

# POSHYDON

## PosHYdon offshore hydrogen production

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# Offshore wind development The Netherlands

Acceleration of wind deployment increase the need for H2 production

From 5 to 70 GW in 2050

## Future Challenges:

- Connections to land
- Onshore grid capacity
- Installation time cables
- Cost increase infra
- System stability
- Ecological impact
- Space limitations

## Potential Solutions:

- Conversion to H<sub>2</sub>
- Re-use existing infra
- Large scale storage H<sub>2</sub>
- Direct use of H<sub>2</sub> at industrial clusters near shore
- Feed-in to onshore H<sub>2</sub> backbone Gasunie

2025

4,5 GW installed  
(near shore)

2032

21 GW installed

2040

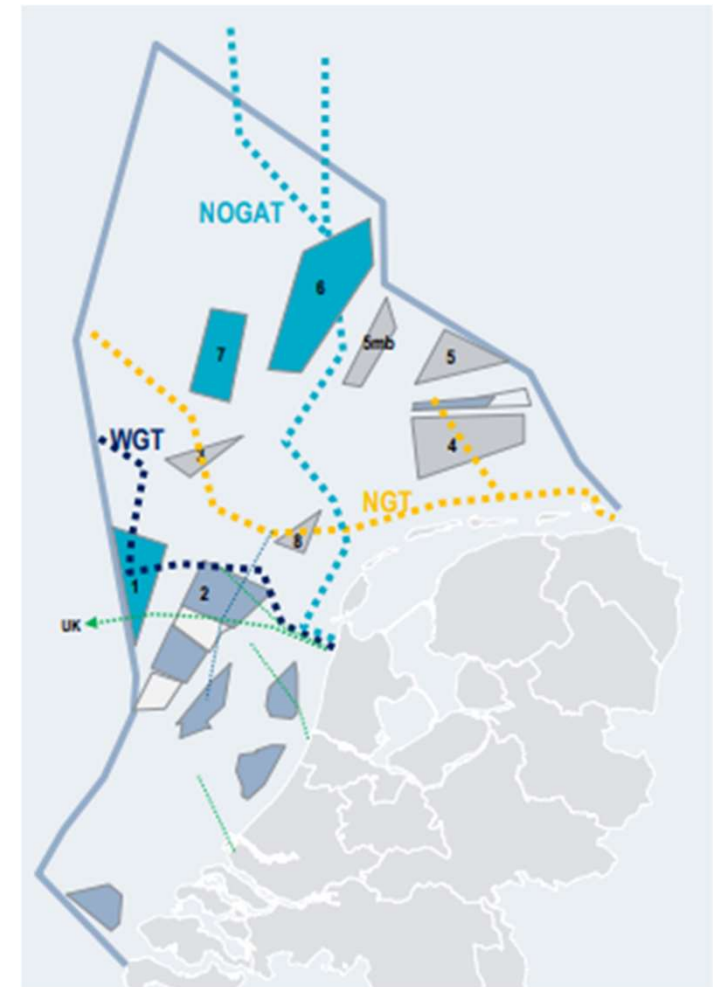
50 GW  
installed

<https://www.north-sea-energy.eu/atlas.html>



## Why offshore hydrogen production?

- ❖ Future wind parks are developed further offshore (> 100 km)
- ❖ Energy transport via electricity from HVAC > HVDC (525 kV) costly
- ❖ Landing capacity of power cables increasingly more complex
- ❖ Capacity of onshore electricity grid is limited
- ❖ Grid balancing with increasing intermittent production is challenging
- ❖ Offshore pipelines available for reuse for H<sub>2</sub> from 2030 onwards
- ❖ Cost saving in offshore H<sub>2</sub> production and transport significant
  - ❖ Distance > 100 km or when HVDC is required
  - ❖ Scale > 2 GW, as capacity of trunk lines well beyond 10 GW
- ❖ Benefits: pipelines are cheaper, faster to implement, have lower ecological impact and are more reliable than HVDC cables

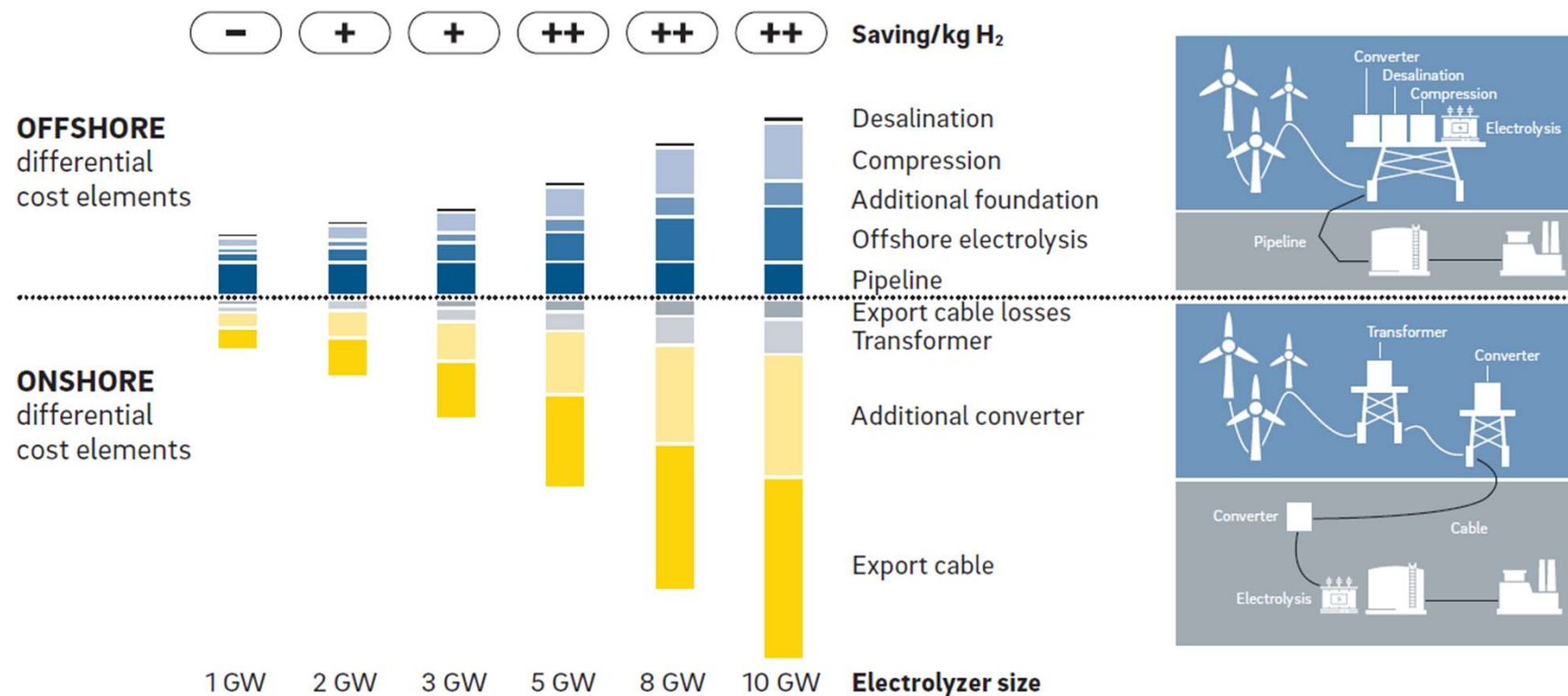


Ref: [www.north-sea-energy.eu](http://www.north-sea-energy.eu), NSE(2020), Roland Berger (2021), AFRY (2022)

# Cost comparison on- and offshore hydrogen

At larger scale, offshore hydrogen electrolysis is cheaper than onshore hydrogen electrolysis

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Source: Roland Berger (2021)



# Offshore Hydrogen production concepts



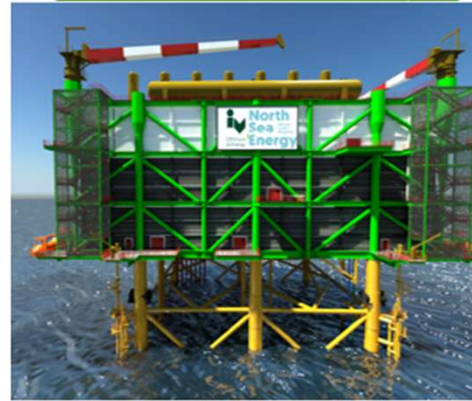
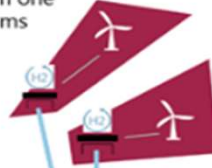
5. Electrolysis at the wind turbine site



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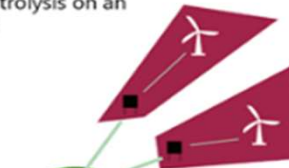
A) Electrolysis at the turbine, scale 15 – 20 MW

4. Electrolysis on one or more platforms



B) Electrolysis on wind farm level, scale 300 – 500 MW

2. Electrolysis on an island

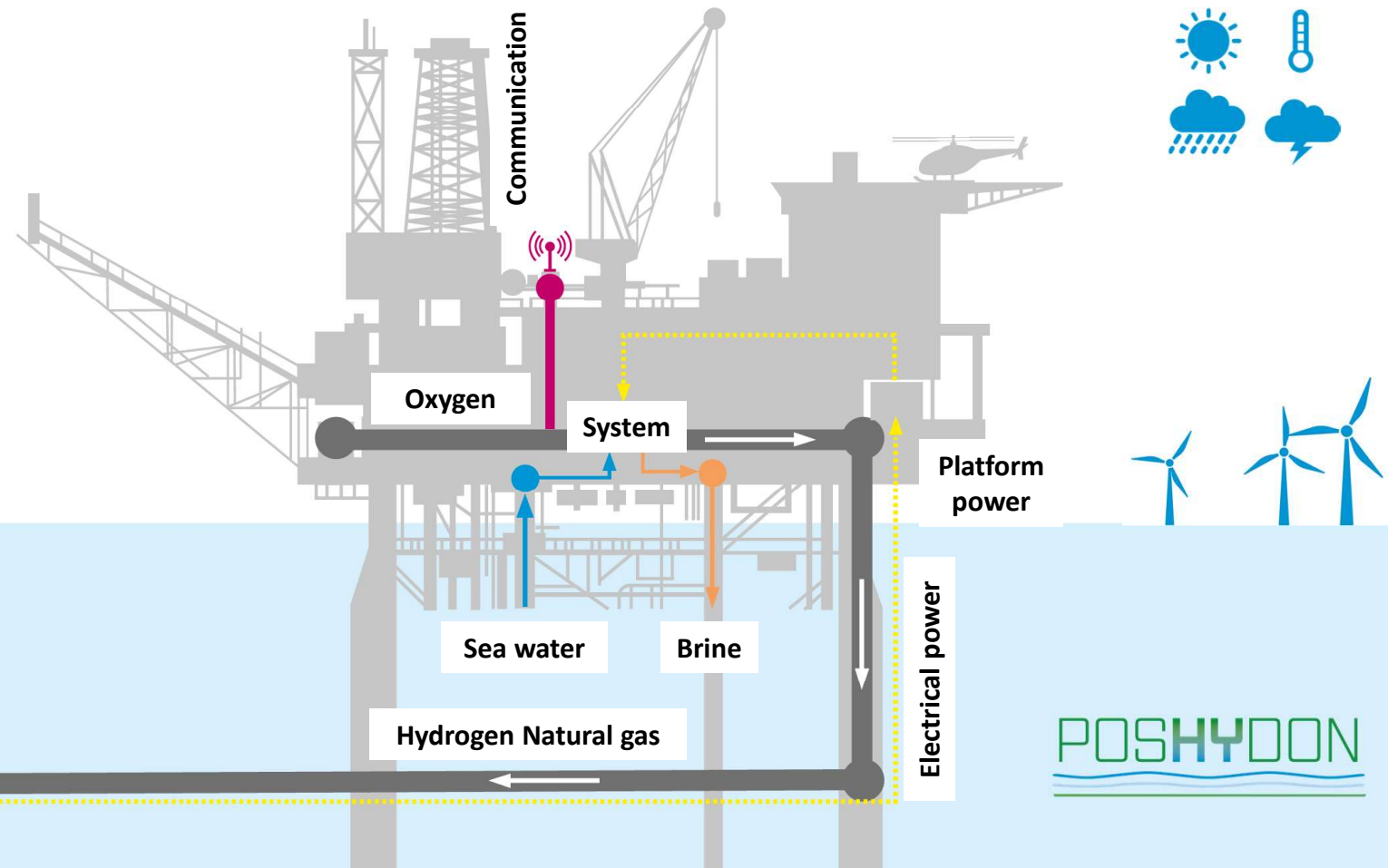


C) Electrolysis on energy island, scale Multi GW

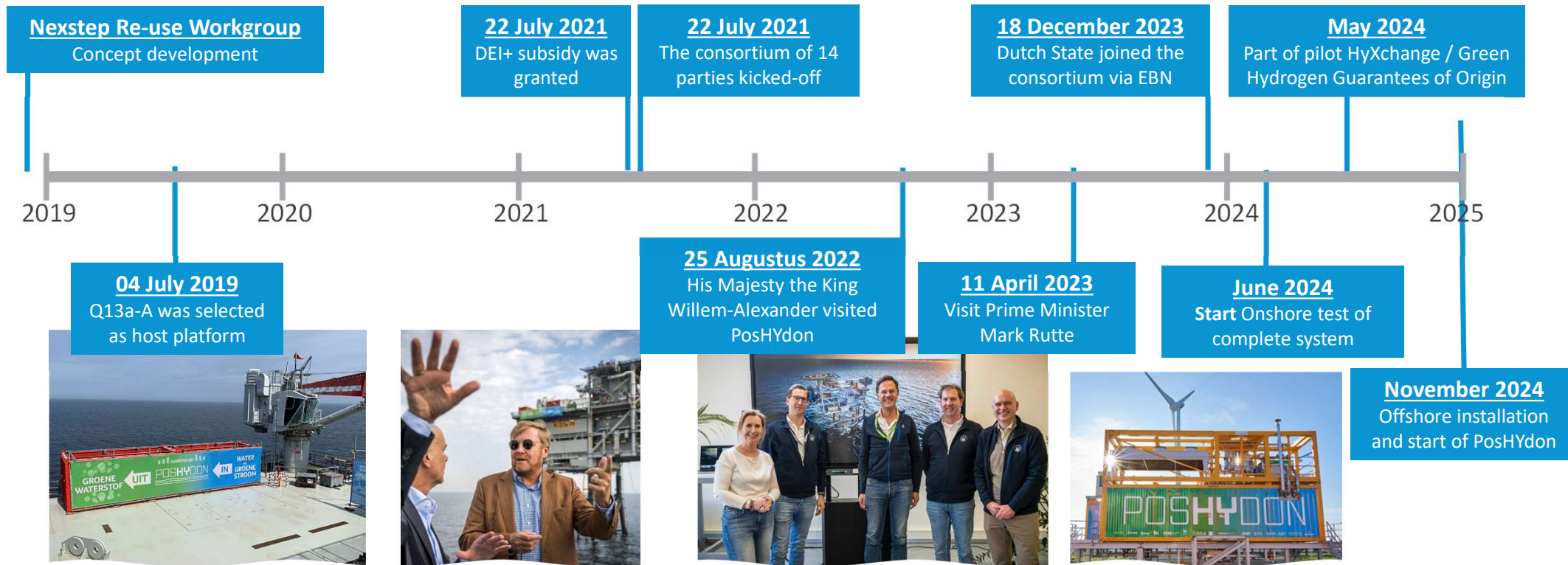
# PosHYdon (Pilot for Offshore Hydrogen Production)



- Pipeline infrastructure
- - - Electricity infrastructure
- Data infrastructure
- Water infrastructure
- Waste infrastructure



# It takes 5 years from concept to operation.....

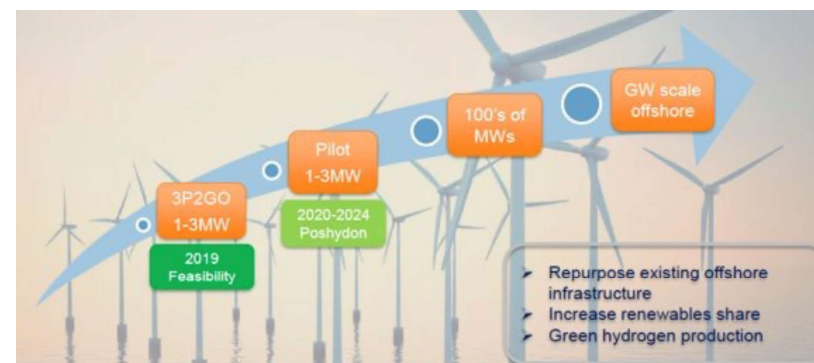




# PosHYdon – Why & What

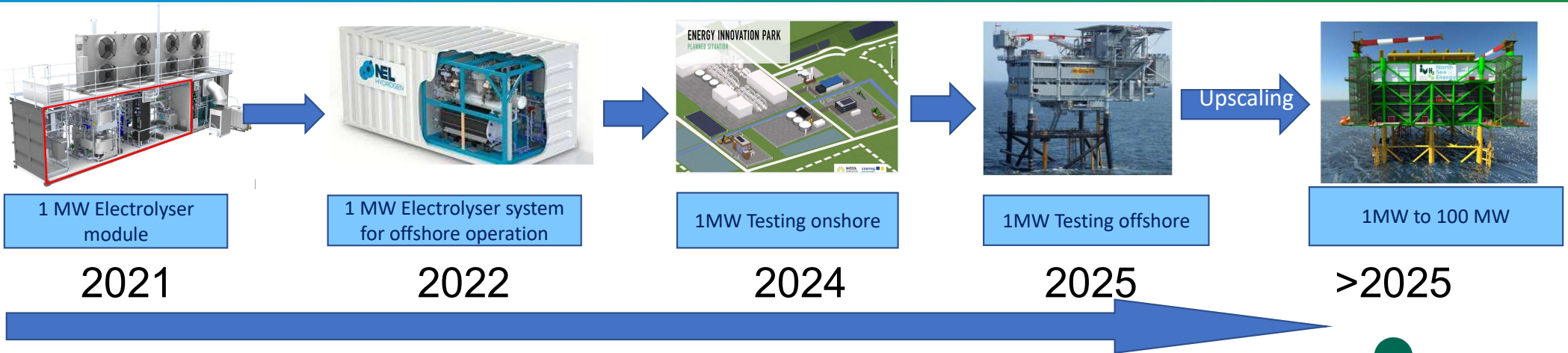


- 1-year **offshore pilot** project with start H<sub>2</sub> production beginning 2025
- Pilot of the **first 1MW seawater-based electrolysis system** to demonstrate that H<sub>2</sub> can be produced and processed offshore with transport via an existing pipeline to shore
- Demonstrate the overall **feasibility of blended H<sub>2</sub>** (safety, stakeholders, technical, commercial, legal aspects etc.)
- Prove **repurposing/ co-using** of existing infrastructure for blended H<sub>2</sub> (offshore platforms, pipelines, reception facilities and onshore systems)
- Evaluate the **impact of offshore conditions** on the integrity, reliability and performance of the electrolysis system using a simulated wind power profile
- Provide H<sub>2</sub> research and **system performance** outputs to support **assessment of economics** for large scale offshore H<sub>2</sub> production



This project is supported by the Demonstration Energy and Climate Innovation (DECI) scheme that the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) carries out on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Policy.

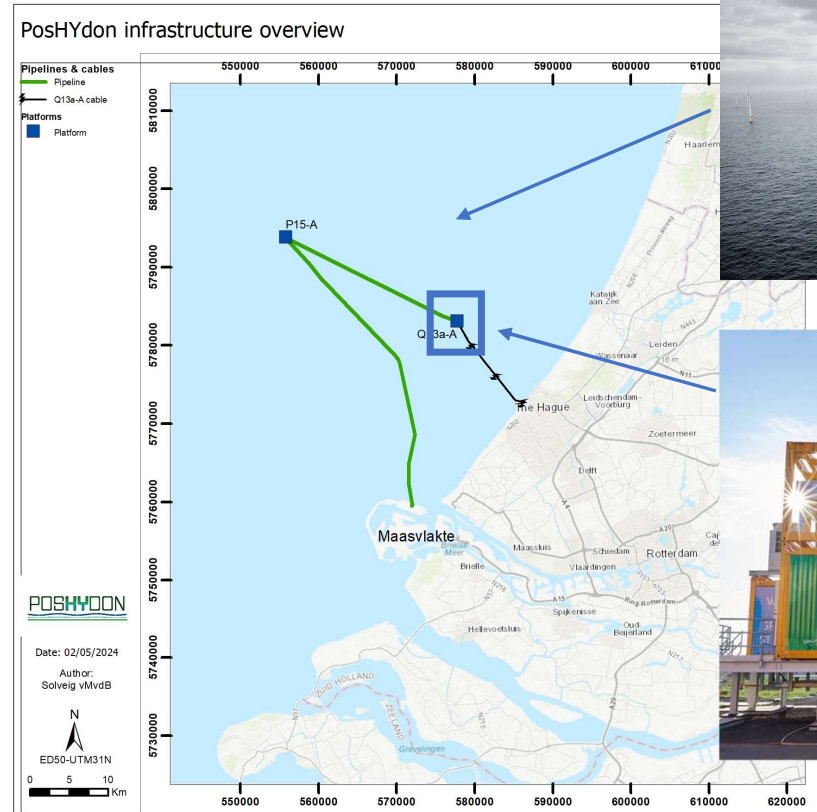
# PosHYdon consortium and planning



# The route of the green molecules



- Production via wind profile Luchterduinen
- Flow meter H2 -> Guarantees of Origin
- Blend H2 with natural gas to Rotterdam
- Transport via existing pipeline to P15-A
- From P15-A via existing pipeline to Euromax onshore
- Offtakers in Rotterdam industrial cluster



Luchterduinen  
windpark  
(Eneco)





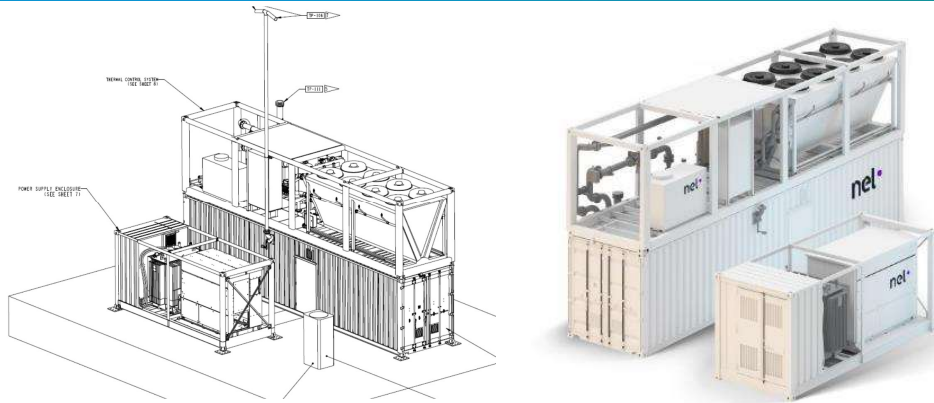
# Project successes



- Secured Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Policy agreement to **amend gas entry specification** from 0.02% to 0.5% Hydrogen blend
- Completed integrated Hydrogen Generation System engineering with all Technology Partners. **FATs completed**
- **Completed HAZOP** for HGS integration on Q13a-A Platform
- **Wide recognition** for the project, both in the industry and beyond, leading position of the Netherlands offshore sector
- Consortium **strengthened with EBN** on behalf of the dutch government
- Successful **onshore test** at Investa Q3 2024
- Offshore installation at Q13a platform Q4 2024
- First hydrogen production offshore in Q1 2025

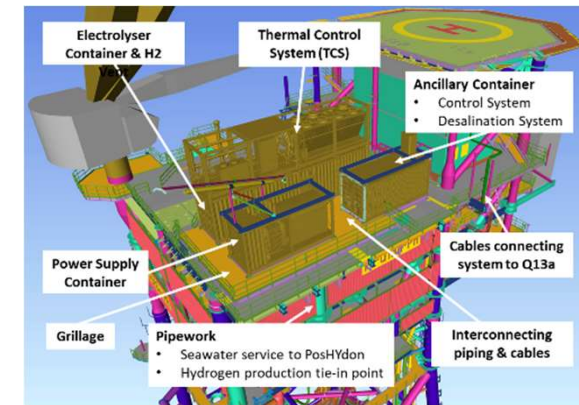


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## Offshore

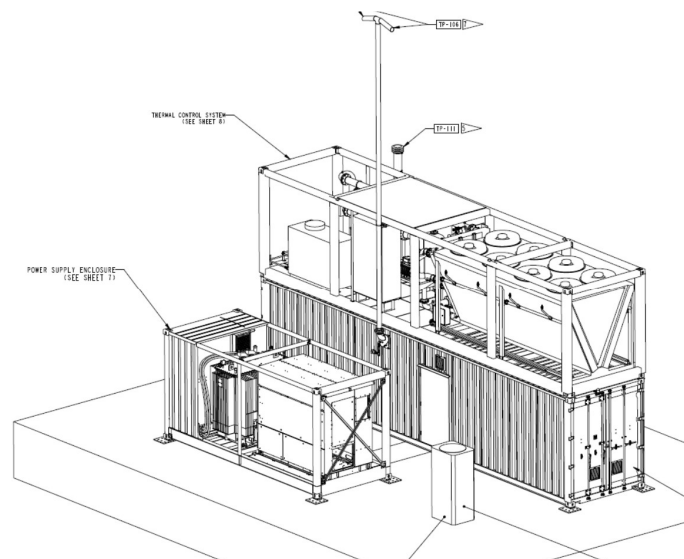


Design strategy – keep design as similar as possible to maintain configuration management

# Key lessons learnt so far

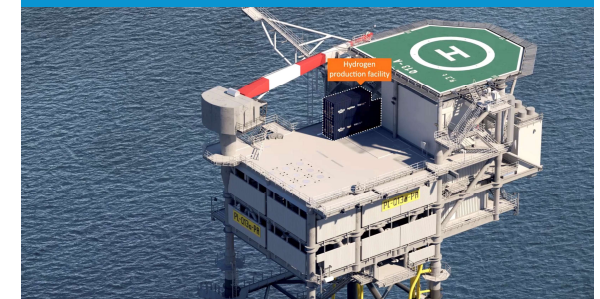


- Breadth and depth of stakeholder engagement required to be successful (p.e. EZK, end consumers of gas/H2 blend!)
- Current legal frameworks can now accommodate blended Hydrogen
- Repurposing/co-using existing oil and gas facilities is possible; but requirements are site-specific and must be assessed as such
- Large consortia present a different management model to what is familiar in the offshore sector

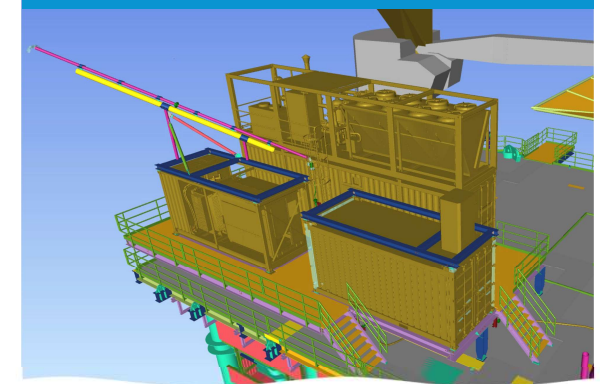


Typical Onshore Electrolyser Design

Original concept design 2019



Final PosHYdon Offshore Electrolyser Design 2024





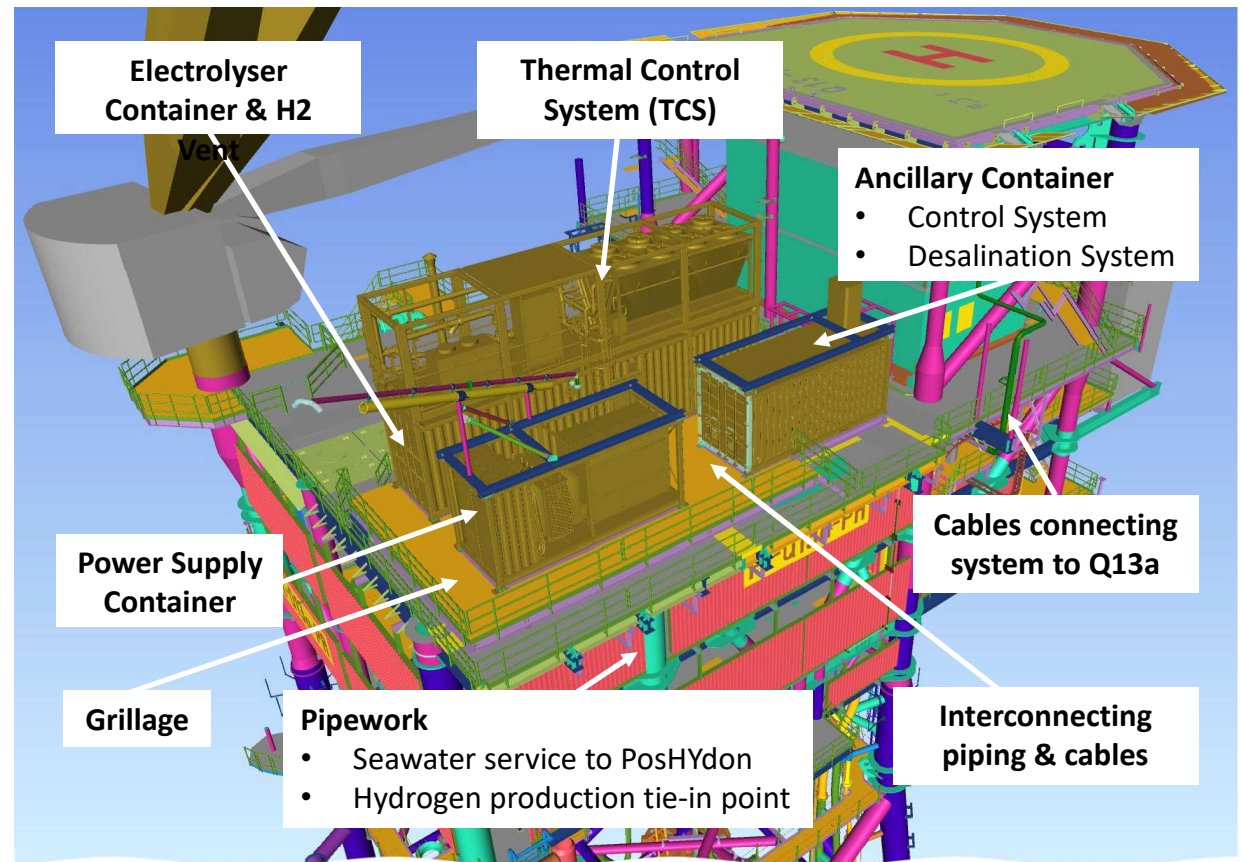
# Onshore mechanical and system test Q3 2024



# What's next ...



- ✓ Onshore System Acceptance Tests (Q2/3 2024)
- ✓ Q13a-A modifications (Q3)  
→ Offshore construction
- ✓ P15 modifications (Q3)  
→ Offshore construction
- ✓ Q13a-A & P15 preparatory activities requiring shutdown → modifications planned on both assets during planned shutdowns
- ✓ Guarantees of Origin pilot – HyXchange
- ✓ Offshore commissioning on Q13a platform
- Hydrogen production startup → 2025





# Offshore installation on Q13a platform Q4 2024



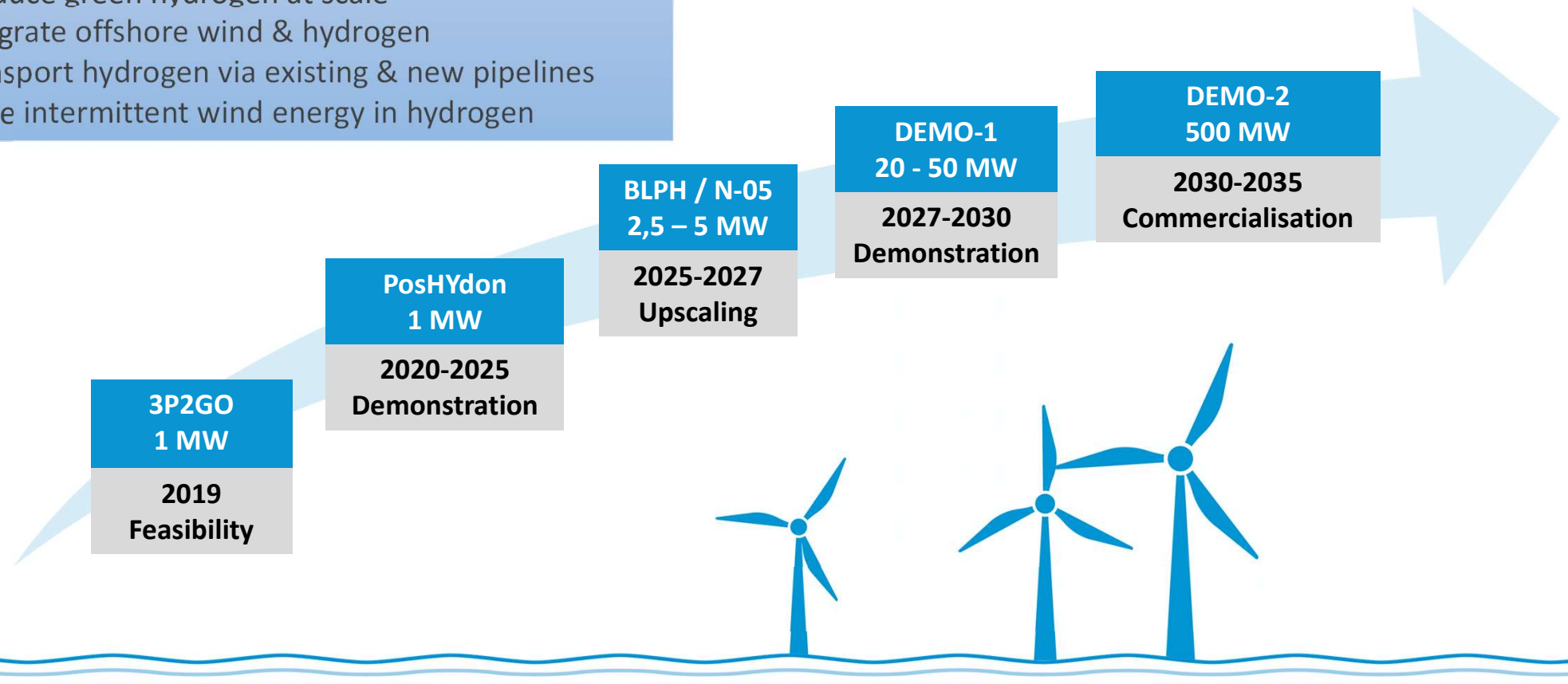
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# Roadmap towards large scale offshore electrolysis



- Accelerate far offshore wind deployment
- Produce green hydrogen at scale
- Integrate offshore wind & hydrogen
- Transport hydrogen via existing & new pipelines
- Store intermittent wind energy in hydrogen



# Demo 1

Capacity	< 20 - 50 MW
Design	Additional electrolyser near existing windfarm
Transport	New or re-use
Where	Near wind farm  Hollandse Kust Noord
When	Approx. 2030
Budget	380 Meuro



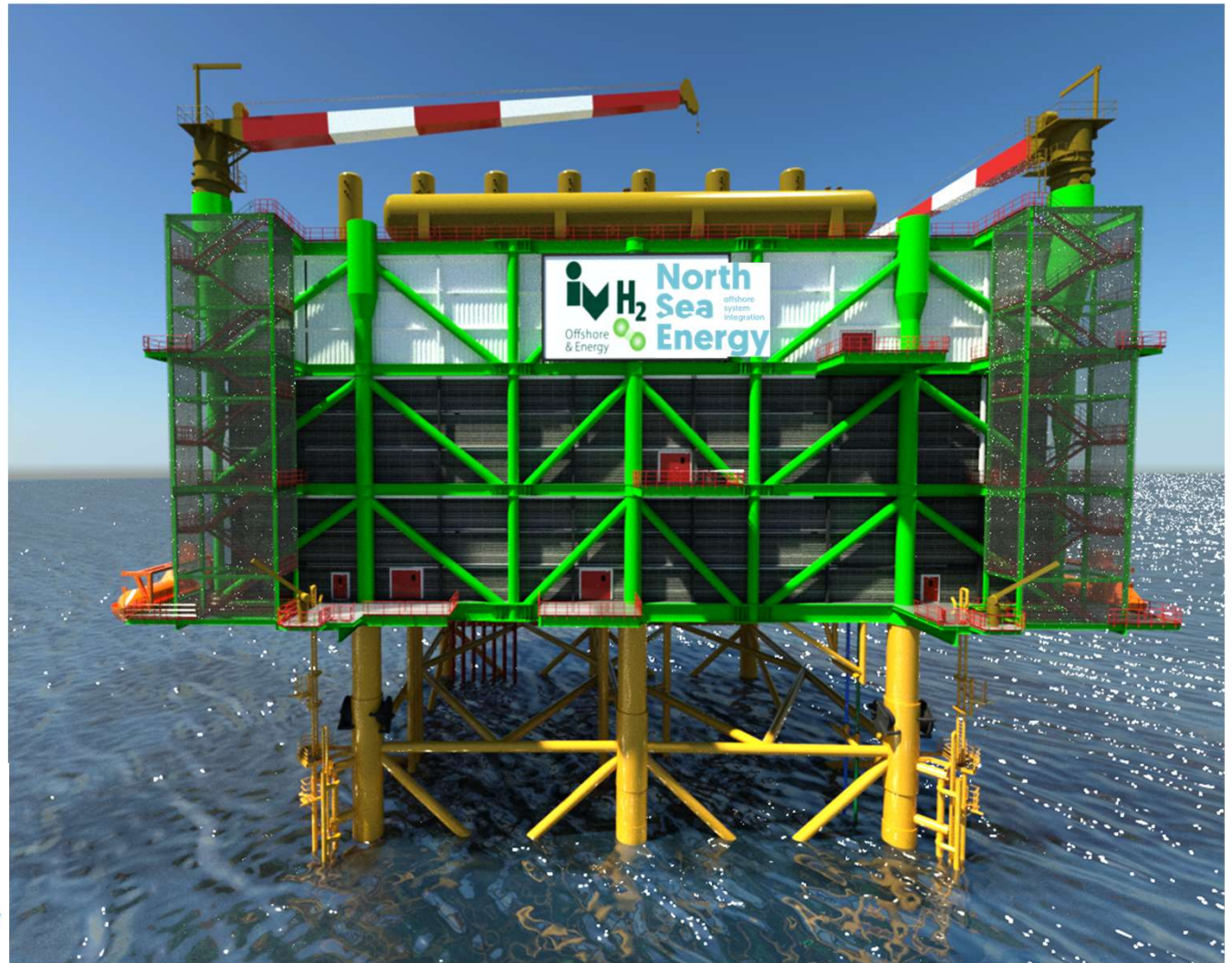
# Demo 2

Capacity	Approx. 500 MW
Design	New wind farm + electrolyser
Transport	New or re-use  (overdimensioned)
Where	Ten Noorden van de Waddeneilanden  (TNW)
When	Approx. 2033
Budget	1400 Meuro

## Full-scale offshore green hydrogen production

- ❖ Concept design ready
- ❖ Capacity 500 MW electrolysis
- ❖ H<sub>2</sub> production 50 kton/yr
- ❖ Target realisation 2033 (DEMO-2)

**North  
Sea  
Energy**  
offshore  
system  
integration





# Thank you!

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