



**FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN**  
JOINT UNDERTAKING

# **H2ME / H2ME 2**

## **Hydrogen**

## **Mobility Europe**



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW



■ Call year: 2014 / 2015

■ Call topic:

○ FCH-01.7-2014

○ FCH-03.1-2015

■ Project dates:

○ 01.06.15 – 31.05.20

○ 01.05.16 – 30.06.22

■ % stage of implementation : 60%  
Total project budget:  
170 €

■ FCH JU max.  
contribution: 67 €

■ Partners:



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# H2ME – a major pan-European effort to support commercialisation

These activities are part of a much larger vehicle and HRS rollout in Europe



## H2ME 1

29 stations  
>300 cars and vans  
€70m total cost  
€32m funding  
Started June 2015



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- ❖ **>45 refuelling stations**
  - ❖ **>1400 cars, and vans**
  - ❖ **€170m total cost**
  - ❖ **€67m funding**
  - ❖ **> 40 organisations**
- A major European activity!**



## H2ME 2

20 stations  
>1100 cars, vans  
and trucks  
€100m total cost  
€35m funding  
Started May 2016





# Bringing H2 mobility initiatives into one framework

H2ME Project overview (2015 – 2022)

HRS: Hydrogen Refuelling Station

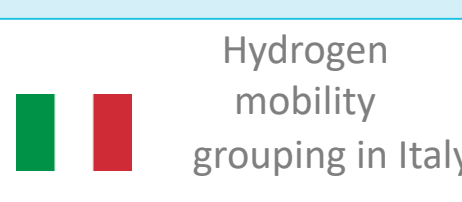
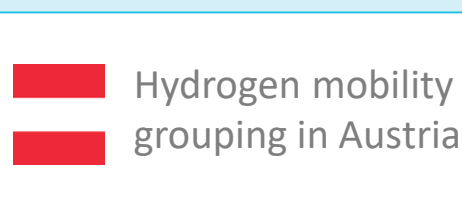
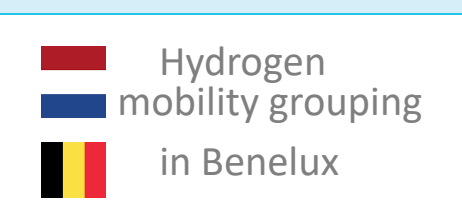
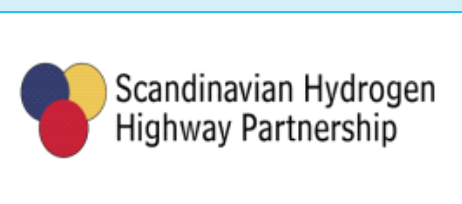
FCEV: Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle

RE-EV : Range-Extended Electric Vehicle

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer



## Endorsers:



## Concept:

- ❖ Joint initiative from the **most ambitious European hydrogen mobility initiatives**
- ❖ One **‘working framework’** linking these initiatives, which provide the opportunity to:
  - 1) identify **optimal commercialisation strategies** and **synergies between countries**
  - 2) develop **European strategies for commercialisation**

## New hydrogen refuelling stations:

- ❖ **20** - 700bar HRS in Germany
- ❖ **12** - 700bar HRS in Scandinavia
- ❖ **11** - 350bar and 700bar HRS in France
- ❖ **6** – 350bar and 700bar HRS in the UK
- ❖ **1** - 700bar HRS in NL

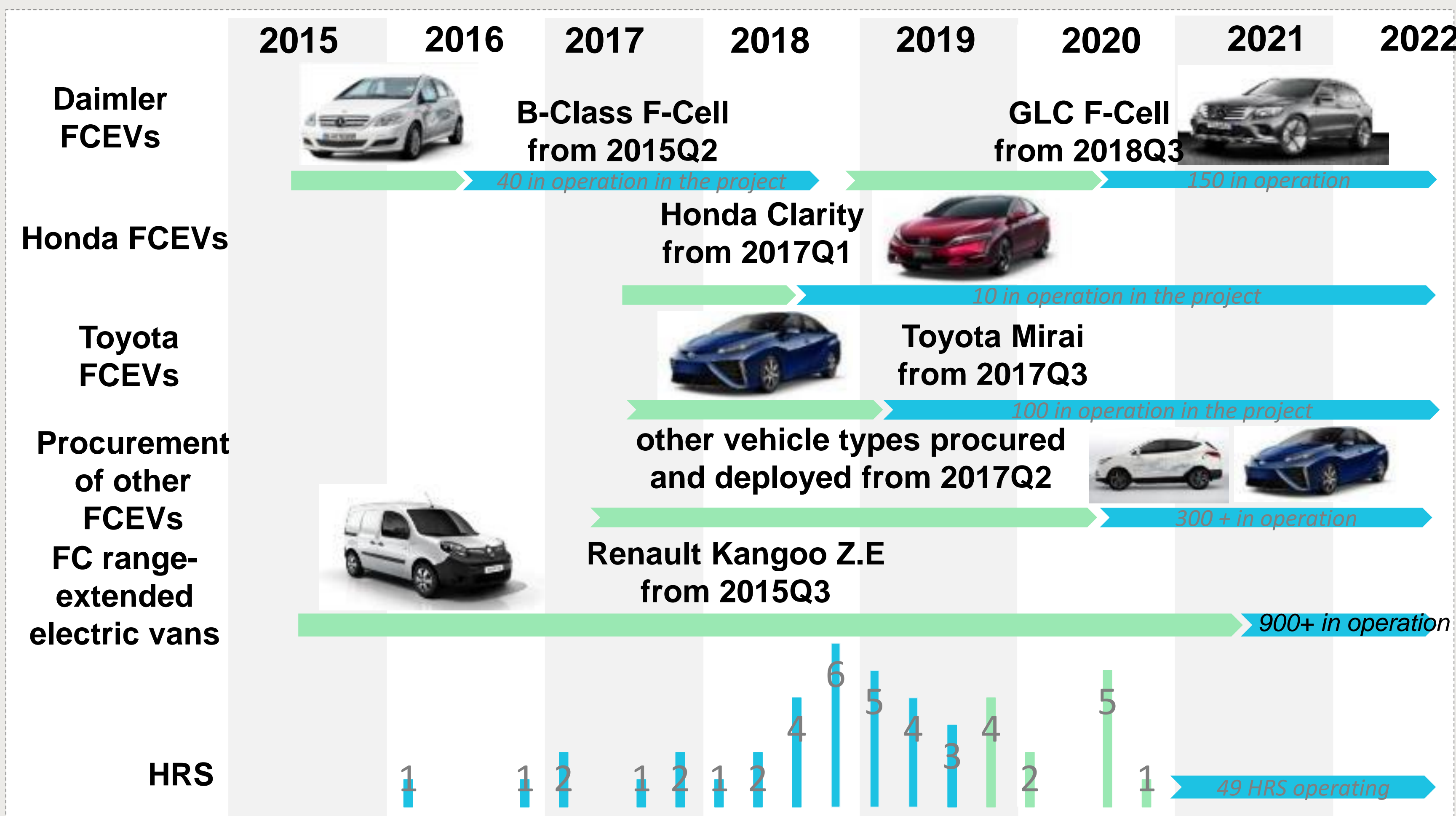
## Fuel cell vehicles:

- ❖ **500** OEM FCEVs
- ❖ **900** fuel cell RE-EV vans



# H2ME is well underway but activities are planned until 2022

Deployment status and timeline



Significant HRS and Vehicle deployment outside H2ME projects



# The H2ME project is supporting advancements on the state of the art for the sector



## Fleet validation for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles

- Vehicles have reported a total of 11.59 M km driven since the first vehicles were deployed in Q3 2015.
- The furthest distance travelled by one vehicle was 120 000 km, accumulated since August 2017.
- Daily distance covered for 500-550 km reported.
- Average availability for the vehicle is effectively 99%+ for all FCEVs.
- No major safety incidents reported.

## Network validation for Hydrogen Refueling Stations

- All H2ME HRS have dispensed 72 132 kg of H<sub>2</sub> in 35 518 refuelling events since March 2016.
- The most utilised HRS in the project alone has dispensed 32 464 kg H<sub>2</sub> since Q3 2017 due to usage from STEP/Hype taxis.
- Average availability HRS for best performing HRS reached 99.9%.
- No major safety incidents have been reported.



# Experience shows increasing convergence with strategies and focus on higher utilisation rates and joint initiatives



## H2 mobility rollout strategies

- Colocation of vehicles and HRS. The low number of HRS remains a barrier to adoption; each fleet has their own requirements for HRS locations depending on their operations.
- Using mixed vehicle types and high demand applications to help sustain the early network.
- Developing viable clusters of stations in key locations. A min. of 2 HRS is required to establish demand from light fleet applications.
- Increasing number of joint initiatives. Such partnerships can help to unlock benefits of scale for FCEV and/or HRS business cases.

## Identification of sweet spots for early adoption of FCEVs

- Through loading of stations with mixed vehicle types, with a focus on heavy duty vehicles e.g. buses and trucks
- Via high mileage applications and operational advantage e.g. taxi fleets and long range with fast charging



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**Conclusions:** Demand for FCEVs and associated HRS is growing, driven by increasingly ambitious emissions targets and policy at European, national and local scale.





# And that further efforts are required to prepare for the commercial roll-out



## HRS network implementation

- HRS deployment times are still subject to delays at the permitting stage due to the lack of standardised permitting process.
- Access to utilities and land can be problematic.
- Guidance have been developed for most countries and commissioning time is decreasing.

## Costs reduction

- At low levels of demand (<200kg/day) the cost of producing and supplying hydrogen at an HRS can be high.
- FCEVs also still have a significant cost premium compared to diesel vehicles.
- Economies of scale and technology learning curves could enable vehicles and hydrogen to be cost-competitive with counterfactuals. this is starting to be achieved in specific cases.

## Public sector support

- Business cases can be improved by combining public sector support with partnerships and JV.
- Success stories linked to financial incentives/tax exemptions for zero emission vehicles, as well as restrictions on diesel vehicles.

**Conclusions:** To achieve further scale-up, effective short-term solutions and public funding are needed to ensure that prices for hydrogen and vehicles are sufficiently low to stimulate demand.





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Road Trip to Hamburg  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2019



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# Thank you for your attention !

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