



SMARTENERGY

2,5 GW H₂ Electrolyser capacity by 2030 – opportunity and challenge for developers

The path to 2.5 GW of Green Hydrogen, Portugal Renewable Energy Summit
November 2021

Christian Pho Duc, CTO & Managing Director H₂ Projects SMARTENERGY Group AG

Smartenergy, 10 years of commitment to PV, Wind and Green Hydrogen in Europe

Core competences



Electricity supply from **Renewables** for on-grid and off-grid projects



Developing project finance projects and availability of funding mechanism to **overcome initial market failures**



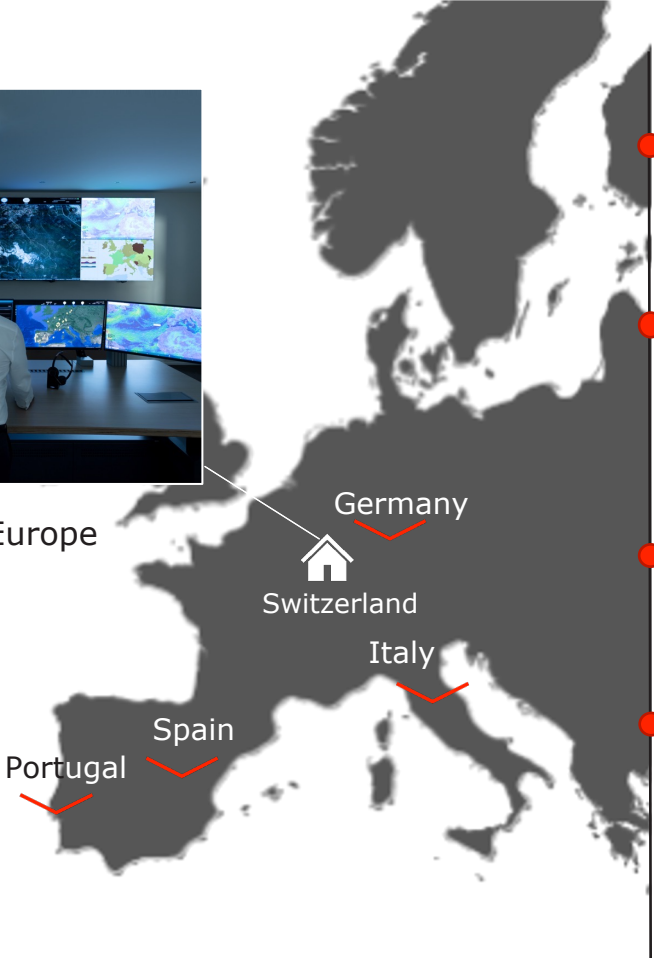
Setting up solutions along the value chain including **Permitting**



Large scale, reliable and cost competitive **Green Hydrogen** production



Our offices in Europe



+3 GW
PV Portfolio

+750 MW
H₂ projects pipeline,
including IPCEI and
Green Deal applications



+ 70
employees

+10 dedicated H₂
team technical and
regulatory and public
affairs

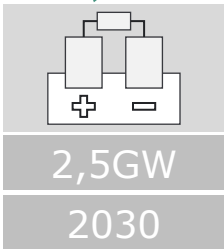
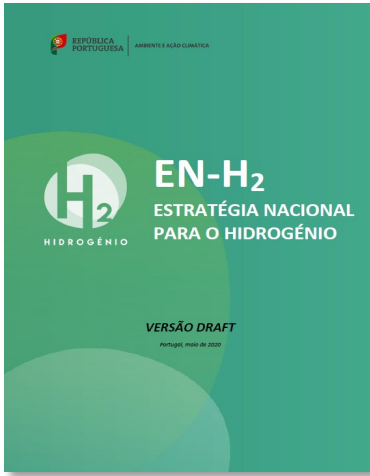


Huge renewables deployment and overcoming H2 project barriers is needed in Portugal for the achievement of the 2.5GW EL H2

Prospects for the evolution of the installed capacity for electricity production in Portugal (PNEC 2020 & H2 Strategy)

	2025	2030
	6.8 GW	9.3 GW
	6.6 GW	9,0 GW
H2 production capacity (Sines)	250-300 MW	1 - 1.5 GW
H2 production capacity decentral	150-200 MW	0.5 - 1 GW
H2 production small units <5 MW	50 MW	100 MW

- Land availability / public acceptance
- Grid connection / fees
- Intensive energy users legislation and support
- Funding scheme
- Integration into EU "waves"



Calibrating projects to optimize LCOE becomes the critical factor for commercial viability

Green H₂-production parameters in Portugal (indicative numbers)

Technical characteristics	PV only	+ grid electricity at selected tariff windows ¹⁾	+ grid electricity at any time ²⁾
Achievable Load factor Electrolyzer	c. 35%	c. 53%-69%	c. 100%
Required Electrolyzer size (MW)	c. 120	c. 60-80	c. 43
Required PV capacity, with tracker (MW)	c. 230	c. 165	c. 130
Estimated LCOH (EUR/kg H ₂)	c. 3.9-4.2 EUR	c. 3.5-4.2 EUR	c. 3.4-4.2 EUR

- Assumption based on 50MW EL.
- Adding grid electricity, increases the Load Factor and enables a more continuous production.
- LCOH become less dependent on Electrolyzer CAPEX, but are strongly influenced by OPEX (electricity costs from the grid, including fees)
- Each setup has its benefits, depending on specific project characteristics

1) For example at night or during weekends, when there are lower grid fees. This depends on country-specific grid regulation.

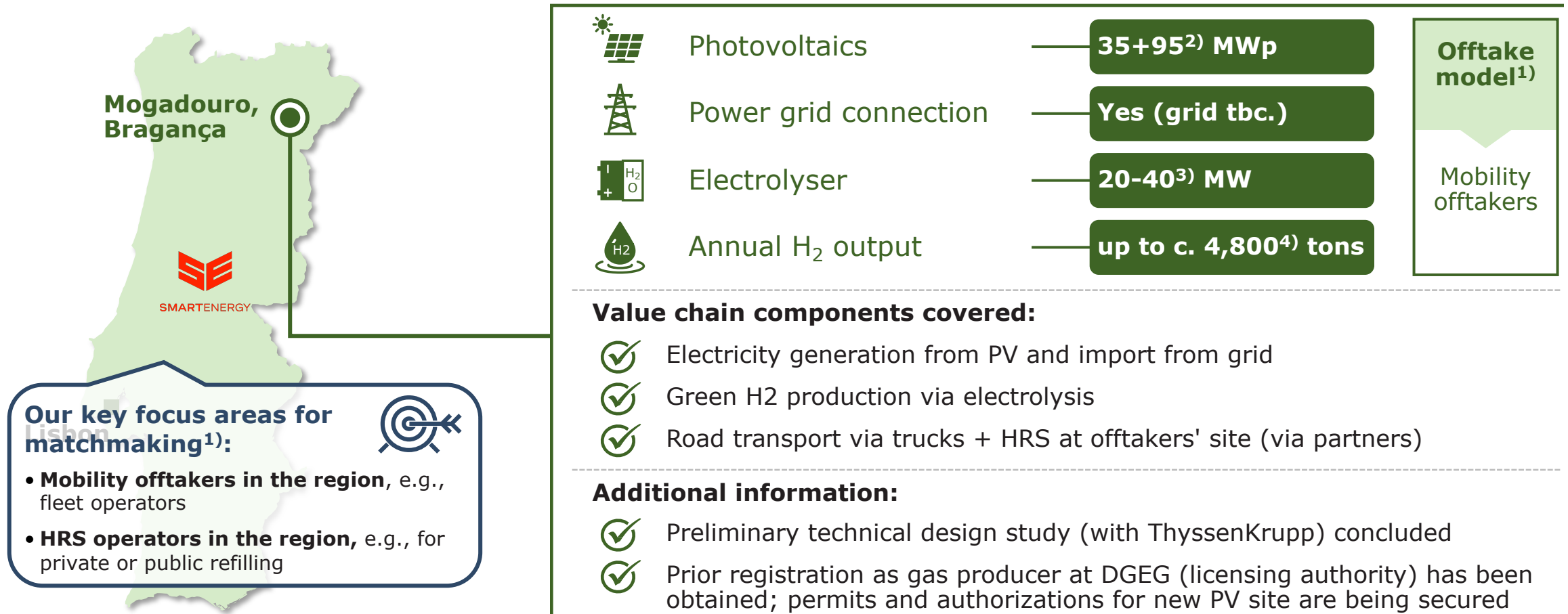
2) Operating the Electrolyzer at full capacity and import electricity at "any cost". In this case, we would also

Source: SMARTENERGY Group AG



Smartenergy project example SABOR (Mogadouro)

Development of a 20+20 MW electrolyser to supply green H₂ to mobility offtakers



Source: SMARTENERGY Group AG

1) Project initially designed for offtake by mobility firms; other offtake models (e.g., industry, int'l offtakers) conceivable if specific opportunities arise; 2) New off-grid PV Plant (35 MWp) under dev. + grid-connected PV plants Mogadouro & Betty (95 MWp); 3) 20 MW built in 1st phase, 20 MW to be pot. added; 4) 40 MW electr.

Smartenergy project example: IPCEI project REAL (Cadaval)

Development of a 100 MW EL project for for gas grid injection and support growing demand in transport and mobility in the region

Our key focus areas for matchmaking¹⁾:





- Industry offtakers of green H₂ connected to Iberian natural gas grid
- Industry offtakers of green H₂ (as feedstock) in Iberia (e.g. ammonia, methanol)
- International industry offtakers of green H₂ to be served via other means of transport



Cadaval, Rio Maior

Lisbon

SMARTENERGY

	Photovoltaics	150 MWp
	Power grid connection	Off-grid (grid tbd.)
	Electrolyser	100 MW
	Annual H ₂ output	up to c. 4,450 tons

Value chain components covered:

- ✓ Electricity generation from PV
- ✓ Battery storage for load stabilization
- ✓ Green H₂ production via electrolysis

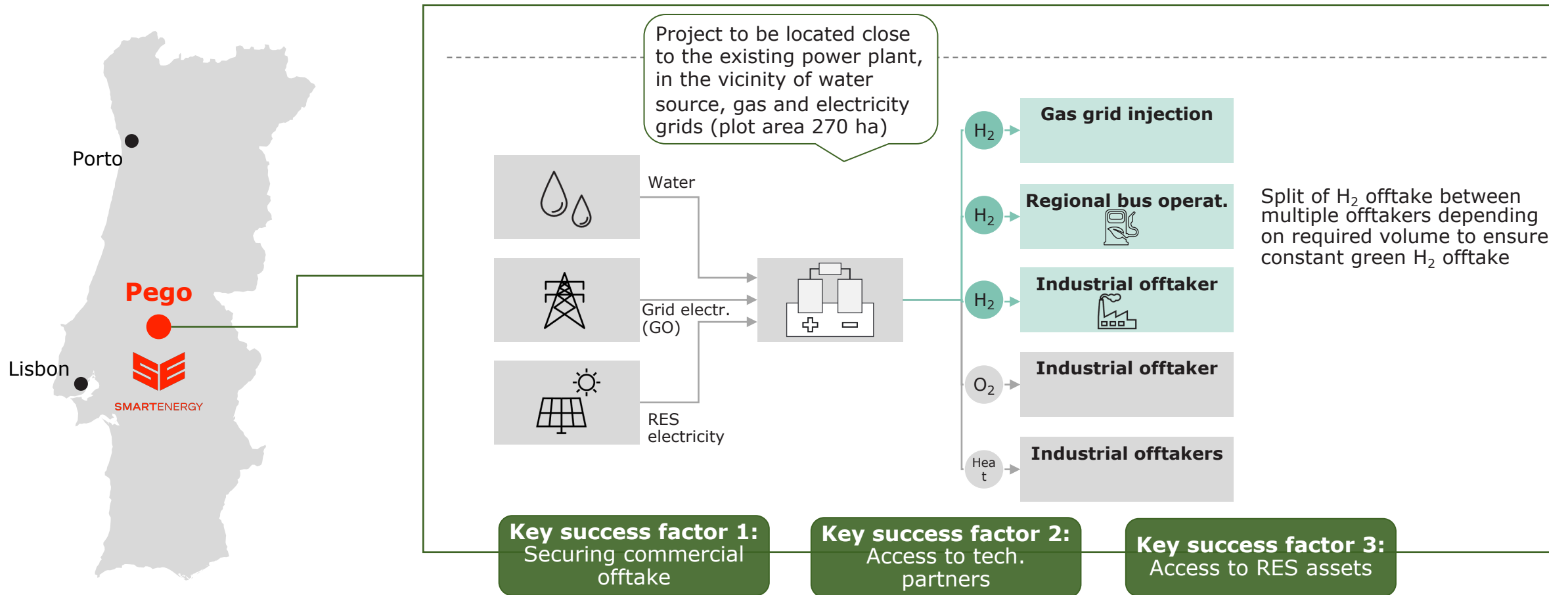
Additional information:

- ✓ Prior registration as gas producer at DGEG (licensing authority) has been obtained and the injection conditions are being discussed (dep. on reg.)
- ✓ Preliminary technical design study (with ThyssenKrupp) concluded



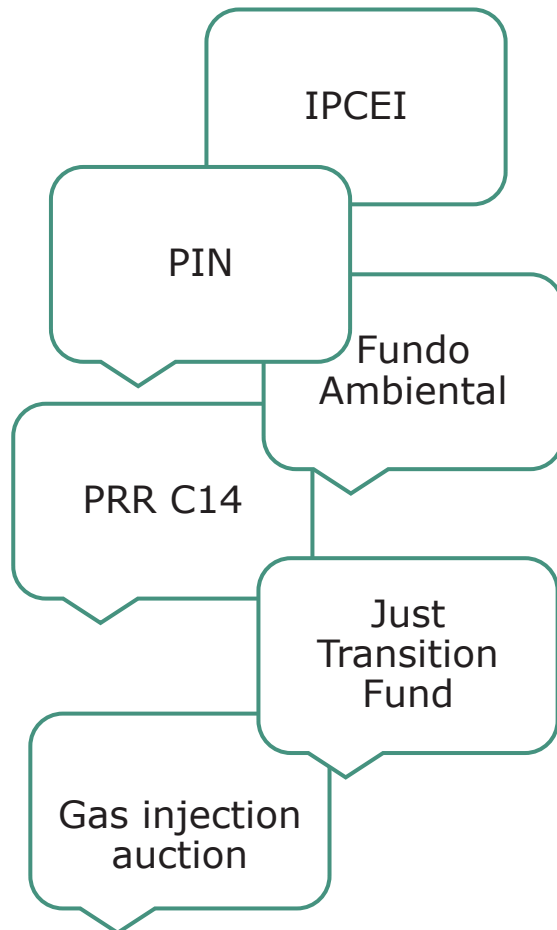
Smartenergy project example: TAGUS project in Portugal

Tagus project designed to achieve maximum efficiency through valley approach with co-location of RES, EL and off-take



Challenges for the early H2 movers to develop projects

Is the support sufficient for enabling the required market dynamics to scale up?



Challenges with H₂ project development for projects including as grid injection as off-take



Further technical development needed on equipment for industrial scale

- Blending and De-Blending Equipment
- Complementary "minor" equipment (measuring, odorization, etc.)



H₂ pipeline infrastructures cost optimization needed
Experiences in Iberia:

- Pipeline cost by km
- Blending and injection cost



Technical regulations not yet completed

- Conditions of use, blending percentages, allowed H₂ injection profile
- Conditions of use/installation for H₂ transportation
- Control settings for H₂ Injection and communication protocols

Accelerating the H2 market development in Portugal

What is needed to achieve the 2,5 GW from the developer perspective

Permitting	Regulation Stability	Bankability & Financing	Off-take	RES deployment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accelerate completion of legislation• Process applications timely (resources!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update regulation to reflect new energy paradigms• Transparency on Incentives / Quotas / ETS / CO2 / Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Techno-economic viability• Financial programs for capital intensive transition projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic approach / industry clusters• Market making mechanism / guarantees (supported by Gov)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dedicated development plan for RES for H2 (additionality requirement)

More Renewables fast dedicated to H2!

1

Support off-taking transition to Hydrogen

2

Support schemes need to meet investors expectations

3

An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm installed in a hilly, semi-arid landscape. The solar panels are arranged in long, parallel rows across the terrain, which is dotted with small green trees and shrubs. The sky is clear and blue, and the overall scene conveys a sense of large-scale renewable energy deployment.

Deployment led innovation – the momentum of real projects becomes the driving force for market players to join and accelerate innovation and economies of scale

Thank you!

Christian Pho Duc

CTO & Managing Director H₂ Projects

c.phoduc@smartenergy.net

+49 151 15001722

SMARTENERGY Group AG
Sihleggstrasse 17
8832 Wollerau SZ
Switzerland

www.smartenergy.net