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Green hydrogen The driver of Tunisia's economy decarbonization and growth

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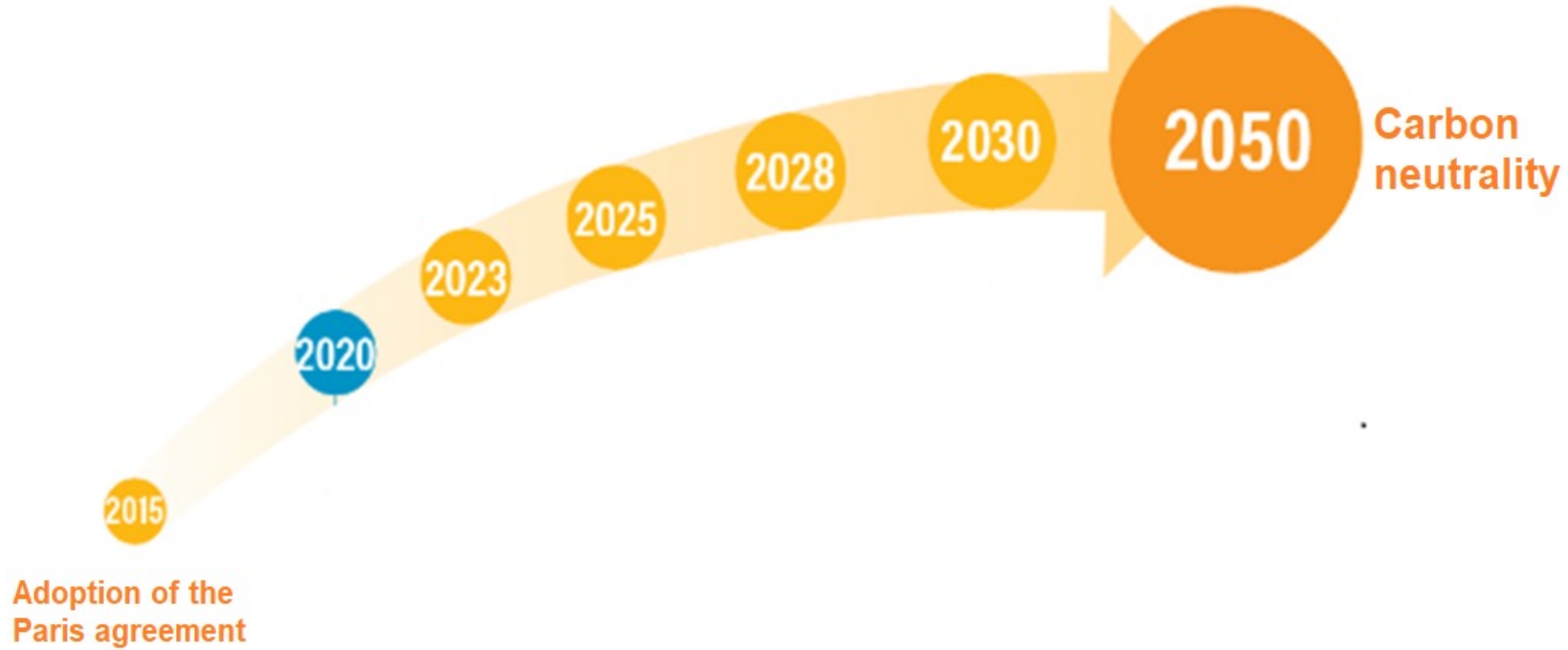
Agenda

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01 - Introduction

COP21 Paris agreement - 2015



To achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2050, as stipulated in the Paris agreement, the world economy has to shift away from fossil fuel energy towards renewable sources of energy. This is not going to be possible without a clean energy carrier, which allows to store renewable energy for long periods and transport it over long distances.

Introduction - Green hydrogen

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Green hydrogen is the best suited clean energy carrier to attain the carbon neutrality because:

- The worldwide uneven geographical distribution of renewable energy production potentials and demand will make the need to trade RE on a global scale.

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- By increasing the share of intermittent renewable energy in the electricity mix, it becomes more and more challenging to balance the temporal and spatial mismatch between the demand and the supply.

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- It will make the decarbonization of the so-called hard to abate sectors possible, which is an indispensable condition to achieve the carbon neutrality by the year 2050.

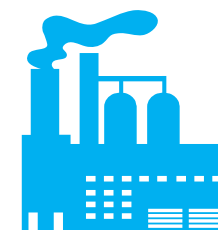
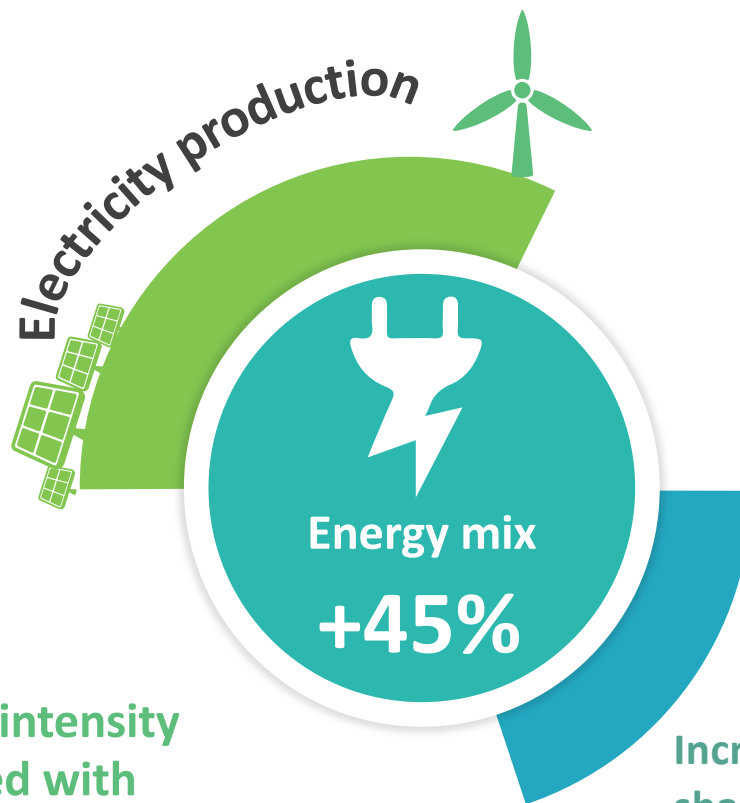
Tunisia's energy transition main targets



Carbon footprint reduction

+45%

Reduction of the carbon intensity by 45% in 2030, compared with the reference year 2010 (currently 30Mt CO₂/y)



Energy demand reduction

-30%

- 30% reduction in primary energy demand compared to a trend scenario by the year 2030.

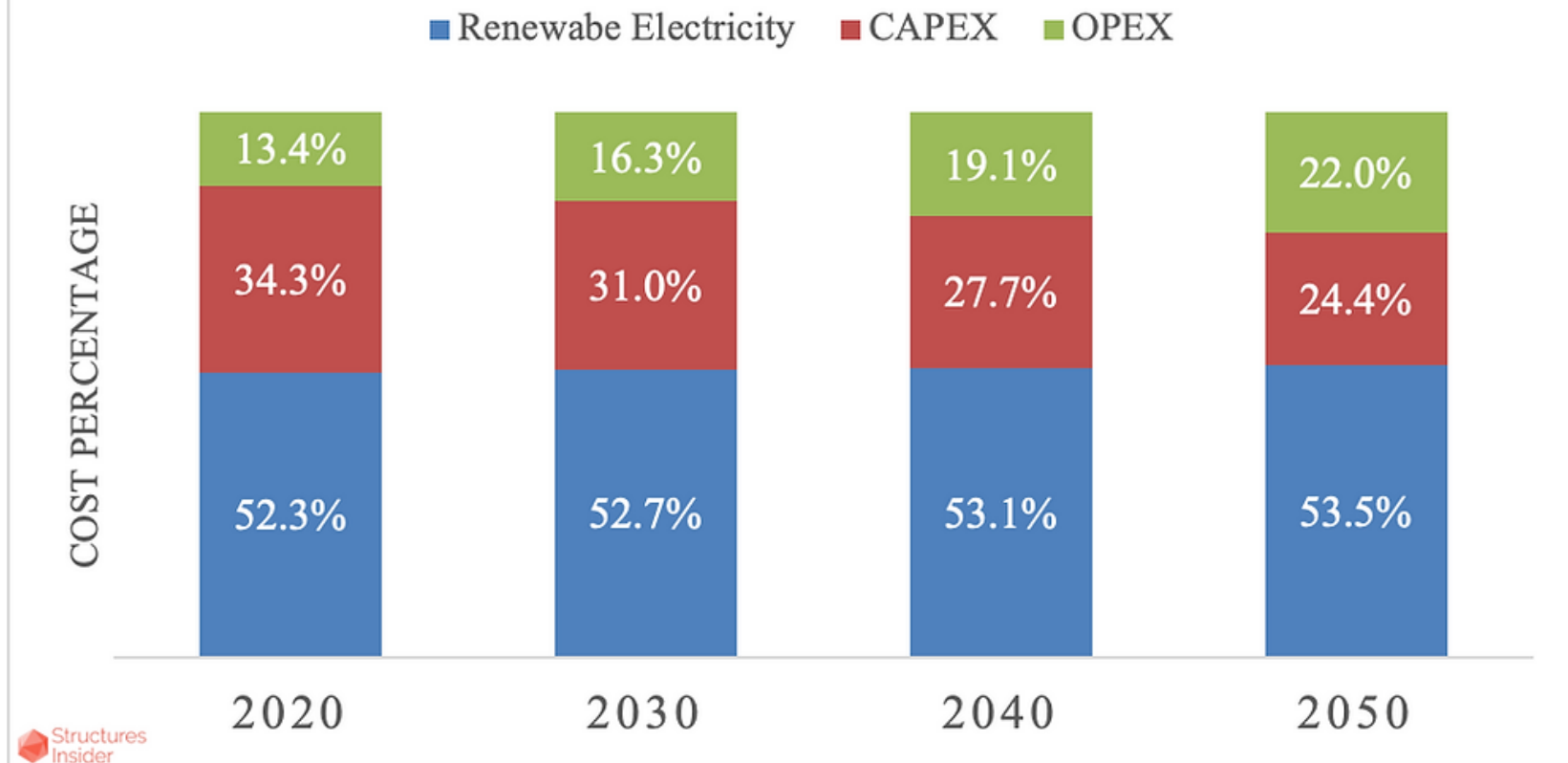
Increase of renewable energies share in the electricity generation mix up to 45%, by the year 2030 (actually 20k GWh/y)





02 – Tunisia's RE and GH₂ potentials

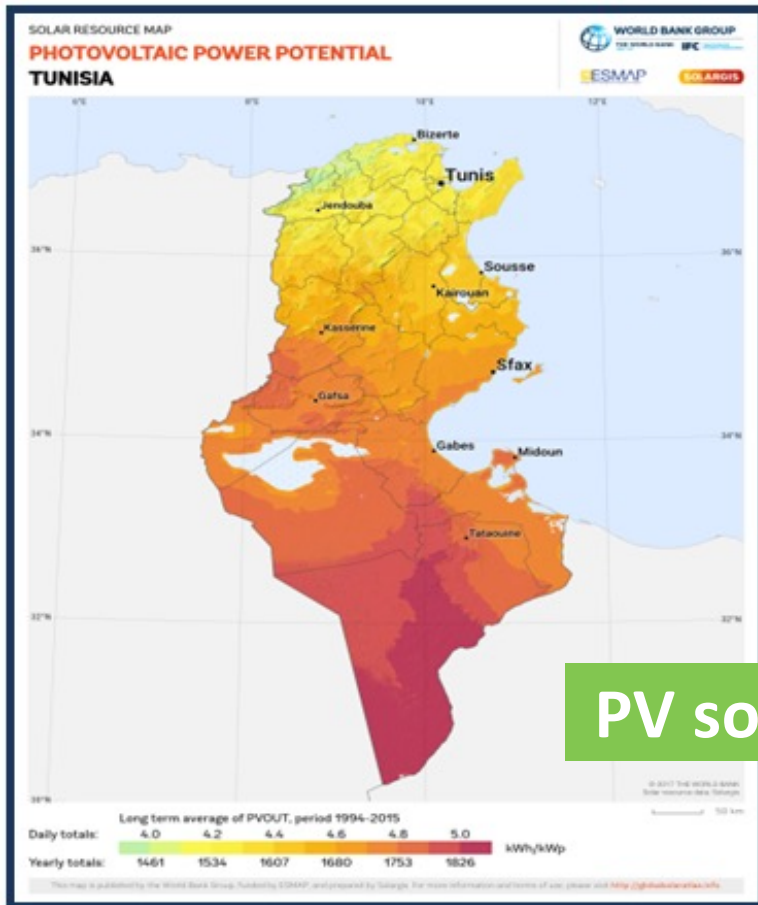
ESTIMATED GREEN HYDROGEN COST BREAKDOWN



The electricity is accounting for more than 50% of green hydrogen production cost, which means that only countries with abundant and cheap renewable energy have the potential to become green hydrogen producer.

Introduction - Green hydrogen

Renewable energy potential



PV solar energy

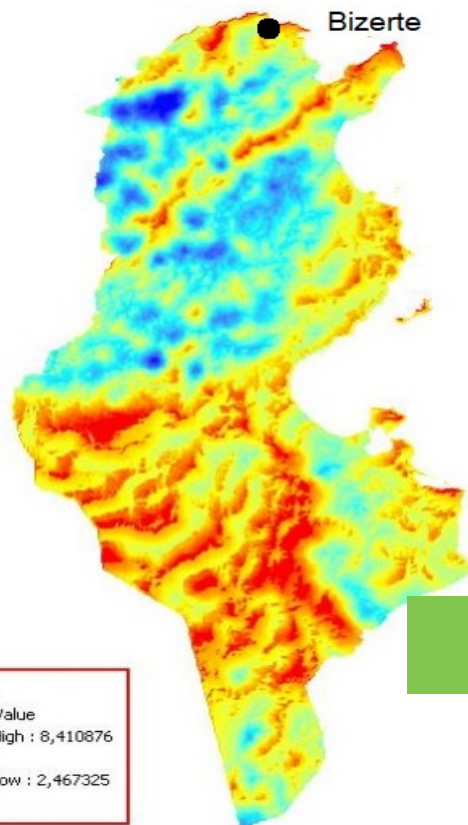
The exploitable potential of photovoltaic solar energy in Tunisia is estimated at 340-844 GW. The average global horizontal irradiation (GHI) is of the order of 1850 kWh/m² per year, which results in an average production of 1650 kWh/kWp per year (equal to 1650 hours at full power).



Renewable energy potential



Tunisia wind atlas (at 80m)

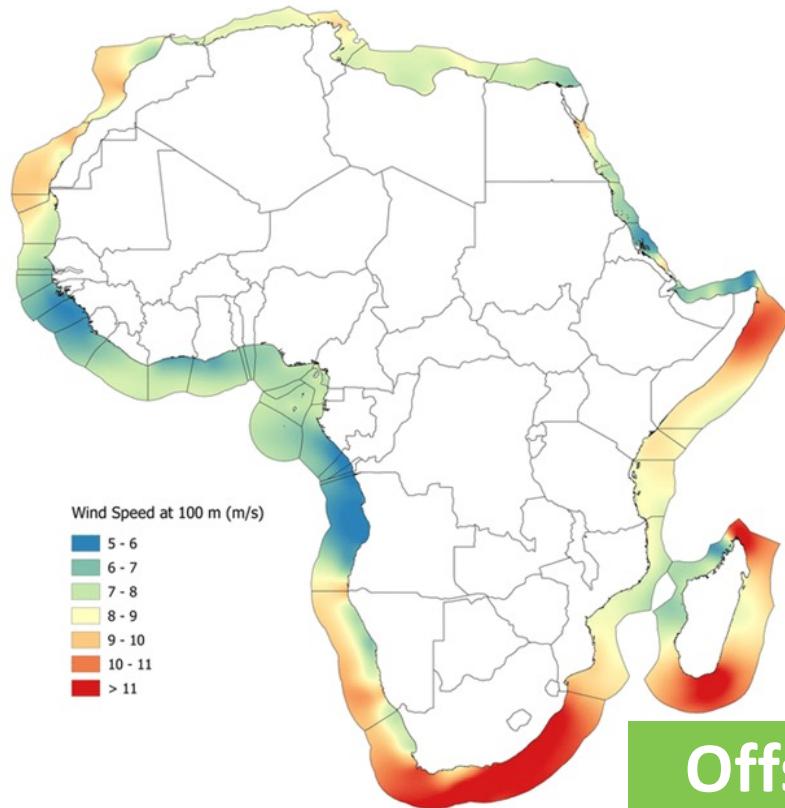


This map depicts Tunisia's wind atlas (at 80m), which identifies the sites with optimal wind conditions for setting up wind farms. The total energy potential for favorable sites in Tunisia is estimated at 10 GW over an exploitable area of 1600 km²

Onshore wind energy



Renewable energy potential



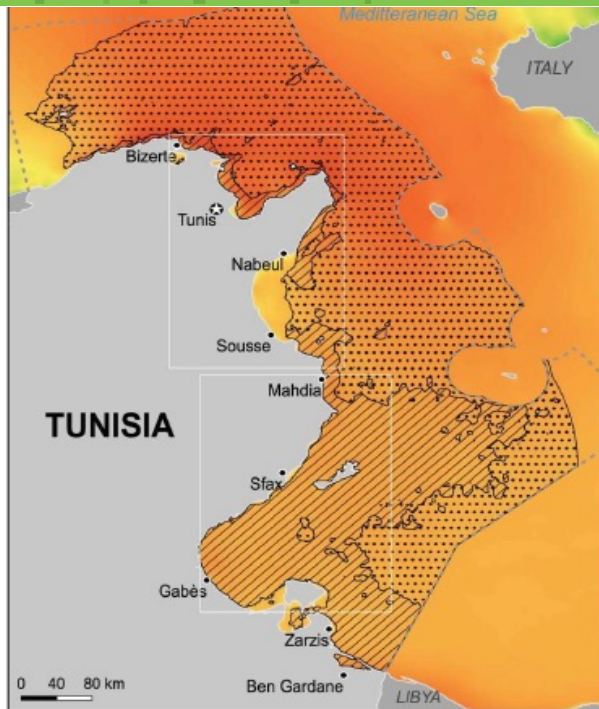
The 1700 km long coasts of Tunisia, have the best offshore wind energy resources among all African Mediterranean coastal regions. The total country's potential is estimated at 258GW.

Offshore wind energy

Continental-scale assesment of the african offshore wind potential

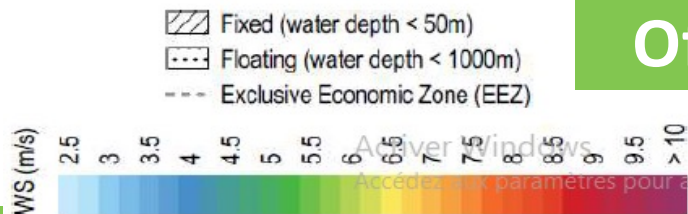


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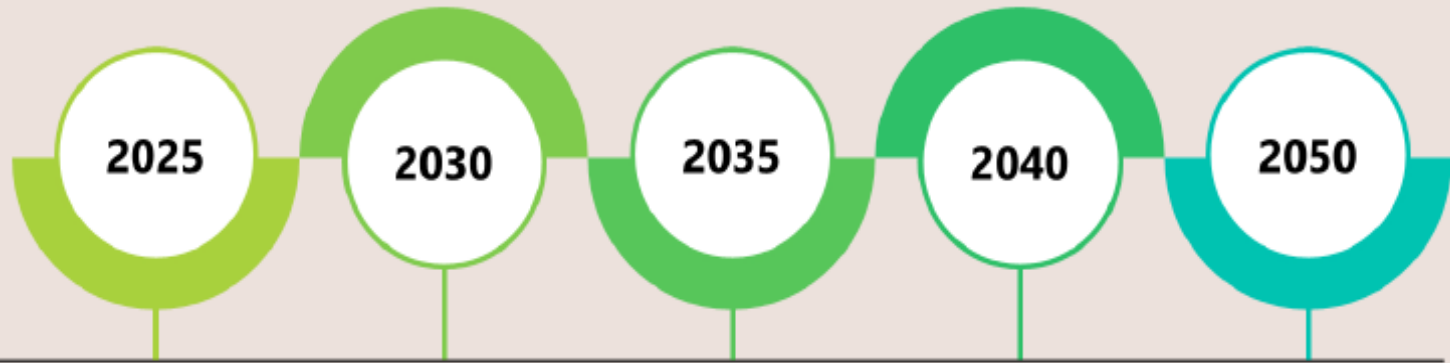
The continental shelf in the Tunisian territorial waters offer large shallow water areas (<50m) which make them suitable for the cost effective fixed foundation offshore wind turbines



Offshore wind energy





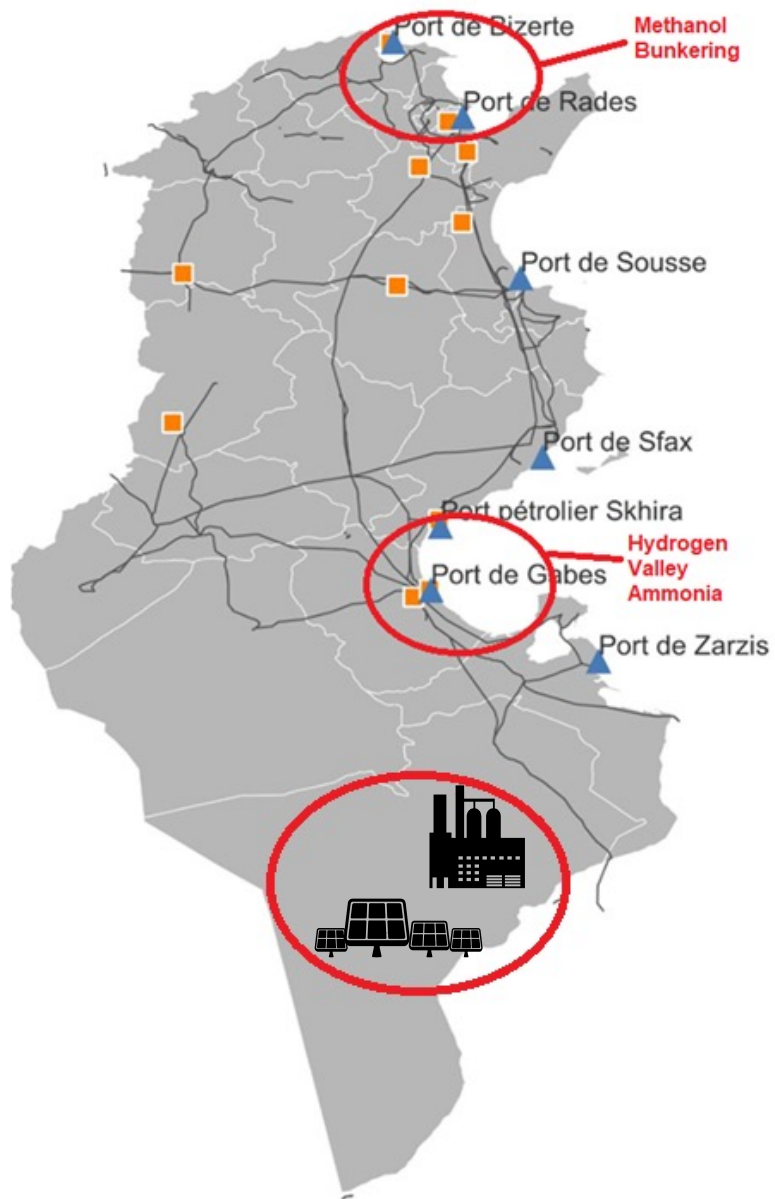
03 – Tunisian national green hydrogen strategy



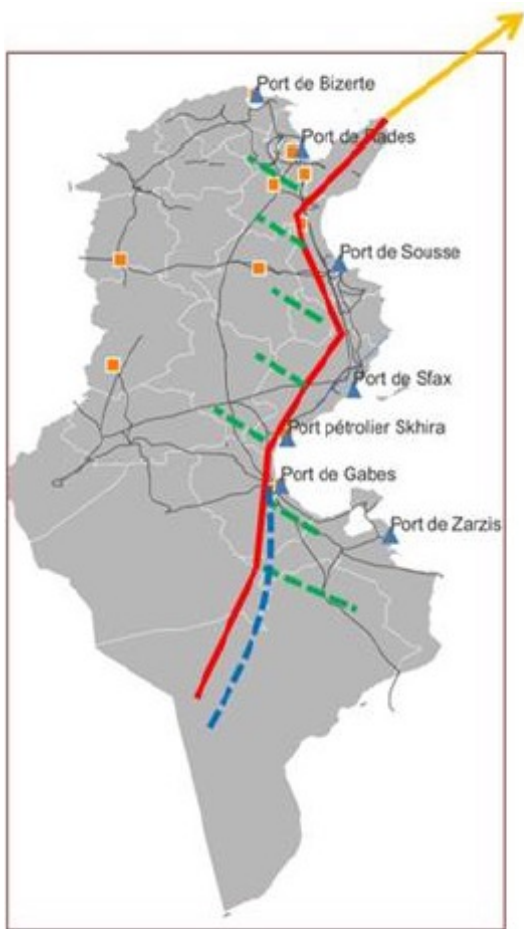
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2050
GH2 production (in Kt) 	-	~320	~1 100	~2 100	~8 300 (6 000 export H ₂ V par pipes)
Electrolyser capacity (GW) 	-	3,85	12,9	23,3	86,8
RE capacity (GW) 	-	~5	16,4	28,4	~100
Jobs (n) 	-	19 000	64 000	116 000	434 000
Avoided emissions (kt CO ₂ eq.) 	-	217	1 400	4 800	19 000

GH₂ National strategy

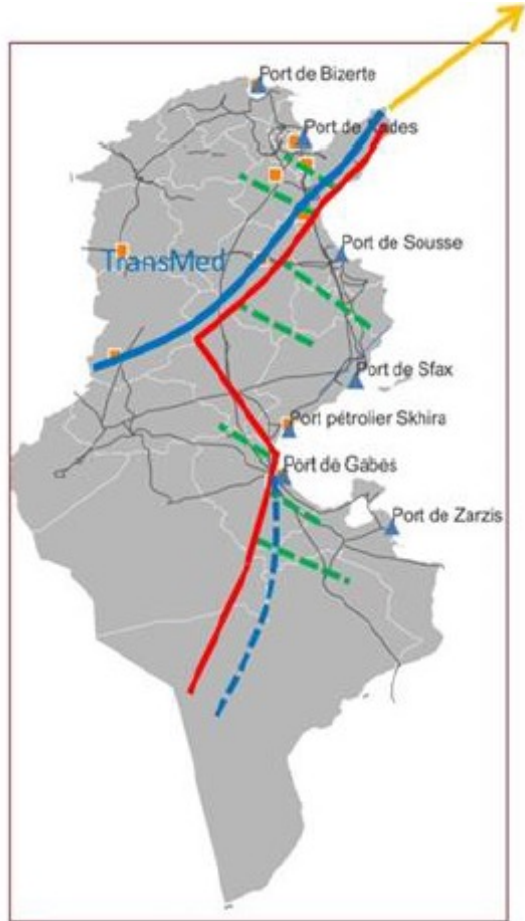
Tunisian green hydrogen roadmap



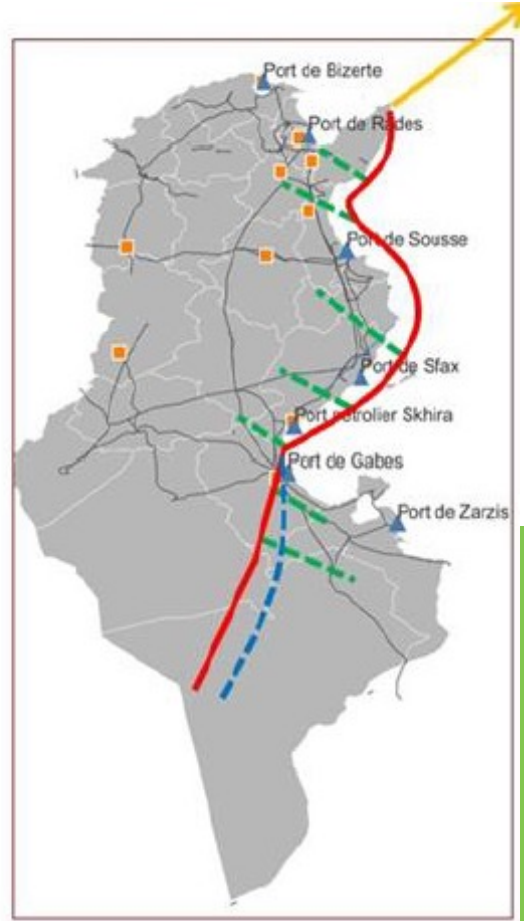
Identification of three hydrogen valleys in special economic zones (SEZ) where supply and demand are concentrated in order to accelerate the economic development of the sector.



Option 1



Option 2

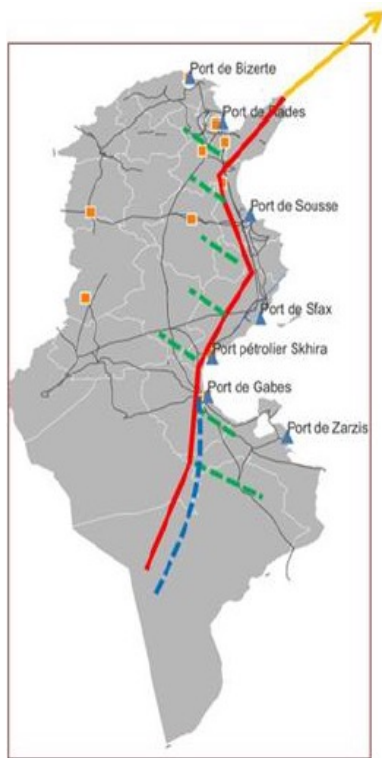


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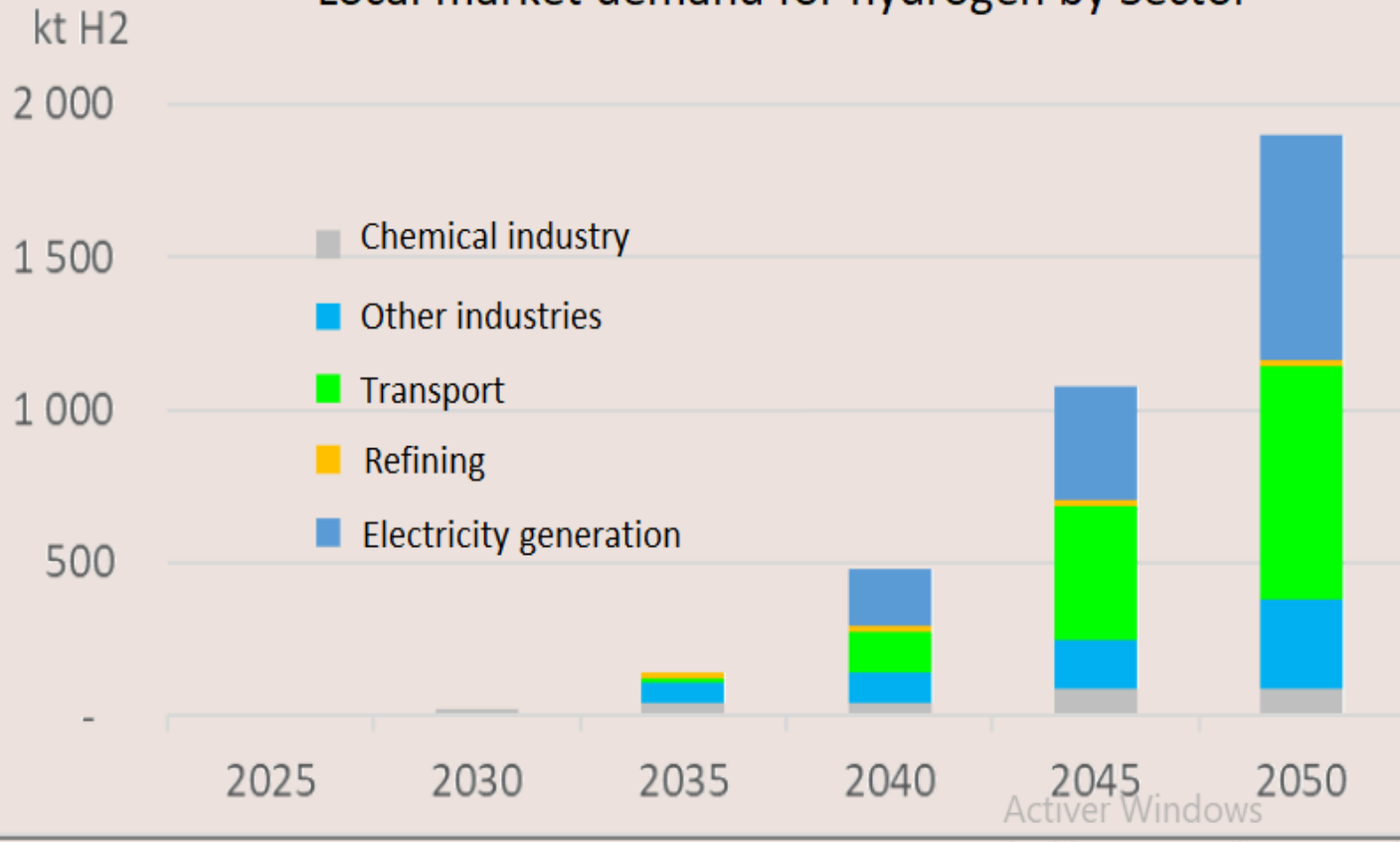
Option 3

A new dedicated gas pipeline would be necessary to ensure the collection of GH₂, produced in the south and its transport to the north of Tunisia before being exported to the EU via

a submarine pipeline, which will connect the Tunisian and the European hydrogen backbone.

A local distribution pipeline network will be built gradually to ensure the power supply of the local market beginning with the big industrial consumers

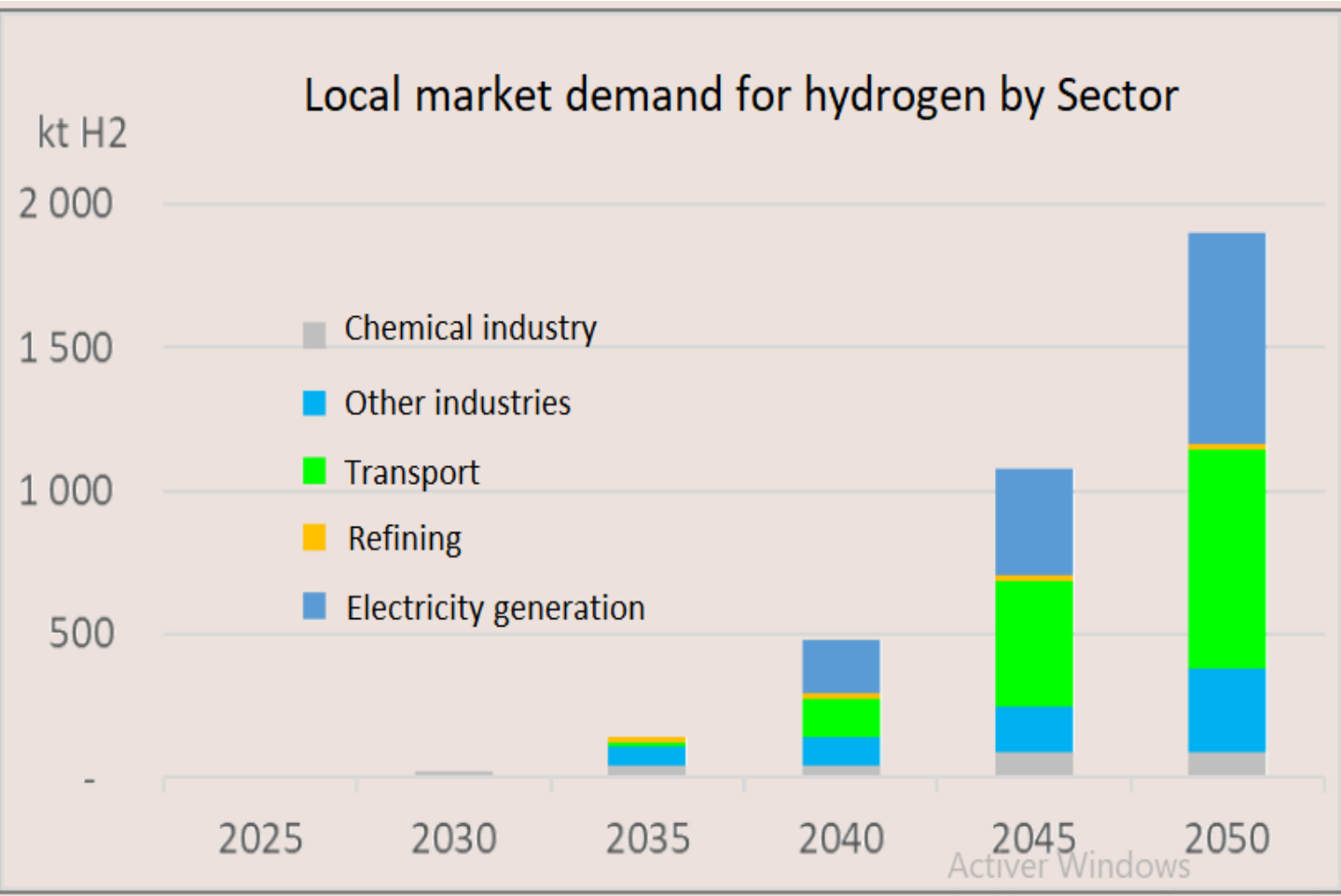
Local market demand for hydrogen by Sector



The local use of green hydrogen and its derivatives is considered as enabler and accelerator for:

- the Tunisian energy transition towards carbon neutrality ,
- the modernization of the local industry and
- the development of the national economy.

GH₂ National strategy

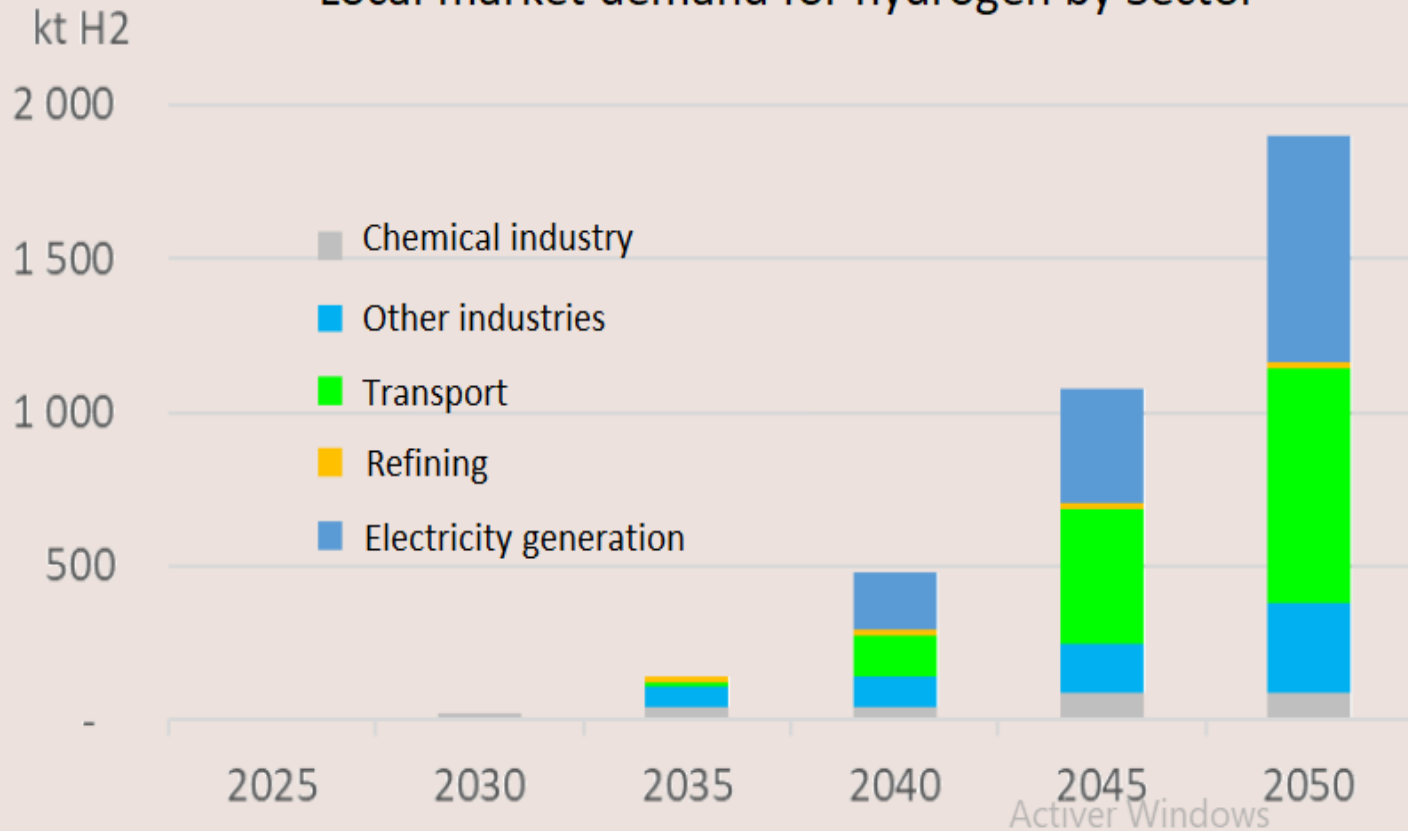


The main prospects for the development of GH₂ for the local market are as follow:

1 - The production of green ammonia for the Tunisian fertilizer industry. Tunisia could avoid ammonia imports, currently ranging from 250 – 400 Kt/a, and even become an exporting country by developing a green ammonia industry

GH₂ National strategy

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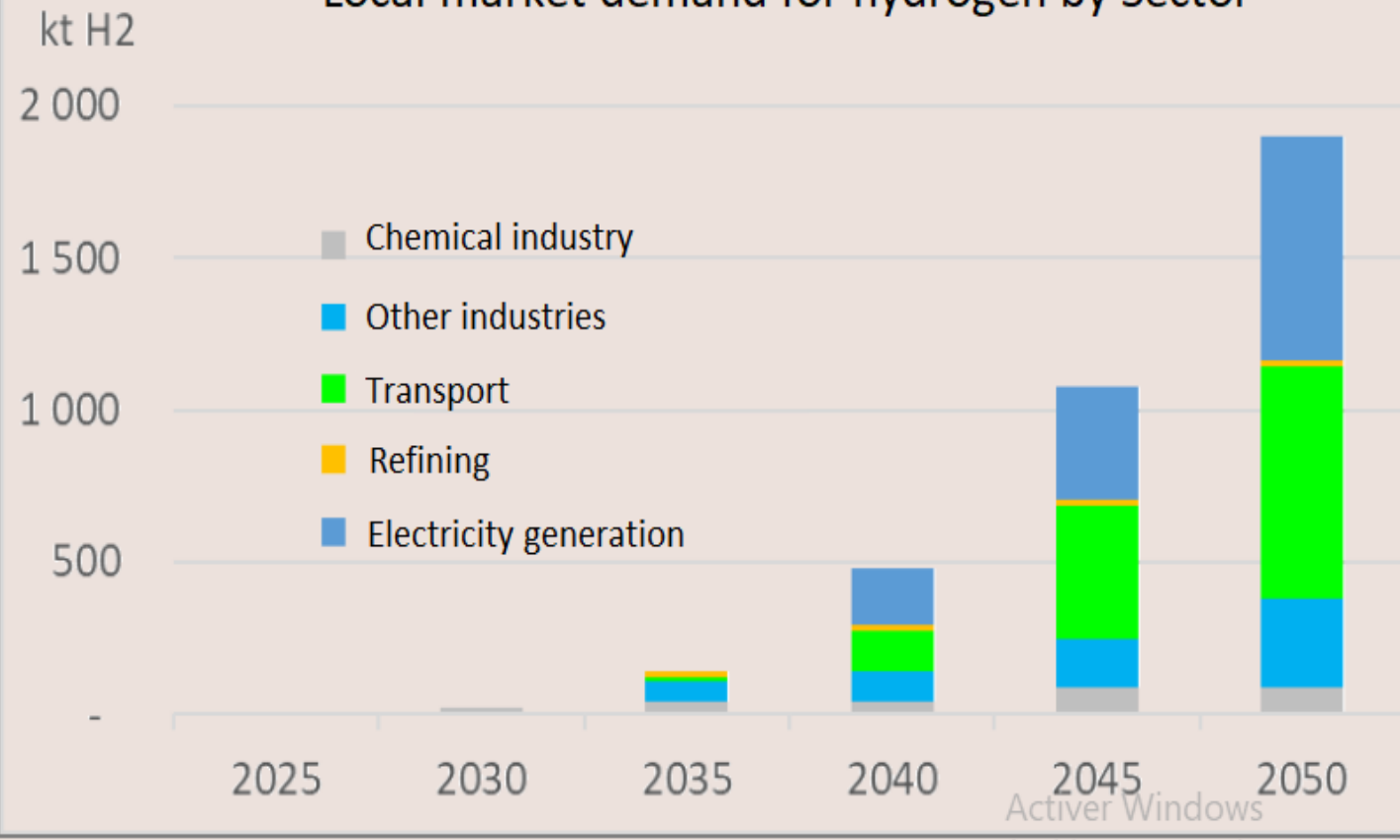


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2 – The production of sustainable fuels for heavy terrestrial and maritime transport and for the aviation industry (Sustainable Aviation fuels – SAF)

GH₂ National strategy

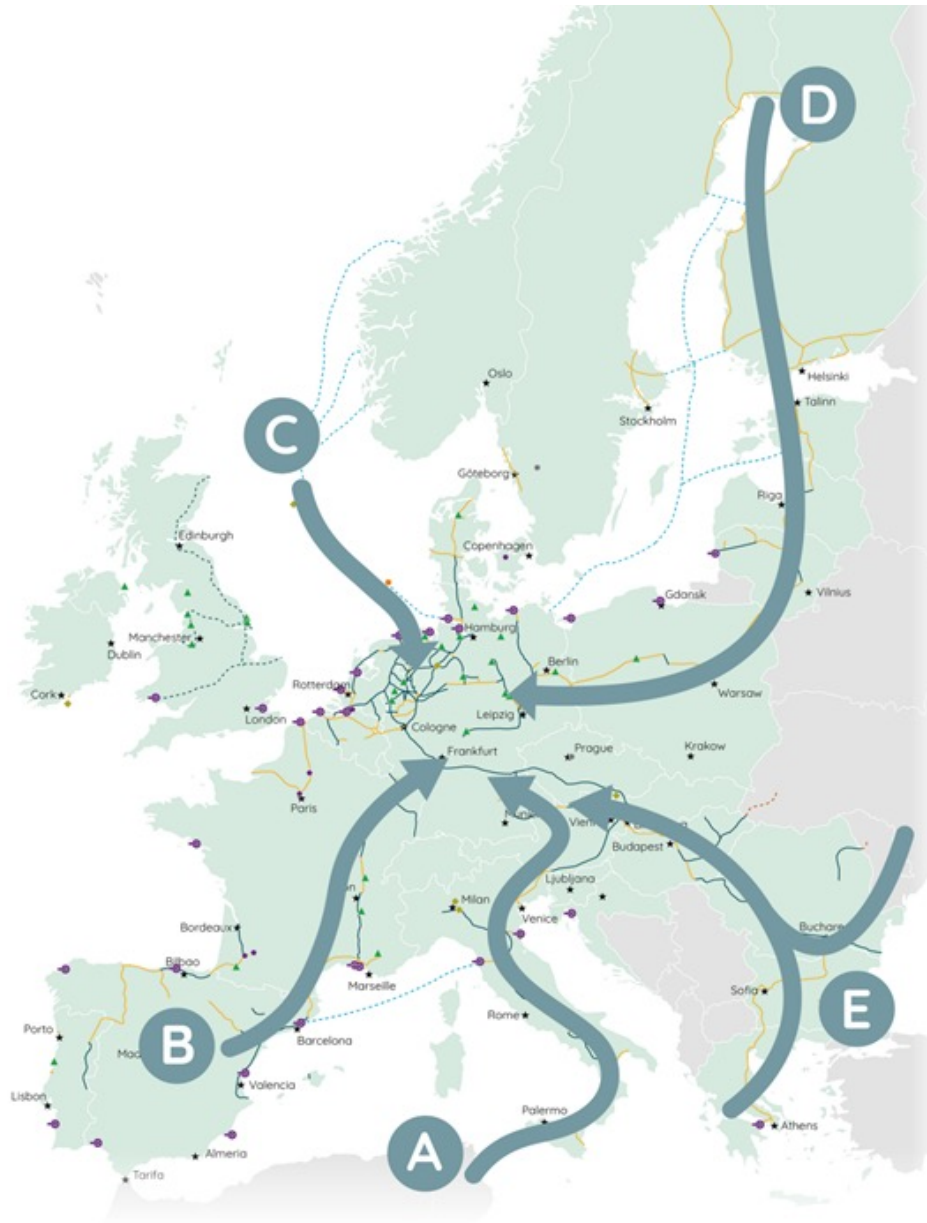
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3 - Electricity generation, most of the natural gas turbines of the national utility company – STEG are hydrogen ready. GH₂ could therefore replace partially the 4000 Ktep consumed currently to produce electricity

GH₂ National strategy



In addition to the local use, the export of green hydrogen and its derivatives is also considered as a main driver for the Tunisian economic and industrial

development. Europe's imports will rise up to 10Mt in 2030 and 40 Mt in 2050. In the European green hydrogen strategy, Tunisia is considered as a main supplier for the EU, via the corridor A.

GH₂ National strategy



04 – Green hydrogen economy benefits for Tunisia

TUNISIA'S GREEN HYDROGEN POTENTIAL

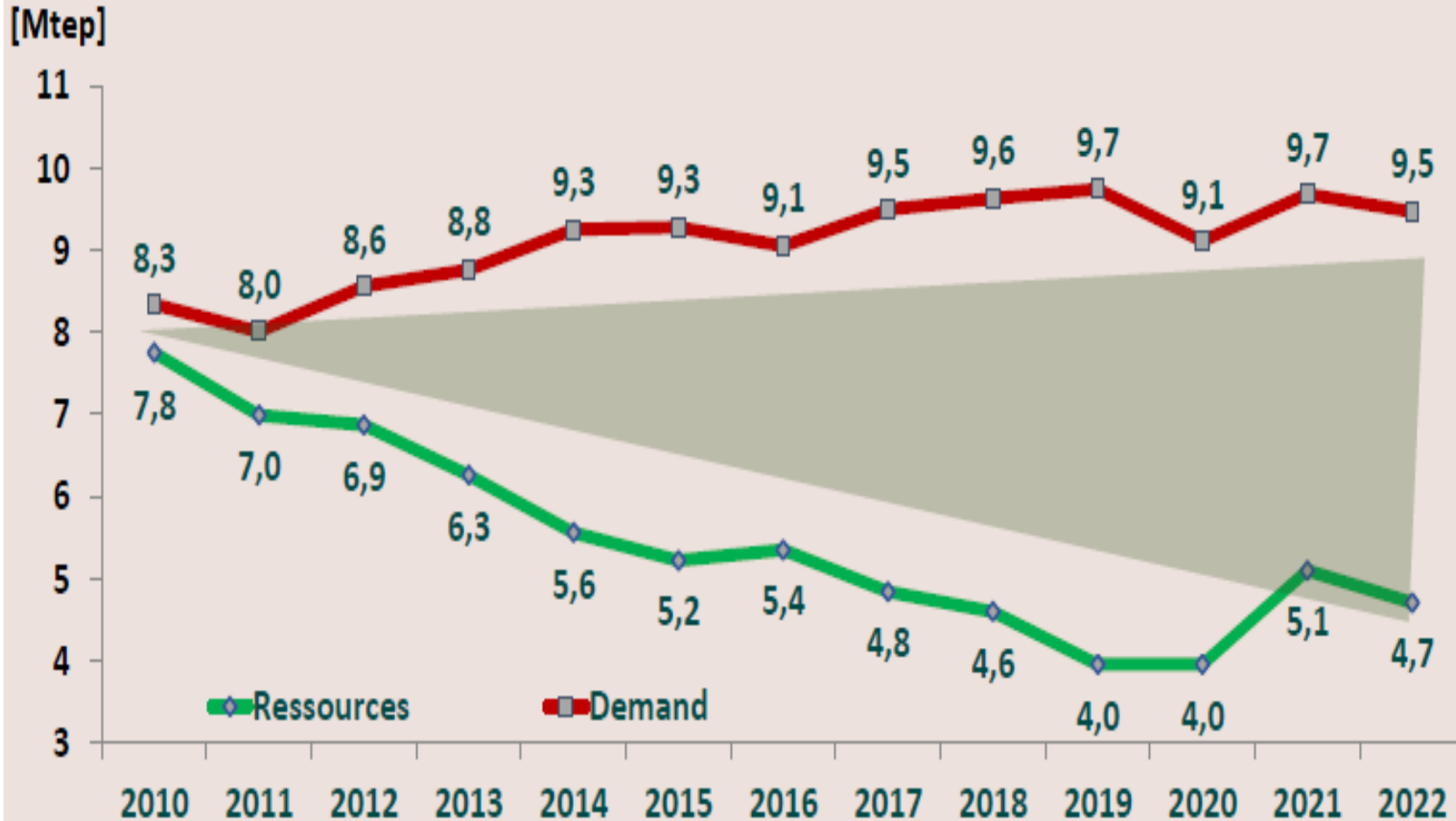


8 -10 Million tons production capacity

6 – 8 Million tons for export

2- 4 Million tons for local use

Rising energy deficit

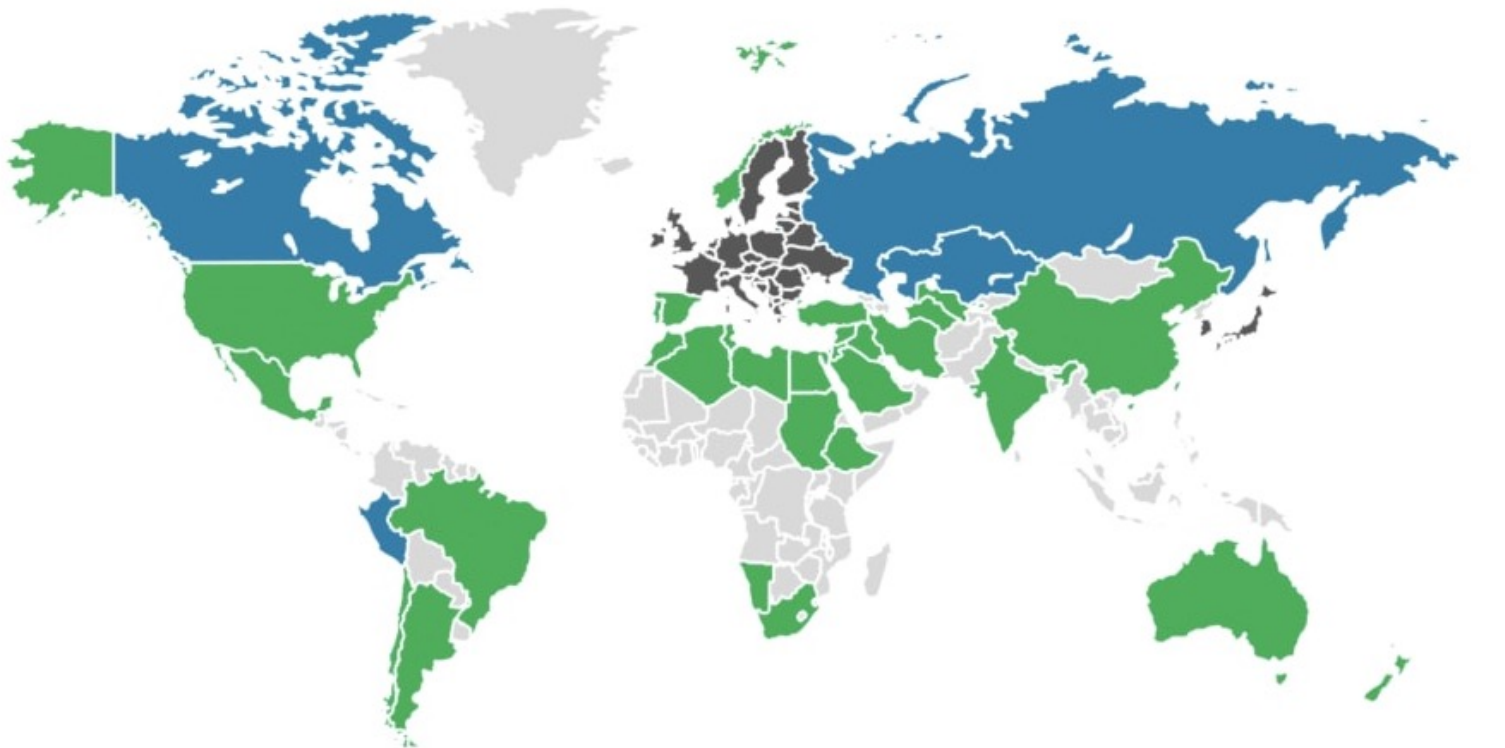


Energy balance

During the last decade the energy deficit has risen to the tenfold. Therefore, Tunisia is compelled to resort massively to imports in order to cover almost half of its energy needs, a situation which undermines markedly its energy security. In Tunisia, energy subsidies represent 58% of development expenditure, 13% of the state budget or 3.7% of GDP.

The massive use of RE and GH2 could tackle effectively the rising energy deficit





Significant renewable energy potential

Significant low-carbon H₂ production potential

Insufficient local H₂ production

H₂ production potential and demand to be determined

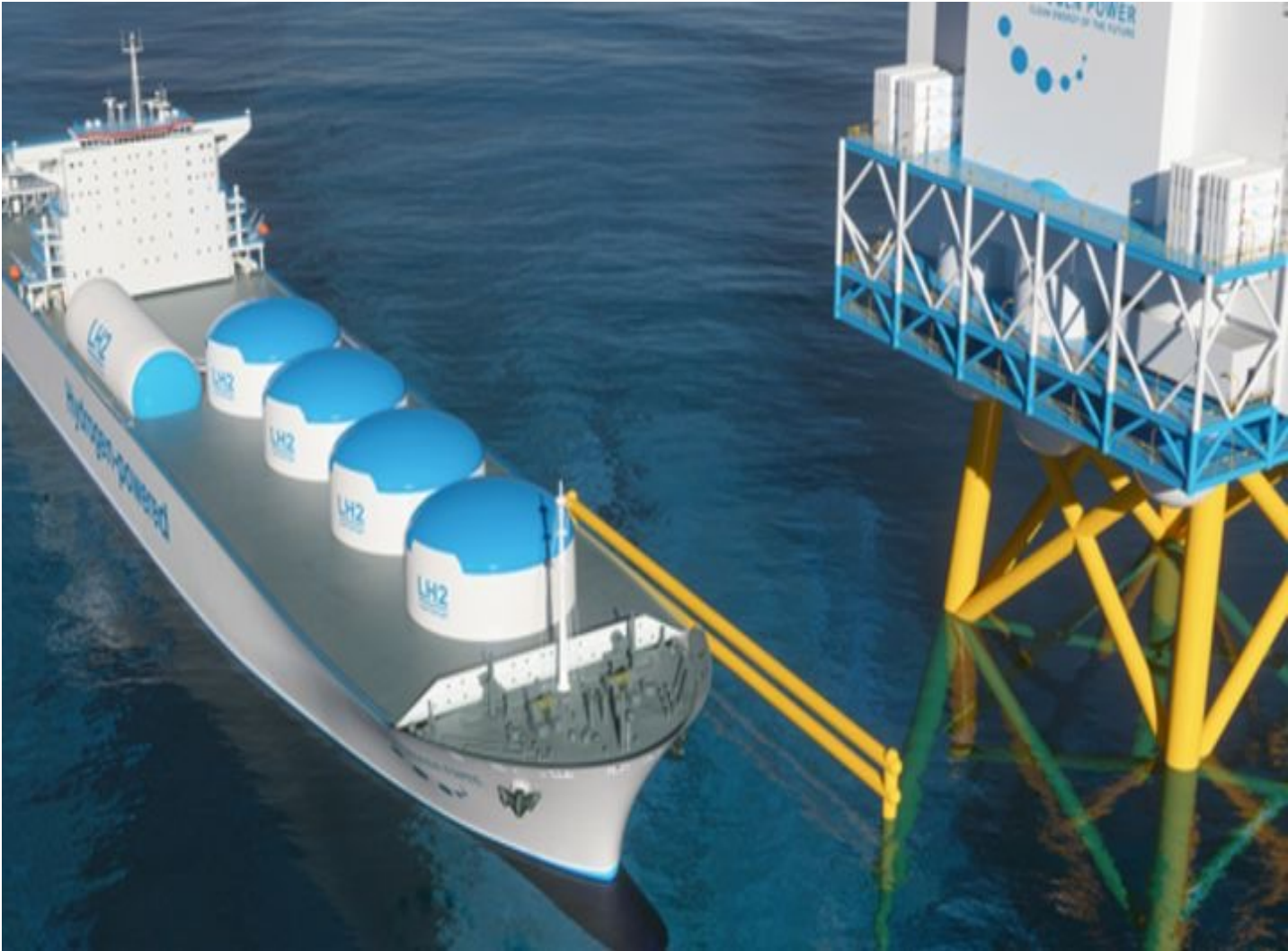


Proximity to EU

The proximity to Europe, which is one of the most mature and demanding markets for green hydrogen and derivatives worldwide, allows Tunisia to export via pipelines. This mode of transport remains unbeaten from the point of cost, sustainability and reliability and therefore constitutes a significant competitive advantage for Tunisia to become a major green hydrogen producer and supplier for EU.



Location advantage

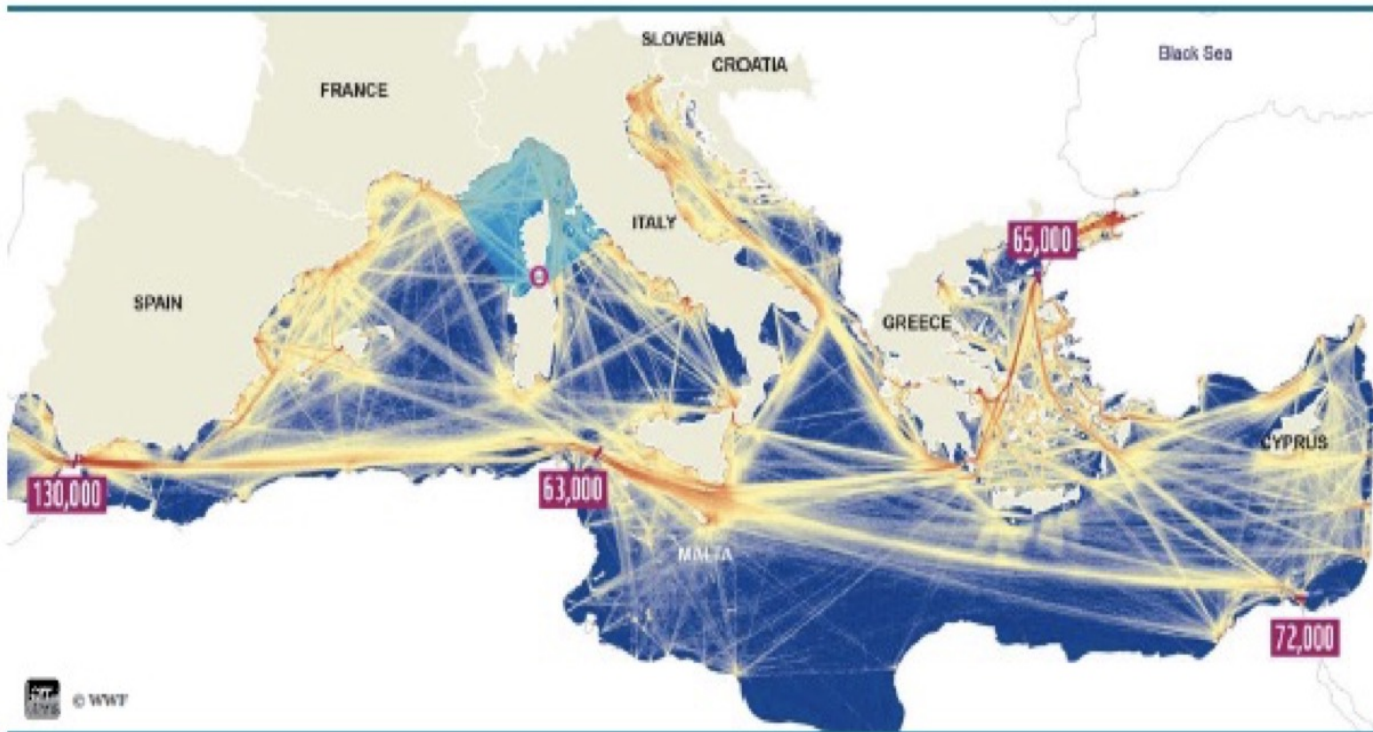


The financial manna coming from the export of green hydrogen and its derivatives is considered as a main driver for economic and industrial development since it will provide

Tunisia with the resources to overcome its budgetary difficulties, to decarbonize its economy, to modernize its industry, etc.

The benefits of green hydrogen

The export of green hydrogen and derivatives could be made by LH2 or LOHC tankers



DENSITY OF VESSELS TRACKS

TOTAL OF DIFFERENT VESSELS INVOLVED: 38,897
Interpolation / Log scaling / Year 2014



*In 1 pixel of 1x1 km
Source: AIS density maps by **navama** technology for nature

■ APPROXIMATION OF NUMBER OF DENSITY TRACKS IN SHIP CHANNEL

PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREAS (PSSA)

- STRAIT OF BONIFACIO
- IN PROJECT AREA

Source: IMO <http://pssa.imo.org/> (2015) / MAPAMED (2014)

The Mediterranean Sea is one of the busiest waterways in the world accounting for more than 20% of the world's water-borne trade. More than 150,000 ships pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and the Suez canal carrying

over 900 million tons of cargo.

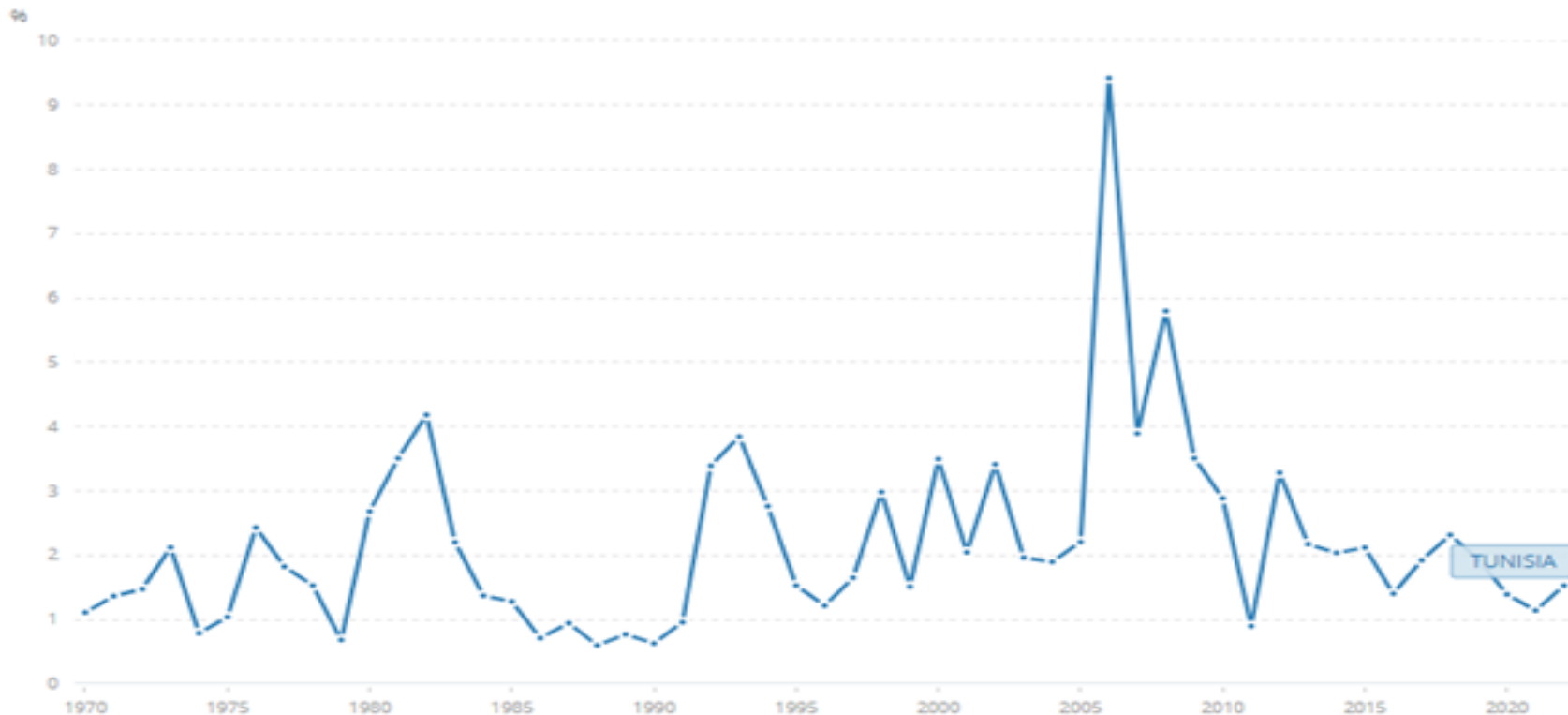
One of the major sea routes in the Mediterranean “Sicily strait” passes by the doorsteps of the Tunisian city of Bizerte, which makes this location very interesting to setup a global green hydrogen bunkering station.

The benefits of green hydrogen



Setting up a bunkering station in the north of Tunisia would mean exporting green hydrogen at no transport costs.

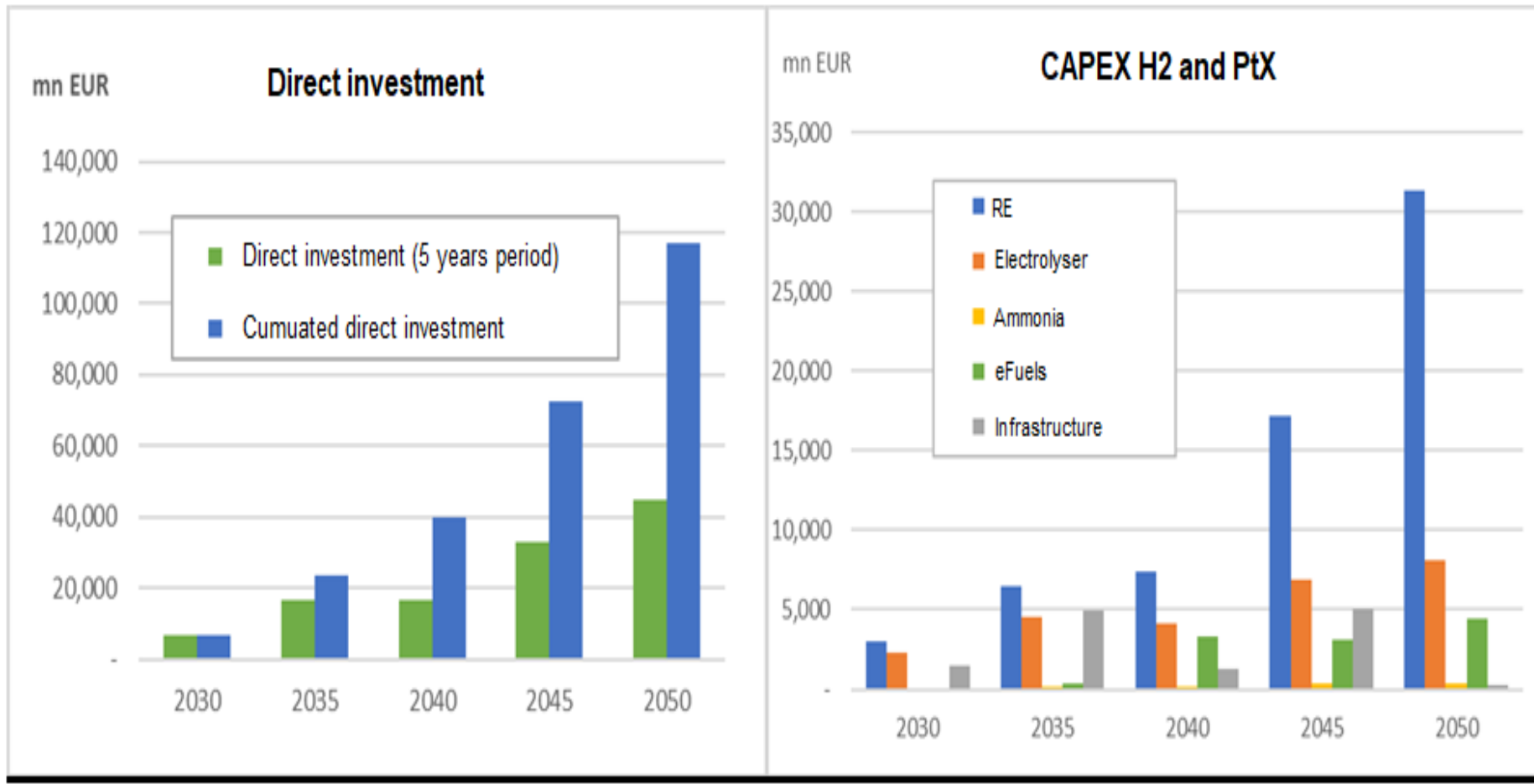
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Foreign Direct Investment, net inflows (% of GDP) - TUNISIA

The political and social instability in recent years, Foreign Direct Investment in Tunisia's economy have declined markedly. The investment in the new green hydrogen economy will boost foreign investment (15b€/MtH₂)

The benefits of green hydrogen



The development of the green hydrogen sector will contribute to attract much needed foreign capital to revitalize the Tunisian economy since most of the projects will be financed by Foreign Direct Investments. They are presented here in terms of cumulative total until 2050.

The benefits of green hydrogen

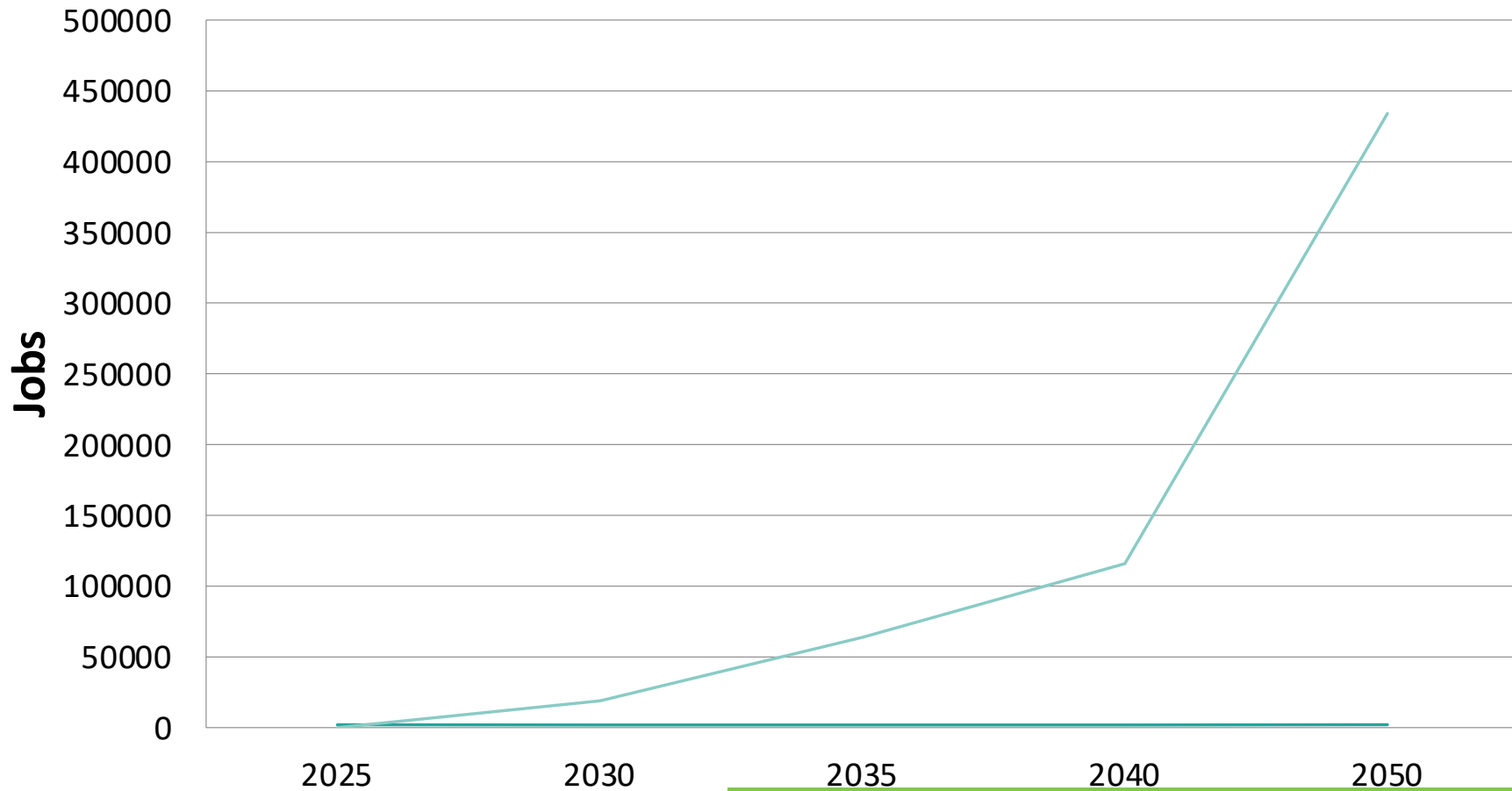
JOB CREATION ECONOMIC GROWTH



In Tunisia 1% of economic growth can create 10 – 40 k jobs

The benefits of green hydrogen

Green hydrogen economy contribution to job creation



The benefits of green hydrogen

According to the national green hydrogen strategy, up to 450K jobs will be created

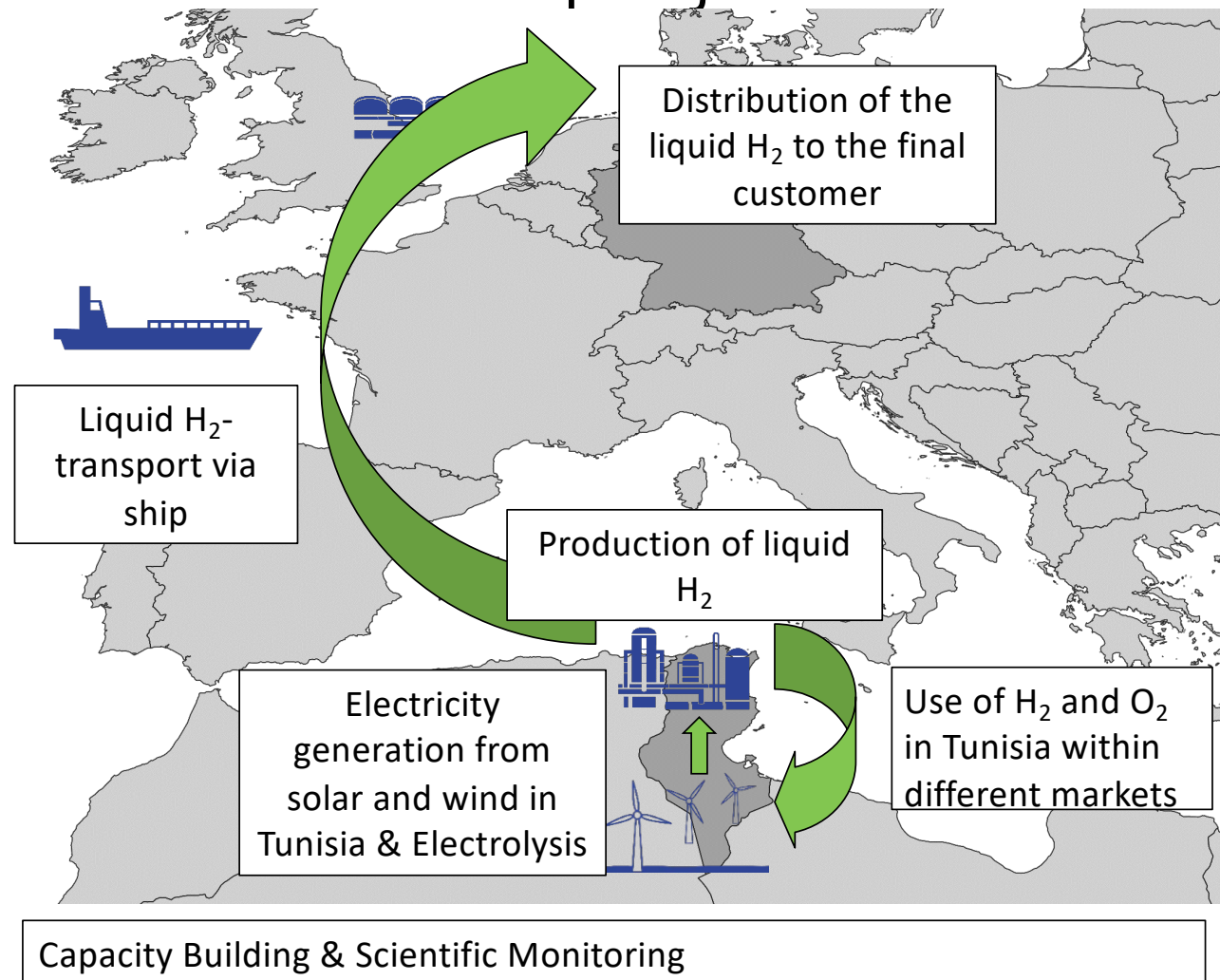


05 – Selection of actual green hydrogen projects

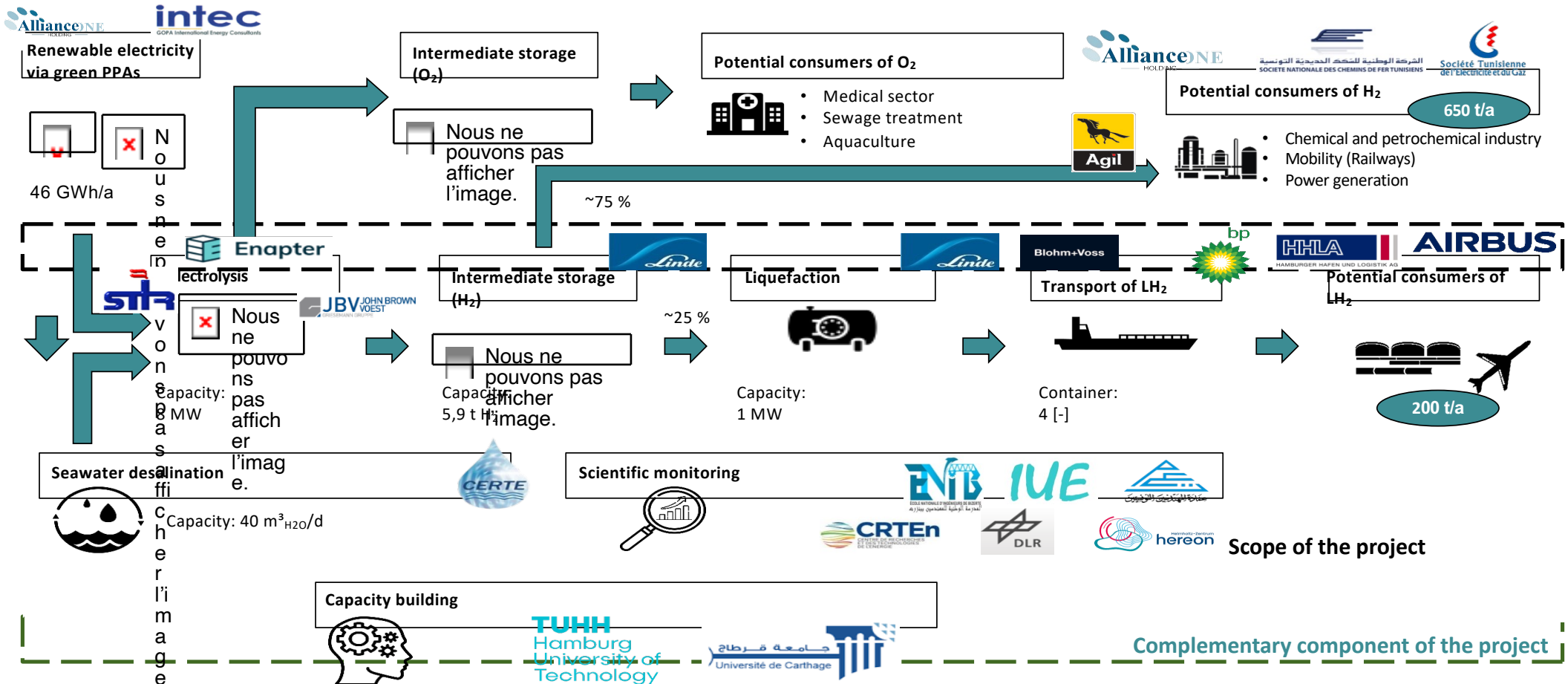


Pilot project Bizerte - Hamburg

Key components of the project



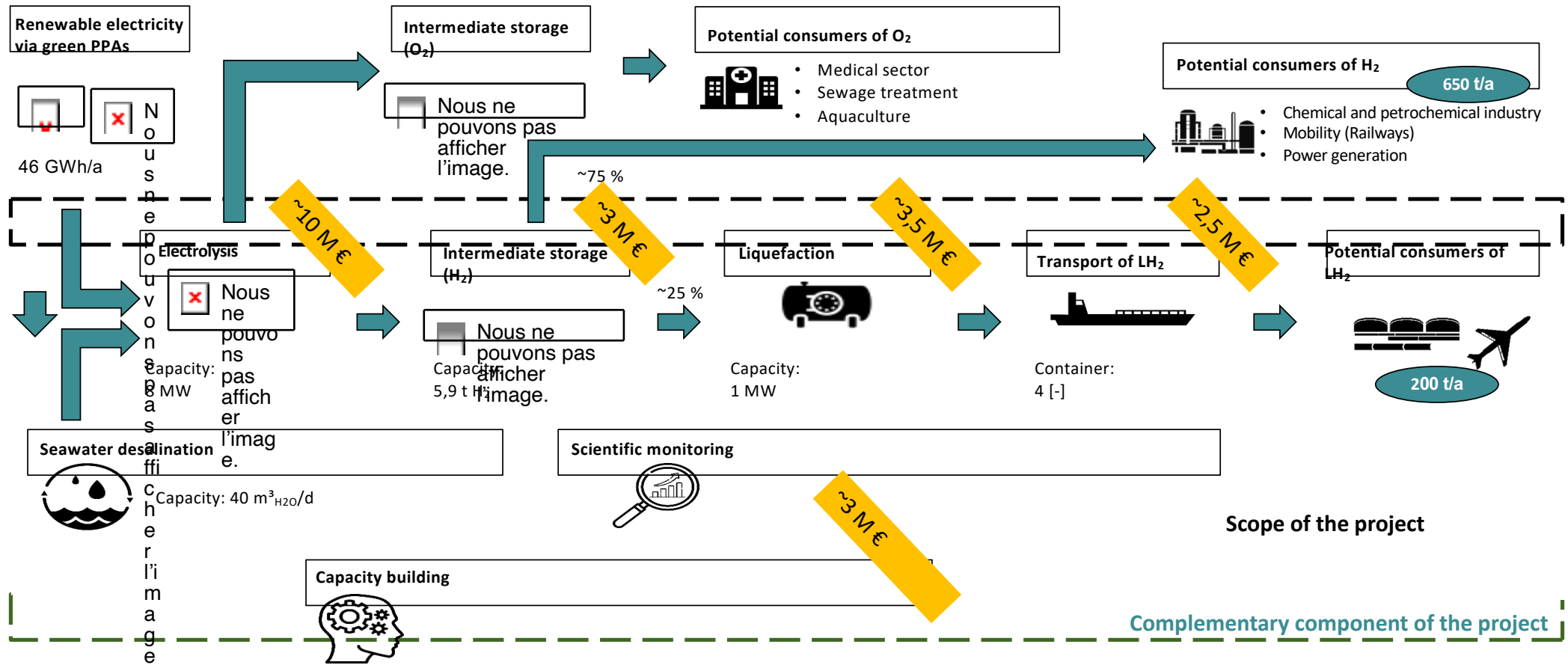
Project concept – General overview



Project concept – Estimation of investment

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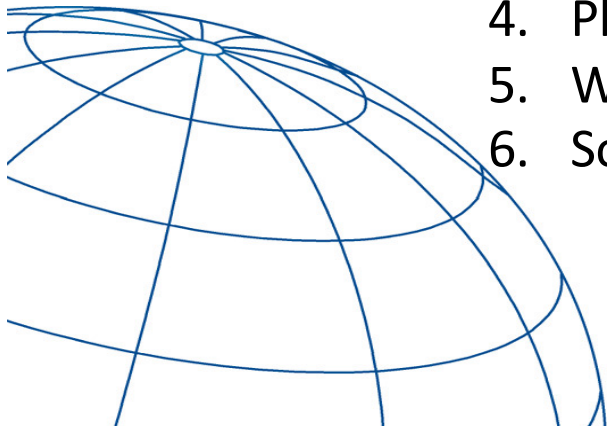
If KfW provides funding, a total of 22 million euros will be available for the construction and operation of the plant, with a further 3 million euros for capacity building.



INTEGRATED GREEN PROJECT

(Investment 10 billion \$ / Jobs up to 17000)

1. Phosphate Extraction and Enrichment Industrial Complex Sra Ouerten including green ammonia production (Production 6 million tons /year Phosphate and derivatives)
2. Cement Fabrik – Béja (1 million ton of Clinker or 1.2 million tons of cement/year); '*Dry Process*', a green technology)
3. Multipurpose ECOPORT Sabra marine terminal – Bizerte
4. Photovoltaic power plant (600MWp)
5. Water disalination 110 million m³ / year
6. Solar Street-lights International







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Thank You for your kind attention

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