



Basque Industrial Hub 4Circularity

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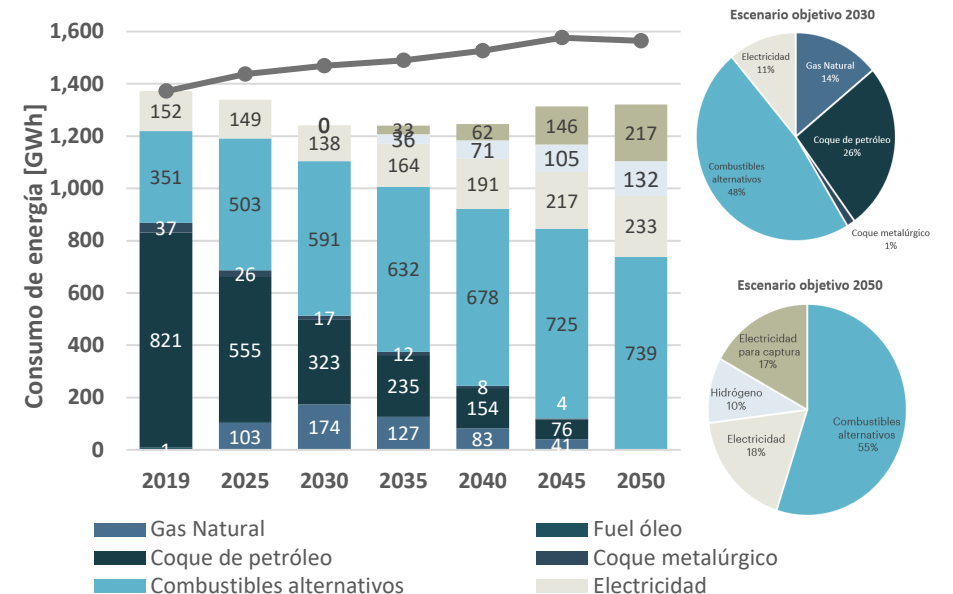
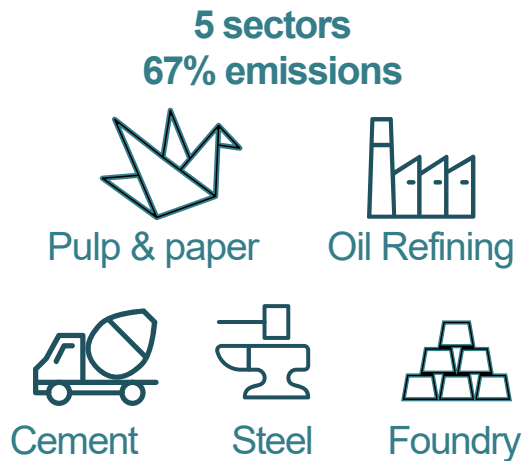
BIH4C. At a glance

Since 2023, The Basque Industrial Hub for Circularity (BIH4C) works to implement and validate innovative technologies in real environments, to foster **industrial symbiosis** and **decarbonization**.



BIH4C. The grounds

In 2021, the **Net-Zero Basque Industrial SuperCluster (NZBISC)**, initiative was created by the Basque government, to accelerate the path to net zero emissions in the **Basque Industry**, fostering **decarbonization** and creating market opportunities based on the scale-up of the new technologies and innovative services.



BIH4C. Governance



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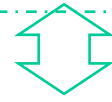
Technical development



Cluster Energía
BASQUE ENERGY CLUSTER

Dynamization and engagement

INDUSTRY



Bilbao Bizkaia Ur Partzuergoa
Consortio de Aguas Bilbao Bizkaia

BIH4C. Governance

International engagement and funding support



IS2H4C. INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS TO HUBS FOR CIRCULARITY

Local dynamization and engagement



Los miembros del Basque Industrial Hub (BIH4C) han celebrado hoy su primer encuentro para coordinar y organizar la kick-off meeting del proyecto europeo IS2H4C en el que se enmarca este nuevo hub de innovación.

El proyecto IS2H4C, "Sustainable Circular Economy Transition: from Industrial Symbiosis to Hubs for Circularity", busca impulsar la descarbonización en diferentes industrias a través de la búsqueda e implantación de sinergias energéticas, el uso eficiente de recursos y la innovación tecnológica.

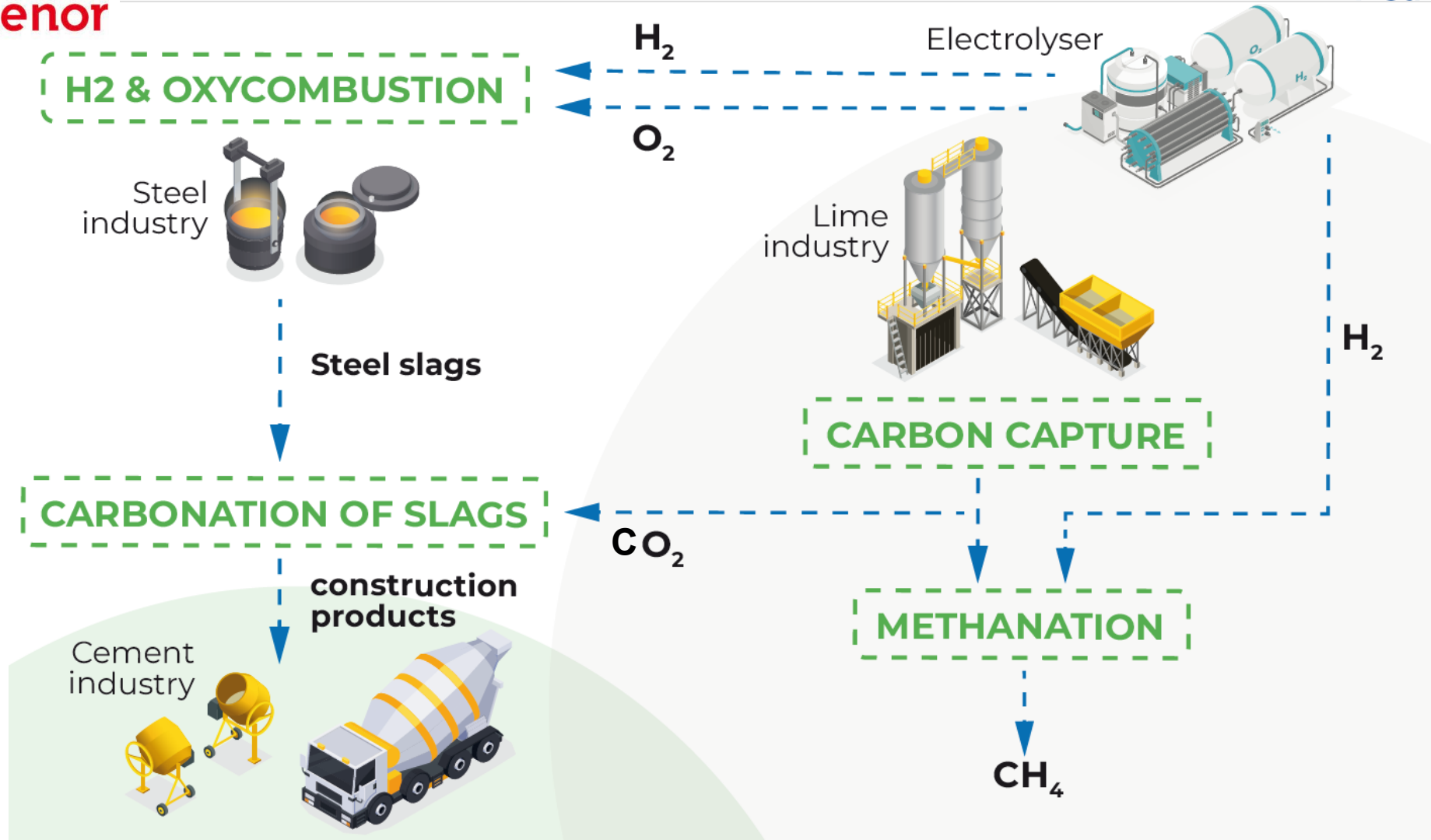
La sesión del BIH4C ha tenido lugar en la sede de Tecnalia en Zamudio y ha contado con la part ...see more

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BIH4C. Achievements



BIH4C. Achievements



OXYCOMBUSTION

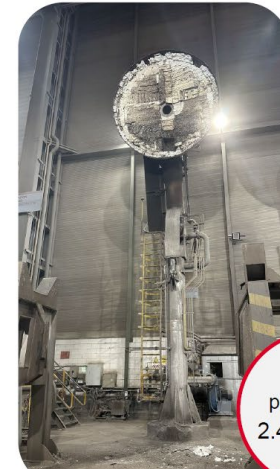
- **Fossil fuel (NG) reduction of 35%** (O₂ instead of air) in the ladle preheating
- Expected 100% emissions reduction in the ladle with O₂ and H₂.
- **Potential to reduce in 15/20 % the emissions reduction of a Steel factory (EAF).**

SLAGS CARBONATION WITH CO₂

- **CO₂ fixed** ≈5.000 tCO₂ /year potential in lime industry. ≈400.000 €/year saved*
- **Reduction of waste** (slags) now sent to landfill ≈ 20 kt/year
- **New construction products, and raw material avoided, 22 kt /year**

*83€/t CO₂

Oxy-Combustion with Hydrogen in the preheating of ladles



Ladle preheating
2.400 t CO₂

The refractory of the ladles is preheated for two main reasons:

- 1 DRYING**
New lining
Allow expansion of the bricks
- 2 PREHEATING**
Before tapping
Avoid thermal shock

Current heating: NG + air

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT:
Industrial validation of using H₂ and O₂ in the preheating of the ladles.

O₂: Replacement of air with oxygen
Expected savings around 50% in the gas consumption
Potential savings in emissions → **1.200 tCO₂/year**

H₂: Replacement of gas with H₂ + air with O₂
Complete avoidance of gas consumption.
Potential savings in emissions → **2.400 tCO₂/year**

IS2H4C Project



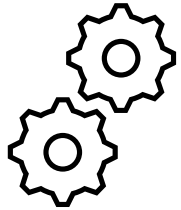
Pilot instalation

- Membranes and PSA CO₂ capture prototype and conversion unit to methane

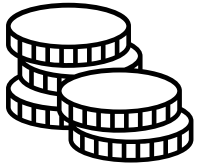


- Using industrial gases

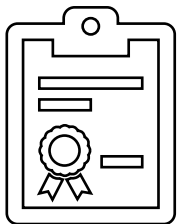
BIH4C. Lessons learned



- Ecosystem very important. Public admin/government, close industrial context
- Cultural factors: awareness and concern
- Trust, endorse human relations



- Overall OPEX very high (H_2 , O_2 , electricity). CAPEX also high, but important supporting mechanisms.
- Cost of O_2 high, but if already used in the plant, positive ROI.
- Positive business case of the carbonation process, with flue gas



- Regulation not in place for CCU, needs to be accelerated. Accounted in ETS market
- Policies should be defined so that circularity and sustainability are chosen options



- Collaboration fundamental, but final number should be evaluated by each company



Thank you!

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