



**EUROPE'S FIRST MAJOR GREEN  
HYDROGEN CORRIDOR**



# European context

Decarbonisation goals  
in the EU



Carbon neutrality  
by 2050

Green Deal

Roadmap to a climate-neutral EU by 2050.

Fit for 55

Package of measures to reduce emissions by at least 55% by 2030.

REPowerEU

European plan to reduce dependence on Russia and accelerate the energy transition.



**The focus of H2 demand is on sectors that are difficult to decarbonise, such as industry and transport**

2030 target: 20MT (10 domestic + 10 import) of hydrogen consumption in EU

# H2MED potential and benefits for Europe



## Socio-economic

- Industrial development
- Innovation development
- Investment attraction



## Energy and environmental

- Emissions reductions
- Air quality improvement
- Renewables promotion
- Contribution to national objectives



## Social indicators

- Just transition
- Employment
- Contribution to local economies
- Sustainable development goals

# REPowerEU Corridors

The cost of H2 transmission by pipeline over long distances is 2 to 4 times lower than transmitting electricity over high-voltage lines

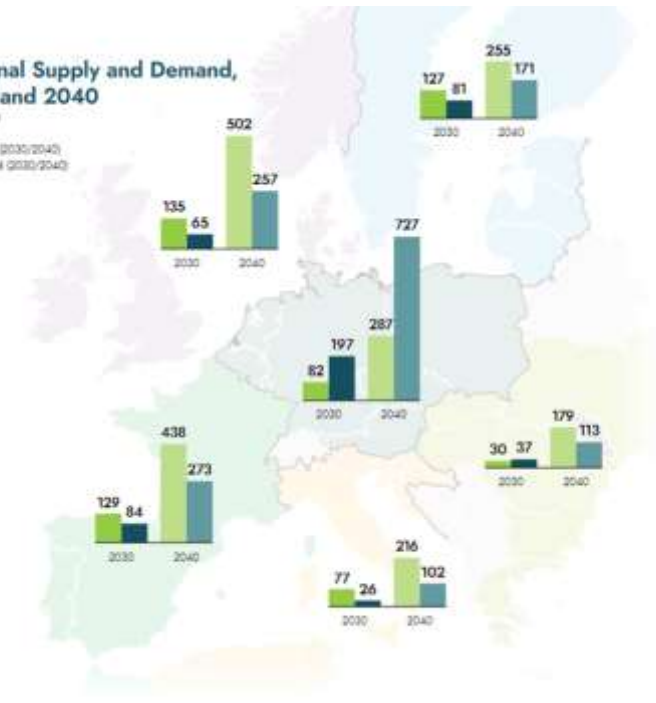
- Decarbonisation
- European solidarity
- Europe's energy sovereignty, independence and autonomy



Regional Supply and Demand, 2030 and 2040

(TWh)<sup>1-2,3</sup>

Supply (2030/2040)  
Demand (2030/2040)



# Where we come from, where we're going

**1** October 20th agreement between France, Portugal and Spain

**2** Project delimitation

- Cross-border projects
- Celorico-Zamora, Barcelona-Marseille

**3** Identification of other key actors

- Joint initiative by TSOs from Spain, France and Portugal



**4** Technical

- Conceptual study to confirm the technical feasibility of the project
- Analysis of the alternative routes identifying the optimal route
- Main data for the project
- Cost estimation

**5** Financing

- Definition of coordinated actions to obtain funds, with a focus on European Union funds

**6** Schedule and others regulatory issues

- Roadmap until 2030
- Focus on domestic H2 production
- Analysis of the adequacy of the applicable national and European regulatory frameworks

# The route

Celorico-Zamora



First major H2 corridor of REPowerEU



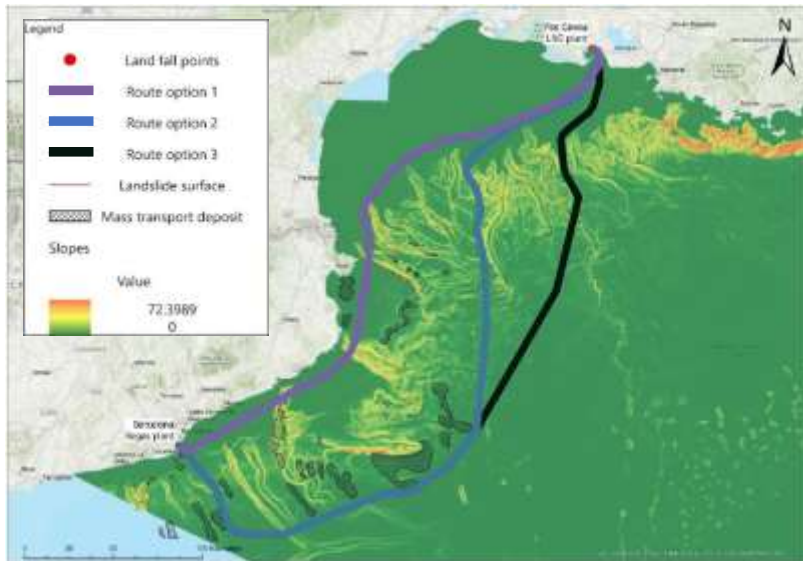
Barcelona-Marseille





# The route: Barcelona- Marseille

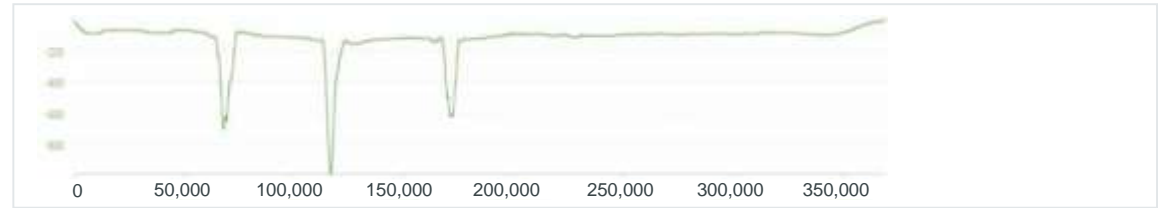
## Alternative route analysis



### Route option 1 Submarine canyons

985 m  
Max. water depth

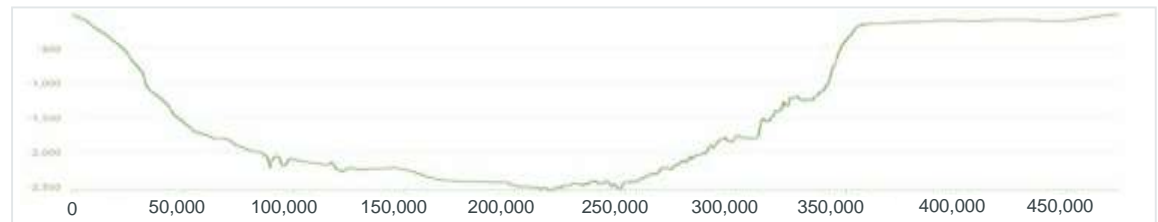
369 km  
Length



### Route option 2

2,556 m  
Max. water depth

473.6 km  
Length



### Route option 3

2,557 m  
Max. water depth

455 km  
Length



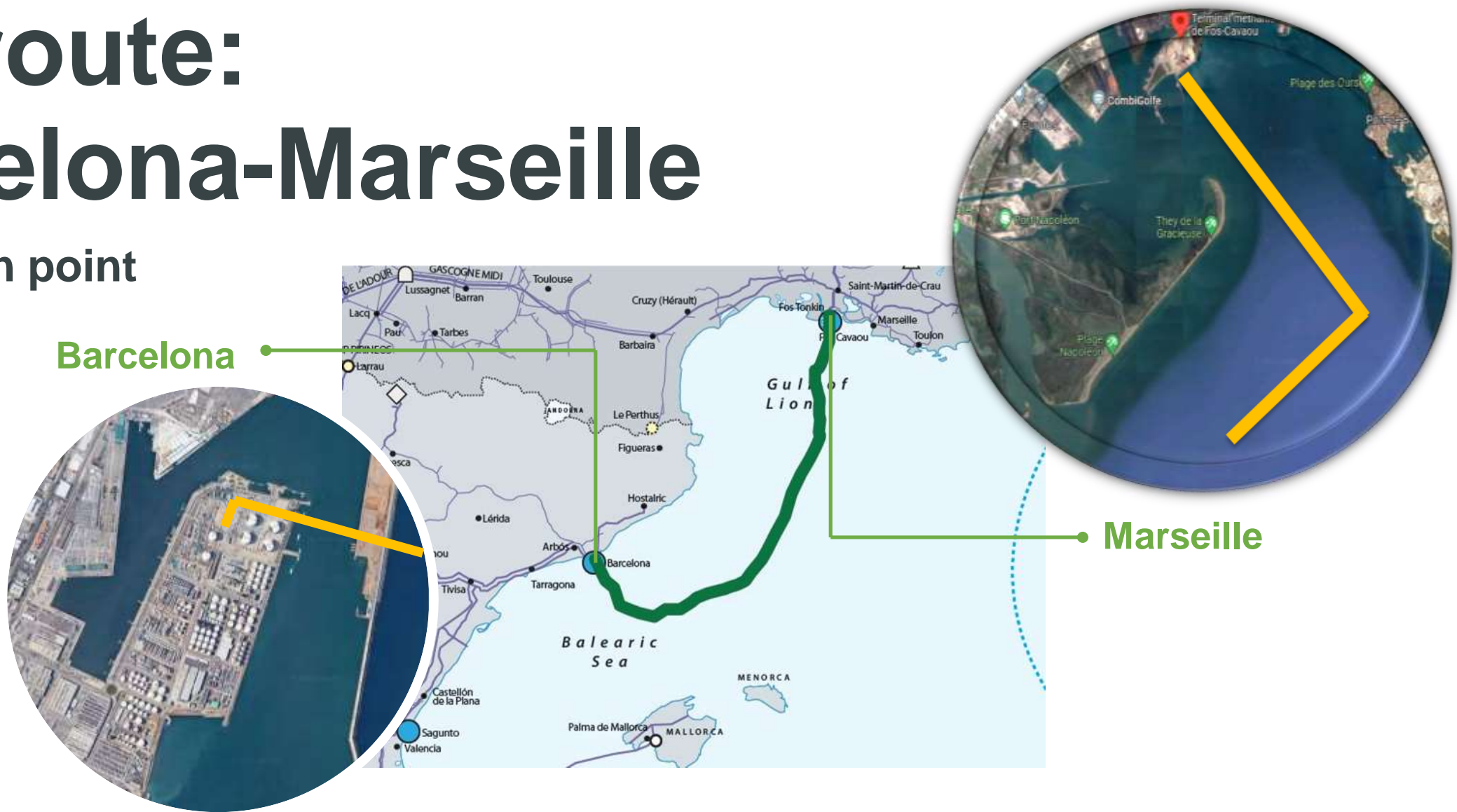
**Optimal route**  
Shorter than route 2 and more gentle slope up

Depth (m)

Length (m)

# The route: Barcelona-Marseille

Connection point





H2MED will be able to transport

**10%**

of expected H2 consumption in Europe by 2030. Of the 20 MT of H2 consumption expected in Europe in 2030, this corridor will be able to transport 2 MT

# Technical specifications

	Celorico-Zamora	Barcelona-Marseille
<b>Pipeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length: 248 km (POR: 162, SP: 86)</li> <li>Diameter: 28"</li> <li>Operating pressure: 84 bar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length: 455 km</li> <li>Diameter: 28"</li> <li>Maximum depth: 2,600 m</li> <li>Operating pressure: 210 bar</li> </ul>
<b>Compressor station</b>	Zamora (ensures Hydeal pressure of 100 bar): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power: 12.6 MW</li> <li>Configuration: 1+1</li> </ul>	Barcelona: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power: 140 MW</li> <li>Configuration: 3+1</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum transmission capacity</b>	0.75 MTPA H2	2 MTPA H2
<b>Budget</b>	≈ 350 million euros	≈ 2.5 billion euros
<b>Execution period</b>	48 months (including permitting estimated at 26 months)	56 months (including permitting estimated at 26 months)

# Corporate governance

During development phase

## Celorico-Zamora

**Separate Ownership.** Each TSO responsible for the construction and operation of the infrastructure in their own country

## Barcelona-Marseille

**Consortium for Development Phase**

- **Joint Development Agreement (JDA)** to be signed between the TSO/HNOs promoters of the infrastructure: Enagás, Teréga and GRTgaz
- **Development Phase** will include the elaboration of the Pre-feasibility studies, Engineering and documentation for Authorizations and permits

# Financing

≈ 2.5 billion euros

Preliminary cost estimation of the project, to be confirmed by future cost analysis studies

Preliminary technical studies ≈ 35 €M\* (Explore Commission funding)

- 1 European funds: CEF-E programme for projects (up to 50%)
- 2 Open Seasons
- 3 Cross-border cost allocation. The Infrastructure Regulation provides for mechanisms to allocate the costs of PCIs to the beneficiary countries by mutual agreement
- 4 Fees

*\* 15 €M until mid-2024, pending definition of possible financing sources (EC/Member States)*

# Roadmap

## STUDIES

## IMPLEMENTATION

Pre-feasibility studies

- Environmental impact reports
- Technical proposal
- Public consultations

- Open Seasons
- Fee definitions

Engineering, permits, procurement, project execution

**OPERATIONAL START-UP**

Start of construction

Oct-Dec 2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2029

2030

09/12/2022  
Mandate to TSOs to create development consortium

15/12/2022  
PCI submission

Publication of PCI list

CEF-E grants for studies

Investment request

CEF-E request, grants for works

CEF-E decision (grants for works)



# Next steps. Proposals for conclusion

- 1** Acknowledge quality of preliminary studies carried by the consortium
- 2** Ensure the project is closely monitored in the High level Group meetings regarding interconnections in South West Europe
- 3** Support the objective of co-constructing a high quality renewable hydrogen project that could pretend to become a project of common interest (PCI)

- 4** Work on regulation and finance
  - Agree on the necessity of future work to ensure stable regulatory framework which facilitates the implementation of the Barmar project
  - **Underline the needs to find co-financing by the European Union as soon as 2023 for the preliminary studies** and validate the principle to agree very soon on the detailed work program and the **budget of the first phase studies (15 M€)**
- 5** Next steps. Work program
  - Close follow-up of the work program presented by the TSOs for 2023
  - Work to be done to develop production of H2 in partner countries (taking into account the study that will be launched by the European Commission with the three countries)



