

Building a Safe Hydrogen Economy: The Role of Standardization

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The importance of standards in hydrogen safety



- Ensures consistent safety protocols across all hydrogen technologies
- Facilitates safe handling and transportation of hydrogen
- Minimizes risks associated with hydrogen
- Enhances public trust and acceptance
- Standards improve interoperability and compatibility between different systems and components

Great! We already have a lot of standards...



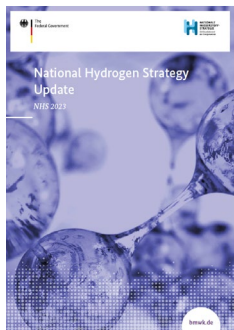
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- ... we are using hydrogen for a long time!
- However:
 - New applications
 - New (much larger) scale
 - New users
- **What do we actually have?!**



Standardization Roadmap Hydrogen Technologies

Standards – an essential prerequisite for the ramp-up of hydrogen technologies



Source: German Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)

Active support and participation in the **international development and harmonisation of standards for transport applications** for the storage, transport and use of hydrogen and its derivatives as well as fuel cell systems.

Creation of appropriate framework conditions: coherent regulatory conditions at national, European and, if possible, international level will support the market ramp-up. They will primarily include efficient planning and approval procedures, **uniform standards and certification systems** that are adequately equipped, in addition to coordinated administration at all levels.

Strengthen EU leadership in international fora for **technical standards**, regulations and definitions on hydrogen

Pre-normative research, including the safety dimension, should be tailored to assist deployment plans and **enable improved, harmonised standards**.

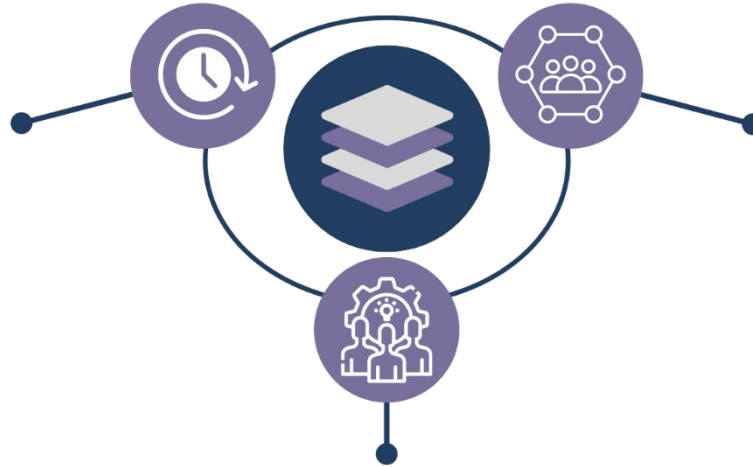


Source: European Commission

Framework conditions "Standardization Roadmap Hydrogen Technologies"

PROJECT DURATION

January 2023 –
December 2025



FUNDING

Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs
and Climate Action


PROJECT PARTNERS




The goals are...




... Covering the entire value chain of H₂ technologies




... Coordination of all national technical rule-setting organizations and networking of relevant stakeholders



... Establishment of a coordinated national approach as a basis for European and international standardization activities



... Networking with all relevant initiatives and projects in the field of H₂ and standardization



... Strategic initiation and support of urgent standardization projects

Working within the framework

Analysis of the status quo and needs

- Elaboration of a comprehensive overview of the standardization, committee and project landscape
- Identification of needs within standardization and pre normative need for research

Recommended actions

- Derivation of specific standardization projects
- Recommendation and prioritization of standardization projects

Implementation

- Initiation and implementation of funded standardization projects
- National
- European
- International

Structure of the committees

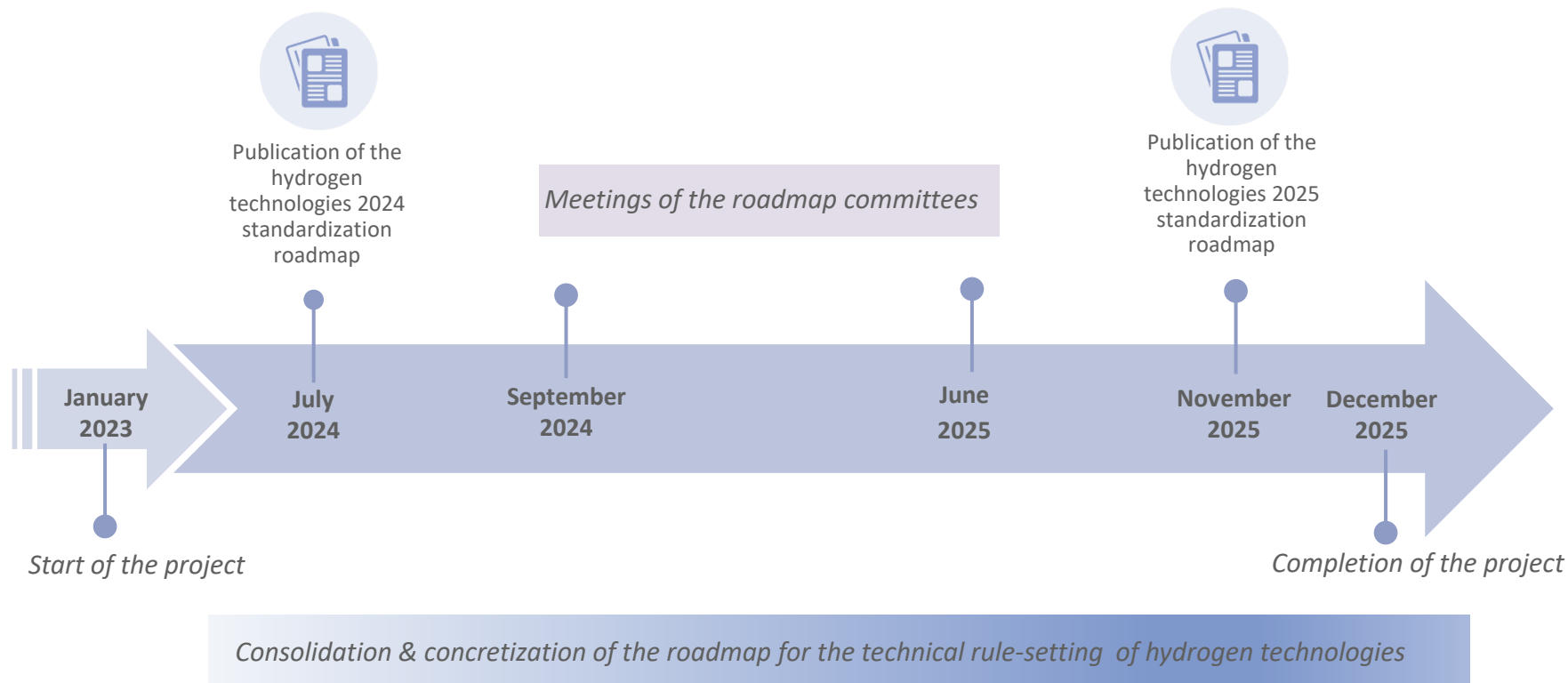
Elaboration of the topics within the working groups

				
WC PRODUCTION	WC INFRASTRUCTURE	WC APPLICATION	WC QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE	WC FURTHER TRAINING, SAFETY, CERTIFICATION
SWC PRODUCTION PLANTS	SWC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION GRIDS	SWC POWER SUPPLY AND REVERSIBLE FUEL CELL	SWC MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUE	SWC SAFETY
WG Electrolysis	WG Piping	WG Fuel cells	WG Gas analysis	WG Safety design principles
WG Other production methods	WG Transmission pipelines	WG Power plants, turbines, CHP plants	WG Hydrogen measurement technology and billing methods	WG Cyber Security
WG Total system integration	WG Plant engineering	SWC INDUSTRY	SWC MATERIALS	WG Explosion protection
SWC HYDROGEN QUALITY	WG Distribution networks	WG (petro)chem. Industry	WG Metallic materials	WG Safety and integrity management
WG Hydrogen composition	SWC STORAGE	AG PtX	WG Composites and plastics	WG Product certification
WG Verification and sustainability aspects	WG Stationary and mobile pressure vessels	WG Thermoprocessing equipment	SWC COMPONENTS	WG Further training
	WG CCU/CCS *	WG Steel Industry	WG Components for infrastructure	
	WG Underground gas storage	SWC HEAT	WG Components for application and technologies	
	WG Liquefaction	WG Domestic applications		
		WG Controls		
		WG Commercial applications		
		SWC MOBILITY		
		WG Filling systems		
		WG Road vehicles		
		WG Railway vehicles		
		WG Shipping		
		WG Aviation		
		WG Special vehicles		

*The CCU/CCS working group was put on hold.

- Topics relating to carbon utilization were included in WG 3.2.2 PtX.
- Topics relating to carbon capture were included in WG 1.1.2 Other types of generation.
- Topics relating to carbon storage were removed from the scope of the standardization roadmap.

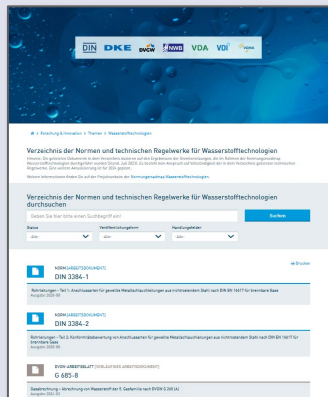
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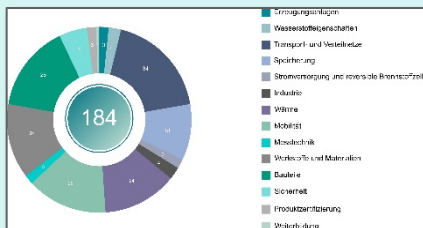


Results

Project results



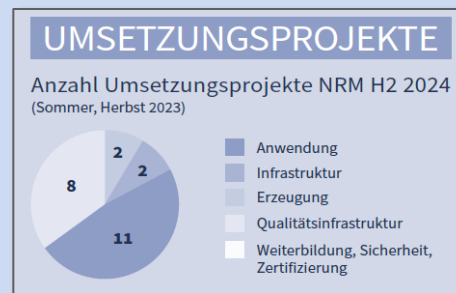
**Standards database for
hydrogen technologies**



**Overview of
recommendations for action
for pre-normative research**



**Overview of recommend-
ations for action for
technical rule-setting**



**Overview of
implementation projects**

Standardization Roadmap Hydrogen Technologies 2024

Click here for the project website



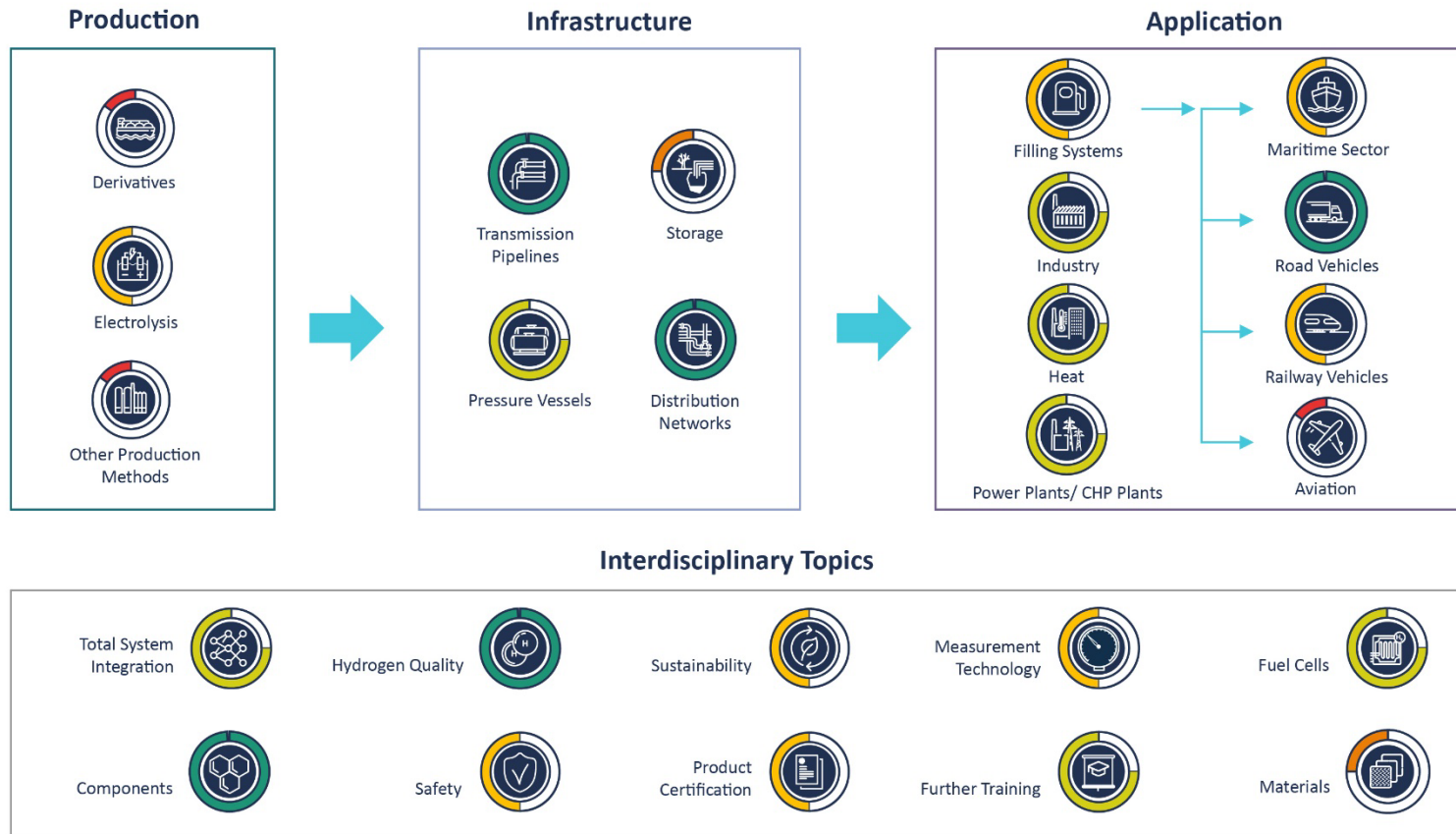
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Standardization Roadmap
Hydrogen Technologies



Status of technical rule-setting



Projekt DIN TR xxx



**Further
training,
certification,
safety**

Entry into the H2 value chain - qualification requirements in accordance with the legal framework

Type of project: National project - New project

Scope:

- Objective: All players in the hydrogen value chain must be familiar with the legal requirements and qualification requirements in order to prepare for new functions as energy carriers and storage facilities
- Content: Comprehensible presentation of the legal framework and qualification requirements for the production, transportation and use of hydrogen to facilitate familiarization

Background/requirement:

- Challenges in the risk assessment of hydrogen releases: complex dispersion at different temperatures and varying impact assessment models
- Need to adapt the VDI 3783-2 guideline for specific hydrogen considerations, including the identification of hazard areas
- Consideration of limitations and special features in the application of the VDI 3783-1 and VDI 3783-2 guidelines

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Project VDE 0100-7XX



Production

Electrical protection measures for hydrogen generators based on the electrolysis of water

Type of project: National project - New project

Scope:

- Special requirements for circuits for water electrolyzers
- Concepts for the protection of persons and systems, no assessment of the explosion risk or the electrolyzer

Background/requirement:

- Water electrolysis requires high current in the water, which violates electrotechnical standards and makes pilot projects necessary
- Standardization of connection requirements for water electrolyzers to support market players and scale up the technology

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Project VDI 4635-1



Application

VDI 4635 Power to X; Sheet 1 - General aspects

Type of project: National project - New project

Scope:

- VDI Standard 4635 Sheet 1 - Power-to-X as an umbrella for technologies for converting electricity into other forms of energy storage or chemical products
- Power-to-X as a modular system with definitions, questions and context for all parts

Background/requirement:

- VDI Guideline 4635 Sheet 1- Power-to-X for standardized terms and principles in the field of electricity conversion
- Power-to-X as an introduction to the other sheets in the guideline series
- Summarizes general aspects e.g.: approval, **safety and security**

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