

# Unlocking EU's hydrogen economy with the underground hydrogen storage GRIDTech Talk

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Gas Infrastructure Planning: Challenges & Opportunities

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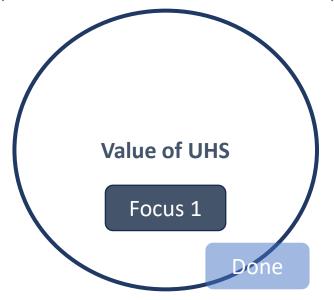
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## Agenda



The cross-sectoral perspective at the core of the assessment of the need for UHS

Values of UHS (Quantification in 4 territorial use-cases)



GIE Study carried out by Artelys in 2022





UHS Target (to comply with REPowerEU ambition by 2030 & NZ 2050 future)



GIE Study carried out by Artelys & Frontier (2023)

EU underground hydrogen storage targets







### Values of UHS





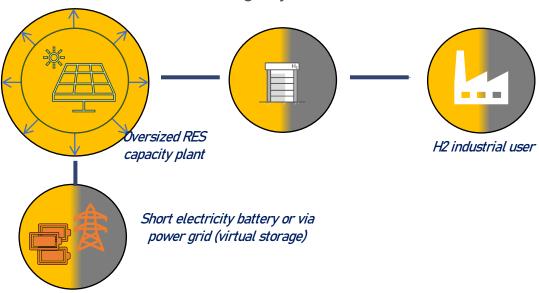
The power system evolves as the power mix changes, requiring in turn that the role of storage evolves

## Focus on Artelys study 2022 – Value of UHS



The role of storage in the power system evolves as power-mix changes

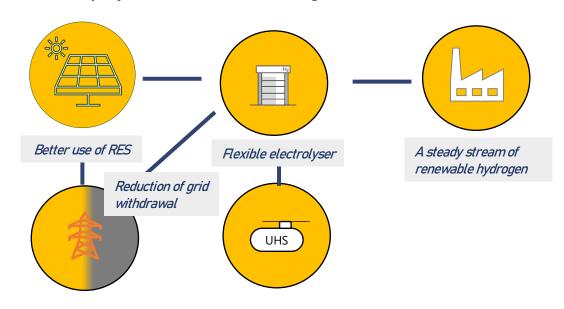
Renewable electrolysis system using electricity storage for storing any excess of RES



NOW - Batteries in the electricity system enabling to store any excess of RES

Savings eroding over time as deeper RES penetration further increases storage costs

Renewable electrolysis system using UHS for a better use RESdeployment & a reduction of grid withdrawals



SOON - UHS enabling to store at large scale

#### Benefits increasing with RES deployment & electricity grid constraints

0	Kick-start value	Facilitating the emergence of an H2 ecosystem with more ren. H2 in the H2 mix
0	Arbitrage value	Increasing the renewable electrolytic H2 production
0	System value	Lower LCOH
0	Env. Value	Reducing carbon emissions of H2; Compliancy to RFNBC
0	Insurance value	Decreasing the capacity needs of a back-up H2 supplier requirements

## Focus on Artelys study 2022 – Value of UHS

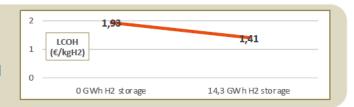
Assessment of the full value of UHS for different territorial use case



### Illustration - On-site green H2 production for industrial consumer

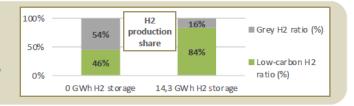
#### System value

Hydrogen storage enables to better use the cheapest hydrogen sources and to decrease full cost of hydrogen production.



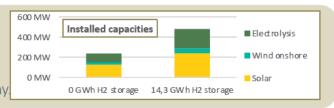
#### Arbitrage value

Hydrogen storage fosters renewable hydrogen production by allowing a better use of local RES resources.



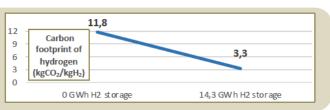
#### Kick-start value

Hydrogen storage allows for a system-level optimization of electrolysis and RES sources, facilitating the emergence of a hydrogen economy.



#### Environmental value

Hydrogen storage allows the system to withdraw decarbonised electricity for hydrogen production, thereby reducing carbon emissions.



**SYSTEM VALUE** 

**INSURANCE VALUE** 

**ARBITRAGE VALUE** 

**KICK-START VALUE** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE** 







## Defining an UHS target

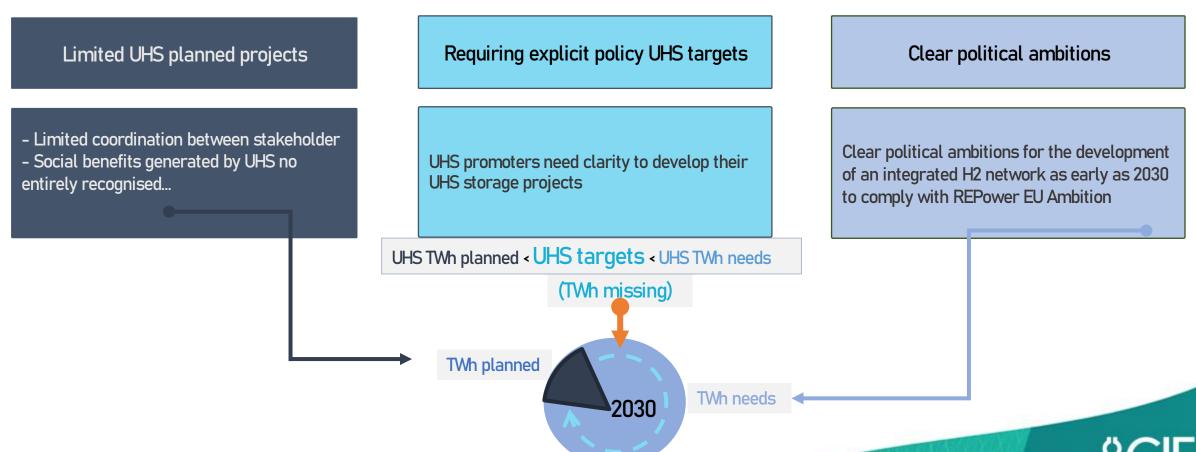
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## Defining UHS targets



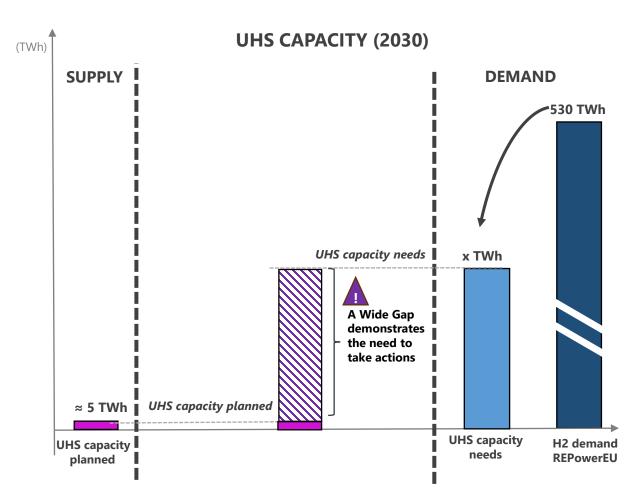
Needs for UHS likely still exceed future flexibility offered by announced projects



## EU UHS required by 2030

to comply with REPower EU ambition



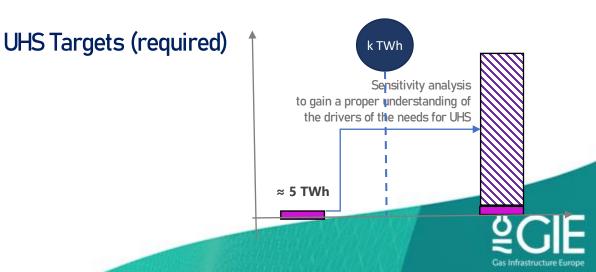


UHS planned (announced/operational storage projects)

#### **UHS** needs

Outcome of the model (to comply with REPowerEU ambition, considering demand as fixed)

→ This does not mean that the technical capacity is available or that the storage cavities exist



(UHS) Underground Hydrogen Storage



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