

Policy Framework – defining an appropriate intensity level

Within the DoW of HyWays, deliverable 3.4 is described as a workshop with various policy makers in order to discuss and reach consensus on (the intensity of) the policy support framework for hydrogen. During phase I of the HyWays project it became apparent that a single workshop was likely not the most effective way to obtain the required feedback on policy support incentives for hydrogen. It was expected that only a limited number of stakeholders would be willing to travel to a location (i.e. Brussels) to discuss this topic. When conducting several HyWays workshops as well as experiences from the past made it clear that the required participation level of policy makers can be reached only if the workshop is conducted at a convenient location minimising their travel time.

In order to obtain the required feedback on the policy framework, the following approach was taken:

- First of all a distinction was made between obtaining feedback on (1) general incentives for hydrogen that are also part of the base line scenario and (2) policy support schemes specifically addressing hydrogen. For each of these topics, a feedback strategy was developed (see below).
- Ad (1). The general base line assumption include targets on long term greenhouse gas emission reduction (2050) as well as targets for renewable energy (2020, 2050). These targets were discussed explicitly in the MS workshops in phase I (6 countries) and phase II (4 countries) and communicated to the stakeholders (including policy makers) in these countries. Active feedback was sought on these assumption. In addition, these key assumptions on incentives for hydrogen in the base line scenario were also described in the report ‘HyWays: A European Roadmap - Assumptions and robust results from Phase I’. This report was actively distributed and is available for download at the public section of the HyWays web site (www.HyWays.de). To further promote the publication containing these basic assumptions, a flyer was printed (3.000 pieces) and distributed at conferences, fairs etc..
- Ad (2). The key topic of the final workshop (a minimum of three workshops per member state (MS) were conducted) for each of the (10) MS consisted of identifying and discussing the policy framework needed to facilitate the hydrogen transition. This was done by making a distinction between local/regional, MS and EU-level as well as by making a distinction between the short (up to 2020), medium (2020, 2030) and long term period (2050 and beyond). Specific attention was paid to the participation of policy makers (including asking for providing feedback in written form in case they could not participate). The results of the workshops will be incorporated in the MS-synthesis report (one of the final deliverables, 40 pages, includes a synthesis of the country specific MS visions on hydrogen and the required policy framework) as well as in the Minutes of Meetings of the various MS workshops.