

#### Hydrogen in Europe – The Perspective of the Gas Industry

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#### Introduction to OGE

2004Established as E.ON Gastransport1 September 2010Renamed Open Grid Europe

One of Europe's **leading gas** transmission system operators

Some **1,450 employees** across Germany; Head office: Essen / Germany

Sole responsibility for the operation, control, expansion and marketing of the company's pipeline network of 12.000 km high pressure grid (TSO), Send-out ~650 TWh in 2018



#### **OGE** shareholders

**ADIA** 24.99 %

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority



British Columbia Investment Management Corporation



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MACQUARIE

24.13 % MACQUARIE European Infrastructure Fund 4

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#### It is all about climate targets and avoiding CO2...!



- Paris agreement set ambitious target for CO2 reduction
- Strong increase in decarbonisation efforts needed to reach targets
- Currently discussed "climate neutrality" would require even more determined action
- Governments are enshrining CO2 ambitions into law

Substantial efforts required

Key question: How can we really achieve that?

#### The future energy system requires molecules H2 one of very few available alternatives (Germany)

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Storing / Transporting large quantities of green energy, additional decarbonizing options all sectors, resilience in energy supply

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- 1. Awareness: Ample renewable energy available on our planet to be made available in the form of molecules (transported and stored)
- 2. No acceptable alternative: Given climate change efforts, hydrogen (and synthesized products of it) today the only feasible carrier to overcome challenges
- **3.** Economies of scale: Technology development and scale-up potential both in production technology as in renewable power generation could provide competitive prices within 10-15 years
- **4.** Front running option: Europe with high energy demand and well interconnected gas infrastructure is best placed to develop H<sub>2</sub> market (also for imports)
- 5. Industry leadership: H<sub>2</sub> offers industry leadership opportunities

## Many studies confirmed: Significant societal cost benefits from mix of renewable power & green gas



Gas and gas infrastructure have a significant role to play – but gas has to be decarbonized (including competitive prices & security of supply) and infrastructure transitioned

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## The USP of existing gas infrastructure for making hydrogen work large scale





- To a large extent there, permitted, in the ground
- One 48 inch pipeline has energy transport capacity of up to 24 GW equivalent to 8 high voltage power lines (up to 3 GW each). Even if re-purposed to hydrogen up to 19 GW could be possible!
- Existing gas storage facilities in Germany are able to provide gas supply for 3 months, all power storages aggregated less than one hour of power supply.

#### Understanding our asset - Project "H2 Suitability"



Supplemented by exchange and extensive association work \* 🗢 🗮

### A Longterm vision of gas infrastructure in Germany



### Network Development Plan includes 1,200 km of H2 grid to be converted between 2022 and 2030 ("Startnetz")



- 1,200 km of H2 grid
- 90% conversion of existing pipelines
- Low cost: €~660m until 2030
- However: adaptation of German Energy Act prerequisite for implementation



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#### 2040 – The big picture: A European hydrogen backbone

A pan-EU backbone stretching into all directions, with a length of almost 23,000 km



1. Preliminary estimation, the actual capacity of the meshed grid requires more detailed analysis

A pan-European dedicated 100% hydrogen infrastructure connecting supply and demand from North to South and East to West

Starting with a 6,800 km long initial grid connecting different
Hydrogen areas by 2030, hydrogen infrastructure will further develop in all directions reaching 23,000 km in 2040, further growing and extending up to 2050. On average consisting 75% re-purposed, 25% new built capacity.

Re-purposed 36 inch and 48 inch natural gas pipelines (usual on
TSO level) will provide 7 / 13 GW of hydrogen transportation capacity per pipeline on average.

Proposed backbone required CAPEX of 27 – 64 billion Euros until 2040 given existing/new-built split outlined

Transportation costs of **0.09 – 0.17 Euros/kg per 1000 km**, thereby very efficient long-distance transport througou Europe

EHB provides basis for a European hydrogen market, access to supply potential across Europe and imports for demand centers across Europe, competition and security of supply

#### 2040 – The big picture: Ample hydrogen resources potential in/around Europe



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## Supply perspective: renewable and hydrogen scale-up Again start here & now AND think big!



Source: Gas for Climate 2020

- Gas-for-Climate study April 2020: 1300 TWh/a of green hydrogen demand EU in 2050
- Demonstration example assumption 50%/50% wind/pv
  - 650 TWh/a hydrogen @ 4000 h and 70% efficiency
     → 230 GW equals 23.000 wind turbines (10 MW class)
     → EU offshore wind potential ~ 500 GW (Agora)
  - 650 TWh/a hydrogen @ 2000 h and 70% efficiency
    - $\rightarrow$  465 GW requires ~ 4,650 km<sup>2</sup> of solar PV area (1 GW = 10 km<sup>2</sup>)
    - $\rightarrow$  equals e.g. 0,45% of area of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
    - $\rightarrow$  equals e.g. 1% of area of Morocco

# Conclusions on the enabling role of existing gas infrastructure for hydrogen in Europe

- Physical access to multiple supply sources (European and imports) and connections to demand areas across Europe through dedicated hydrogen grid
- Non discriminatory access to transportation, import and storage sites
- TSO experts in efficient gas transportation (re-purposing & new built), <u>integrated</u> infrastructure planning, cross border cooperation
- TSO/DSO cooperation offers decarbonization options (alongside power) for all sectors

• Existing Gas infrastructure provides the basis for a European Hydrogen market with multiple sources, security of supply and competition

#### — What are necessary next steps to get going?

- Fast adjustments of legal / regulatory framework to enable:
  - TPA, maintain permits and rights of way, framework for financing / business model
  - incentivize/enable hydrogen demand

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### Aligning value chain to achieve scale-up - cooperation is the only way, regulatory frameworks essential



- Manageable challenges along the value chain
- Topics are of technical, economic, political and (business) cultural nature
- Numerous "chicken-and-egg" hurdles
- Knowledge how to build long-term value chains still around (gas/LNG business)

### The Hydrogen era is dawning ... and a global market



#### Figure 3: Timeline of national hydrogen strategies publication

### We enable energy supply. Today and in the energy mix of the future.

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