

HYINHEAT project introduction

4. Aachener Ofenbau- und
Thermoprozess-Kolloquium

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The project in brief

Title:	Hydrogen technologies for decarbonization of industrial heating processes
Acronym:	HyInHeat
GAP No.:	101091456
Call:	HORIZON-CL4-2022-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-17
Start/End:	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2026 (48 months)
Total budget:	23.96 Mio. €
EU contribution:	17,71 Mio. €
Coordinator:	RWTH Aachen University

Overall goals

- 1 Significant reduction of CO₂ emissions of the industrial processes with H₂ heating
- 2 NO_x levels of the processes at least not higher than the equivalent fossil fuel based solutions
- 3 Improved energy efficiency of the industrial processes
- 4 Significant reduction of H₂ fuel consumption of the developed process with regards to the current fossil fuel demand
- 5 Competitive costs of the developed technologies



The team

- 3 Steel and 5 Aluminium producers
- 9 Technology suppliers
- 4 Research and Technology organisations
- 4 Universities
- 2 European associations
- 1 Green Innovation Consultant & Marketing expert
- In total: 28 partners from 12 countries



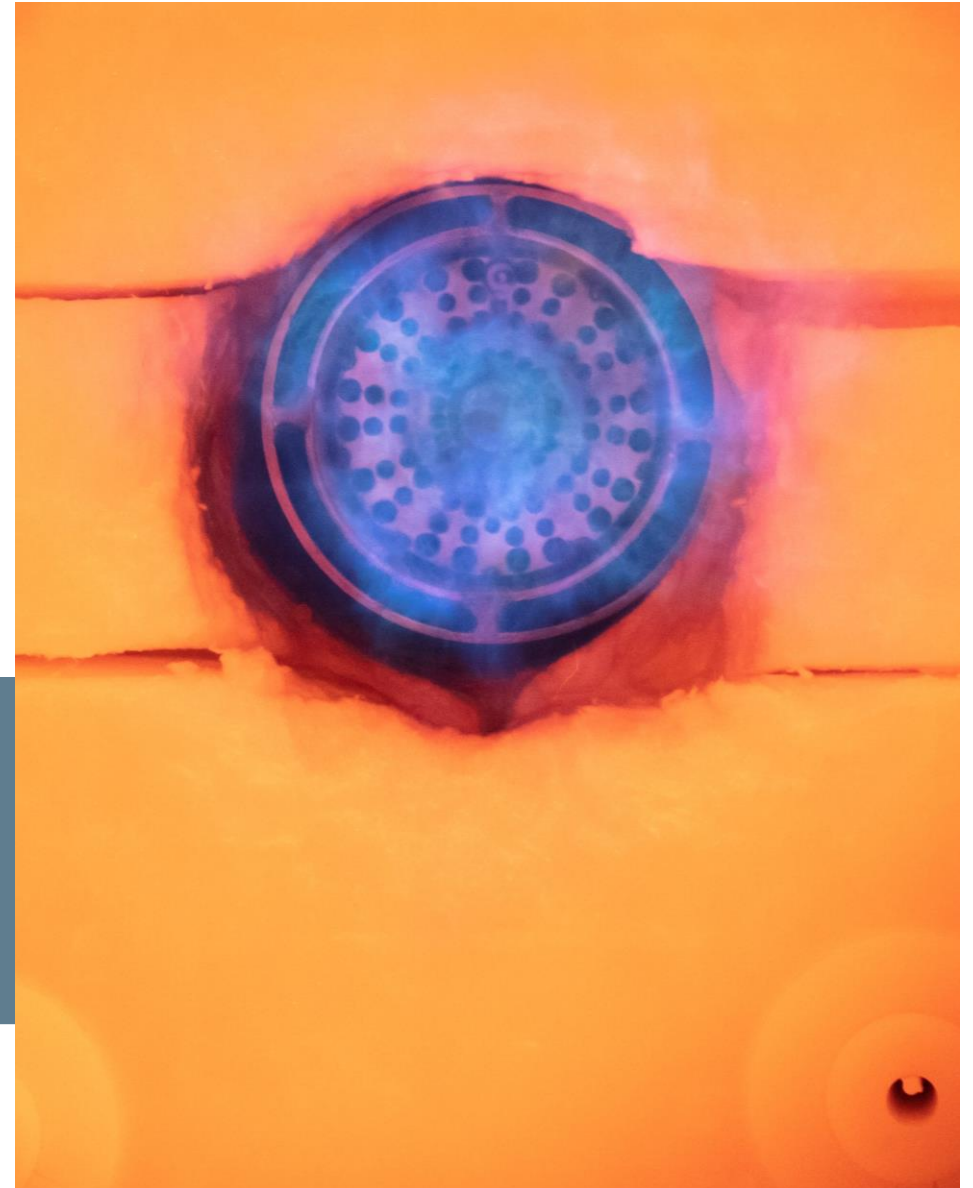
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The challenges

Gas-solid or gas-liquid interactions between furnace atmosphere and product | impact on refractory products and furnace materials | condensation of off-gas | heat transfer and temperature homogeneity | high-temperature chemistry for H₂/O₂ combustion | feed-forward and feed-back combustion control | higher combustion temperatures | higher NO_x formation rates | NO_x emission limit definition | emission measurement technology | safety and risk assessment | flame detection and monitoring

“HyInHeat uses a cross-sectorial approach addressing all the crucial tasks for an energy- and resource efficient integration of H₂ in two large European sectors, Steel and Aluminium, to be an integral part of the heating solutions throughout the processes of the value chains of the two sectors”





The objectives

Redesign heating processes for H₂ as fuel

8 demonstrators for H₂ heating | 1 full off-gas system redesign | 1 greenfield reheating furnace design study | 2 retrofit design studies

Modify heating equipment and infrastructure for use of H₂

4 burner modifications and optimizations | measurement instrumentation development for fuel supply and combustion control | H₂ compatible fuel supply implementation | refractory investigation and optimization

Develop O₂ combustion processes to improve efficiency

6 demonstrators with pure O₂ as oxidizer | 1 demonstrator with oxygen-enhanced combustion

Integrate instrumentation to characterize fuel composition & flow

2 measurement technologies for fuel quality | combustion control instrumentation development | NO_x emission measurement technology development | predictive emission monitoring

Prove economic viability compared to heating alternatives

Demonstrators as baseline | comparison on basis of KPIs | individual business case evaluation

Value chain

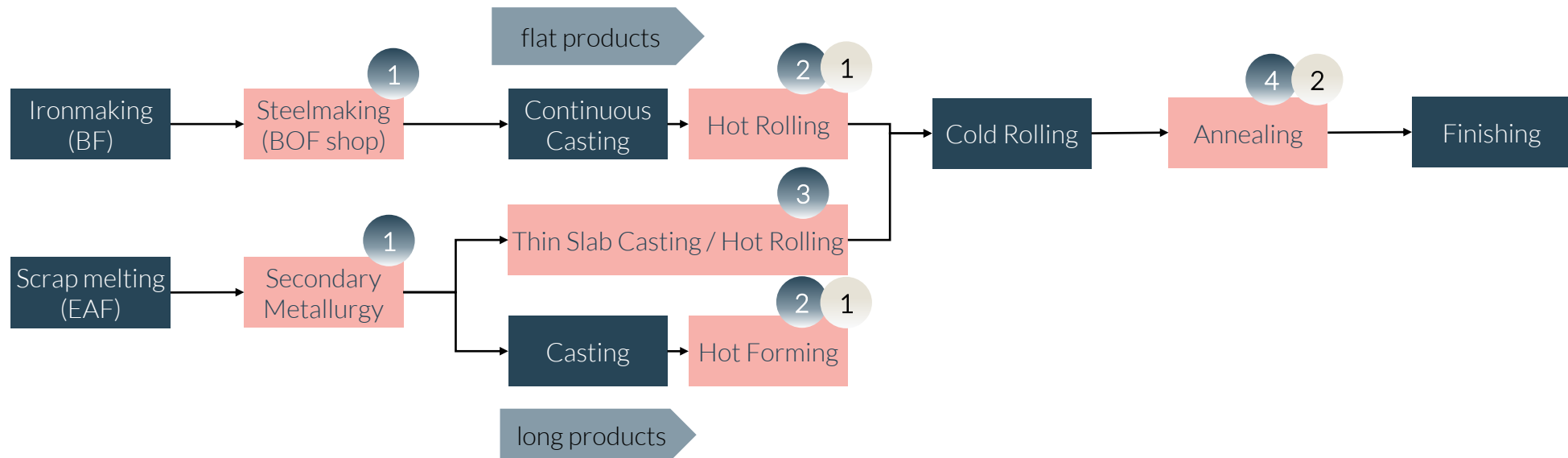
Production processes Steel sector

● HYINHEAT pilot/full-scale demonstrators:

- 1) ladle preheating
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- 4) annealing or galvanizing
- 5) liquid metal transfer
- 6) remelting / holding
- 7) refining
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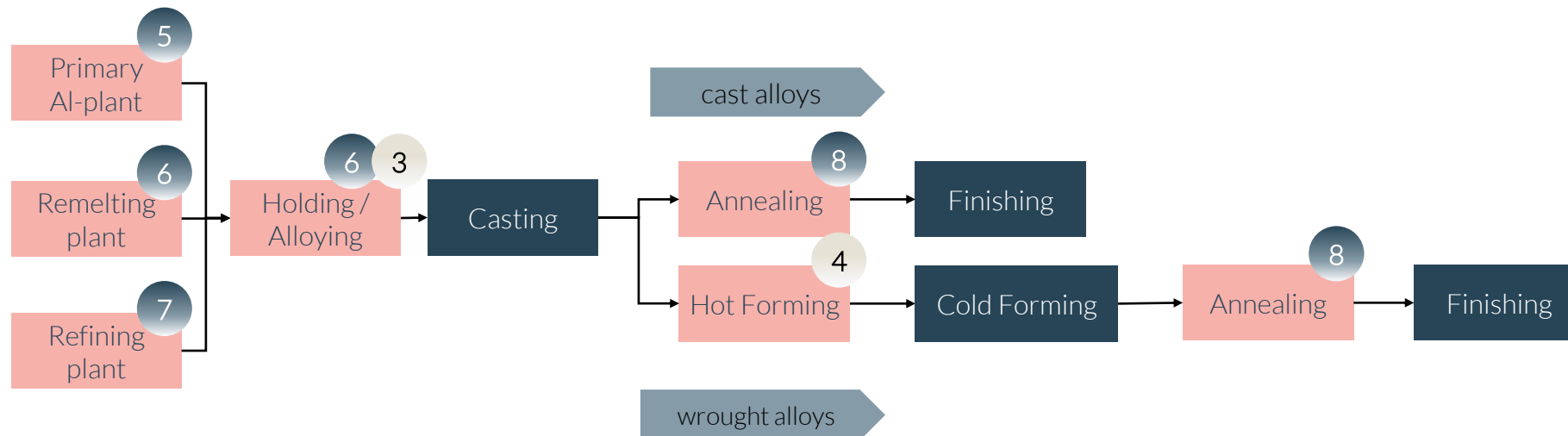
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The demonstrators – part 1



Industrial size reverberatory melting furnace Al

C-Tec, Voreppe, France | aluminium scrap remelting | retrofit from NG/O₂ to H₂/O₂ burner technology | 6.2 kt CO₂ saving for 50 kt/a remelting capacity



Pilot rotary melting furnace Al

Befesa, Valladolid, Spain | aluminium scrap refining furnace | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/O₂ burner technology | 2.7 kt CO₂ savings for 40.5 kt/a refining capacity



Pilot radiant tube furnace Fe Al

ArcelorMittal, Gijón, Spain | heat treatment for steel/aluminium | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/air burner technology | 31.0 kt CO₂ savings for 550 kt/a hot dip galvanizing line



Pilot walking beam furnace Fe

SWERIM, Lulea, Sweden | steel reheating for hot rolling | retrofit from light oil/air to H₂/air/O₂ burner technology | 386 kt/a CO₂ savings for 3100 kt/a reheating furnace

The demonstrators – part 2



Industrial liquid metal transfer heater Al

Mytilineos, Agios Nikolaos, Greece | liquid aluminium transfer | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/O₂ burner technology | 0.3 kt/a CO₂ savings



Industrial ladle preheating station Fe

Befesa, Valladolid, Spain | aluminium scrap refining furnace | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/O₂ burner technology | 2.7 kt CO₂ savings for 40.5 kt/a refining capacity



Industrial tunnel heating furnace Fe

ArcelorMittal, Sestao, Spain | steel thin slab heating | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/air burner technology | 90.0 kt CO₂ savings for 1600 kt/a steel coil

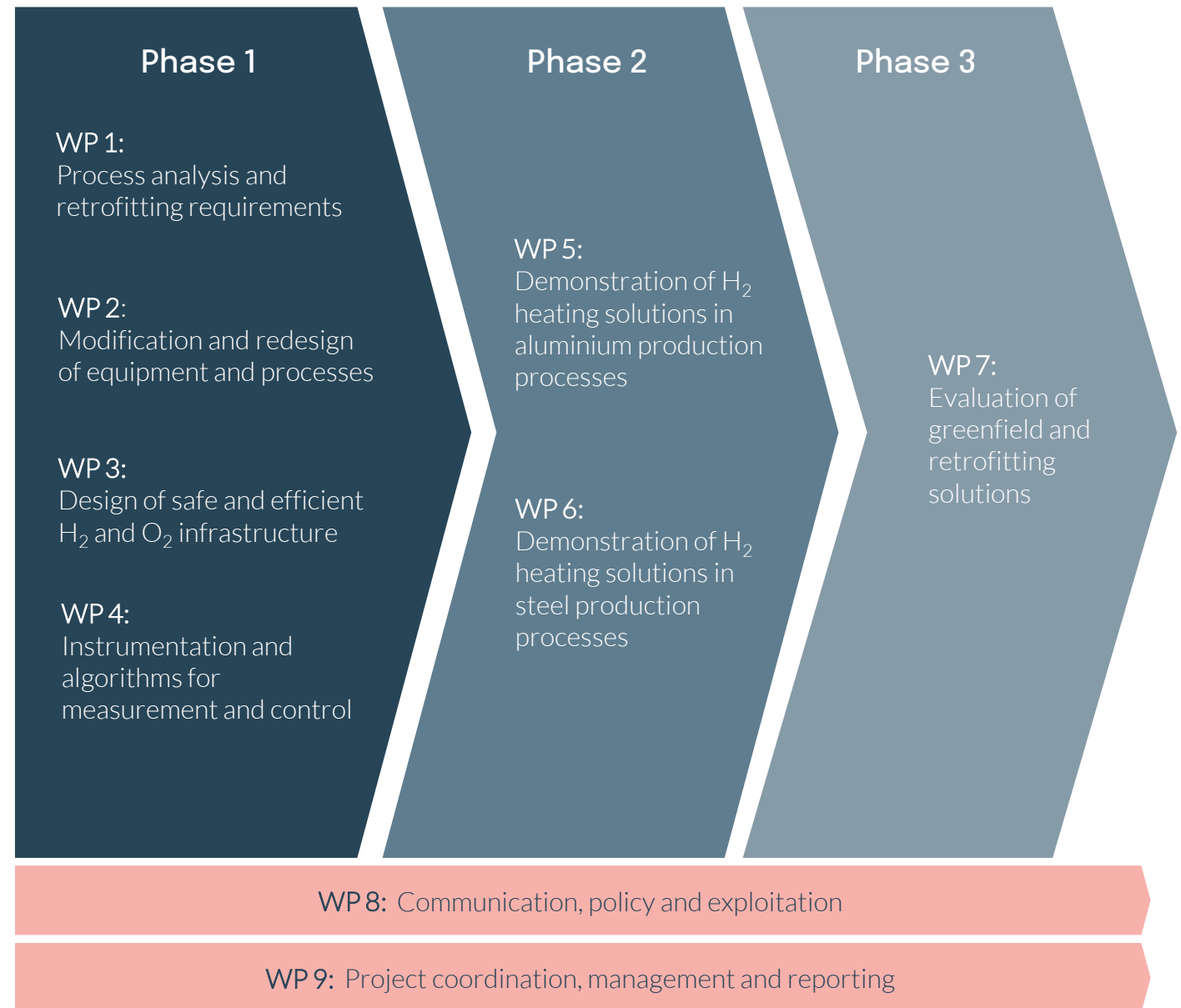


Industrial annealing furnace Al

Toyota, Walbrzych, Poland | aluminium part heat treatment | retrofit from NG/air to H₂/O₂ burner technology | 0.1 kt/a CO₂ savings

The Workplan

- 9 work packages
- Phase 1: Technology development and adaption
- Phase 2: Implementation and validation
- Phase 3: Evaluation and analysis
- Accompanying dissemination and exploitation
- Consistent project and risk management



The timing

First peer-reviewed publication online
(open access!):

NO_x Emission Limits in a Fuel-Flexible
and Defossilized Industry - Quo Vadis?



WP No.	Work Package	Lead	2023				2024				2025				2026			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Process analysis and retrofitting requirements	TECNALIA	✓	✓	✓													
2	Modification and redesign of equipment and processes	LINDE		✓	✓													
3	Design of safe and efficient H ₂ and O ₂ infrastructure	POLIMI		✓	✓													
4	Instrumentation and algorithms for measurement and control	SICK		✓	✓													
5	Demonstration of H ₂ heating solutions in aluminium production processes	GHI																
6	Demonstration of H ₂ heating solutions in steel production processes	CELSA																
7	Evaluation of greenfield and retrofitting solutions	NTNU																
8	Communication, policy and exploitation	EGEN	✓	✓	✓													
9	Project coordination, management and reporting	RWTH	✓	✓	✓													

Deliverables 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 submitted. → WP1 ✓
D1.2 and D1.3 will be online soon!

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