been investigated in the frame of the project (underground storages, compressors, turbines etc. were out of scope)

GERG HIPS-Project

Main scope and selection of partners

State of the art analysis (performance, lifetime and safety):

- Gas transport and storage
- Gas distribution and utilisation



DVGW R&D project „Energy storage concepts“ 2010-2012 (G10/07/1)

- WP1: H₂-tolerance (state of the art)
- WP2: SoA electrolysis and methanation technology
- WP3: Assessment of P2G locations
- WP4: Economic considerations
- Project partners:

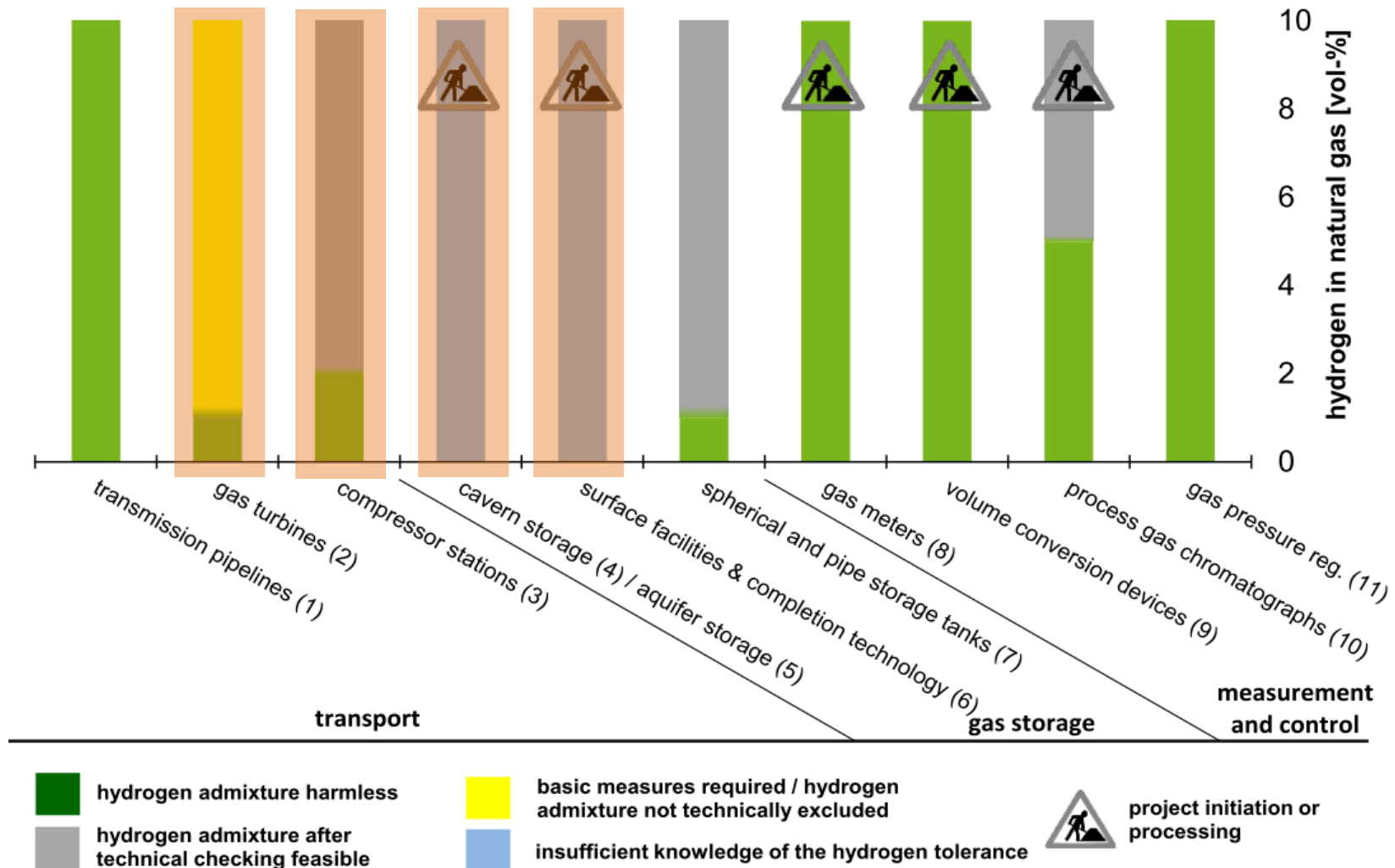


Findings are comparable

- Case by case consideration is recommended before H₂ is injected.
- Porous rock underground storages are currently considered as „show stopper“ and need further investigation.
- Most gas chromatographs will require modification.
- It is recommended that manufacturers specifications should be followed, particularly when gas turbines or gas engines are connected to the network.
- H₂-tolerance of CNG tanks need to be further investigated
- Most parts of the natural gas system can tolerate admixture of up to 10 % by volume of H₂.

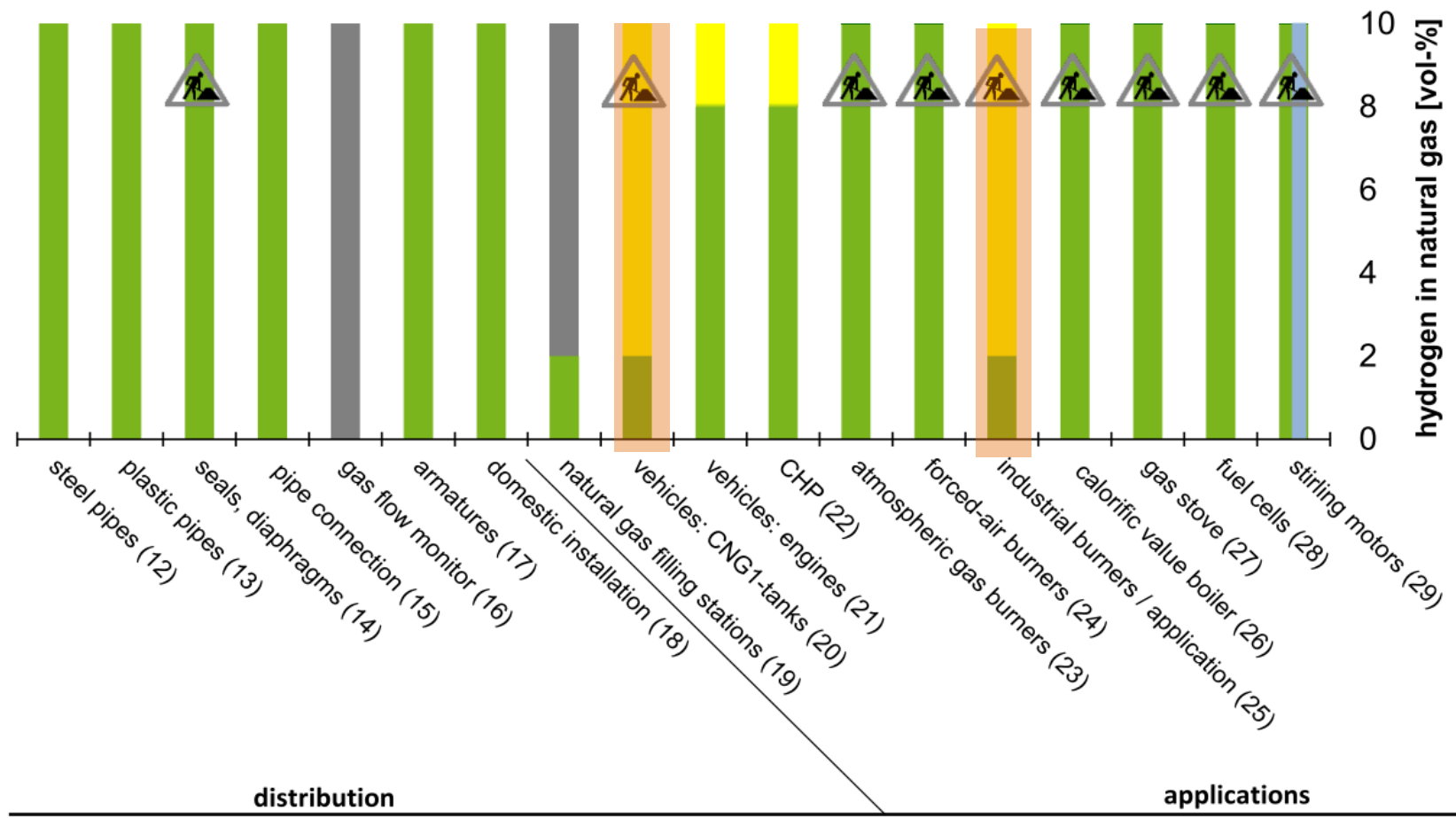
Current state of knowledge

H₂-tolerance results from DVGW project



Current state of knowledge

Preliminary H₂-tolerance results from DVGW project



hydrogen admixture harmless	basic measures required / hydrogen admixture not technically excluded	project initiation or processing
hydrogen admixture after technical checking feasible	insufficient knowledge of the hydrogen tolerance	

PROJECTS RECENTLY LAUNCHED/UNDERWAY



Current projects addressing open issues

■ DVGW “CNG vehicle tanks”

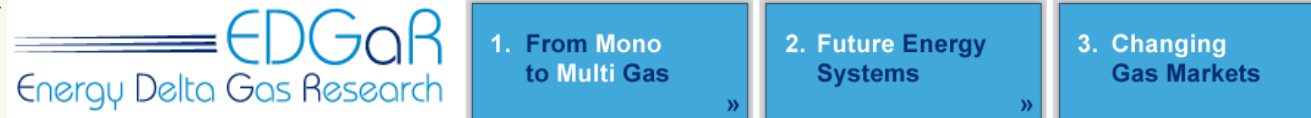


■ Sun Storage RAG and partners



■ EDGaR

■ ...



■ Professional screening would help to collect latest answers and identify remaining open issues

WHAT HIPS NET CONTRIBUTES TO THE TOPIC

“ESTABLISHING A PAN-EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING OF ADMISSIBLE HYDROGEN CONCENTRATION IN THE NATURAL GAS GRID”



- The NETWORK aims to establish a common European understanding of the H₂-tolerance of the existing natural gas grid.
- This is supported by
 - Professional "Technology Watch" which will acquire available information on the H₂-tolerance of the gas grid
 - Quarterly newsletter will be issued and distributed to the partners
 - An annual workshop (held 25th and 26th June in Brussels)
 - A short report that summarizes the latest findings
- If you are interested to join the network please contact Gert.Mueller-Syring@dbi-gut.de and davepinchbeck@hotmail.com
- HIPS NET is performed in cooperation with www.gerg.eu



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Partners status quo

1	Gasum OY, Finland	16	Synergrid, Belgium
	Infraserv GmbH & Co. Höchst KG,	17	Gasnatural, Spain
2	Germany	18	Solar Turbines Europe S.A.
3	KOGAS, South Korea	19	EWE Netz GmbH, Germany
	ETIC (Energy Technology &	20	OGE, Germany
4	Innovations), Canada		RAG Rohöl-Aufsuchungs
5	Shell, Netherlands	21	Aktiengesellschaft, Austria
6	DGC, Denmark	22	ÖVGW, Austria
7	SVGW, Switzerland	23	Alliander, The Netherlands
8	Enagas, Spain	24	ITM-Power, UK
9	RWE Dea, Germany	25	GRTgaz, France
10	Fluxys, Belgium	26	RWE Deutschland, Germany
11	Volkswagen AG, Germany	27	Energinet, Denmark
12	E.ON New Build & Technology, UK		Verband der Chemischen
13	SGC, Sweden	28	Industrie, Germany
14	nPlan GmbH, Germany	29	GERG, Belgium
15	grzi, Germany	30	Gasunie, Netherlands
		31	DNV

CONCLUSION



- REN H₂/CH₄ + gas grid are the only long term storages (in many countries).
- Macroeconomic assessment is needed in order to give orientation to which extend (in general) H₂ should be injected.
- That needs answering of a few still open technical question regarding the H₂ tolerance of the gas grid + establishing a European understanding →HIPS NET.
- This is a mandatory precondition for standardisation processes CEN/HYREADY.
- DVGW takes over responsibility for technical clarification but demonstration has to be done by the companies.
- Up to now it is not set, who will produce, distribute and use e-gases in future.
- Goal is a sustainable, macroeconomic feasible and robust energy supply.



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Thank you for your attention!

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Who is DBI and which role plays P2G within DBI?

- 4 Departments plus training centre and certification laboratory
- 60 employees
- Owned by DVGW
- More than 10 P2G related projects in the last two years
 - Planning of P2G injection plant for town utilities Mainz
 - Site assessment for 50 Hertz, Greenpeace Energy, ONTRAS...
 - Consultation for RWE (H₂ injection)
 - Establishing and running HIPS-NET together with GERG...



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Product./Storage**



**Gas Grids Gas
Systems**



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Gas Measurement**



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Testing Lab**



**DVGW-Training
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