

Innovation as key for the energy transition

RE4Industry Final Event

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RE4Industry

100% Renewable

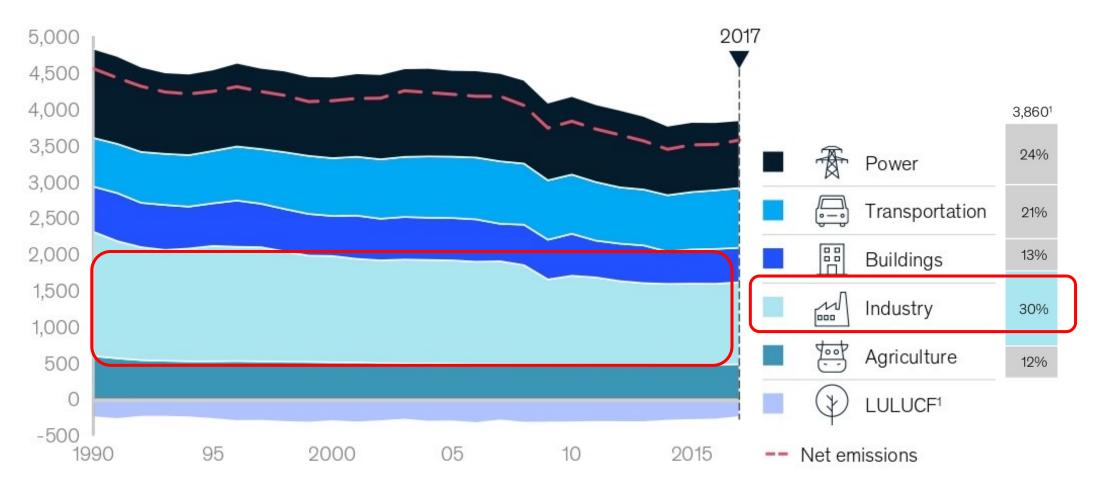
Energies for

Industries

Context: the bulk of Europe's emissions are generated by five sectors

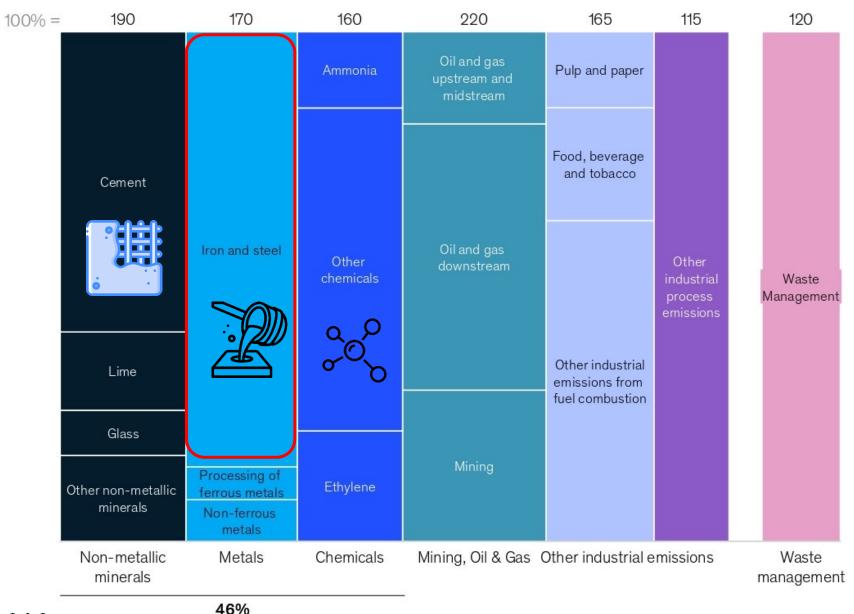
MtCO₂e

In 2017, the EU emitted around 4 GtCO₂e with five Historic emissions by sector sectors contributing the bulk of greenhouse gases



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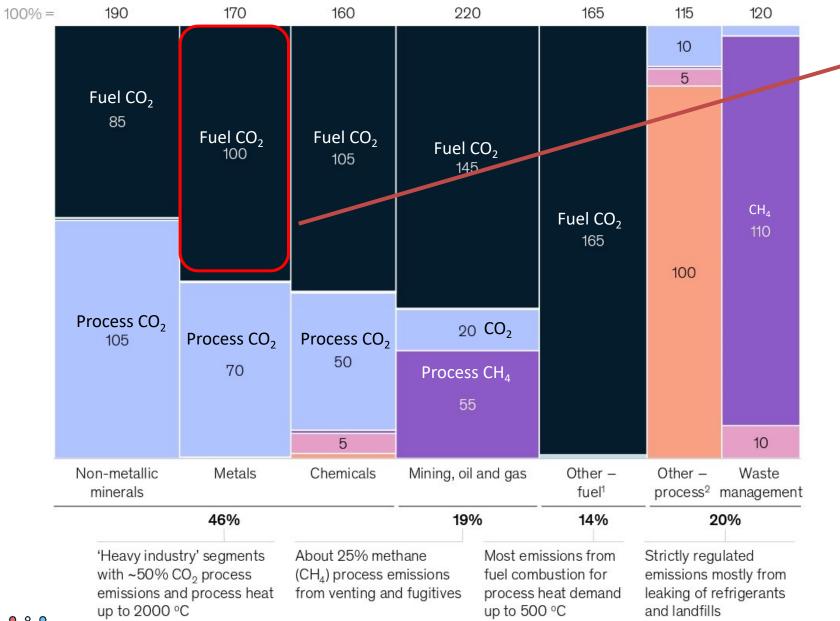
Emission by subsector in MtCO₂e, 2017



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- Basic products like <u>cement</u>, <u>glass</u>, <u>steel</u>, <u>and plastics</u> <u>require high temperatures</u>
- These <u>hard-to-abate</u> <u>emissions pose a significant</u> <u>challenge to achieving</u> <u>emissions reductions in heavy</u> <u>industry</u>

Emissions are split between fuel combustion emissions and process emissions



- Half of industrial emissions come from fuel combustion for process heat
- Solutions must target both <u>fuel combustion</u> and process emissions to effectively address industrial emissions

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LONG-TERM VISION

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Vision



Renewable technologies within the scope of 2030

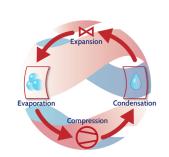
1. Heat







Solar thermal



Heat pumps



Geothermal



Biomass



Biofuels



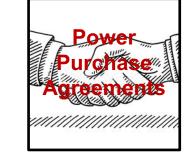
Green hydrogen

2. Electricity









Photovoltaics

Wind

Hydraulic

Renewable PPAs

(preliminary) Findings



Electrification will be key thanks to the gradual decrease of renewable power price and the conversion of natural-gas-dependent processes



Industrial processes that are not readily eligible for electrification will still be needing a form of renewable heat



From concentrating solar power and heat pumps to geothermal energy to supply a broad range of temperatures needed



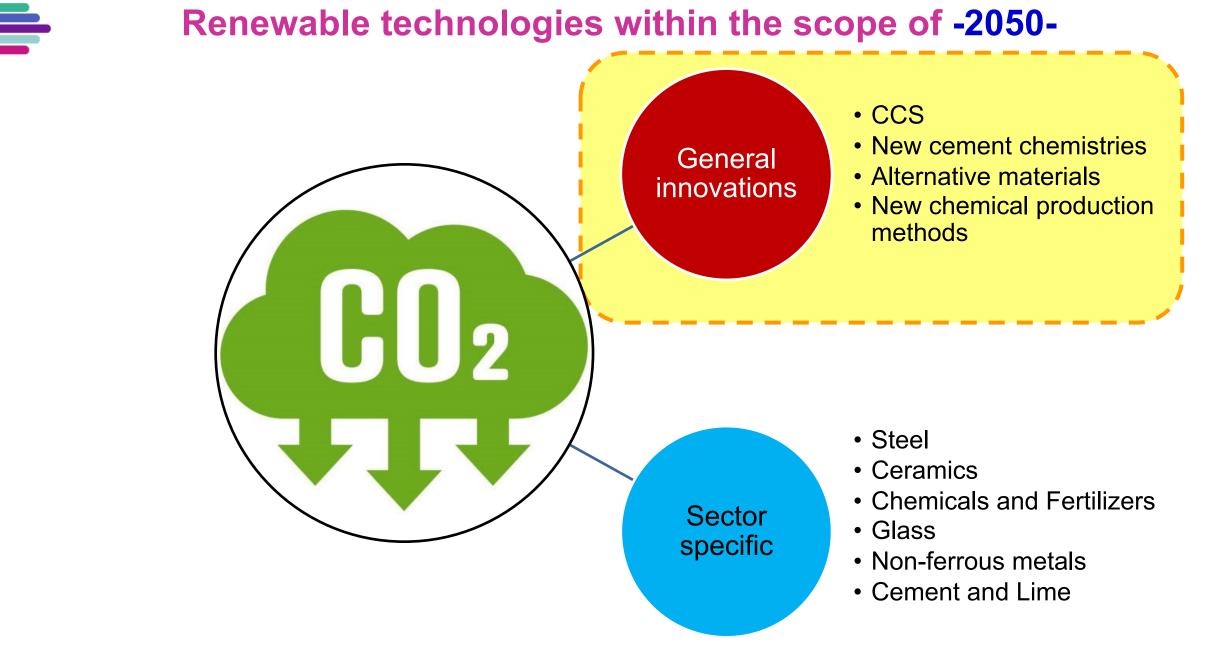
Biomass will be a key element in the decarbonisation of not only conventional combustion systems but also as a biofuels feedstock



Biomethane can allow a straightforward transition from using fossil-based natural gas to renewable gas



Green hydrogen production technologies will require to increase their maturity and availability all over Europe

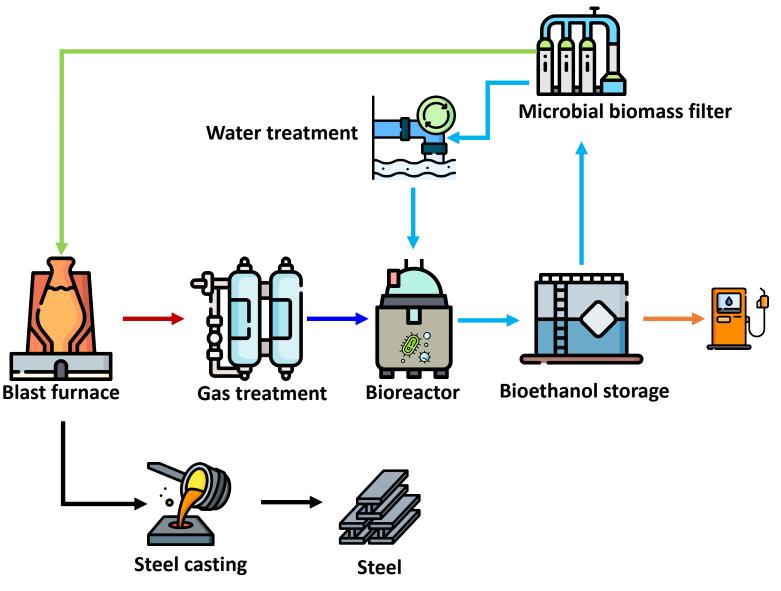


Renewable technologies within the scope of -2050-

Time frame: 2020-2035 / Achievable emissions reductions: 20%

Current developments	Technologies achieving maturity	Key R&D areas to enable future technologies (2050)
 Efficiency improves continuously, with most industrial processes undergoing incremental improvements A growing number of processes shift towards electricity Material efficiency, longevity, and re-use are recognized as key strategies Heavy R&D investments are directed into technologies that will be important in subsequent phases (e.g., CCS) 	 Electrification Material efficiency Energy efficiency Increased re-use and recycling (circular economy) 	 CCUS Zero-carbon hydrogen production Hydrogen and renewable gases use Novel chemical catalysts and separations New cement chemistries

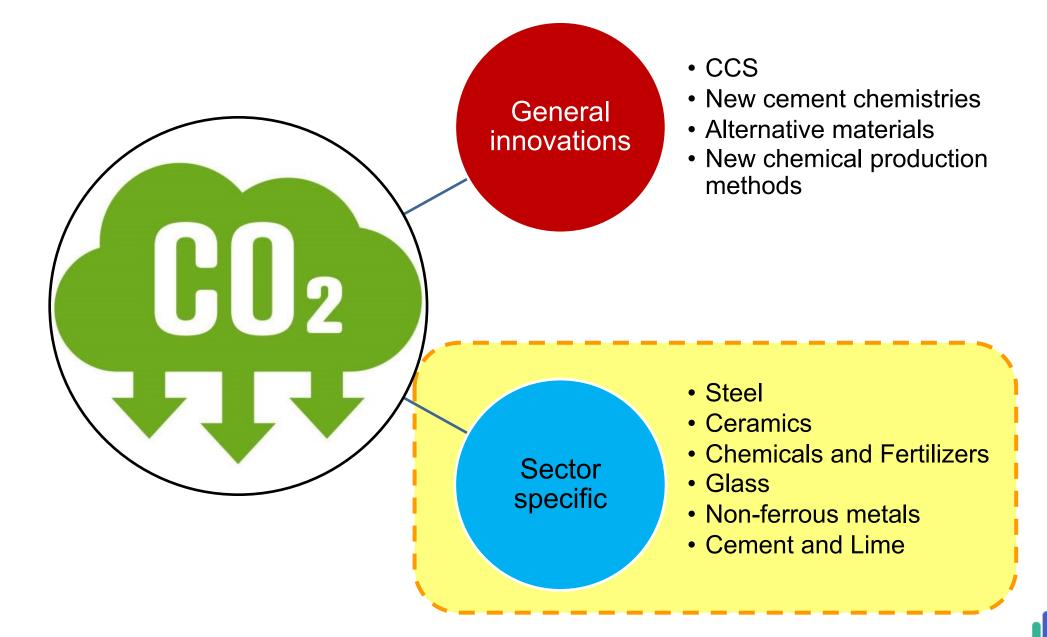
Industrialisation of CO₂ bioconversion into fuels



- <u>CO₂ bioconversion into fuels is possible</u>, as demonstrated by examples such as the <u>Steelanol project</u> within the steel sector
- The Steelanol project operates a plant in Ghent, Belgium, with the goal of producing 80 million liters of bioethanol
- The bioethanol produced by the Steelanol plant will be used as a <u>low</u> <u>carbon alternative fuel in the transport</u> <u>sector</u>
- This decarbonization initiative has received funding from various sources, including the EU, and is expected to prevent the emission of approximately 130k tonnes of CO₂ per year

Drawing based on the scheme by: Perathoner, et al. "Reuse of CO₂ in energy intensive process industries." Chemical Communications (2021)

Renewable technologies within the scope of -2050-



Suitable RE combination options for Energy Intensive Industries

		wer for process fication	Renewable heat and its sources			CCUS technologies		
Sector	Heat and mechanical	Electrochem. processes (excluding H ₂)	Biomass combustion (and biofuels feedstock)	Other RE (Geotherm. & Conc. solar)	Green H ₂ (electrolysis/ gasification)	Biomethane (anaerobic digestion)	Carbon Capture and Storage	Carbon Capture and Utilisation
Steel								
Chemicals								
Fertilizers								
Cement								
Lime								
Refining								
Ceramics								
Paper								
Glass							<i>.</i>	
Non-Fe metals								
Alloys	/		\mathbf{X}					/
								/
Sector already applies cases)	the technology on a larg	e scale (it can be expand		Medium p		gnificant application		
			High	potential		Possible application application	n but no main route or wi	de scale

Table adapted from: Tomas W, Gauri K, Isobel R. Industrial Value Chain – Abridge Towards a Carbon Neutral Europe. 2018

(partial) Conclusions



Energy intensive industries' **decarbonisation will occur** through a progressive use of an **energy mix** that allows European industrial sectors to **remain competitive** in a global scale



Each industrial sector will require **specific renewable energy solutions**, especially those **top greenhouse gas emitting** industries



RE4Industry has also been conceived as an **initial point of discussion** to be shared with potential decision makers to favor a **transition of Energy intensive industries to full decarbonisation**



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RE4Industry

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Industries

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EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK

Accelerating the clean energy transition - towards lower bills and greater skills

Success cases examples from **Energy Intensive Industries (Ells)**

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CERTH-CPERI

Chemical Process & Energy Resources Institute

✓ Mission:

- ✓ High quality scientific research
- Emphasis on Research Development Innovation (R&D&I)
- ✓ Strong collaboration with the global industry



- ✓ Innovative synergies with universities and research institutes in Greece and abroad
- ✓ Annual Turnover: ~ 25 M€ (> 30 % bilateral industrial research contracts; > 60 % competitive research projects;
- < 10 % government institutional funding) –Listed among top 20 EU Research Centers with the highest participation in Horizon 2020 / No1 in Greece

RE4iNDUSTRY



RE4Industry: 100% Renewable Energies for Energy Intensive Industries (Ells)
 11 partners from 6 countries (AT, BE, DE, ES, GR, NL)

■Total EU contribution: € 2 999 500 (total cost) -Starting date: 1st September 2020 - Duration: 36 months

ets; **rticipation**



Overview

The 2023 Net-Zero Industry Act repeats the EU's commitment to reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 and, as a stepping stone, slashing emissions by 55% on 1990 levels by 2030 (Fit for 55 package)

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Energy Intensive Industries (Ells) are expected to play an important role in energy transition as they represent 24% of the final energy consumption, but a clear long-term vision and strategy is required in order to remain **competitive** while contributing to the decarbonization targets of the EU.

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Technologies that reduce the CO₂ emission of current processes:

- \checkmark energy efficiency measures;
- ✓ electrification, using electricity from renewable energy sources;
- \checkmark deep geothermal energy;
- \checkmark biomass;
- \checkmark low-carbon hydrogen or other synthetic fuels;
- ✓ Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

New production pathways with a lower CO₂ footprint:

- Carbon Capture and Utilizations;
- Process Intensification;
- Circular economy

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Success cases prologue

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Re4Industry focus cases

RE4Industry associated with cases that have successfully implemented or are investigating through demonstration projects integration of various forms of renewable energy sourcing in the productive processes on an Energy Intensive Industry (EIIs): **Biomass, Biogas and Biomethane** Electrification **Geothermal Heat Green H**₂ **Heat Pumps Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for** renewable electricity **Solar Heat**

Others



Re4Industry is primarily the following Energy

□ Non-ferrous metals **Steel** Cement & Lime □ Chemicals & Fertilizers **Ceramics Glass**



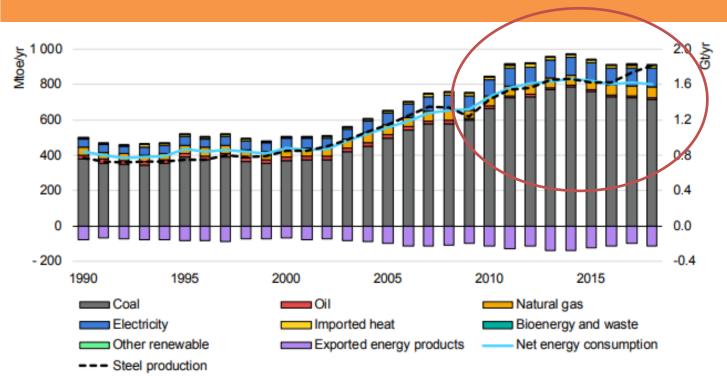




Steel industry

The European sector is under pressure due to its CO₂ emissions produced by its high energy and resource intensive processes.

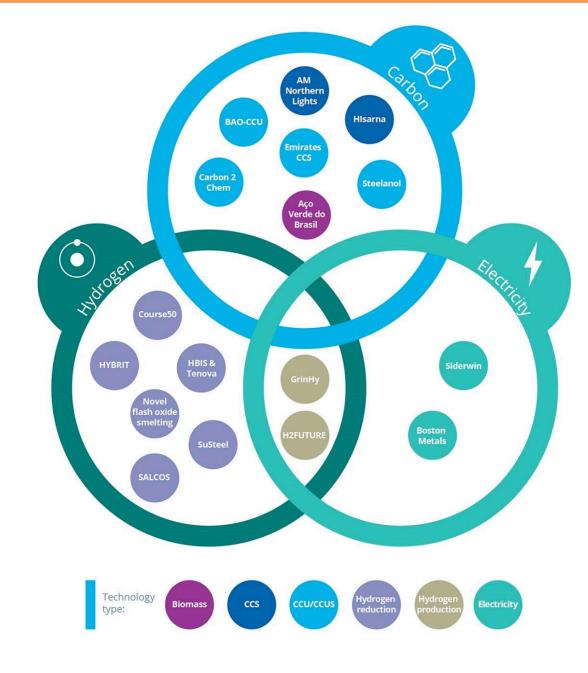
The sector contributes to approximately 5% of total European CO₂ emissions and to 22% of total EU industrial emissions.



Final energy consumption in the steel industry6 worldwide (Gt = gigatonne; Mtoe = million tonnes of oil equivalent)

Increasing needs in steel product corresponding in increasing needs of carbonization solutions

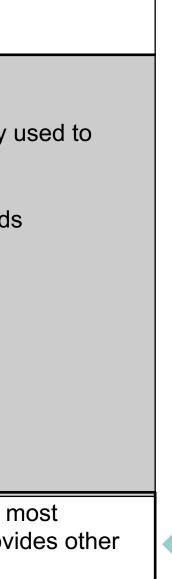
Innovations in the steel industry by technology type.





Steel industry decarbonisation

Primary route	Secondary route	
 Methods such as coke dry quenching and optimizing pellet ratios, as well as Blast Furnace equipment like top gas recovery turbines Replacing coke with natural gas can also significantly cut CO₂ in primary steel making Injecting hydrogen or ammonia into the BF to partly replace pulverized coal 	 Making savings on the electricity power the Electric Arc Furnace Shifting the electricity mix towards renewables 	
The recycling ratio of steel is very high in the indurecycled material. While the high recycling ratio is environmental benefits that include less energy u	s mainly for economic reasons, it pro	

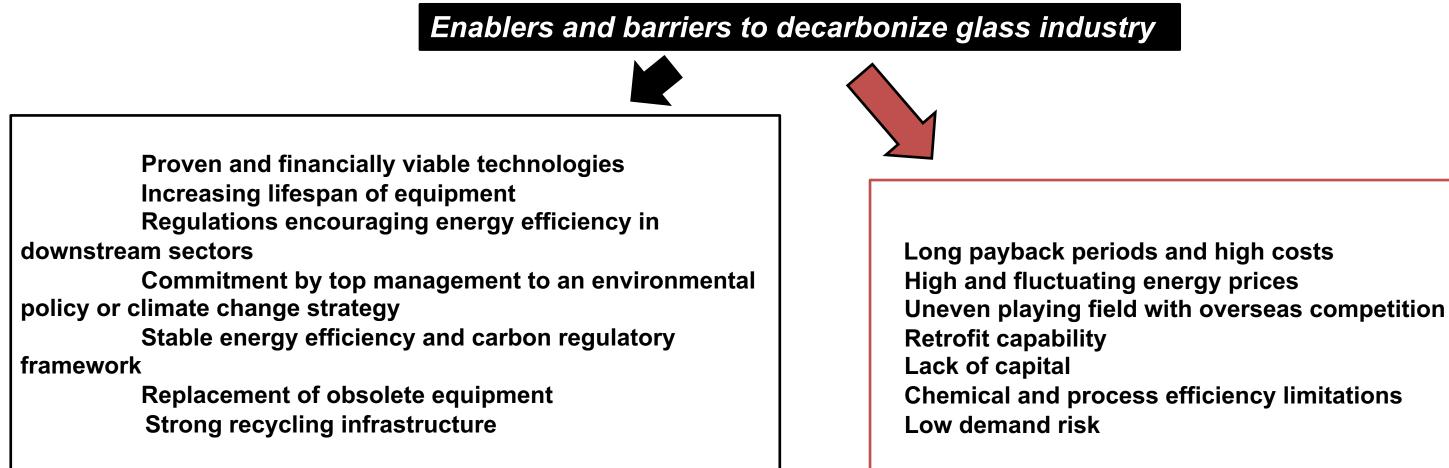


cornerstone of the circular economy.

Glass industries

Overview of glass industry

- Glass still represents one of the largest used materials in manufacturing, building and consuming processes, significantly enabling light-weighting products, superior quality glazing and is high recyclable.
- Glass manufacturing industry is an energy intensive process due to the need for heating the raw materials to high temperature in order to melt, form, coat and anneling glass containers, fibers or flat glass slides (around 1600 °C).
- mainly fuelled by natural gas, comprehending near 75% of their energy requirements
- A switch to biomethane is technically possible



Novel technologies

Energy efficiency improvements in terms of fuel furnace consumptions

Waste heat recovery to pre-heat combustion air and raw materials, or electricity co-generation

Cobustion innovations

Oxyfuel combustions

Introduction of liquid biofuels (biodiesel)

Reduce combustion emissions

Electric Arc Furnaces rather than gas fired furnaces

Hybrid furnaces running on multiple fuels and electricity

Study of the feasibility of hydrogen to run glass furnaces

Glass industries Decarbonisation

Circularity

Increased cullet uses to produce new glass (waste to material)

Calcined raw materials as CaO to substitute carbonates reducing CO2 emissions



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Steel Industry

Belgium:ArcelorMittal Ghent Spain:Ebroacero S.A.





RE4Industry success cases

ArcelorMittal Ghent steel plant

ArcelorMittal is the leading steel and mining company around the world,

It is the leader in all major global steel markets, including automotive, construction, engineering, household appliances and packaging.



The RE technology already applied at ArcelorMittal Ghent steel plant is currently based on both solar and wind energy



More than 45,000 MWh of wind power per year =

CO₂ emissions avoidance is 11,225 tons of CO₂ per year.

The biggest solar energy producer in Belgium, with an approximate energy production of 10,000 MWh per year.





RE4Industry success cases

ArcelorMittal Ghent steel plant

ArcelorMittal Belgium has been selected as one of the success cases in the RE4Industry Project owing to the industry's huge efforts to reduce CO₂ related emissions by utilizing Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in their basic production line and Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) technologies.

Carbon2Value project : A cost effective CCU technology that captures & separates CO ₂ from waste gases,
Torero project:
A 2.5 million-tonnes direct reduced iron plant and electric arc furnace facility at its Ghent state-of-the-art partially waste wood and plastic fired blast fu
The project is expected to reduce Ghent's annual CO2 emissions by
Carbalyst/Steelanol
Is a group of technologies, which allows the production of basic chemicals
by utilizing steelmaking waste gases.
Promotes CCU by converting biologically waste gases captured from blast furnaces into used as chemical feedstock or blended for use as a liquid

Target: Reduce CO₂ emission by 3.9 Mt/y by 2030



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for transport & storage/ reuse

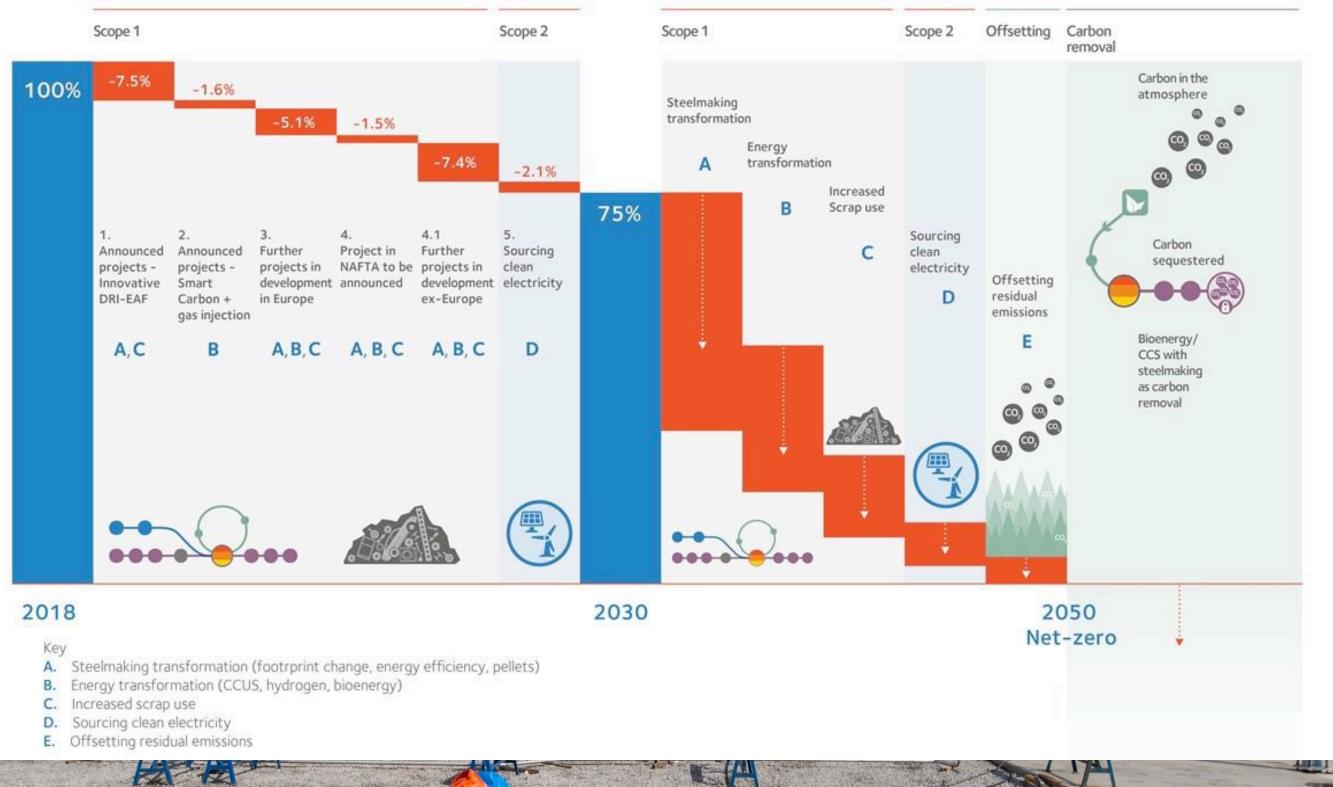
site will operate alongside Ghent's urnace.

- 225,000 tonnes
- , such as bioethanol,

o bioethanol; bioethanol can be refuel.



ArcelorMittal Ghent steel plant



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Synergies for a sustainable future

ArcelorMittal Ghent steel plant

- ArcelorMittal with Fluxus and North Sea Port have started preparing a feasibility study for the Ghent Carbon ٠ Hub project, an open-access CO₂ storage and liquefaction hub in the Ghent part of North Sea Port. (capacity to process 6 million tonnes of CO2 annually, equivalent to around 15% of industrial CO2 emissions in Belgium)
- Is starting a new initiative called SMART Steelmaking with Alternative Reductants" in Collaboration with Vanheede Environment Group, Ghent University and CRM group. This project is an cutting-edge process to chemically recover end-of-life plastics and other waste in order to reduce CO2 emissions. With the help of SMART project, ArcelorMittal can replace fossil carbon-containing reductants, such as coal, with circular waste-based reductants.
- A pilot project to employ bio-coal as a high-quality partial replacement for fossil coal is being launched by • ArcelorMittal Ghent. The bio-coal is being responsibly sourced from Dutch company Perpetual Next that uses its proprietary high temperature torrefaction technique to manufacture it.
- Finally, leading global resources company BHP, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Engineering (MHIENG), and ٠ Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd are working together on MHIENG's carbon capture technology with ArcelorMitta targeting in evaluate the separation and capture of CO₂ from the off gases.



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Ebroacero S.A. steel industry

Ebroacero S.A. is a steel industry located in Zaragoza, Spain. This company was born in 1963, and from the beginnings their activity has been focused on the manufacture of moulded steel parts and alloy foundries for all types of industrial applications.

The Spanish steel industry is at the lead in environmental performance, which has been addressed from several forefronts.

Particularly, the efficiency of raw materials utilisation, the water and energy consumption, so as the reduction of CO₂ emissions and process waste valorisation, have been key strategic lines in the sector to improve its environmental impact and process sustainability.

Main action undertaken by Ebroacero S.A in 2021 was the agreement with *Solarfarm* for the installation of **photovoltaic solar cell** technology for further procurement of fossil fuels use reduction.



Target: Reduce CO2 emissions. by 46,81 ton/year

Ebroacero S.A. steel industry

Average annual power consumption orbits 5.000.000 kWh/year, photovoltaic may guarantee near **207.254 kWh/year** produced by RE, which represents 4-5% of overall power consumptions.

This amount will be entirely consumed by their own facilities whilst no surplus will be sold to the grid.

Project economics:

- Investment: 150.000€
- Return of investment: 6years

Challenges

- The factory's large age
- The adaptation of the roofs prior to the installation of the plates would entail a high cost







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Spain: Verallia S.A.

glass industry

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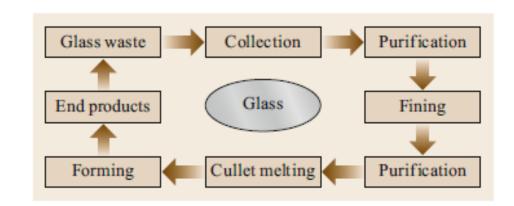
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Verallia S.A. Spain glass industry

In 2020, Verallia Spain S.A, the Spanish subsidiary of the top glass manufacturing company decided to implement innovations in its processes to enhance corporative decarbonisation strategies in their facilities located in Zaragoza.

Verallia has been working in the following areas:

- Strengthening the circularity of glass packaging
- Significantly reducing the CO₂ emissions of Verallia's operations



Verallia has identified the potential of liquid biofuels to substitute at least partially non-renewable fossil sources.



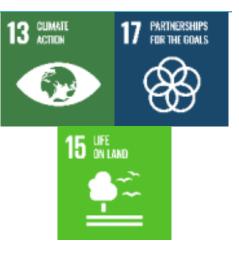


Verallia S.A. Spain glass industry

Action	Description of action	Proposed goals
Strengthening the circularity of glass packaging	Glass is one of the most sustainable materials. The circular economy focuses 3 areas: -Increasing glass collection -Optimising cullet use -Developing the reuse of its packaging	 Verallia will pursue the following goals between now and 2025: -Increase the glass packaging European collection rate of 90% in 2030. -Increase the use of external cullet in their worldwide production processes to reach 59% by 2025. -Trial at least one bottle reuse pilot project in France.
Significantly reducing the CO2 emissions of Verallia's operations	Verallia's bottle and jar production process entails substantial energy consumption and CO2 emissions. Main impacts are found in furnaces energy efficiency and recycled cullet use	Verallia aims to reduce its CO2 emissions (Scopes 1 and 2) by 46% from 2019 to 2025 With regard to its products, Verallia aims to achieve a 3% reduction in the weight of our non-returnable standard bottles and jars by 2025.

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Verallia S.A. Spain glass industry

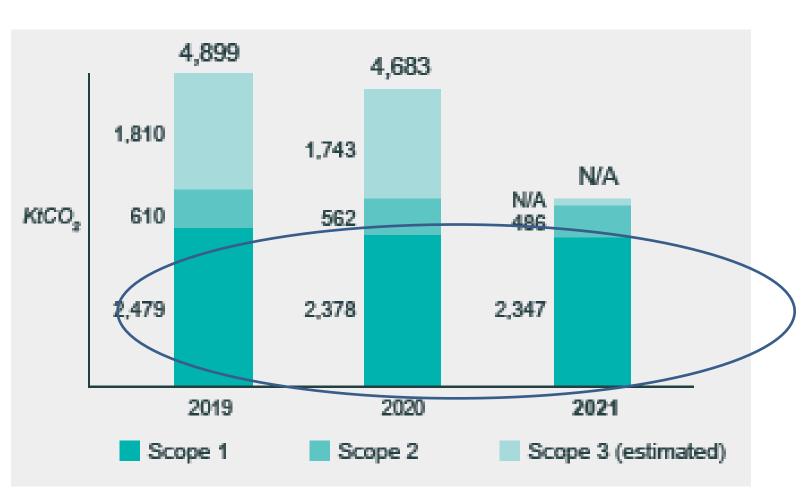
Undergone and ongoing 3 actions for scopes #1 & #2, related to energy consumption

Action #1: Optimise the energy consumption of Verallia's industrial facilities

- Reduction of emissions from melting by reducing fuel oil consumption
- Conversion of the installations to replace heavy fuel oil with liquefied natural gas, • Improvement of existing industrial facilities
- Elimination of all energy losses
- Use of flue gas heat .

Action #2: Develop and invest in low-carbon furnaces

- Installation of electric furnaces at certain sites The project aims to reduce CO2 emissions at the site by 50%.
- Prioritising the transition to the hybrid
- furnaceproduction, applicable to all sites
- Relying on transition technologies: the "super-boosted" furnace and the oxy-combustion furnace





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Verallia S.A. Spain glass industry

Scopes 1 and 2

Action #3: Develop renewable or decarbonised energy

- Towards "greener" electricity
- Electricity generation on sites
- Preparing for the use of green hydrogen
- Biofuel co-firing implementation in furnaces

The goal is to supply the equivalent of three furnaces with 100% biofuels by 2030.

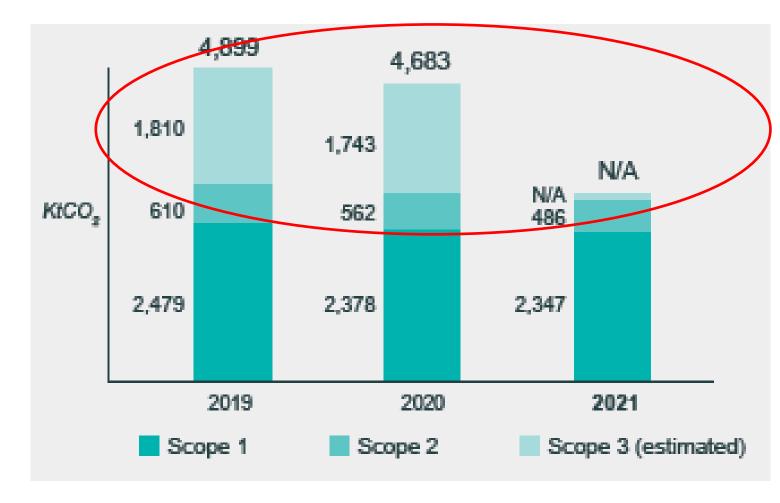
Scope 3 actions related to energy consumption

The significant reduction in Scope 3 emissions between 2020 and 2019 is linked to two main elements:

the raw material emission factors per supplier assessment

and

✤ the reduction in the use of virgin raw materials.





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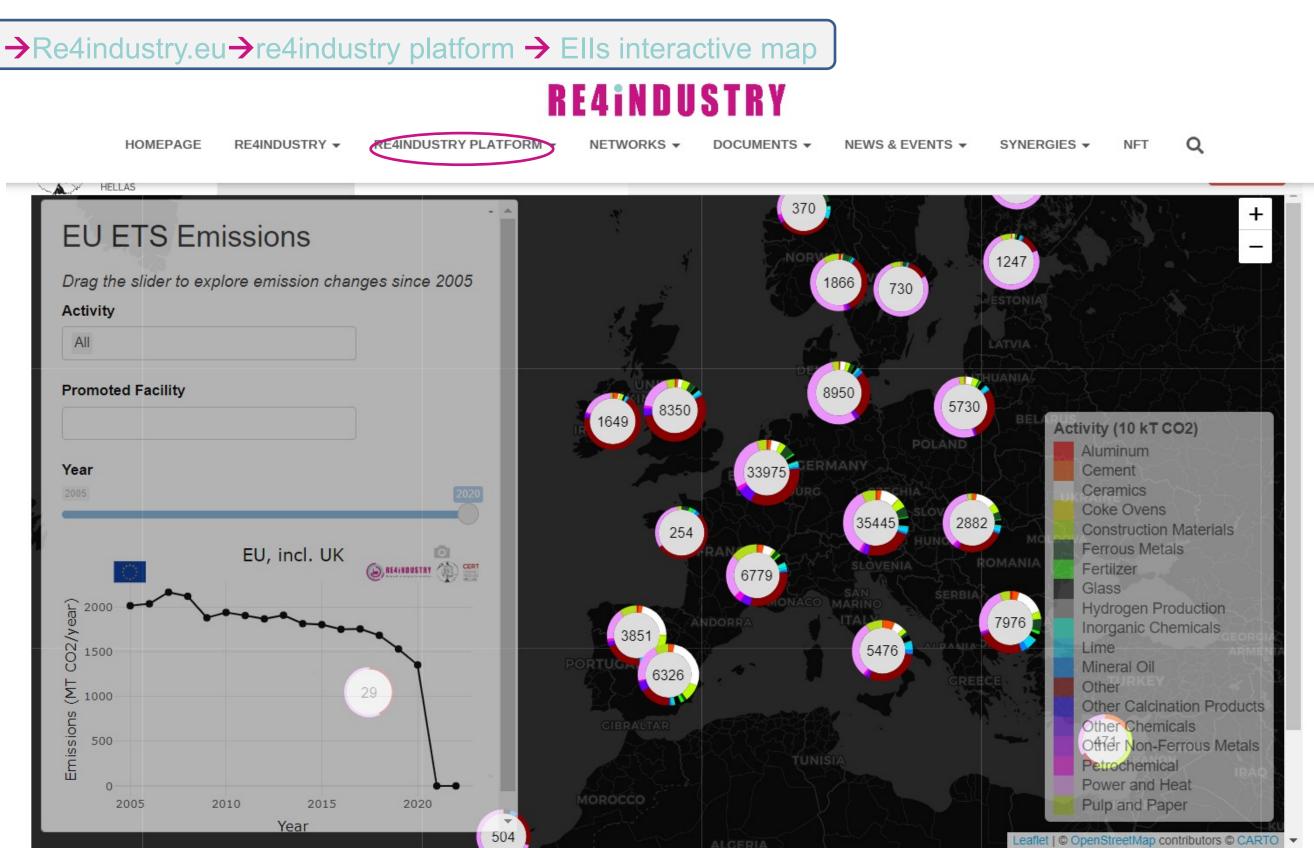
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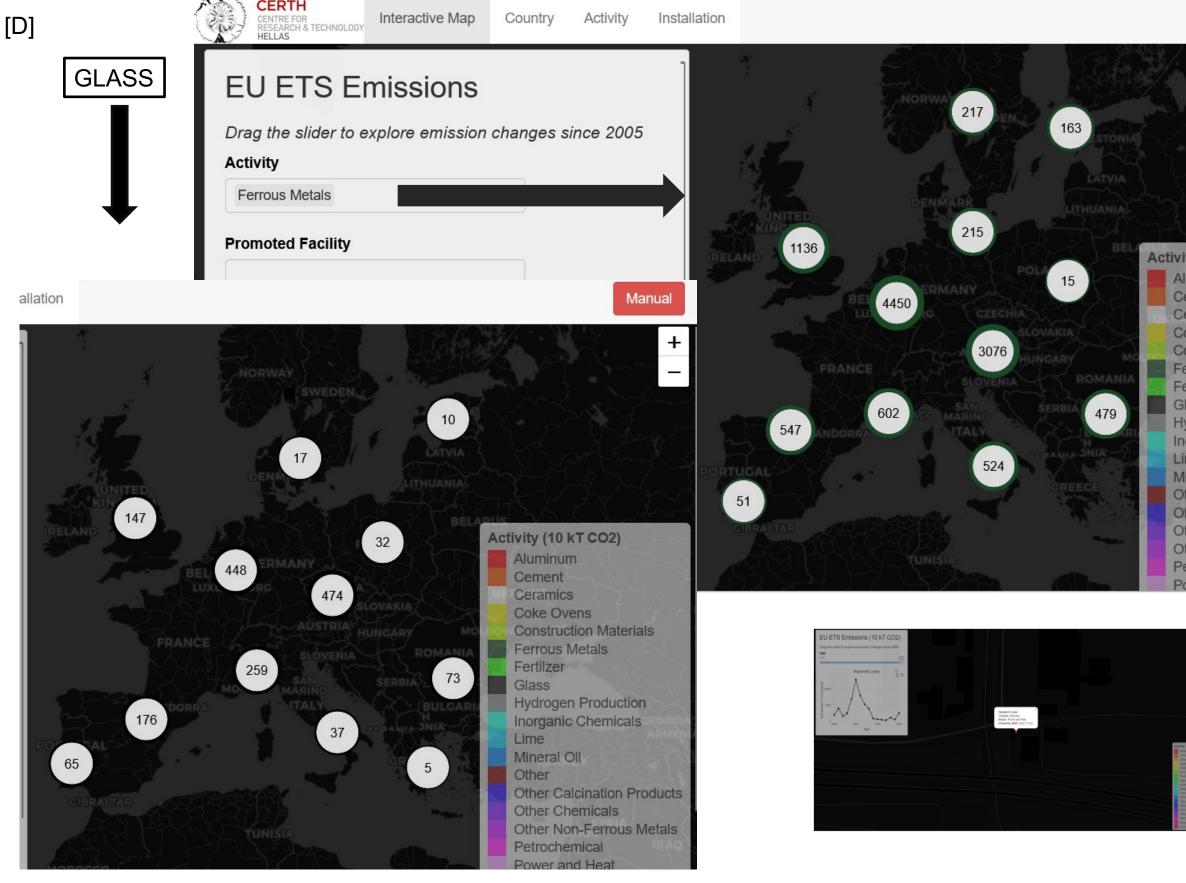
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Manual

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Activity (10 kT CO2)

- Aluminum
- Cement
- Ceramics
- Coke Ovens
- **Construction Materials**
- Ferrous Metals
- Fertilzer
- Glass
- Hydrogen Production
- Inorganic Chemicals
- Lime
- Mineral Oil
- Other
- Other Calcination Products
- Other Chemicals
- Other Non-Ferrous Metals
- Petrochemical
- Power and Heat





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- Regarding the emissions related to the electricity, one potential measure is the use of electricity produced from sun and wind sources.
- CCS & CCU technologies is crucial for CO2 intensive industries to reach net zero emissions, <u>particularly in hard-</u> <u>to-abate sectors with processes that naturally generate CO2</u> <u>emissions</u>
- Emissions produced from fuel's combustion could be avoided by <u>switching the fuel mix</u> with fuels that are not contributing to the carbon footprint

Concluding,

The zero-carbon transition of heavy industry is not only feasible but also beneficial for the companies, by ensuring their long-term competitiveness in a world that is inevitably moving towards a climate-safe future





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CERTH CENTRE FOR RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY HELLAS

Implementation of a Smart RETROfitting Framework in the Process Industry

towards its Operation with Variable, Biobased and Circular FEEDstock





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Project info

RETROFEED: Implementation of a smart RETROfitting framework in the process industry towards its operation with variable, biobased and circular FEEDstock





Main objective

RETROFEED main objective is to:

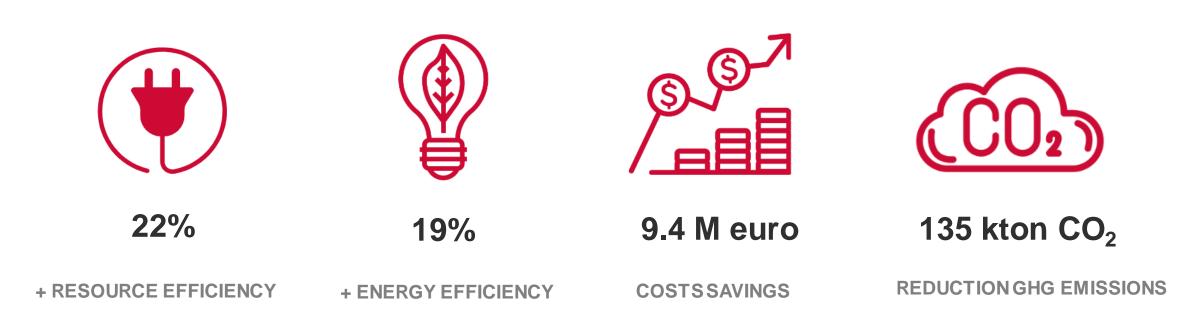
enable the use of an increasingly variable, bio-based and circular feedstock in process industries through the retrofitting of core equipment and the implementation of an advanced monitoring and control system and providing support to the plant operators by means of a DSS covering the production chain.

This approach is demonstrated in five Resource and Energy Intensive Industries - REIIs



Impact

IMPACT





CORE EQUIPMENT – PHOSPHOROUS REACTOR



Retrofitting actions

 New design of a in-line reactor for alternative phosphorus sources

Goals

- Replace 10% of the currently used phosphorous sources
- Recover valuable raw materials from wastes
- ✓ Reduction of cost
- M&C system improvement

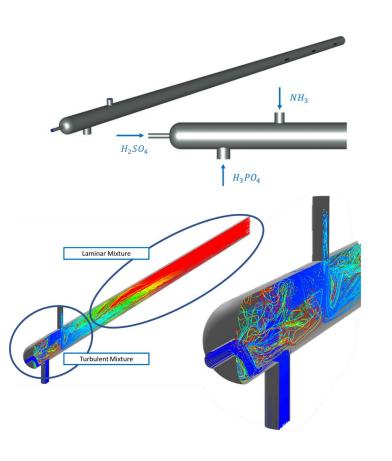


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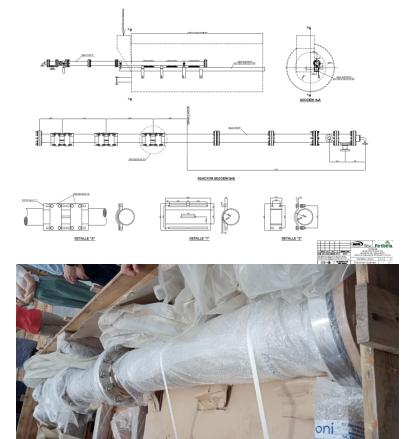








Digital twin



New reactor

CORE EQUIPMENT – ROTARY KILN



Retrofitting actions

- ✓ Multi-fuel burner design
- Image based combustion diagnosis tool
- Alternative fuels properties determination
- Real time clinker optical characterization

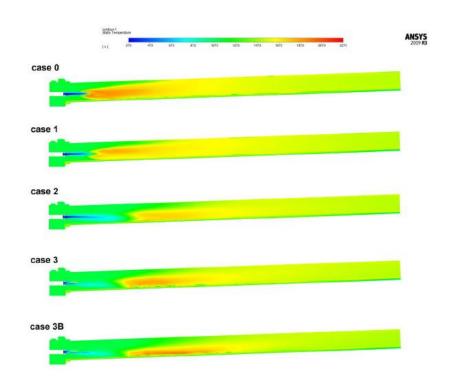
Goals

- ✓ CO₂ emissions reduction
- Replacement of fossil fuel close to 100%
- ✓ Increment in energy efficiency
- M&C improvement

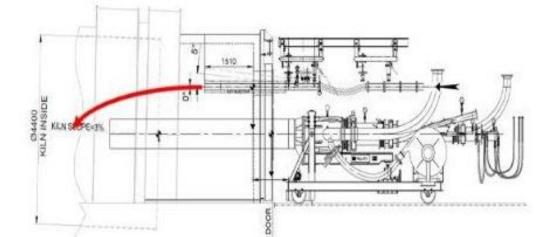




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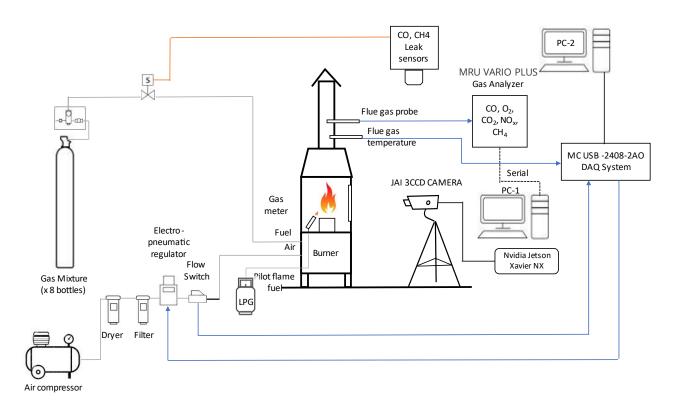


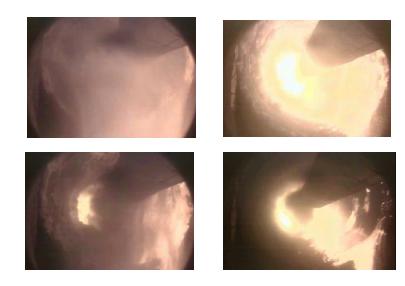


New burner



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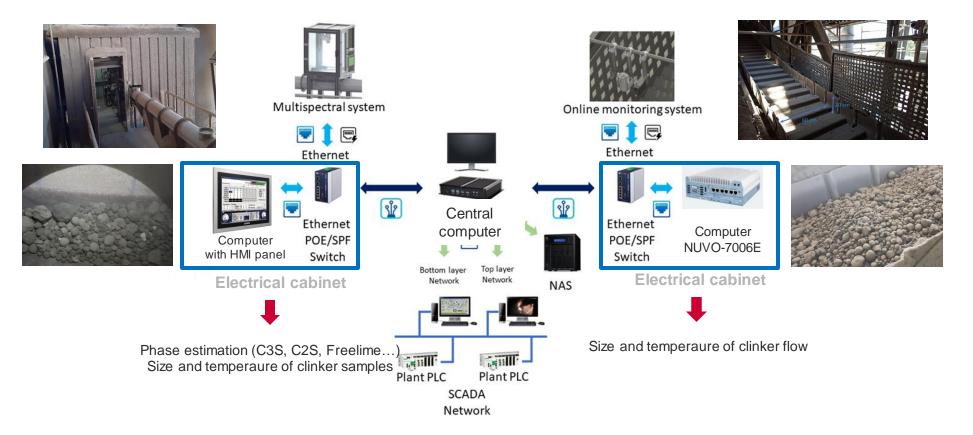


New image based combustion diagnosis tool





CORE EQUIPMENT – ROTARY KILN



Alternative fuels properties determination and real time clinker optical characterization



CORE EQUIPMENT – MELTING FURNACE



Retrofitting actions

- Delacquering system
- ✓ O₂ injection system
- New burner head design
- \checkmark O₂ and TOC analyzers

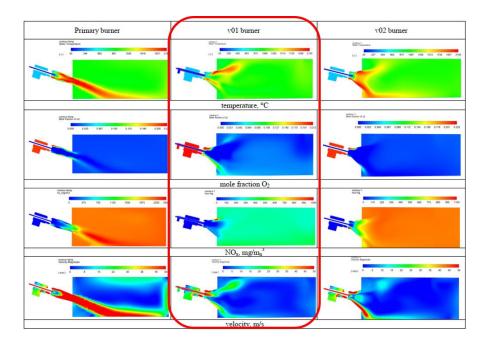
Goals

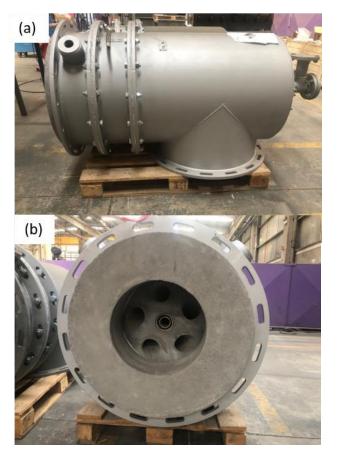
- ✓ 50% increment in the amount of scrap
- Reduction of the energy consumption 15 times
- ✓ More efficient combustion
- Reduction of the GHG emissions
- Improved M&C system





CORE EQUIPMENT – MELTING FURNACE





New burner head



O₂ injection system





CORE EQUIPMENT – MELTING FURNACE





O₂ analyzer

Delacquering system

CORE EQUIPMENT – FRITS FURNACE



Retrofitting actions

- ✓ Feeding system enhancement
- Redesign of the flue gases recovery system
- Implementation of new sensors
- Smart control

Goals

- Energy and material savings
- Optimization use of fuel and combustion air
- ✓ Reduction of material waste
- ✓ Improved M&C system



CORE EQUIPMENT – ELECTRICAL ARC FURNACE

Demos Tenaris Silcotub

Retrofitting actions FENO

- Burner modification for feeding biochar and plastic grains
- Injection system

Retrofitting actions SILCOTUB

Feeding injection system

Goals

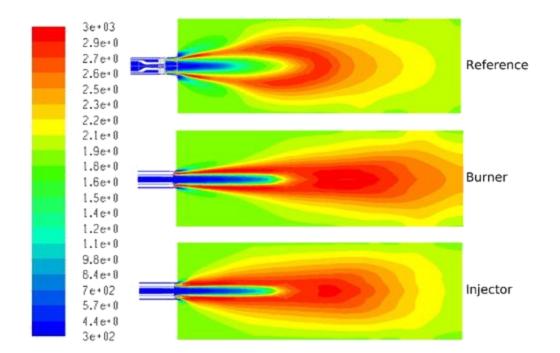
- Reduction of GHG emissions
- ✓ Use of alternative feedstock
- ✓ M&C system improvement



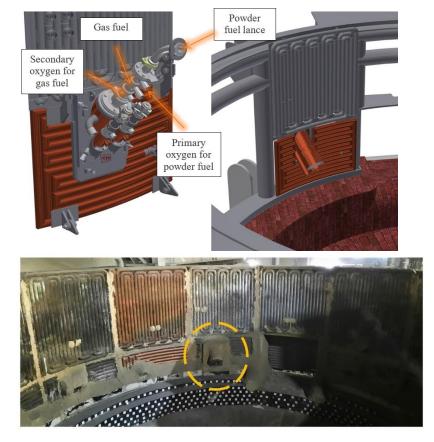
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CORE EQUIPMENT – ELECTRICAL ARC FURNACE





Digital twin



New burner/injector



CORE EQUIPMENT – ELECTRICAL ARC FURNACE





Electric Arc Furnace



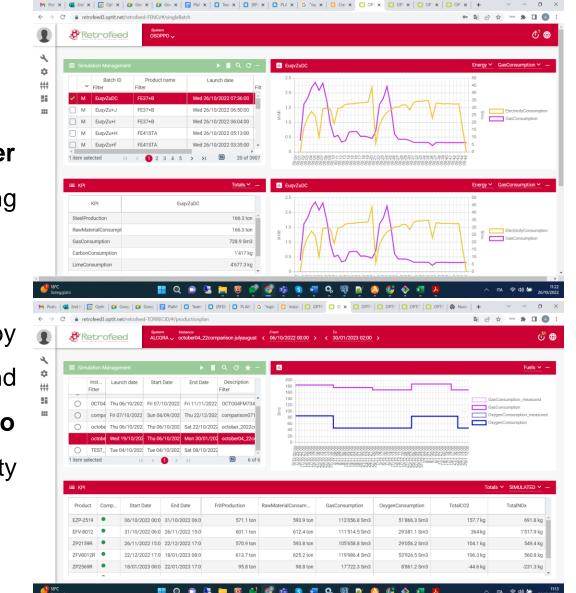


Flame of the new burner using the AM Flame generated by CH₄ and O₂ without the use of AM Started the burning of the first AM in addition to CH₄ and O₂

The DSS currently on **OPTIT** Cloud

DSS (Decision Suport System)

- to provide a diagnosis of the processes under different scenarios differing in the retrofitting solution and feedstock selected
- to optimize the management of the plant by obtaining real-time data from the processes and providing information on the operation conditions to be implemented depending on the quality, quantity and price of feedstock, among other parameters





Simulation and Monitoring

Main Features:

- Digital Twins and Optimization models interfaces for process simulation
- Measured vs Simulation comparison
- Process Monitoring
- KPI calculation
- Easy export of excel files

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