

# EU regulatory framework & Certification

Hydrogen and PtX products

RENEWABLE CARBON

NO FOSSIL CARBON

DEFOSSILISATION



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# Power-to-X Hub – Catalyzing Defossilisation Globally

## Impact

### Paris Climate Goals

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### Sustainable business and development opportunities



Sustainability



Market ramp-up



Knowledge



Partnerships

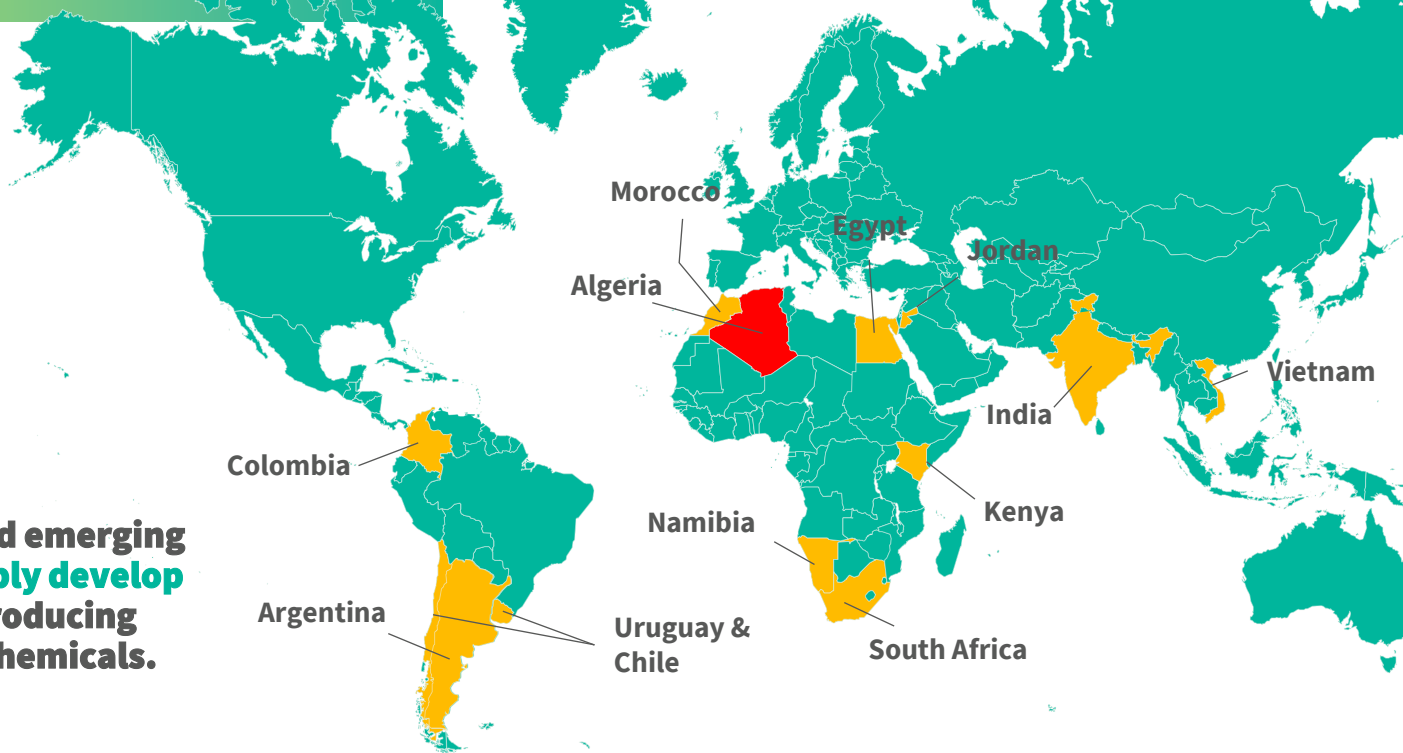
## Goals and Opportunities

- Improving **regulatory frameworks** for sustainable PtX demand markets
- Actively shaping the **global PtX market** in the partner countries (“partnerships of equals”)
- Setting-up a PtX **dialogue and networking platform**
- Developing **project proposals** for business cases with **international financing**
- Establishing an international **knowledge and training platform** for PtX.
- **Exchange of experience** with national and international partners
- Developing **trading platforms**

## Our partner countries

Developing countries and emerging economies can **sustainably develop their economies** by producing **Power-to-X fuels and chemicals**.

Especially countries with significant potentials for solar and wind power can **decrease their fossil fuel dependence** and **supply their own demand for fuels and chemicals**, with the additional potential to export Power-to-X products and high-quality materials such as green steel.



## Content and objectives

1

EU policies and regulatory framework

- Know main EU policy frameworks
- Understand how these policies shape the market and how non-EU actors are involved

2

EU RED II Delegated Acts

- Awareness of the key requirements for renewable hydrogen in the Delegated Acts

3

Certification introduction

- Know what certification and standards are, and how they are related
- Understand why certification is needed
- Differentiate between sustainability and technical standards

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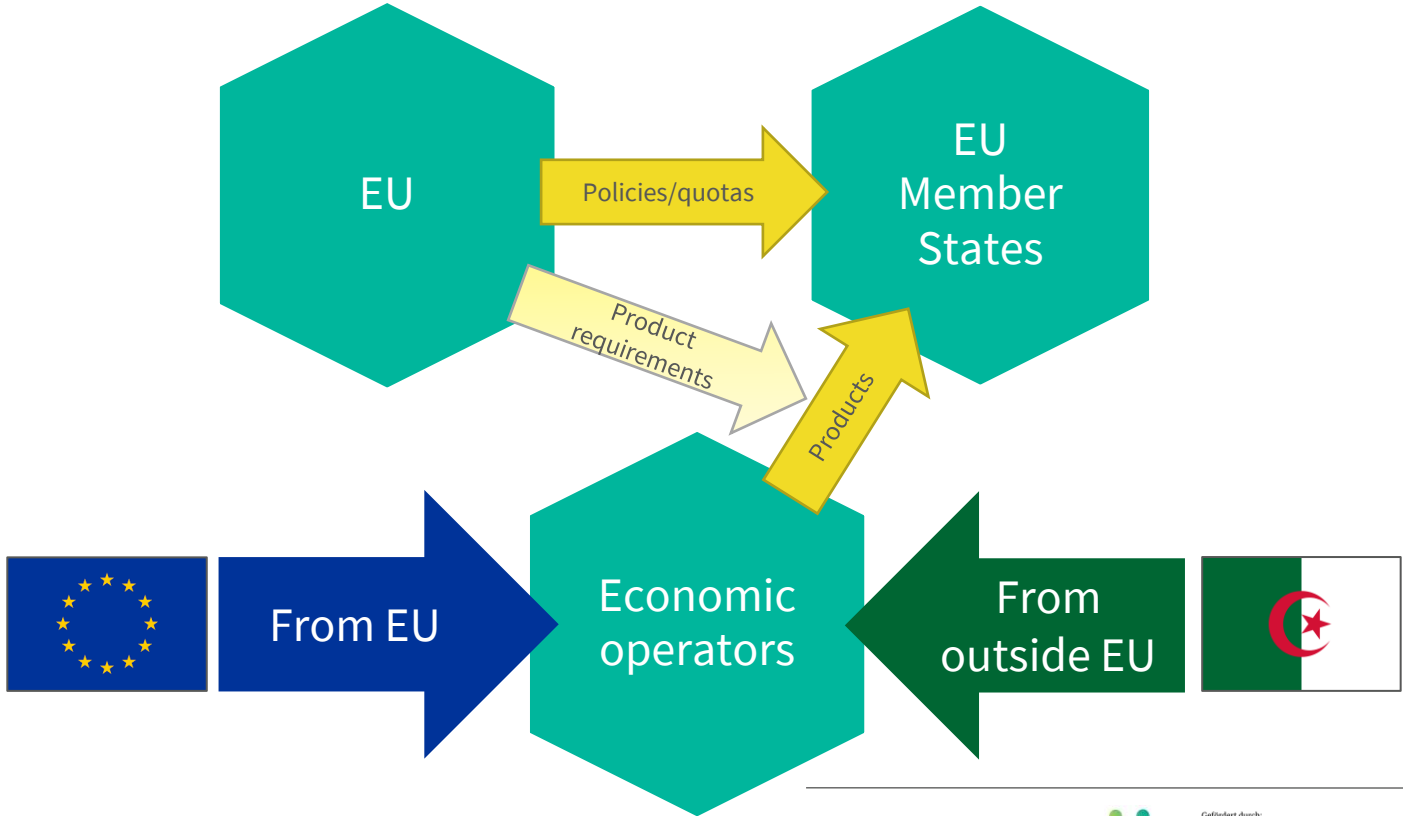
Certification set-up in the EU

- Awareness of the main actors in the certification system based on the EU set-up, and their functions

# 1. EU policies and regulatory framework



# EU market – shaped by regulatory framework



# Rapidly increasing ambition of EU climate and energy policies

			GHG emissions compared to 1990	Renewable Energy (RE) % of total energy consumption
	Adoption	Context	Climate Target	Renewables Target
EU Energy and Climate Package	2007-2009	1 <sup>st</sup> comprehensive EU climate & energy policy package	- 20% by 2020	20% RE by 2020
Clean Energy Package	2014-2018	Input to & implementation of Paris Agreement	- 40% by 2030	32% RE by 2030
EU Green Deal / Fit-for-55	2019-2023	Reaction to climate disasters and massive youth climate movement	- 55% by 2030 - 100% by 2050	40% RE by 2030
REPowerEU	2022 ->	Reaction to Russia's invasion of Ukraine	Unchanged	45% RE by 2030 (?)

45% RE by 2030 proposed by European Commission, backed by Parliament, not yet adopted by Council



# REPower EU – Renewable hydrogen ambition

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10 Mio.  
 $t_{H_2}$   
produced  
in Europe  
by 2030



10 Mio.  
 $t_{H_2}$   
produced  
outside  
Europe by  
2030

## EU Renewable Energy Directives (RED)

### RED I (2009): 20% by 2020

10% special target for transport sector can be met with biofuels complying with sustainability criteria. It established rules on **Guarantees of Origin (GOs)**.

### RED II (2018): 32% by 2030

14% RES target for transport sector, including sustainable biofuels (stricter rules) and **RFNBO** => “renewable liquid and gaseous transport fuels of non-biological origin”. Commission must adopt **Delegated Acts** with detailed rules on RFNBO.

### RED III (nearly adopted, 2023): 40% by 2030

Based on “Fit for 55”: Final text under negotiation. It includes specific **RFNBO subgoals** both for **industrial sector** and **transportation** (focus on **aviation and shipping**).

## 2. EU RED II Delegated Acts (I)



Delegated Act [Article 27](#)

Delegated Act [Article 28](#)

## RED II Delegated Acts on renewable H2 / RFNBOs

**Delegated Act to Article 27** Renewable Energy Directive II (RED II) sets out **detailed requirements for sourcing renewable electricity** used in production of Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBOs), including renewable hydrogen

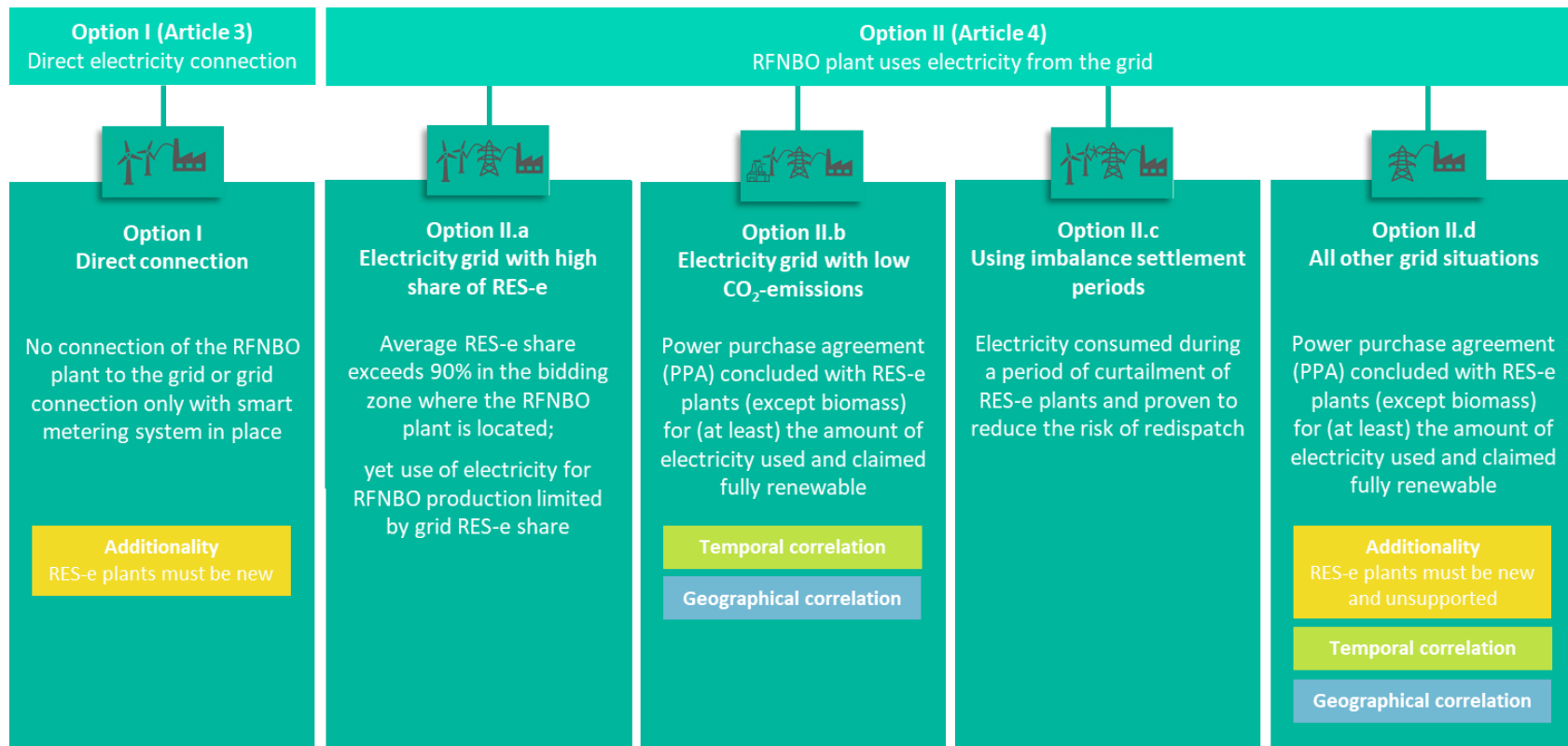
→ **Determines when electricity used for production of RFNBO/ H2 is considered as “fully renewable” or not**

**Delegated Act to Article 28** RED II specifies the **methodology for assessing GHG emissions savings** from RFNBOs.

→ **Determines amount of GHG emissions savings from RFNBO / H2 (min. 70%)**

**Applicable to EU-internal and outside. To be translated by voluntary schemes into their systems.**

# Electricity used for H2 / RFNBO counts as “fully renewable” if...



# Underlying principles of the Delegated Act



Principle of  
**Additionality**



Principle of  
**Temporal Correlation**



Principle of  
**Geographical Correlation**

*The production of renewable hydrogen should ...*

... incentivise the deployment of **new renewable electricity generation capacity** (DA (8))

... take place **at times** where the electrolyzers support the integration of renewable power generation into the electricity system (DA (8))

... take place **in bidding zones** where renewable electricity already represents the dominant share and adding additional renewable electricity generation capacity would not be necessary or possible (DA (5))

## Additionality (Article 5)



### RES-E used for H<sub>2</sub> production is

- Generated in the same installation
- **OR** Sourced *via* renewables PPAs

### 5(a) RES-E plants must be new\*

Started operating no more than 36 months prior to the installation

### 5(b) RES-E plants must be unsupported\*

Has not received operating or investment support

\*For installations which started operating before January 2028 this requirement only applies from January 2038 on.

## Temporal correlation (Article 6)



### H<sub>2</sub> production takes place

- In the same calendar month than the sourced RES-E generation (*until Dec 2029*)
- In the same hour than sourced RES-E generation (*from Jan 2030 on*)

**OR**

### Storage option

- Electricity is sourced from a storage facility with the same grid connection point than the electrolyser or RES-E plants
- Storage facility is charged at the time of generation of the contracted RES-E plants

**OR**

### H<sub>2</sub> production takes place

- during a one-hour period where the day-ahead price of the concerned bidding zone
- Is < 20 €/MWh
- **OR** Is < than 0.36 times the price for a certificate of 1 ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

## Geographical correlation\* (Article 7)

### 7(1a) Electrolyser and RES-E plants are located in the same bidding zone

**OR**

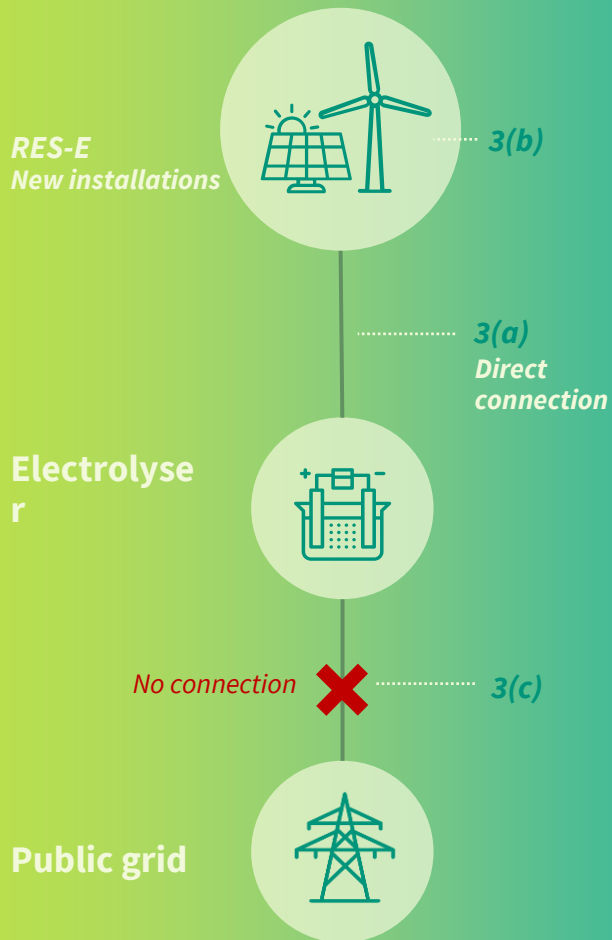
### 7(1b) Electrolyser and RES-E plants are located in interconnected bidding zones

Electricity prices of the day-ahead market in this zone are  $\geq$  the prices in the electrolyser's bidding zone

**OR**

### 7(1c) RES-E generating plants are located in an offshore bidding zone interconnected to the electrolyser's bidding zone

\*Further criteria can be imposed on a national law basis (6(2)).



## Electricity produced off-grid (Article 3)

**3(a):** RES-E plants must be connected to the electrolyser

- *via* direct line **OR** located in the same installation

**3(b):** RES-E plants must be new

- RES-E plant started operating no earlier than 36 months before the electrolyser

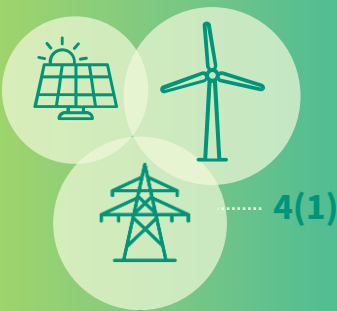
**3(c):** RES-e plants must not be connected to the grid

- **Option:** Electrolyser is connected to the grid, but a smart metering system is implemented which proves that no electricity is taken from grid



## Main grid

share of RES-E >  
90% in the previous  
year



4(1)



## Electricity sourced from the grid (Article 4) Renewable grid electricity

Electricity taken from the grid counts as **fully renewable**

**4(1)** ... if the average RES-E share in the connected grid  
**exceeds 90%** in the previous year\*

**AND** fuel production does not exceed  $[x\% \text{ RES-E} * 8760] \text{ h}$   
in the bidding zone where H<sub>2</sub> is produced

**4(1)** Fuel production  $\leq$  .....  
 $[x\% \text{ RES-E} * 8760] \text{ h}$

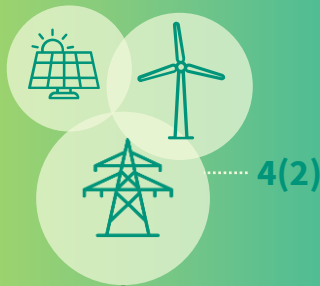
\*Once this share has been provenly attained, it is assumed that  
this condition will also hold true in the subsequent five calendar  
years.

Electrolyse  
r



## Main grid

GHG emission  
intensity < 18 g  
CO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ



4(2)

4(2b) Conditions of  
temporal &  
geographical  
correlation are met

4(2a) Electricity is  
sourced  
via PPAs

## Electrolyse r



## Electricity sourced from the grid (Article 4) Low-carbon grid electricity

Electricity taken from the grid counts as **fully renewable**

4(2) ... if the GHG intensity of the connected grid is  
< 18 g CO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ\*

4(2a): The fuel producers have concluded one or more  
renewables power purchase agreements (PPAs)  
→ These supply an amount of RES-E ≥ the amount  
of RES-E claimed & used for H<sub>2</sub> production

**AND**

4(2b): Conditions of temporal & geographical correlation are  
met (see later slide on more detail)

\*Once this share has been provenly attained, it is assumed that this  
condition will also hold true in the subsequent five calendar years.

4(3a) Proof of curtailment of RES-e installations



Main grid  
Imbalance settlement period occurs



4(3)

4(3b) Proof that consumed electricity reduces the need for redispatch



Electrolyser



## Electricity taken from the grid

Imbalance settlement period

Electricity taken from the grid counts as **fully renewable**

4(3) ... if there is proof\* that H<sub>2</sub> production helps to **reduce temporal grid imbalances**

4(3a): Electricity sourced for H<sub>2</sub> production is consumed during a time period in which RES-e installations were redispatched downwards (curtailment)

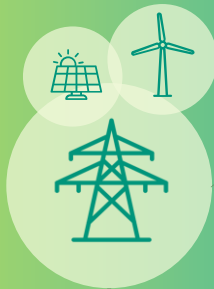
**AND**

4(3b): The electricity consumed reduced the need for redispatching by a corresponding amount

\*The fuel producer must show evidence from the national transmission system operator on the stated conditions.

*Conditions of  
additionality, temporal &  
geographical correlation .....  
are met*

**Main grid**  
RES-E & non-  
renewable electricity



**Storage**

**Electrolyse  
r**



## Electricity taken from the grid

### Average grid electricity

Electricity taken from the grid counts as **fully renewable**

**4(4):** ... if requirements of additionality, temporal & geographical correlation are met

- **5 Additionality**  
PPAs | New | Unsupported
- **6 Temporal correlation**  
Matching of RES-e generation and H<sub>2</sub> production on a monthly – (or later) hourly scale
- **7 Geographical correlation**  
Geographical proximity of H<sub>2</sub> production site and RES-e generation installations

## 2. EU RED II Delegated Acts (II)



Delegated Act [Article 27](#)

Delegated Act [Article 28](#)

## Methodology for determining GHG emissions savings from H2 / RFNBO

**Total emissions from use of fuel =  $e_i + e_p + e_{td} + e_u - e_{ccs}$**

$e_i$  =  $e_i$  elastic +  $e_i$  rigid - e ex-use = emissions from **supply of inputs** (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ fuel)

$e_p$  = emissions from **processing** (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ fuel)

$e_{td}$  = emissions from **transport and distribution** (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ fuel)

$e_u$  = emissions from **combusting** the fuel in its end-use (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ fuel)

$e_{ccs}$  = emission savings from **carbon capture and geological storage** (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq / MJ fuel)

**GHG emission savings =  $(E_F - E) / E_F$**

$E_F$  = Total emissions of fossil fuel comparator (94 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ for H<sub>2</sub>)

$E$  = Total emissions of H<sub>2</sub> (gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ)

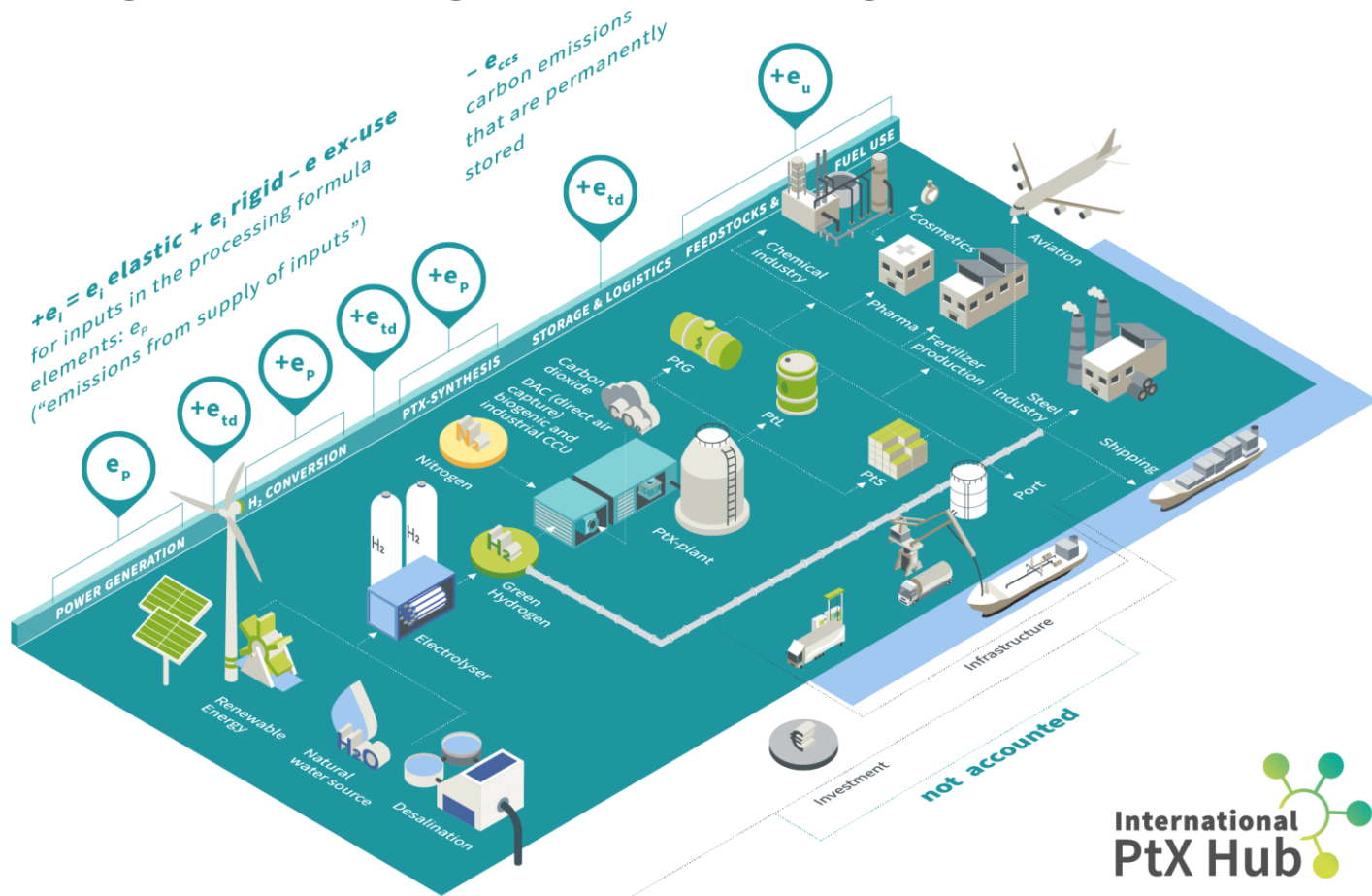
→ **Min. emissions savings of 70% (GHG threshold for RFNBO is 28.2 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ (3.4 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/t))**

Requirement for H<sub>2</sub>:  
**Min. 70% emissions savings** compared to fossil fuel

# Methodology for determining GHG emissions savings from H2 / RFNBO

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Delegated Act Article 28



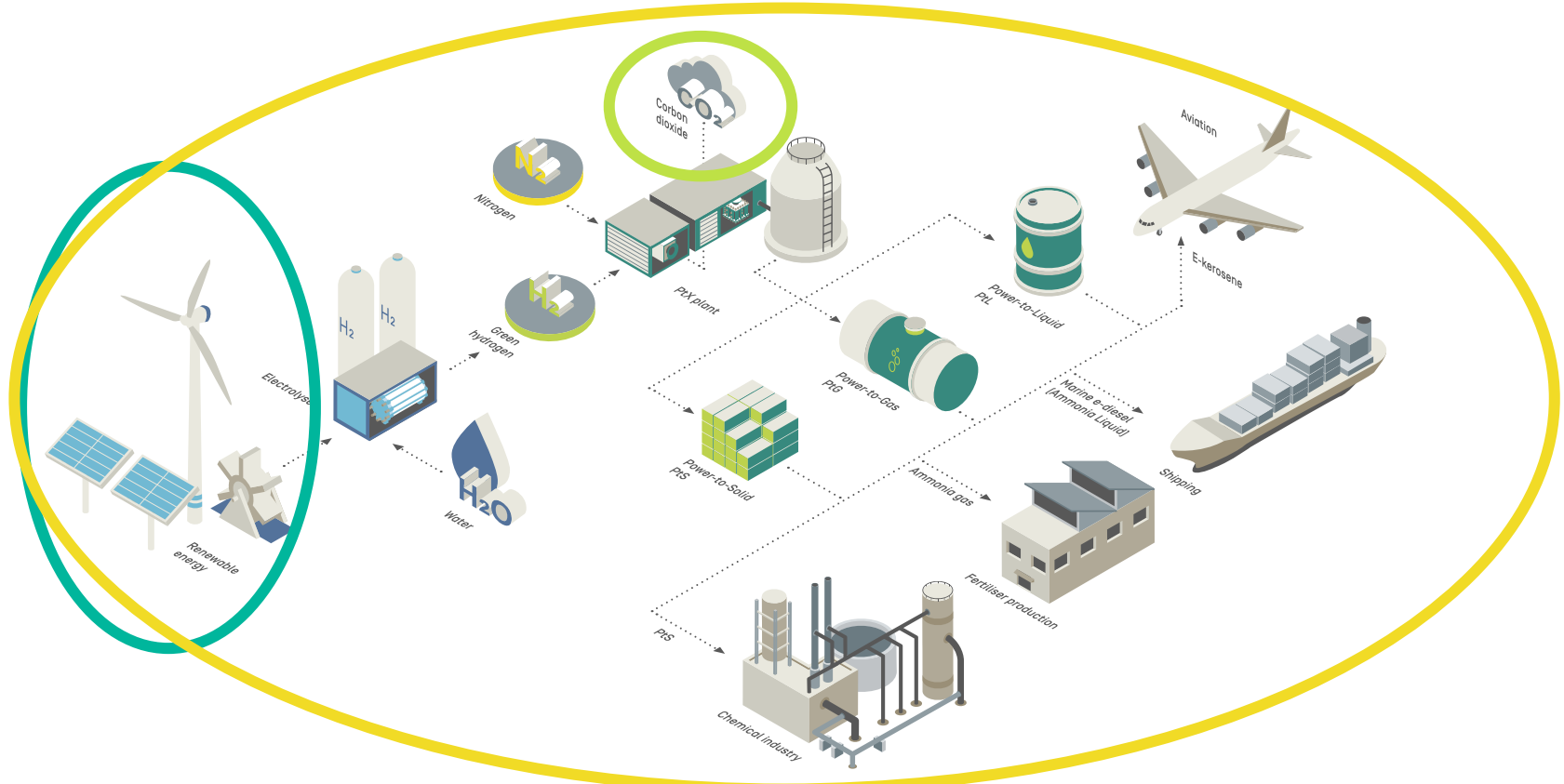
## Deductions for carbon capture from existing use or fate (e ex-use):

- The CO2 has been captured from an **activity listed under Annex I of Directive 2003/87/EC** and **has been taken into account upstream in an effective carbon pricing** and is incorporated in the chemical composition of the fuel **before 2036**, This date shall be extended to 2041 in other cases than CO2 stemming from the combustion of fuels for electricity generation, or;
- The CO2 has been captured from the **air**, or;
- The captured CO2 stems from the production or the combustion of biofuels, bioliquids or biomass fuels complying with the sustainability and greenhouse gas saving criteria and the CO2 capture **did not receive credits for emission savings from CO2 capture and replacement**, set out in Annex V and VI of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, or;
- The captured CO2 stems from the **combustion of renewable liquid and gaseous transport fuels of non-biological origin or recycled carbon** fuels complying with the greenhouse gas saving criteria, set out in Article 25(2) and Article 28(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and this Regulation or;
- The captured CO2 stems from a **geological source of CO2** and the CO2 was previously released naturally;

with the exception of **captured CO2 stemming from a fuel that is deliberately combusted for the specific purpose of producing the CO2** and **CO2, the capture of which has received an emissions credit under other provisions of the law.**



# Sustainability criteria in the Delegated Act requirements



Renewable electricity sourcing

CO2 sources

GHG accounting

RENEWABLE  
ELECTRICITY

## Case studies:



# Implementation of EU rules on sourcing renewable electricity for RFNBO production:

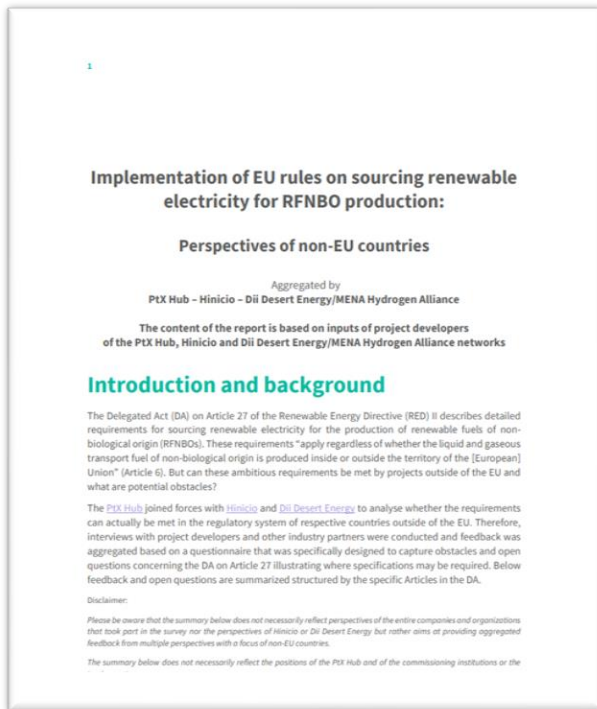
## Perspectives of non-EU countries

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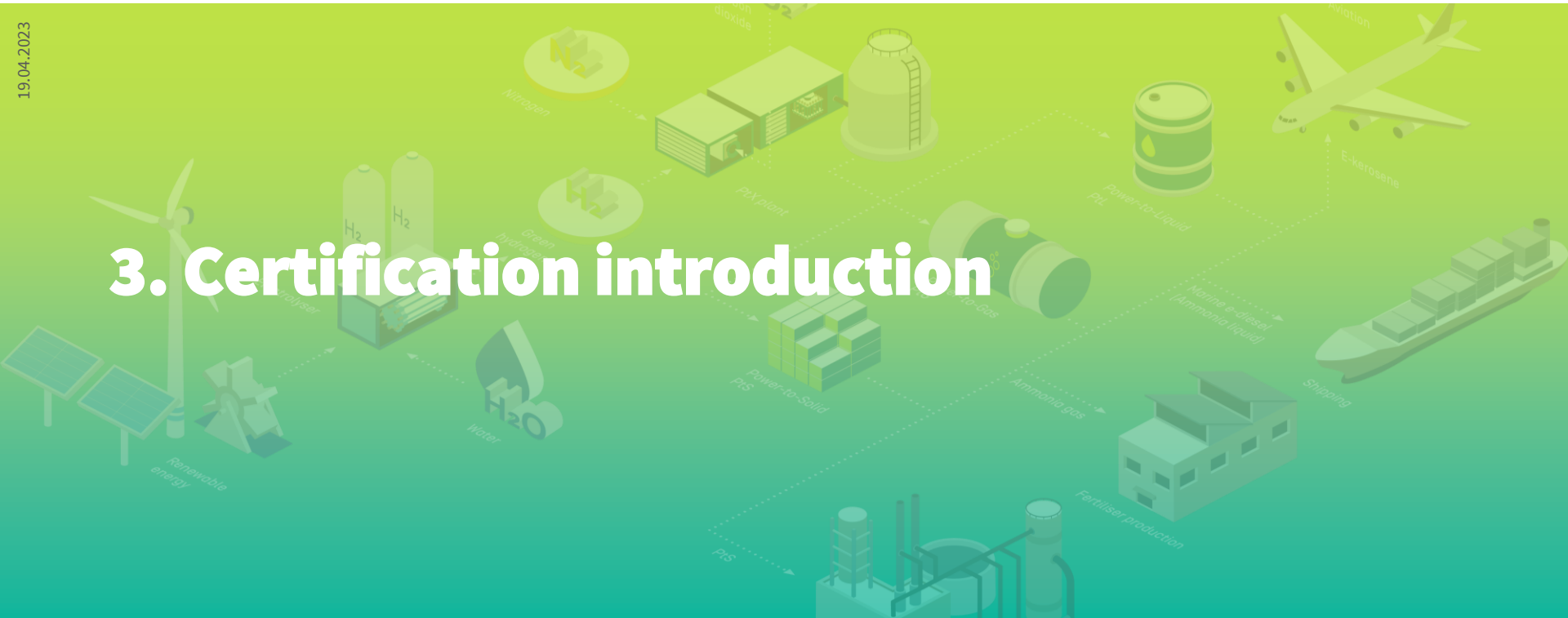
[Analysis of latest leaks of the REDII Delegated Acts  
specifying rules for green hydrogen in the EU](#)

## Main take-aways from feedback on Delegated Acts

- No “show-stopper” criterion was identified that clearly hinders market ramp-up in a specific country
- Many unclear aspects in the exact application and interpretation of the criteria in the non-EU context still prevalent
  - “bidding zone”
  - “operating and investment aid”
- Especially for large-scale projects with direct connection: A grid connection could be imposed due to stability reasons, for synergies for economic development or economic reasons selling excess RE
- Renewable energy surplus during solar hours fed to the grid, during non-solar hours, this energy is taken back from the grid and is utilized for the green hydrogen project
- Temporal correlation (1h) and 36-months-synching might negatively affect project developments

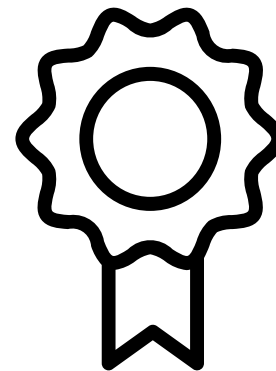
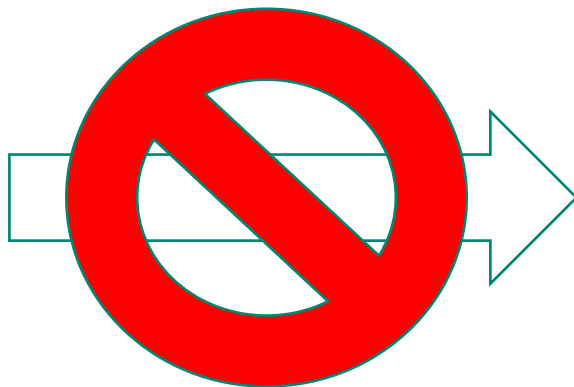
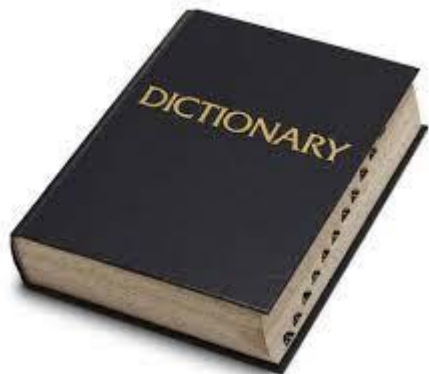


# 3. Certification introduction





## No common definition and differentiation of certification, standards, etc. exists

- One aim of this presentation is to find a common language so that we talk about the same thing!
- Globally, certification demand has increased in various sector and applications for many products and processes, especially when it comes to sustainability (biofuels, recycled plastics etc.)



Certification

**Standards = standardized ways of doing things**  
**Certification = proof of compliance with standards**

Standards Certification Standards 

No Certification

Hydrogen/PtX certification

Quality and safety standards  
(industry standards)Sustainability  
standards

influenced by:

national and international  
regulations

consumer's demand

## Examples of industry (technical) standards: ISO standards

- Regardless of the color of hydrogen, industry standards always have to be met.
- ISO/AWI TR 15916 Basic considerations for the safety of hydrogen systems
- ISO/AWI 14687 Hydrogen fuel quality – Cylinders and tubes for stationary storage
- ISO/AWI 19887 Gaseous Hydrogen – Fuel system components for hydrogen fueled vehicles
- ISO/AWI 14687 Hydrogen fuel quality – Production specification

**One product can be used globally in the same way and in the same applications  
→ global tradability and trust**



## Certification: example from the aviation sector



### Technical/Industry standards

E.g., American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) standard D1655 and DEF STAN 91-91 are used to ensure that jet fuels are suitable for their purpose

→ to function in a plane's engine



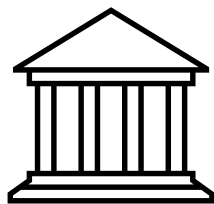
### Sustainability standards

Airlines can get certified by an approved Sustainability Certification Scheme under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)

→ to demonstrate GHG savings



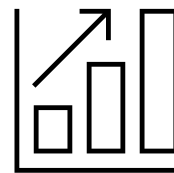
## Certification: Legal obligation vs. Voluntary disclosure



### Legal obligation

e.g., requirements for Hydrogen and Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBOs) in the EU based on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)

→ for a product to qualify under a certain regulatory framework, certification is needed



### Voluntary disclosure

e.g., FSC = Forest Stewardship Council – Sustainable resources for packaging

→ for demonstrating origin and/or sustainability characteristics of a product, certification is needed



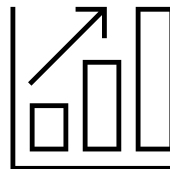
## Certification: Legal obligation vs. Voluntary disclosure



### Legal obligation

is policy driven

A policy describes certain requirements for a product and certification is the tool to prove this

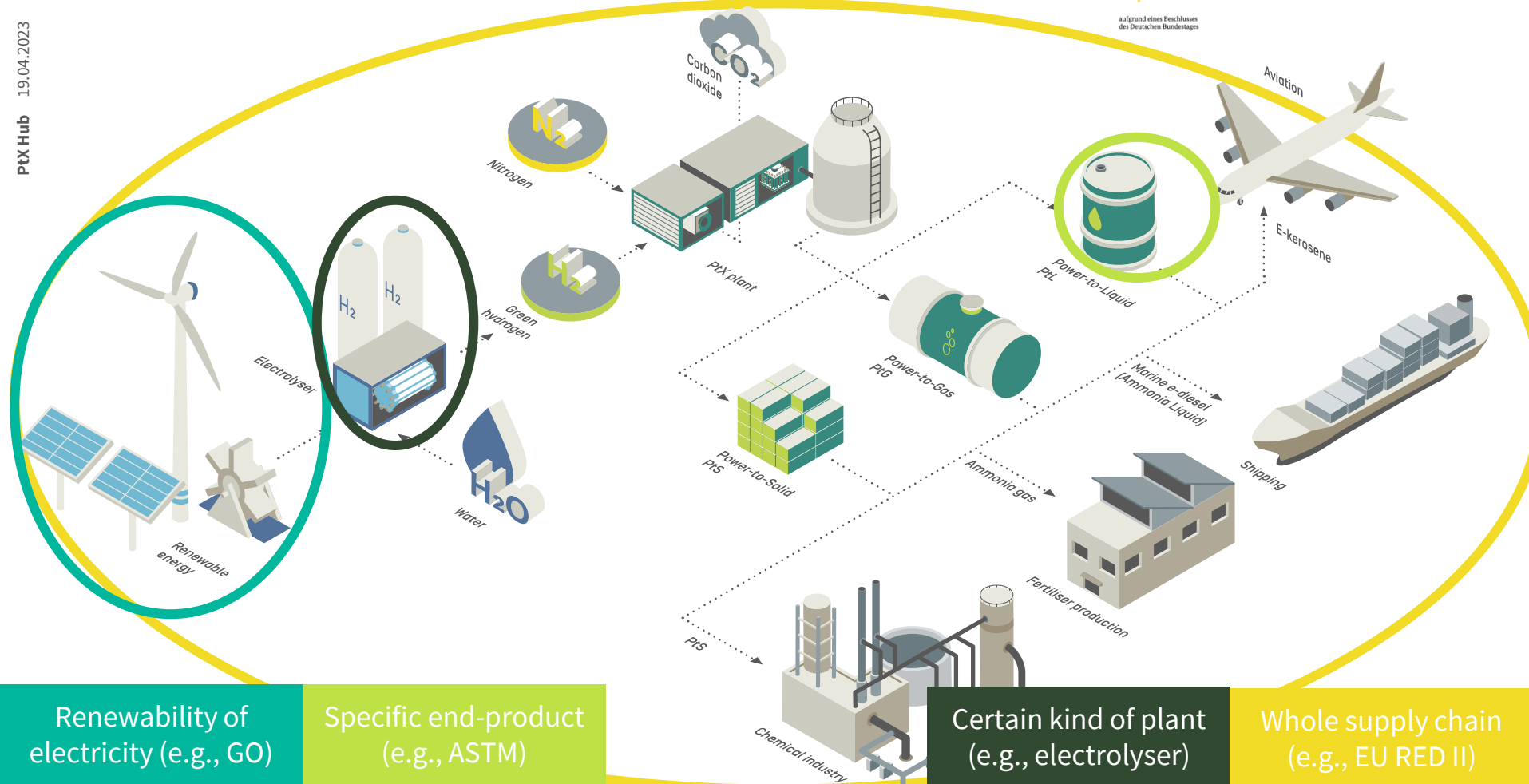


### Voluntary disclosure

is demand driven

Consumers or the market demonstrate a willingness to buy a product with specific (premium) characteristics and certification is the tool to prove this

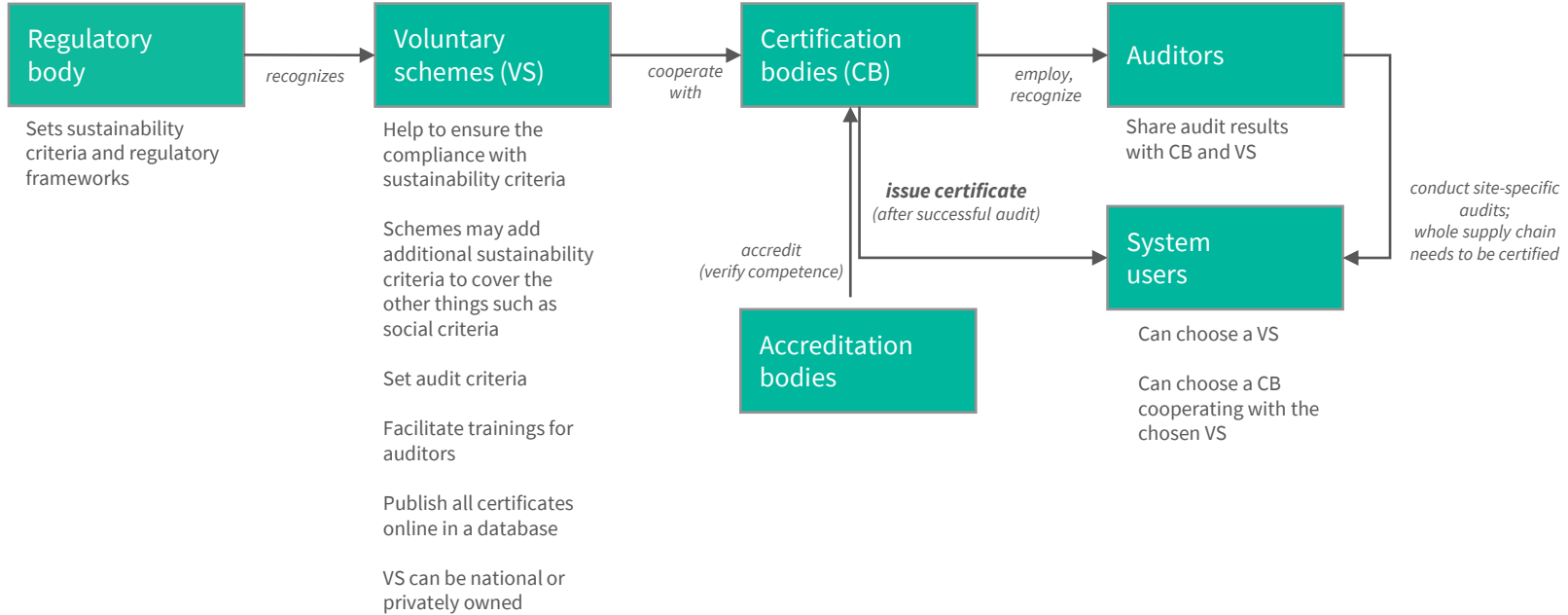
# Different aspects of a supply chain can be “certified”



# 4. Certification set-up in the EU and snapshot of global developments



# Certification set-up – Status quo



## Existing and emerging schemes and regulatory mechanisms – an overview

Country	Status of H2/PtX standards and certification	Other
Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No regulation</li> <li>Hydrogen GO certification trials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zero Carbon Certification Scheme launched in 2020 by industry actors. For hydrogen, renewable ammonia and renewable metals</li> </ul>
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing a Clean Fuel Standard for hydrogen and biofuels</li> <li>CertifHy Canada Scheme is in development; to match the requirements of the Clean Fuel Standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aims to develop a life cycle approach for its GHG emissions methodology</li> </ul>
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several industry standards already in effect, e.g., standards for hydrogen energy safety and quality testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China Hydrogen Alliance's Standard defines low-carbon, clean and renewable hydrogen based on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per kgH<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>
Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Clean hydrogen' is not yet clearly defined</li> <li>Discussions of establishing standards and a certification scheme but no progress has been made</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional certification scheme for CO<sub>2</sub>-free hydrogen in the Aichi Prefecture</li> <li>J-Credit Scheme certifies GHG reductions and removals</li> </ul>
UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing a low-carbon and renewable hydrogen standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation regulates renewable transport fuels (incl. Hydrogen)</li> </ul>
USA (federal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Clean Hydrogen Production Standard (CHPS) released by DOE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A proposed lifecycle GHG emissions limit of 4kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per kg of hydrogen</li> <li>CHPS is not a regulatory standard; a guidance</li> </ul>

## H2/PtX certification: Gaps and challenges

Gap

Certification scheme of specific end-products  
like steel, chemicals, etc.

Global and aligned H2/PtX certification scheme

### Why have a global and aligned scheme?

To allow exporting countries flexibility  
when trading hydrogen & PtX products

### Challenges of a global scheme

Advanced certification schemes would  
be compelled to lower their ambitions

Globally, certification approaches differ  
widely

# Thank you

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