

## From R&D to Market Deployment

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Trains in Germany

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# INTRODUCTION



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## **TRANSITION OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR** TECHNOLOGIES FOR DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS







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### NATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAM HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL **TECHNOLOGY (NIP)** NIP PHASE 1 (2007 – 2016)



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### ...710 MILLION EURO PUBLIC R&D FUNDING...SAFEGUARDED GERMANY'S

	Basic research?	Applied R&D <sup>1</sup>	Demonstration projects <sup>4</sup>	Market activation <sup>2</sup>	Support activities!	Total
Transport	44 (48%)	471.(49%)	230 (47%)	1. 12	0 (41%)	1794
Household power	4 (49%)	100 (48%)	33 (49%)	13 (39%)	9 (46%)	223
Special markets	4 (48%)	100(00%)	40 (48%)	3 (45%)	- A - 1	142
industry	8 (40%)	32 (90%)	76 (40%)	- 22	1 (46%)	120
Transversal topics	0.(00%)	67 (60%)	1 (43%)	1 ÷	8 (42%)	83
H <sub>2</sub> production	5 (98%)	18 (59%)	30 (50%)	1 2	2 (100%)	55
Total	1.985	663	2410	16	21	1,415

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### NATIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAM HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY (NIP 2) MEASURES OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE (BMVI)







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# FROM R&D TO MARKET ENTRY



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# POTENTIAL FOR ZERO-EMISSION TRAINS IN GERMANY





- > 40% of the German rail grid is not electrified
- > 20% of the German rail traffic is currently operated through diesel trains
- Electrification of tracks is economically feasible on highly frequented sections only
- Battery trains can bridge short unelectrified distances (ca. 40km max)
- Big potential for hydrogen fuel cell trains in
  - low-frequency,
  - unelectrified sections,
  - possibly located near hydrogen supply



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## TIMELINE FROM R&D...





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# TIMELINE ...TO MARKET LAUNCH



Deadline of the first funding call for the acquisition of hydrogen trains (including fuel stations and onsite electrolyzers) → Proposals from 6 federal states for more than 160 trains in total

March 2018



April 2018



Alstom receives the admission for passenger service within the German rail network for the Coradia iLint

July 2018

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Regular operation from 2021 on:

14 Coradia iLint in Lower Saxony

+ additional locations ...



Start of the trial operation of the Coradia iLint on the route Cuxhaven – Bremerhaven – Bremervörde – Buxtehude in Lower Saxony

September 2018



24 October 2058 February 2019

# R&D PROJECTS BETHY & BETHY 2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORADIA ILINT (ALSTOM & DLR)

### Technical Data:

- Based on the diesel train Coradia Lint 54
- 2 fuel cell stacks
- 2 hydrogen tanks (each 130 kg)
- 2 x 272 kW power at the wheel
- Up to 1000 km range
- Maximum speed of 140 km/h
- Approximately 119 t total weight
- Approximately 55 m length





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### LOWER SAXONY – START OF OPERATION IN 12/2021 BUXTEHUDE – BREMERVÖRDE – BREMERHAVEN - CUXHAVEN

#### Track:

- Single-track branch line
- 123 km
- 21 stations
- Average distance between stations 9 km
- Current operator: EVB (*Eisenbahnen und Verkehrsbetriebe Elbe-Weser*)

#### <u>Trains:</u>

- 12+2 Coradia iLints
- 156 seats per train

#### **Refueling station:**

- One station and maintenance in Bremervörde
- Maximum of 12 refueling processes per day
- 15 minutes per train
- Two trains in parallel







# **R&D PROJECT X-EMU DEVELOPMENT OF A FC-HYBRID-POWERTRAIN FOR TRAINS (SIEMENS, RWTH AACHEN**)



- Integration of a fuel cell stack in a modular traction system for trains
- Development of a hardware-in-the-loop simulation for the integration, development

and evaluation of real components and models

Integration in the Siemens E-Train platform "Mireo"

### Funding:

W-GMBH DF

- 20.3 M Euros project volume
- 11.7 M Euros of public funding (NIP 2)
- Runtime 01.10.2017 30.09.2019
- → Modular battery and fuel cell system, adoptable to different conditions and customer demands





# **FUTURE OUTLOOK**



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# FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



### Next region to deploy hydrogen fuel cell trains:

• Hesse: RMV lines 11, 12, 15, 16 (Taunus grid), 23 trains will start operation 12/2022

#### Calls for tender open to zero-emission technologies:

- Baden-Württemberg: Grid "Ortenau", 17 trains
- Schleswig-Holstein: three rail grids, approximately 50 trains
- North Rhine-Westphalia: approximately 50 trains

#### Press releases stating a specific interest in the utilization of fuel cell trains:

- Brandenburg: Section "Heidekrautbahn", 4-7 trains
- Central eastern Germany (Leipzig): feasibility study for the utilization of hydrogen fuel cell trains



### **COALITION AGREEMENT** POLITICAL INITIATIVE



"For rail transport we intend to establish a comprehensive funding program, which covers both the electrification of tracks and the acquisition of vehicles and the respective charging/refueling infrastructure. Furthermore, regional rail transport is intended to be supported through **investment grants for fuel-cell-hybrid-railcars including facilities & depot modifications as well as the construction and operation of hydrogen refueling stations**." – translated from the coalition agreement between CDU, CSU & SPD, 2018



New household item at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure BMVI to support alternative drives for trains

- → Additional 52.7 M € of budget is designated to the topic for the period until 2022
- $\rightarrow$  Funding guideline is being developed



# HYLAND – HYDROGEN REGIONS IN GERMANY A NEW FUNDING CONCEPT UNDER NIP 2





- Six regions and/or municipalities will be selected
- Winners get consultation during 2 years on content and organization
- Development of a local actors network to jointly create initial H2FC concepts on the basis of RE in transport but may include heat, electricity and storage
- Expressions of interest can be stated

- Selection through competition
- Winners get prize money in order to create and calculate concrete project ideas for H2FC concepts
- Regions new to the topic can apply with rough concepts
- Call for competition and the evaluation criteria to be announced in **spring 2019**

- Selection through competition
- Winner(s) get funding support to implement regional H2FC concepts
- Competing regions demonstrate readiness and ability to implement their concepts
- Call for competition and the evaluation criteria to be be announced in **spring 2019**



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### Thank you very much for your attention!

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