

Perspectives and Challenges for Clean Hydrogen

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Hydrogen is a key pillar for net zero across the energy system



Hydrogen demand jumps fivefold by 2050, expanding beyond refineries and the chemical industry to new uses in long-distance transport, electricity generation and steel making

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Rapid scale up of supply chains for low-carbon hydrogen needed

Global hydrogen production, electricity use for electrolysers and CO₂ stored from merchant hydrogen production in the NZE



By 2050, hydrogen production in the NZE is almost entirely based on low - emission technologies, with electrolysers accounting for around 70% of global production, and natural gas in combination with CCUS for almost 30%

Demand is growing, with positive signals in key applications



There are plans to increase hydrogen use in heavy industry, transport and power generation, but ambitious policies are needed for hydrogen to play its role in meet government climate pledges

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An increasing project pipeline for low-emission hydrogen production



Low-emission hydrogen could reach 20-36 Mt per year by 2030. However, just a few projects are under construction or have reached FID due to uncertainties about demand, regulation and infrastructure

A new energy economy: the case of electrolyser manufacturing



Electrolyser manufacturing capacity could reach 125 GW per year by 2030. This would be more than enough to support planned electrolyser projects and government targets leo

Hydrogen trade can kick start soon, but barriers remain



Annual exports could reach 12 Mt of hydrogen by 2030, but off-take agreements are lagging behind. Key challenges remain in regulation, infrastructure, demand creation, value for exporters and trade rules

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Considerations to strengthen international collaboration on hydrogen

- Move from announcements to policy implementation by reducing risks and improving economic feasibility of projects
- **Raise ambitions for demand creation in key applications** through instruments as auctions, mandates or public procurement and for emerging technologies through innovation and demonstration efforts
- Intensify international cooperation for hydrogen trade, with harmonised standards and certification systems being a key enabler
- Accelerate the development of hydrogen infrastructure, a critical element for long-distance transport and international trade of hydrogen

