Snam and the hydrogen opportunity

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Snam is one of the main global energy infrastructure company snam



¹Italy and international associates

snam Undisputed leader in the natural gas infrastructure



20.7 bn

NOTE:

Data referred to Snam and its subsidiaries (Teréga, TAP, IUK, TAG, Desfa). Countries are France, Austria, Belgium, UK, Greece, Italy. Snam owns 100% of Panigaglia LNG terminal, 7.3% of Adriatic LNG and 49.07% of OLT Offshore LNG Toscana S.p.A.

The role of hydrogen in the decarbonization

The «colours» of hydrogen

«Grey» Hydrogen	«Blue» Hydrogen	«Green» Hydrogen
Natural gas is separated into hydrogen and carbon dioxide (CO2)	Natural gas is separated into hydrogen and carbon dioxide (CO2). The carbon dioxide is stored and reused	Water is separated into hydrogen and oxygen molecules thanks to the use of electricity from renewable sources
CO ₂ emitted into the atmosphere	CO ₂ captured and reused	NoCO ₂ emitted

Why hydrogen?

- It can be produced carbon-neutrally through RES and can support the development of a decarbonised economy
- It can be used to transport and store energy, but also in end uses. Will enable sector coupling
- ✓ Can be used in **existing infrastructure**



Created in 2019, Snam BUH2 is focused on different kind of activities: scouting of hydrogen-related technologies, designing of innovative business models and definition of business cases for the utilization of hydrogen in different sectors: mobility, industry, energy, services



H2 for Sector coupling and RES integration

Solutions for innovative utilities and sector coupling



H2 for Industry

Supply for green industrial processes



Solutions for sustainable mobility systems



H2 for Commercial Use

Fuel Cells for business continuity and heating

Snam and the hydrogen opportunity: 3 streams of action

Asset Readiness

- Pipelines: network is largely hydrogen ready, key reason to underpin replacement
- **Component**s: gas chromatographs and other minor instruments would need replacing (<1% RAB)
- **Gas compressor units**: testing the impact of a 5-10% blend.
- Geological storage sites: ongoing analysis and research
- Ongoing assessment of use of membranes to separate NG and H2 out of NGH2 blend

Negligible investment to reach 5-10% NGH2 readiness Ongoing investment in the grid «Hy-ready»

System design

- Long-term scenarios: Expected key role of hydrogen in the energy mix
- **Grid evolution:** Development of pathway analyses with increasing share of green gasses
- Technical standards: involvement in focus groups to develop common rules on H2 in Italy and Europe

Value chain development

- Evaluating potential opportunities/pilot projects to scale up clean H2 production and use
- **Potential partnership** with other operators of the value chain
- Scouting for promising technologies

Ongoing work to support long-term grid planning

Scouting the market for investment opportunities and partnership

Snam as an Enabler; Hydrogen BU created

Snam is assessing H2 readiness on its infrastructure through a variety of actions

On pipelines :

- injection tests of a mixture of H₂NG up to 10 % of volume in the network (to check compatibility of current infrastructure) have been successfully carried out
- new SNAM's **internal standards** for 100% Hydrogen compliant Piping and Pipeline have been issued
- studies are going on existing pipelines to validate H₂ readiness, and confidence has been reached that only a small portion (10-15%) of the existing network needs to be replaced

On compressing stations :



- collaboration with gas turbine suppliers is ongoing to assess (i) the maximum H₂ percentage that can be mixed without major modifications and (ii) the extent of the modifications in case of higher percentages
 - tests are planned to verify readiness to accept 5% (potentially up to 10%) H₂NG mixtures without changes



On underground storage :

- feasibility study has been launched to investigate and simulate physical, chemical and microbiological phenomena associated with H2NG storage
- The study will last two years but we do not expect major constraints to the use of H2NG mixtures

snam The European Hydrogen Backbone ("EHB")

The EHB is a shared vision from eleven TSOs1 to engage in a truly European undertaking.



- A proposal for a **dedicated hydrogen transport infrastructure**, connecting supply and demand from north to south and west to east.
- Starting with an emerging 6,800 km pipeline network connecting hydrogen valleys by 2030; then stretching into all directions with a length of about **23,000 km by 2040**, with expected further expansion up to 2050.
- Converted 36- and 48-inch hydrogen pipelines, commonly used for longdistance gas transport in the EU, can provide 7 and 13 GW (at LHV²) of hydrogen capacity per pipeline, respectively.
- The proposed backbone requires an estimated total investment cost of €27-64 billion by 2040, based on using 75% repurposed natural gas pipelines connected to 25% newly built dedicated hydrogen pipelines.
- Levelised transport costs amount to 0.09-0.17 €/kg per 1000 km, enabling **cost-effective long-distance transport** across Europe.
- The EHB is an **open initiative** all European gas infrastructure companies and associations GIE and ENTSOG are encouraged to join in the thinking, to further develop this pan-European undertaking.

1. Includes Enagás, Energinet, Fluxys Belgium, Gasunie, GRTgaz, NET4GAS, OGE, ONTRAS, Teréga, Snam, Swedegas; covering Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland (indirectly through Fluxys Belgium); 2. LHV: Lower heating value, the energetic value of a gas, after subtracting the heat of vaporisation from the higher heating value.



- 2 pilot projects for H2NG blending \checkmark
- **11 MoU** for developing the value chain \checkmark
- \checkmark



snam H2 production costs are falling even faster than expected



Levelized production cost of hydrogen evolution

Announced H2 projects already reach demand tipping point



- 25GW of electrolyzes capacity worldwide required for H2 costs around \$2/kg in favorable areas for renewable production
- Ca. 50GW by 2030 «tipping point»

Value-chain cooperation to create scale









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