

Implementation on the ground – perspectives of energy utilities on systems integration, market design and the energy transition

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Northwest Europe: the cornerstone for a H2 pipeline grid





Extending the Hydrogen Backbone, April 2021



Northwest Europe as starting point

- Transforming existing pipelines for the transport of Hydrogen
- Initial pipeline grid HyPerLink by Gasunie
- Connecting the Netherlands, Lower-Saxony, Bremen and Hamburg

The development of an integrated hydrogen economy





Renewable energies

On- and offshore capacity with additional potential for deployment



Initial pipeline grid

Connecting production, storage and usage of hydrogen via pipelines



Sea and inland portsImportant logistic hubs with potential

for import of hydrogen

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6 Market in industry sector

Usage of green hydrogen for industry applications like steel production

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6 Market in transport sector

Usage of green hydrogen for heavy duty and other transport applications



Large scale storage facilities Introducing flexibility to an energy system based on renewables

H2 electrolysis: Locations close to power generation reduces network extension needs





Gasunie/Thyssengas/TenneT: Quo Vadis Elektrolyse, July 2022 / ACER's decision on alternative bidding zone configurations, Annex I, August 2022

EWE NETZ operates one of Europe's most stable electricity grids







≈21,000 km Medium voltage grid

Outstanding grid reliability in Europe

New solar PV installations connected to the grid



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- Exponential growth is a challenge
- Traditionally, all PV installations were registered to receive subsidy payments
- Dark number of unregistered units for a range of technologies (e.g. plug-in PV, heat pumps, battery storage, EV charging)
- Focused network reinforcement requires relevant data

Alterric: The leading on-shore wind power generator in Germany is part of the EWE group



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- Onshore wind is the generation backbone of the future energy system
- Due to the cubic wind/generation curve, sitespecific CfD remuneration schemes remain necessary



Thank you!