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# "Solar as a feedstock?" Large Scale Solar EU

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# The Integration Challenge Beyond a Critical RES Share







Source: GE Vernova

## Beyond Electricity: Solar as Feedstock

#### Electrical Energy



New Solar photovoltaic plant, Benban Complex, Southeast Egypt

#### Renewable H2 and RFNBOs



#### Feedstock



Combined 304MW solar plant, green hydrogen production facility and e-methanol facility in Kassø, Aabenraa, Denmark



Replacing fossil in the energy supply is a mix of measures including sector coupling – example Swiss Energy Roadmap Scenario

Energy savings, electrification, new RES including H2 projected for CH



- Increasing demand of electricity means growing RES in Switzerland beyond hydro.
- Solar ambitions strongly increased. Role of hydrogen still under development with awaited Swiss H2 strategy.

Source: TNC, Innovations Forum Mobilitat 2023

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## Hydrogen plays an important role in hard to electrify sectors

Share of hydrogen vs electrification in 2050 final energy demand in Europe in a Net Zero Scenario



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: »Other Industry» includes low and medium temperature industrial processes. When hydrogen and electricity do not add up to 100%, the remaining share has been provided by other sources of primary energy such as bioenergy,, heat or fossil fuels

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# EU Regulations apply to hydrogen <u>and</u> its derivatives, also referred to as RFNBOs

# Main Hydrogen based products

- H2 as feedstock for industry (chemical, petrochemical, fertilizer, ...)
- Resulting derivatives
- New chemical processes (e.g. reductor in steel)
- High temperature processes
- Energy carrier

- Storage (short to long-term)
- Electricity through Fuel Cell



## Willingness-to-Pay (WtP)

Industry and transport sector are expected to have substantial WtP for green  $H_2$ , driven by  $H_2$  regulation and  $CO_2$  prices/Voluntary demand; in Europe, policy is already taking shape

Maximum indicative WtP for green  $H_2$  in Europe<sup>1)</sup> in 2030, regulatorily & voluntarily driven



1) Analysis includes key expected H2 demand segments; several sectors not shown due to expected low H2 demand potential (e.g., rail or passenger cars); regulations on European level considered, might vary per country due to country-specific regulation Source: Roland Berger

#### Key WtP drivers

**1.** H<sub>2</sub>-specific regulatory demand: H<sub>2</sub> regulations (e.g., RED II/III, ReFuel Aviation, FuelEU Maritime), incl. quotas and penalty payments, increase WtP

#### 2. Decarbonization demand

Non-H<sub>2</sub> specific regulations (e.g., EU ETS) might cause use of green H<sub>2</sub> to avoid payments for  $CO_2$  emissions

## Towards a high-solar future: Symbiosis is Key



## Electrolysers: A Perfect Match for Large Scale Solar!



## Main global gas and oil flows

Reshaped and gradually substituted by hydrogen and derivatives flows based on cheap electricity resources

#### LNG & Pipeline in 2015 (bcm)



Asia Pacifi

Source: BP, 2015

#### Major flows of hydrogen and derivatives in 2050 (million tons H2 eq.)



Trade Flow

# IBERIA – Abundant Solar and On-shore

Wind translate into competitive Green Hydrogen



Cost-competitive renewable electricity and green hydrogen production in Iberia [EUR/kg]

Source: Roland Berger



### How much progress has been made depends on the perspective taken

Airbus path towards zero emissions



Source: Airbus at H2 Forum Berlin, Jun 2023

#### How much progress has been made depends on the perspective taken Aviation is a growing industry!



## SAF is the future of clean aviation

Direct CO2 emission savings while using existing infrastructure



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#### Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

Jet fuel produced from bio feedstock or renewable energy



#### $CO_2$ emission savings Direct $CO_2$ emission reductions of c. 80%



#### Proven technology

Globally approved by IATA<sup>1</sup>, SAF can be blended up to 50%, 100% coming



#### Ready to use

Can be used in existing aircrafts without any engine adjustments and with existing fuel handling infrastructure

1) International Air Transport Association: Guidance Material for Sustainable Aviation Fuel Management, 2nd Edition, 2015

Our capabilities & green portfolio

Dedicated H<sub>2</sub>-projects for sustainable aviation fuels



## Solar as a Feedstock

# Thank you!

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