

# International Power-to-X Hub

## Green Hydrogen Certification Workshop

### Certifying Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Sustainability Criteria for Hydrogen and PtX Products

19 June 2023 – Jordan-German Workshop

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More detailed information on most of the issues covered in the workshop can be found in the paper by the same authors on the PtX Hub website

<https://ptx-hub.org/eu-requirements-for-green-hydrogen-and-its-derivatives/>

The cover of the report features a green and blue background with a network diagram of nodes and lines. At the top, it lists the supporting organizations: International PtX Hub, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, IKI International Climate Initiative, and giz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. It also mentions that the report is based on a decision by the German Bundestag. The title 'EU REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWABLE HYDROGEN AND ITS DERIVATIVES' is prominently displayed in white text. Below the title, a summary states: 'Analysis of the two Delegated Acts adopted by the European Commission in February 2023 specifying the conditions under which electricity used to produce renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBO) may be counted as fully renewable & the methodology to assess the greenhouse gas emissions savings from RFNBO.'

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# Background and context for the EU hydrogen certification rules and procedures

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# Rapidly increasing ambition of EU climate and energy policies

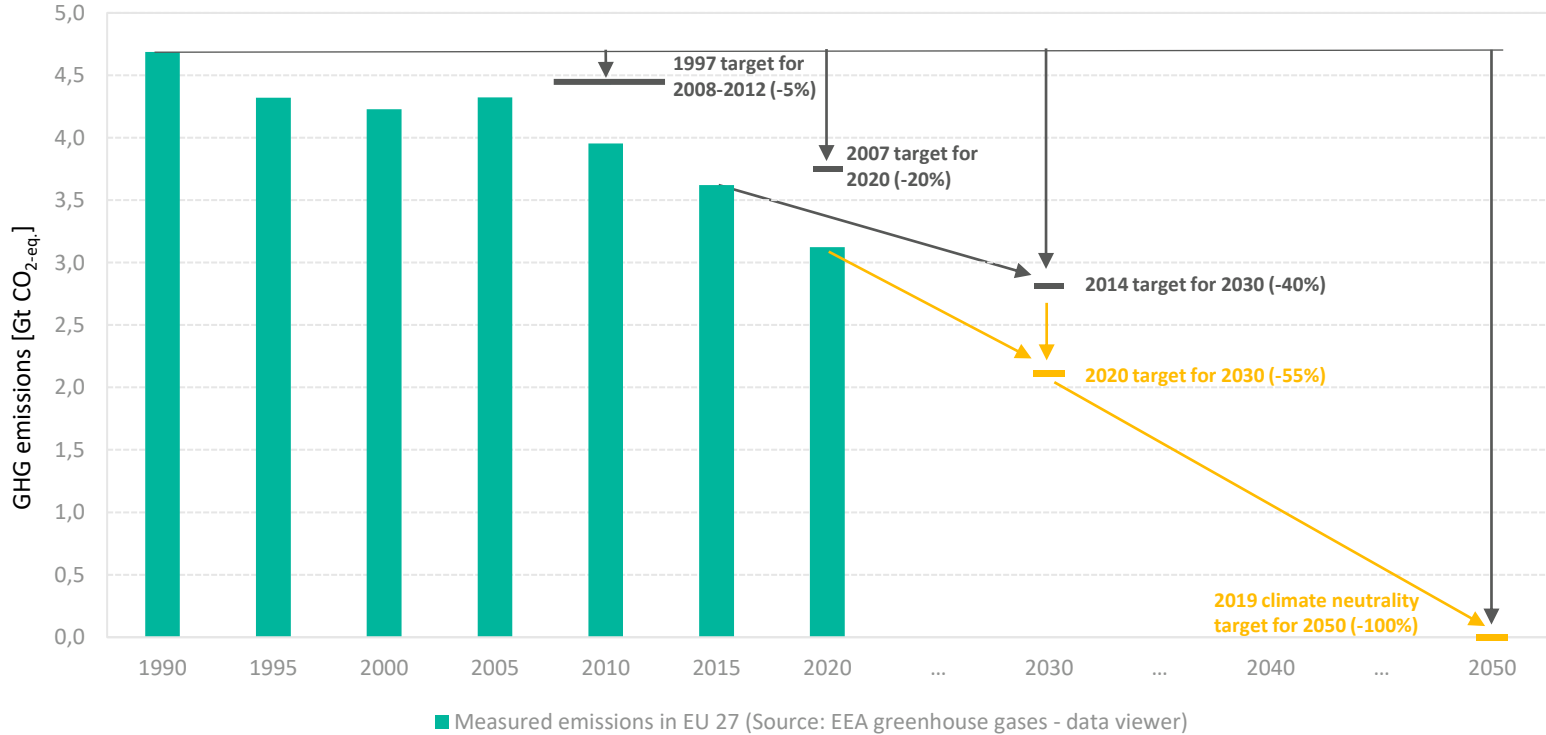
GHG emissions compared to 1990	Renewable Energy (RE) % of total energy consumption
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	Adoption	Context	Climate Target	Renewables Target
EU Energy and Climate Package	2007-2009	1 <sup>st</sup> comprehensive EU climate & energy policy package	- 20% by 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	42.5% RE by 2030

45% indicative top up

# EU climate achievements and targets



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Dec25 € 100.3

Dec24 € 96.5

Dec23 € 91.9

# EU ETS and CBAM as key drivers for greening hydrogen supply

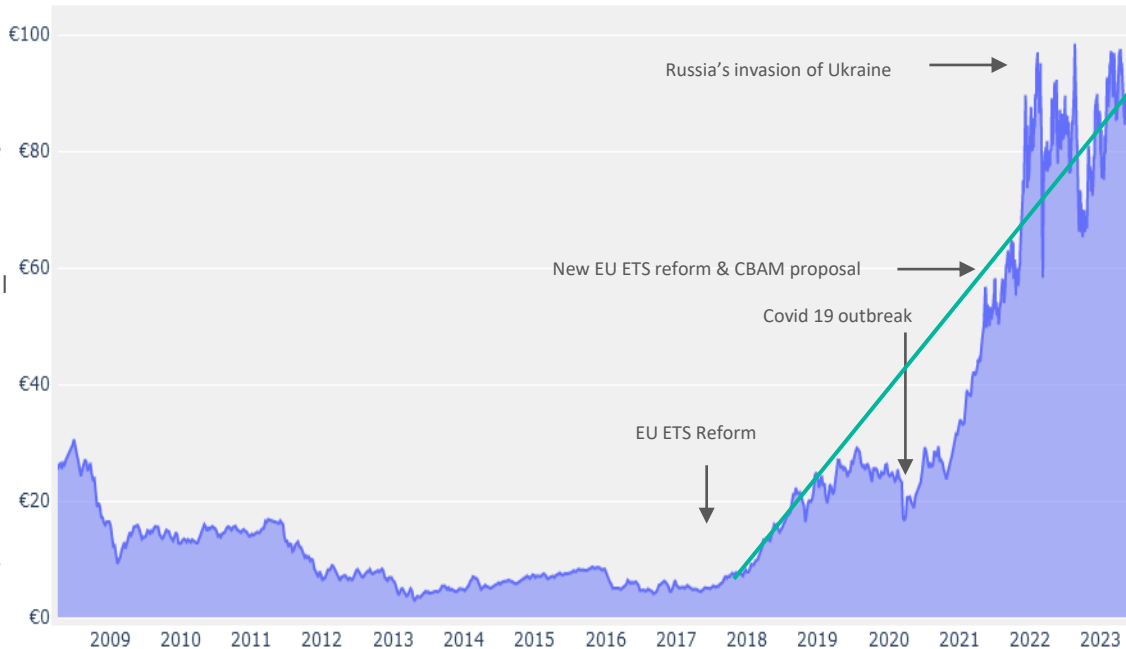
## EU ETS – Emission Trading Scheme

- Set up in 2005, sharpened several times
- Emitters from covered sector must buy emission allowances. Initially, low prices. Now: real money !
- Cap and trade system: yearly decreasing amounts of emission allowances (EUA) & free market
- It covers large emitters, expanded to more and more sectors like aviation, now shipping comes in (40% of GHG)
- “EU ETS2 “ being introduced to cover further 40% of GHG emissions, mainly fuels for buildings and transport
- EUA free allocation for sectors exposed to global competition will be gradually phased out up to 2034, at the same pace as the introduction of CBAM.

## CBAM – Carbon Boarder Adjustment Mechanism

- Politically agreed. Transition (only monitoring) phase until 2026. Enters into force gradually in force from 2026 to 2034.
- Will impose a tariff on imports of carbon intensive goods not subject to carbon price at extraction/ production site.
- It covers iron and steel, cement, **fertilizers**, aluminum, electricity and **hydrogen**. By 2026, proposal to include further products at risk of carbon leakage by 2026 (including e.g. **organic chemicals** and **polymers**).

EU Emission Allowances (1t CO<sub>2</sub>) price development



Data & chart source: [Sandbag Carbon Price Viewer](#)

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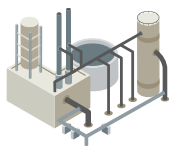


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# EU and German hydrogen policy framework

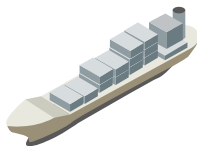
## Focus: hard to abate sectors



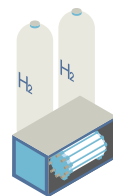
Heavy Industry



Long distance traffic



Heavy goods transport



Long term storage

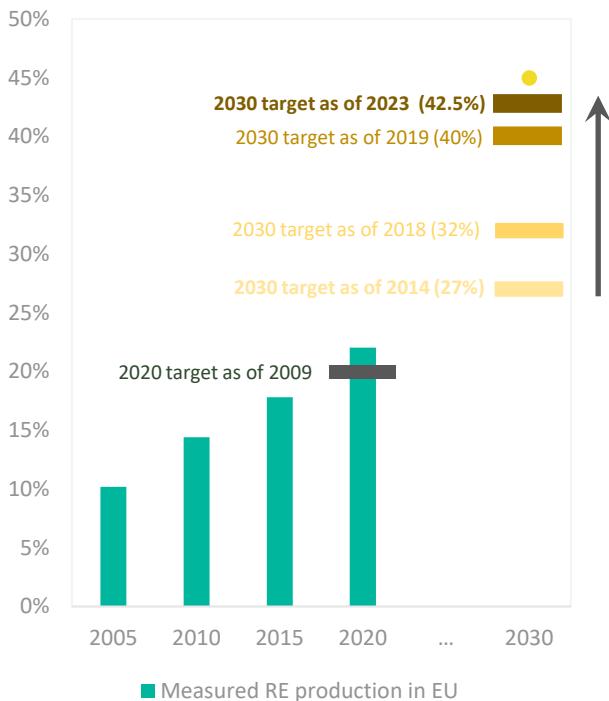
## Hydrogen goals for 2030

	EU	Germany
Inland production	10 Mt H <sub>2</sub>	~2.5 Mt H <sub>2</sub>
Imports	10 Mt H <sub>2</sub>	0.42 Mt H <sub>2</sub>

## Foreign trade and geopolitical aspects

- Future energy imports will be mainly based on renewables energy
- Imports via cable or pipeline from neighboring countries economically more attractive
- However, imports via ships essential to diversify supplier countries and import routes
- Infrastructure investments are planned
- Building new energy partnerships with reliable countries
- EU energy platform for strategic and aggregated procurement in planning

## EU renewable energy sources (RE) targets and deployment



## 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 (2023 – might be approved today – 19 June): 42.5% by 2030 (45% indicative top up)

Based on “Fit for 55”: Final political agreement achieved, legal text not yet available. It includes specific **RFNBO subgoals** both for **industrial sector** and **transportation** (focus on **aviation and shipping**).

### RED IV (being discussed):

Based on “REPowerEU” => It might lead to higher RFNBO subgoals for hard to abate sectors.

# “Delegated Acts” => What does it mean?

## Selected types of EU legal instruments

**EU Treaties:** Adopted unanimously by Member States, the fundament for all the rest.

**Strategic policy documents:** Non-binding documents that might e.g. discuss strategic guidelines and targets.

Example: Commission’s Communication EUPower Plan

**Directives:** Legal acts proposed by Commission, adopted by Parliament and Council, requiring transposition into national law.

Example: Renewable Energy Directive of 2018 (RED II)

**Regulations:** Legal acts proposed by Commission, adopted by Parliament and Council. They are directly applicable.

**Delegated Acts (DA):** Adopted by Commission, if empowered to do so by a higher legal act. They will formally enter into force by 10 June 2023.



## Key contents covered by these two Delegated Acts

### DA based on Article 27, RED II

- Defines under which conditions electricity used to produce RFNBO can be considered as renewable
- Applies also to RFNBO produced outside the EU (to be considered as renewable under EU law)

### DA based on Article 28, RED II

- Sets GHG emission savings threshold for recycled carbon fuels (RCF) to be considered as renewable
- Sets GHG accounting rules for RFNBO and RCF

More on them, and on how these features can be certified

=> See the following presentations

## Why might these DAs be relevant for stakeholders outside the EU?

- EU importers more likely to buy H<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>-based energy carriers if they count for the RED II target
- Secondary policies in the EU, e.g. for greening public procurement, are likely to refer to the DAs
- The same applies to private voluntary schemes, e.g. for “green steel”, “green ammonia” etc.
- The EU has often been a global trendsetter in climate and energy policies. Other countries might refer to these rules as well

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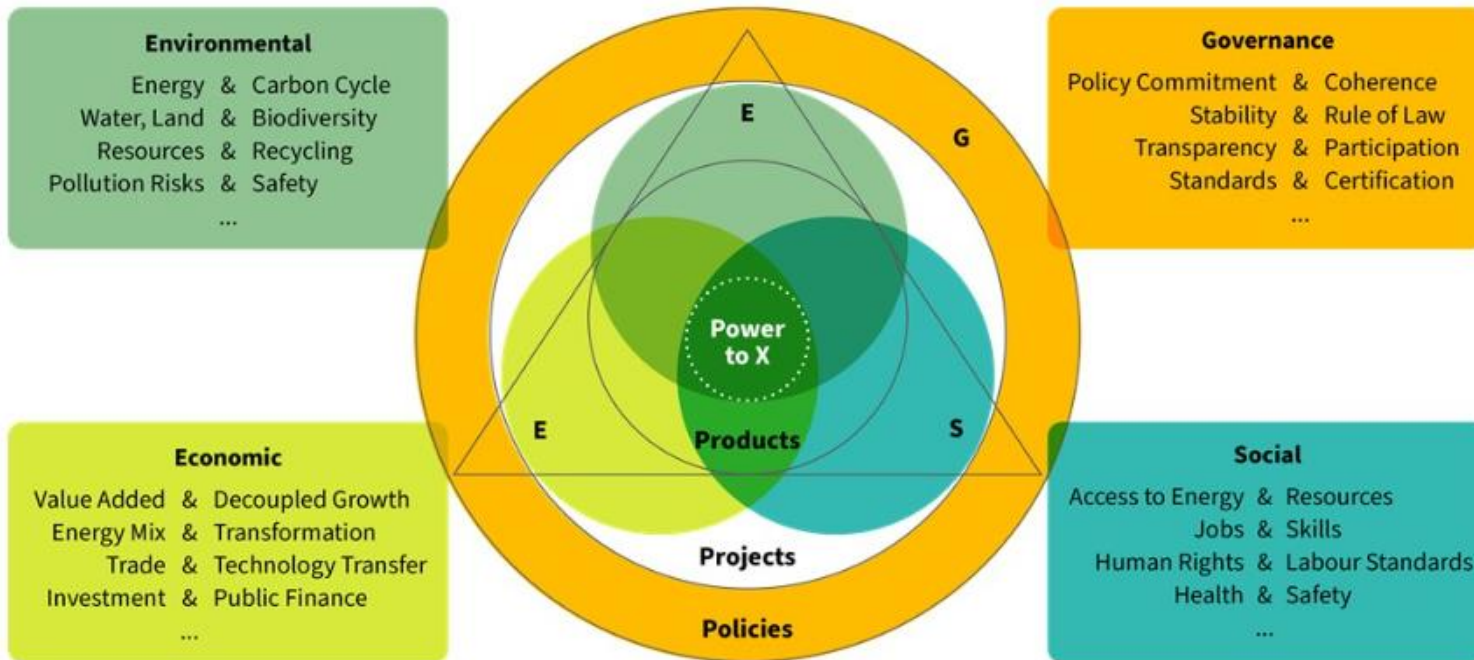
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# What about the other dimensions of sustainability?



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