

# The key role of pipeline networks in supporting the emergence of the Spanish & European H2 market

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# A clear purpose...

To contribute to guaranteeing the **security of energy supply** in Spain and Europe and to speed up the **decarbonization** process.

## 2022-2030 Strategic Plan

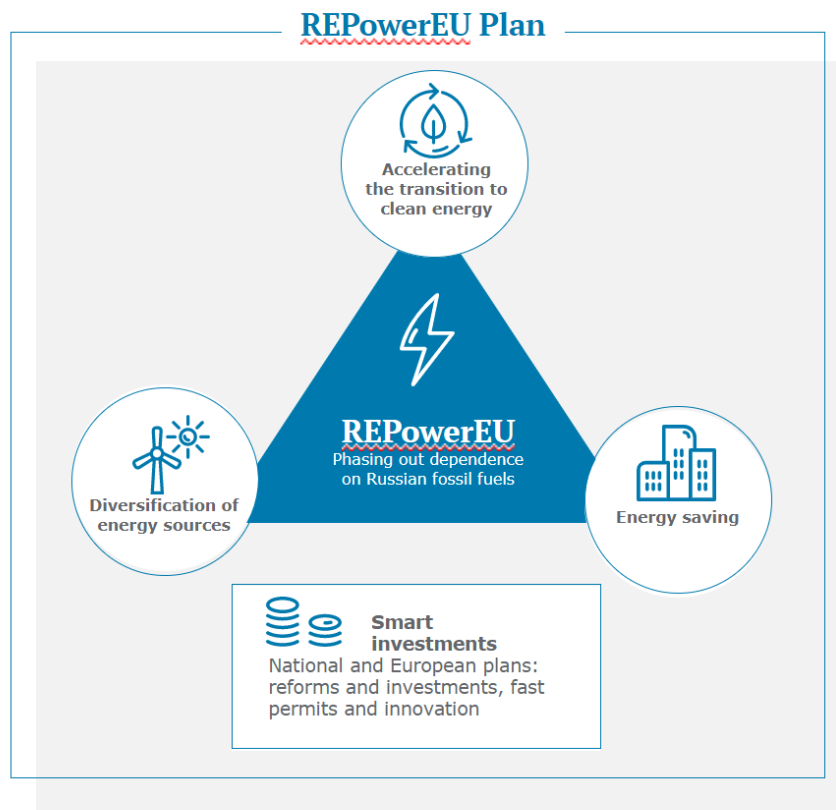
### Looking ahead to 2030, we are working towards...

The **integration of a European energy system** through infrastructure

The promotion of a **future hydrogen network** in Europe

The creation of a **market for renewable gases** through our Enagás Renewable subsidiary

# ...within a new paradigm in energy markets



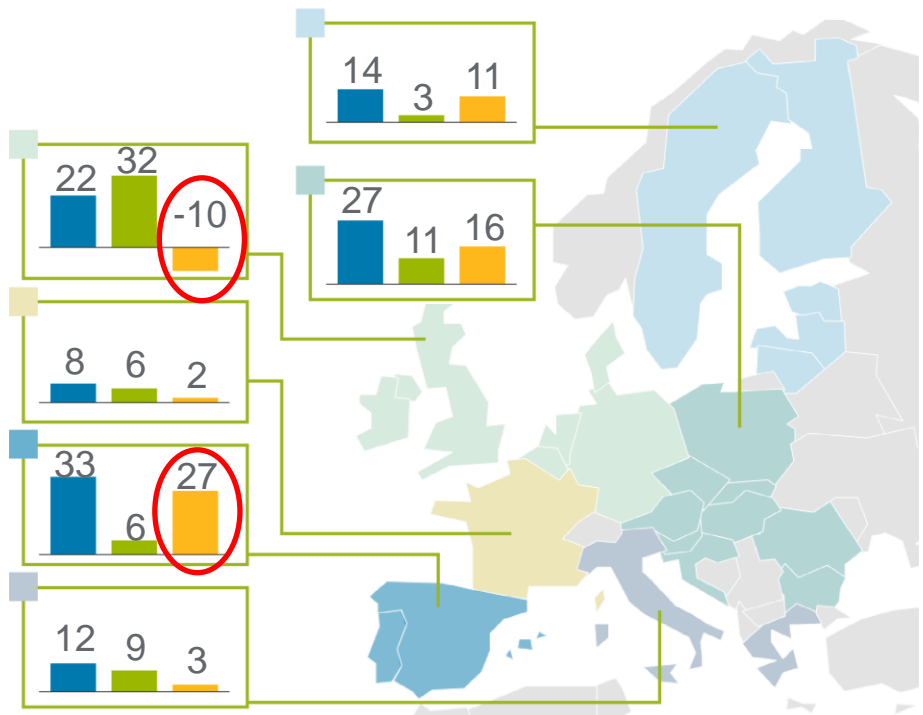
# Catalyst for H2 market development

Leaders in the development of renewable gases as new energy solutions for decarbonisation



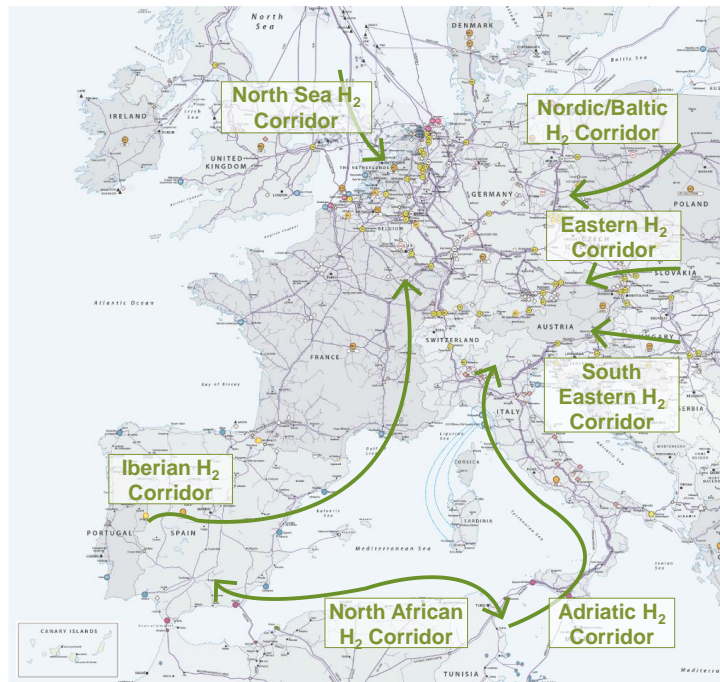
# H2 supply & demand imbalances likely to develop in Europe

Potential H<sub>2</sub> production, demand & balance by region (Mt) 2050



 Renewable H<sub>2</sub> production potential 
  H<sub>2</sub> demand 
  Regional balance

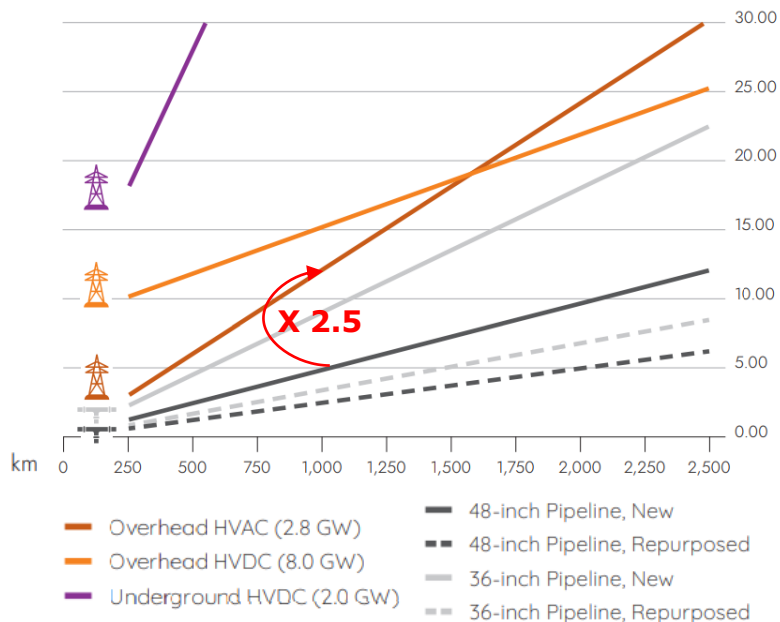
European Hydrogen Corridors



**Geographic variations in H<sub>2</sub> supply and demand drive the need to develop pan-European pipeline corridors**

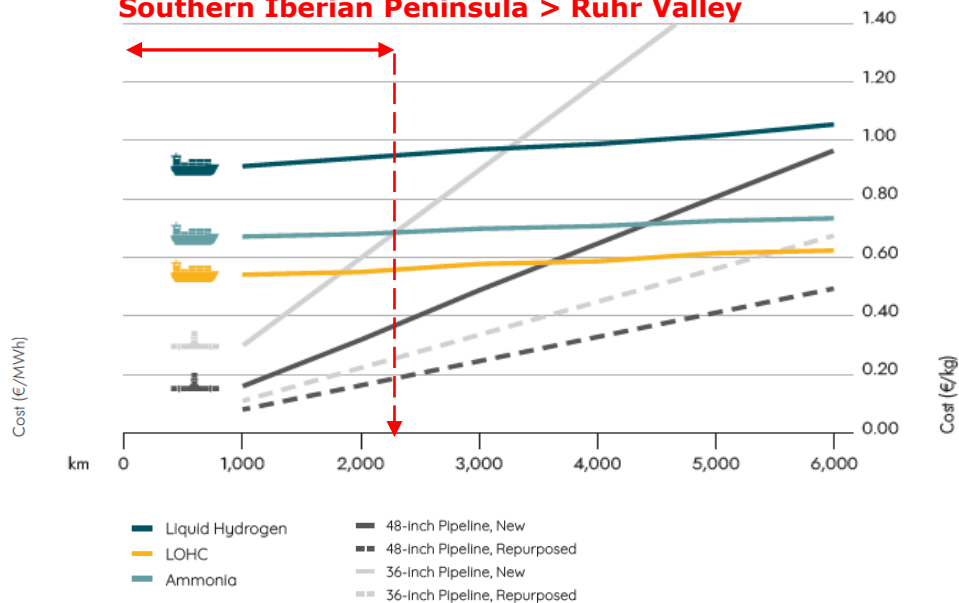
# Pipelines the most economic means of intra-EU H2 transport

Electricity and H2 infrastructure costs estimates



H2 transport cost estimates (€/kg)

Southern Iberian Peninsula > Ruhr Valley



Source: European Hydrogen Backbone (2021), *Analysing future demand, supply, and transport of hydrogen*. Note: Costs on left hand side graph assume hydrogen as the end use for transported energy.

**H2 transport by pipeline costs 2 to 4 times less than electricity transmission via high-voltage lines with H2 production at destination. For H2 transport routes within Europe, a pipeline is generally more cost-effective than any shipping method.**

# Spain's national H2 network can emerge by 2030

2030

## Spanish H<sub>2</sub> Backbone by 2030\*

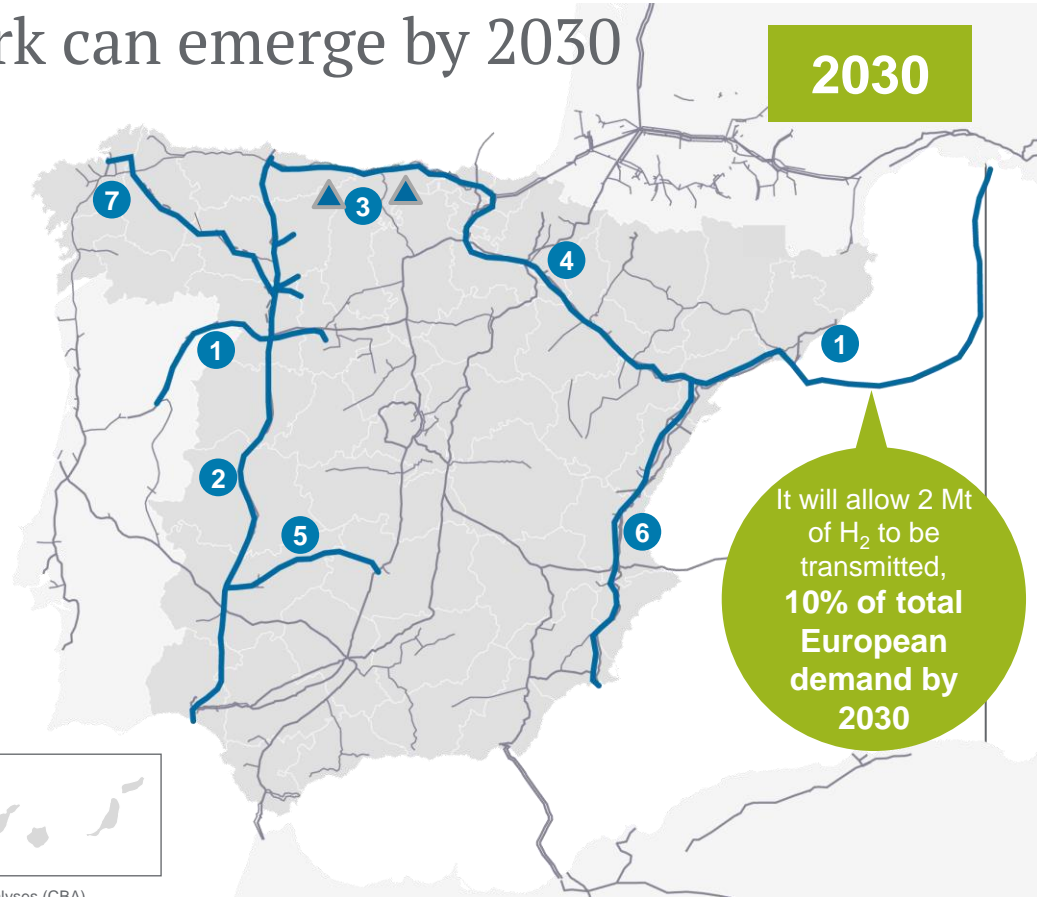
Transmission and storage projects submitted to PCI call for proposals

## High H<sub>2</sub> production potential connection with unmet local demand

- 1 H2Med (Barmar-CelZa)
- 2 Vía de la Plata Axis
- 3 Cantabrian Coast Axis
- 4 Valle del Ebro Axis

## Connection "H<sub>2</sub> valleys" for supply guarantee

- 5 Puertollano Connection
  - 6 Levante Axis
  - 7 Coruña - Zamora Connection  
Project submitted by Reganosa to the PCIs
- ▲ Underground storage facilities



\*This network is subject to what is defined in the Government's Binding Planning and prior cost-benefit analyses (CBA)

# Conclusions



- The REPowerEU Plan reviews the ambition of the energy policy and decarbonisation objectives as well as the pace of their achievement for the EU, recognizing that H2 infrastructures will be a lever for integrating European markets.
- The rationale for a pan-EU H2 pipeline network is clear:
  1. Bridging the imbalances in supply and demand across Europe.
  2. Pipelines are the most cost effective solution for intra-EU H2 transport.
- Enagás' s vision of Spain' s H2 network for 2030 and the H2Med initiative, a core component of the Iberian H2 corridor, support the delivery of REPowerEU and contribute to security of supply and decarbonization.



Thank you

