

# THE ROLE OF E-METHANE IN NET ZERO WITH COLUMBUS AS A USE CASE

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# ENGIE operate in 31 countries

## IN 2022:

- 96,400 employees
- €93.9 billion revenue
- EBIT of €9.0bn
- 37,9 GW of renewable electricity installed capacity at the end of 2022
- €5.5 billion growth Capex

## EBIT WORLDWIDE



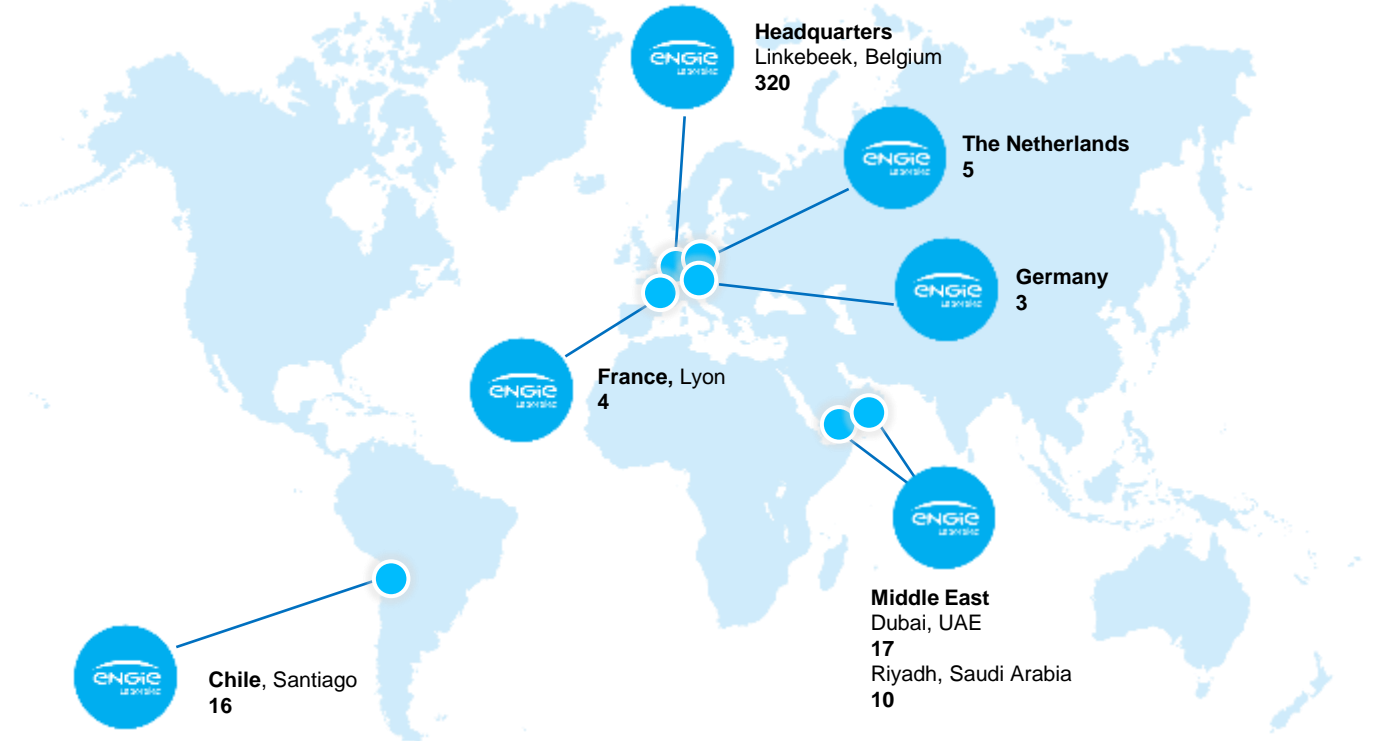
## OUR BUSINESSES:

- RENEWABLES
- NETWORKS
- ENERGY SOLUTIONS
- FLEX GEN & RETAIL<sup>(3)</sup>
- NUCLEAR
- OTHERS (including GLOBAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT & SALES)

# A research centre supported by a unique and multi-located group of experts

- ENGIE Laborelec is a **leading centre of expertise and research** in the area of electrical energy technologies with its headquarter in Belgium and 6 subsidiaries on 3 continents.
- Supporting the **energy transition** and accelerating the **net zero carbon journey**.
- With a **highly qualified workforce** of over 375 colleagues (PhDs, engineers, specialist technicians) from 23 different nationalities.

**375**  
COLLEAGUES



(Distribution of experts: 17% in International & Emissions - 33% in Production & Infrastructure - 20% in Nuclear - 20% in Renewables - 10% in Digital)

# CO<sub>2</sub> As a Resource LAB

We support development in CO<sub>2</sub> capture, reuse and valorisation for assets owned, operated or serviced by ENGIE



BE THE REFERENCE ON CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE AND VALORISATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR INDUSTRIES AND TERRITORIES

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PROVIDE HIGH LEVEL EXPERTISE ON CO<sub>2</sub> AND POLLUTANTS EMISSIONS MONITORING

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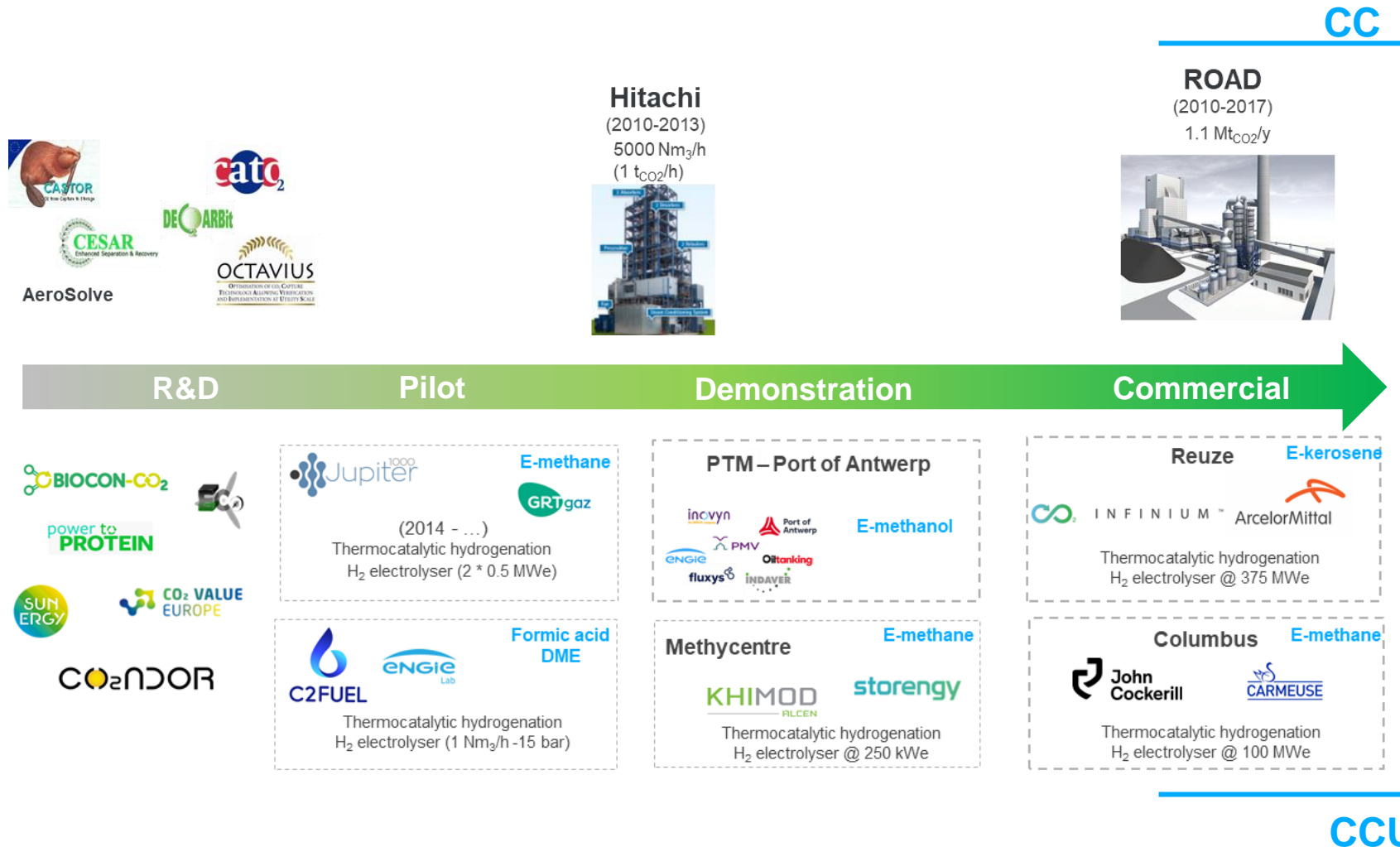
SUPPORT AND DEVELOP CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE AND VALORISATION TO FUELS AND CHEMICALS TO ENABLE HYDROGEN ECONOMY

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SUPPORT AND DEVELOP CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE AND USE TO INCREASE CIRCULARITY OF ENGIE ASSETS OR INDUSTRIES

# Laborelec development role: from collaborative R&D projects to commercial scale

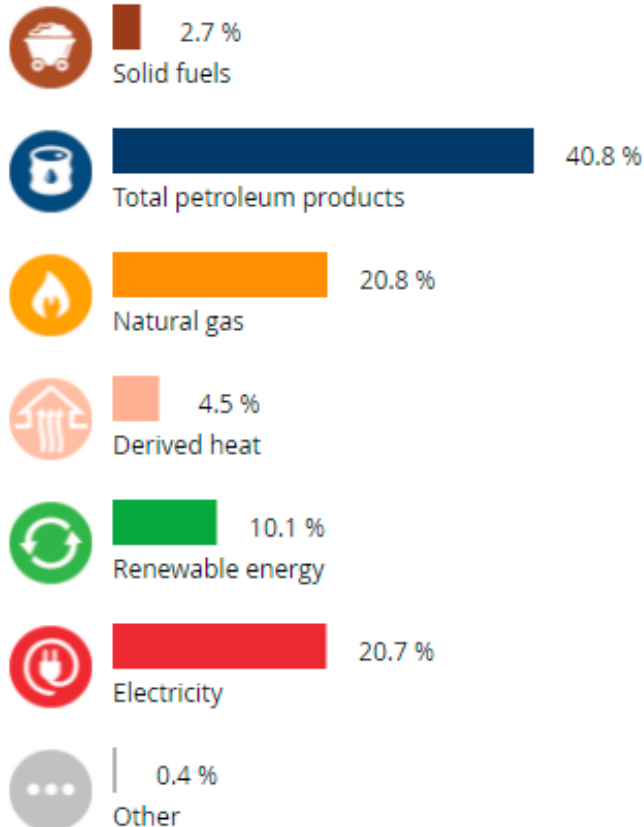


# Aiming at climate neutrality

## Consumption mix for the European Union








11 000 TWh/year \*



## How low-carbon solutions could meet the demand (by 2050)

### Priority order

-  Energy efficiency
-  Renewable Electricity
-  Renewable Heat
-  **H<sub>2</sub>** Hydrogen and E-molecules (CCU)
-  Natural gas with Carbon capture and storage (CCS)

Green H<sub>2</sub> is needed but is also the most expensive way to achieve carbon neutrality so must be dedicated to hard to abate sectors.

Europe

Import & export

# Green H<sub>2</sub> needed to use excess of renewable power

Where to kick start green H<sub>2</sub> economy?

Mainly industrial uses (generally baseload) of H<sub>2</sub>



Storage + grid support



Power to H<sub>2</sub>



## Existing use of H<sub>2</sub>

### Ammonia production

~ 130 TWh H<sub>2</sub> or 200 TWh green elec  
Less expensive to produce green ammonia outside EU.

### Refineries

~50 TWh H<sub>2</sub> or 75 TWh green elec  
Decreasing market due to mobility electrification

## New use of H<sub>2</sub>

### New Steel production (only green H<sub>2</sub>)

~180 TWh H<sub>2</sub> or 270 TWh green elec  
Capex required for 100% green steel in EU  
~40 b€ (for 100% green steel in EU)

### Mobility

For pure H<sub>2</sub> mobility, small market

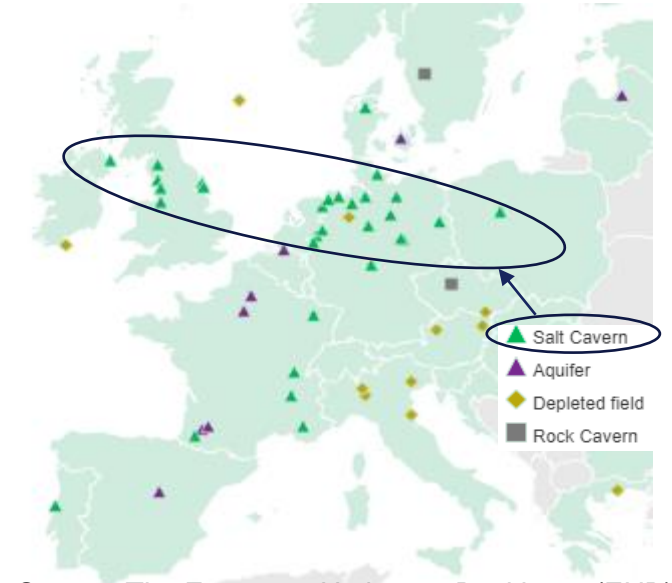
### Heat/electricity production

Still need of technical development  
The use of blue H<sub>2</sub> would increase the EU natural gas dependency



# Constraints of H<sub>2</sub> development

1. Very limited and 100% private transport infrastructure (sized for current needs)
2. No current storage and storage potential technically limited to salt caverns ~50 TWh at European level, compared to 1200 TWh for natural gas at present.



Source: The European Hydrogen Backbone (EHB) initiative

→ Transport infrastructure and storage are key to start the hydrogen economy, but this will be built only if there is a business case.

	Energy density (LHV)			
	kWh/kg	kWh/m <sup>3</sup>	°t	
			Gas	Liquid
Hydrogen	33.33	2.7	2.36	-252°C
Methane	13.9	10.5	6.2	-161°C
Methanol	5.5		4.3	Ambient
Ammonia	5.2	3.8	3.2	-32°C
Diesel	12		10	Ambient



# Maximizing hydrogen's potential: matching end-use sectors requirements with hydrogen's achievable premium

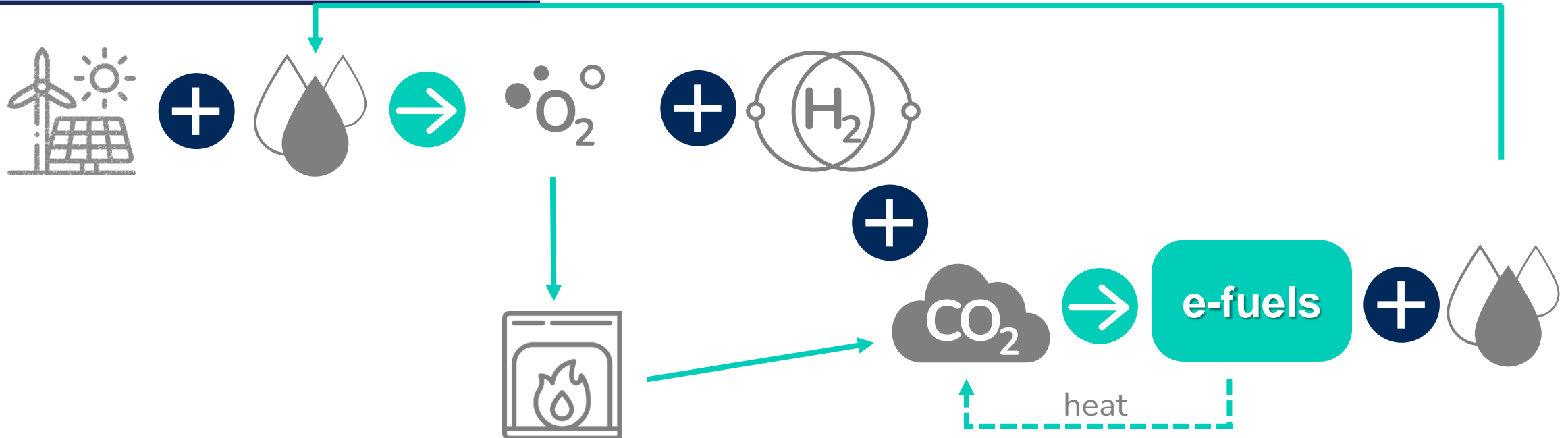
Market mostly driven by regulations targeting the transport sector in Europe. Other sectors and geographies target parity with fossil alternative (after subsidies and carbon pricing)

	Existing grey H <sub>2</sub> users	Industry conversion to H <sub>2</sub>	E-fuels
Markets	Refining / fertilizers / chemicals	Steel / high temperature processes	Aviation / maritime / heavy duty land transport
Drivers	Carbon pricing Renewable H <sub>2</sub> mandates Client's expectations	Carbon pricing Client's expectations	Renewable H <sub>2</sub> mandates Carbon pricing Client's expectation
Requirements	Renewable H <sub>2</sub> (refining) Low carbon (other sectors)	Low carbon	Renewable H <sub>2</sub>
Premium	Medium green premium Refining impacted by H <sub>2</sub> mandates in the transport sector	Low green premium Target cost parity with fossil alternative + carbon pricing	High green premium Due to penalties for non-incorporation of renewable fuels

New renewable H<sub>2</sub> mandate in the industry (RED III) could push premiums for renewable H<sub>2</sub> in the industry in the future

# E-fuels What and Why

Defined in EU as “Renewable Fuels from Non Biological Origin” (RFNBO)

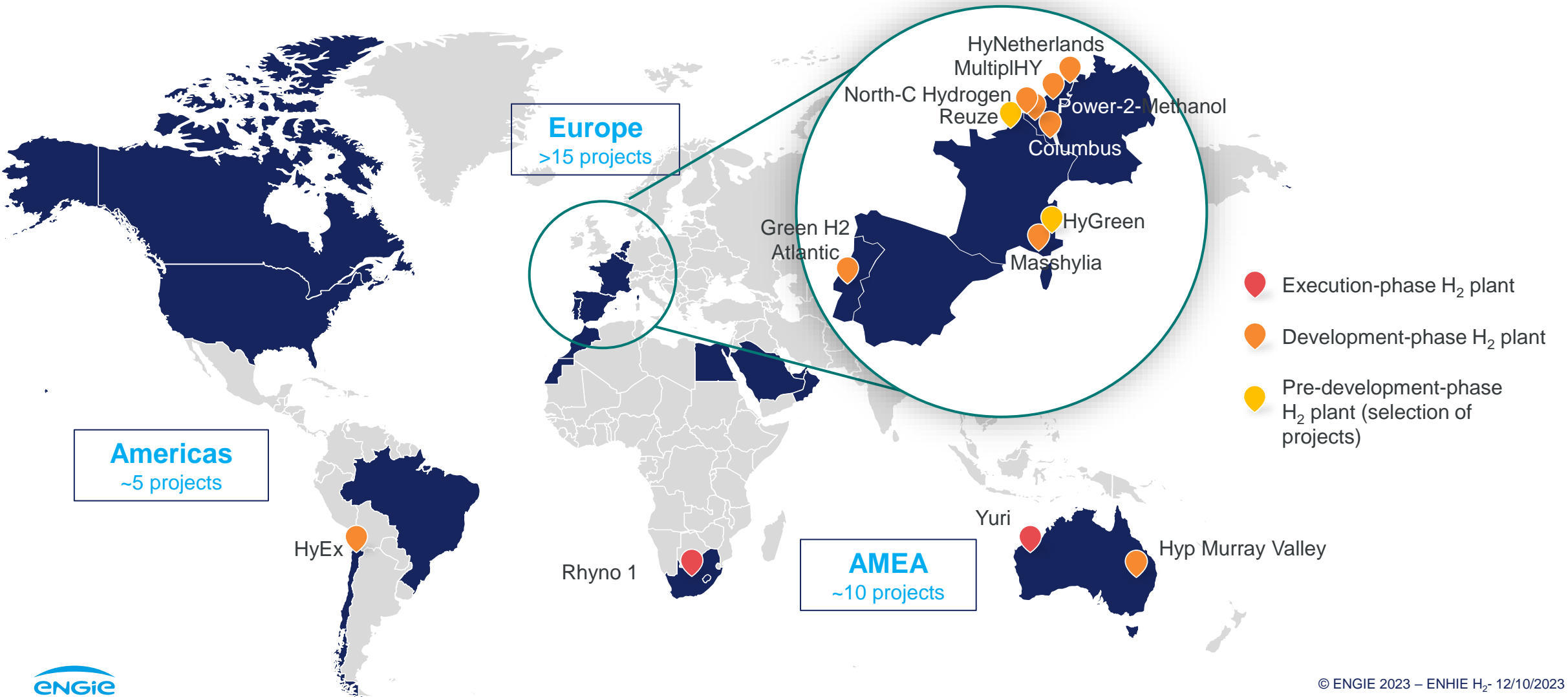


Why e-fuels:

- Uses **existing infrastructure** to store, transport & distribute
- **No capex** needed for offtakers: drop-in fuels
- **High energy density**  $\Rightarrow$  easy to manipulate and can be used in aviation and shipping
- **Local energy production**  $\Rightarrow$  together with biomethane, it decreases the dependency toward gas import.

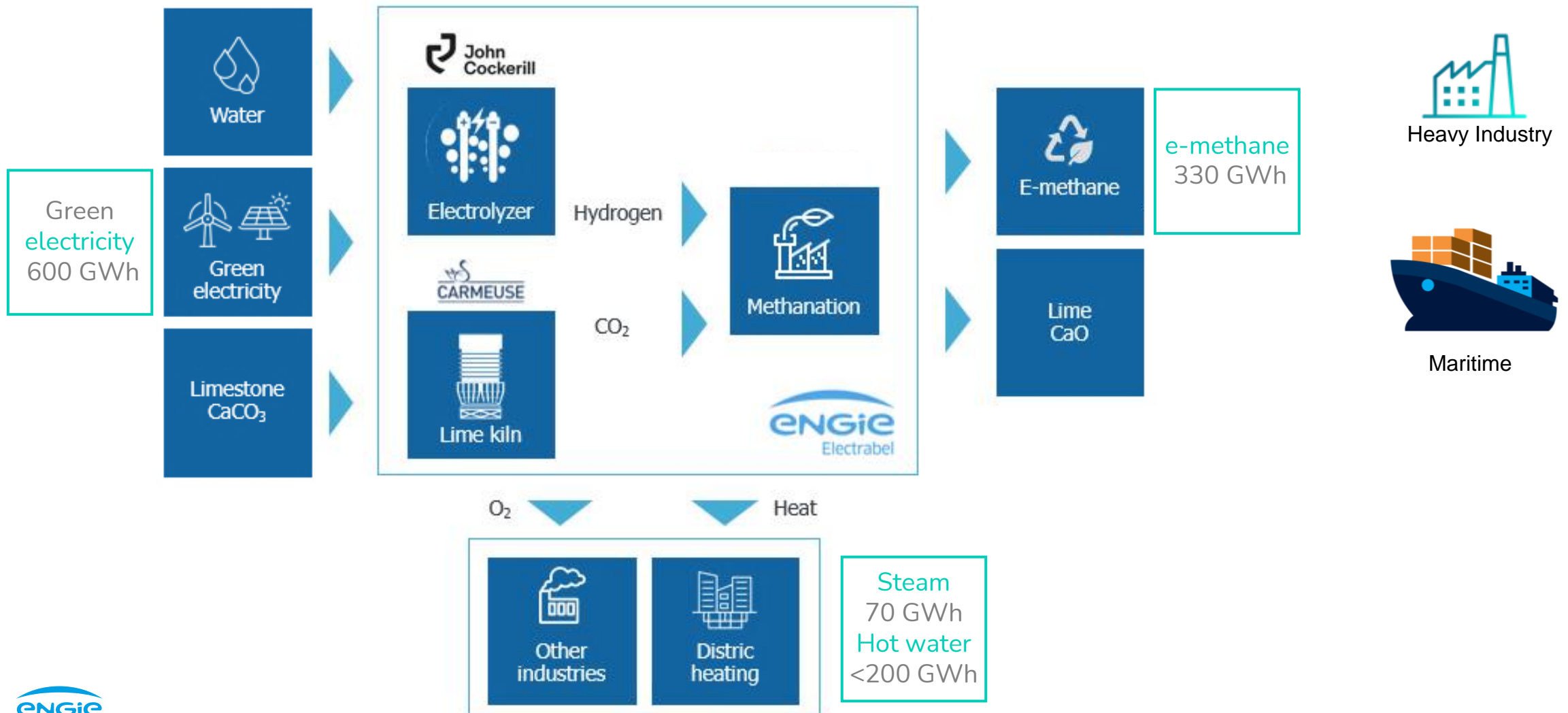
$\Rightarrow$  Highly integrated with existing industrial clusters ( $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$ , heat)

# Engie renewable H<sub>2</sub> pipeline: 30 large-scale projects



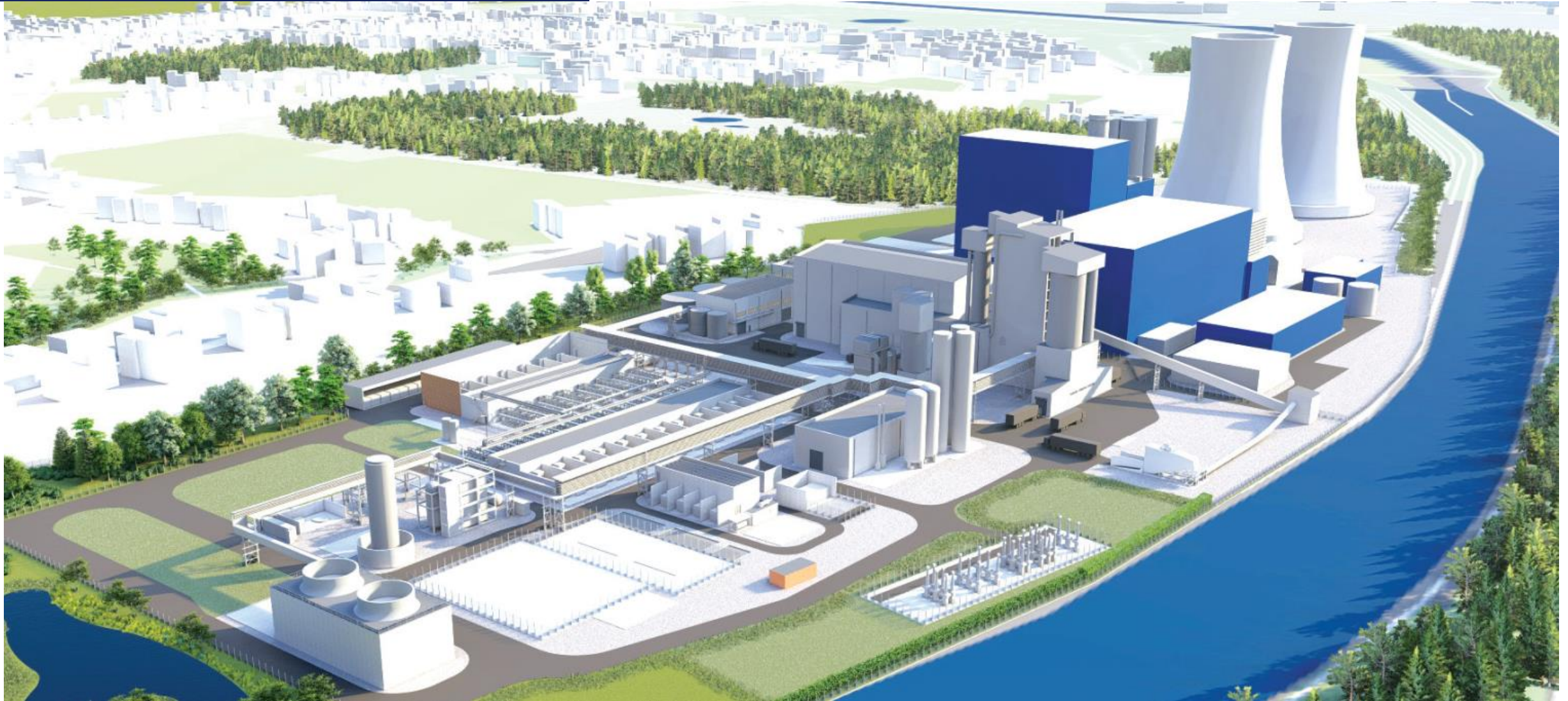
# Focus on E methane

## Columbus : biggest power to methane in the world 100 MWe



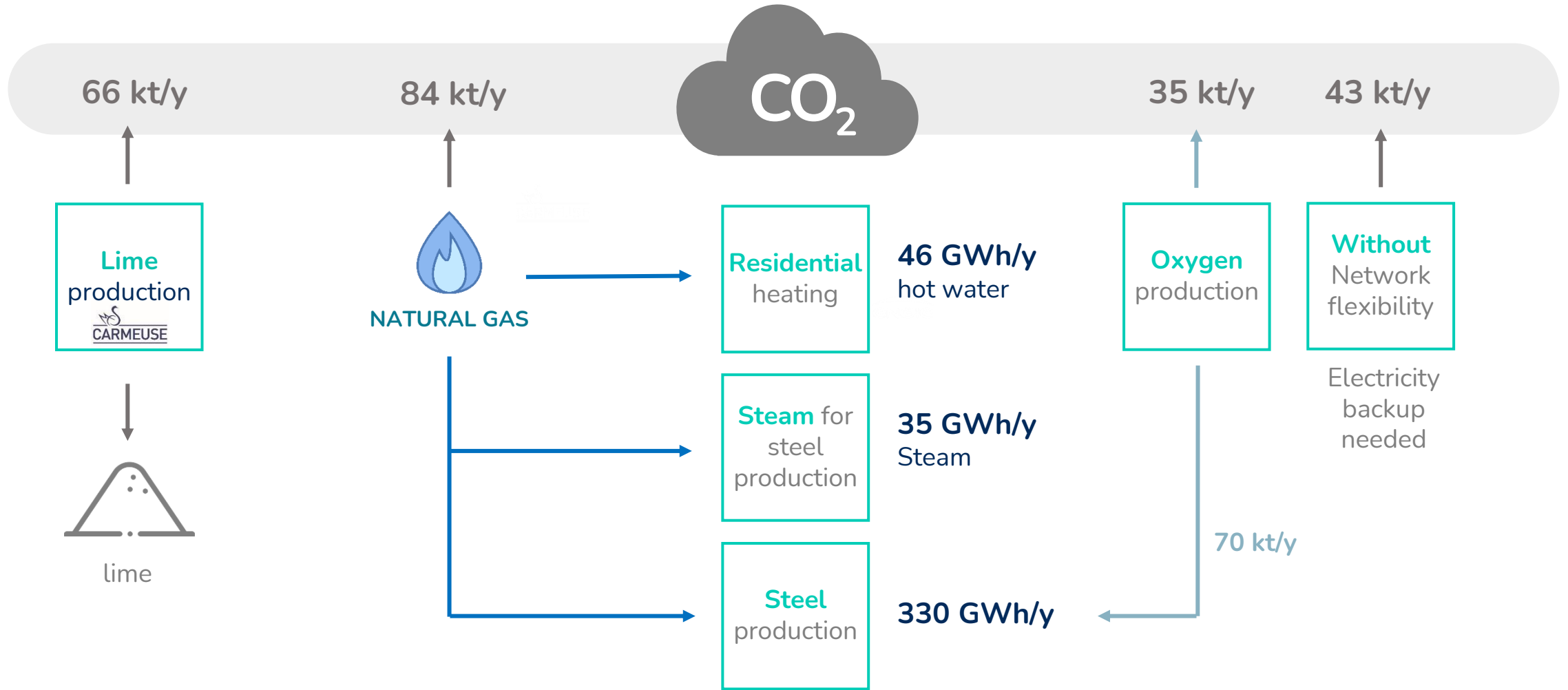


# Columbus: a 3D view



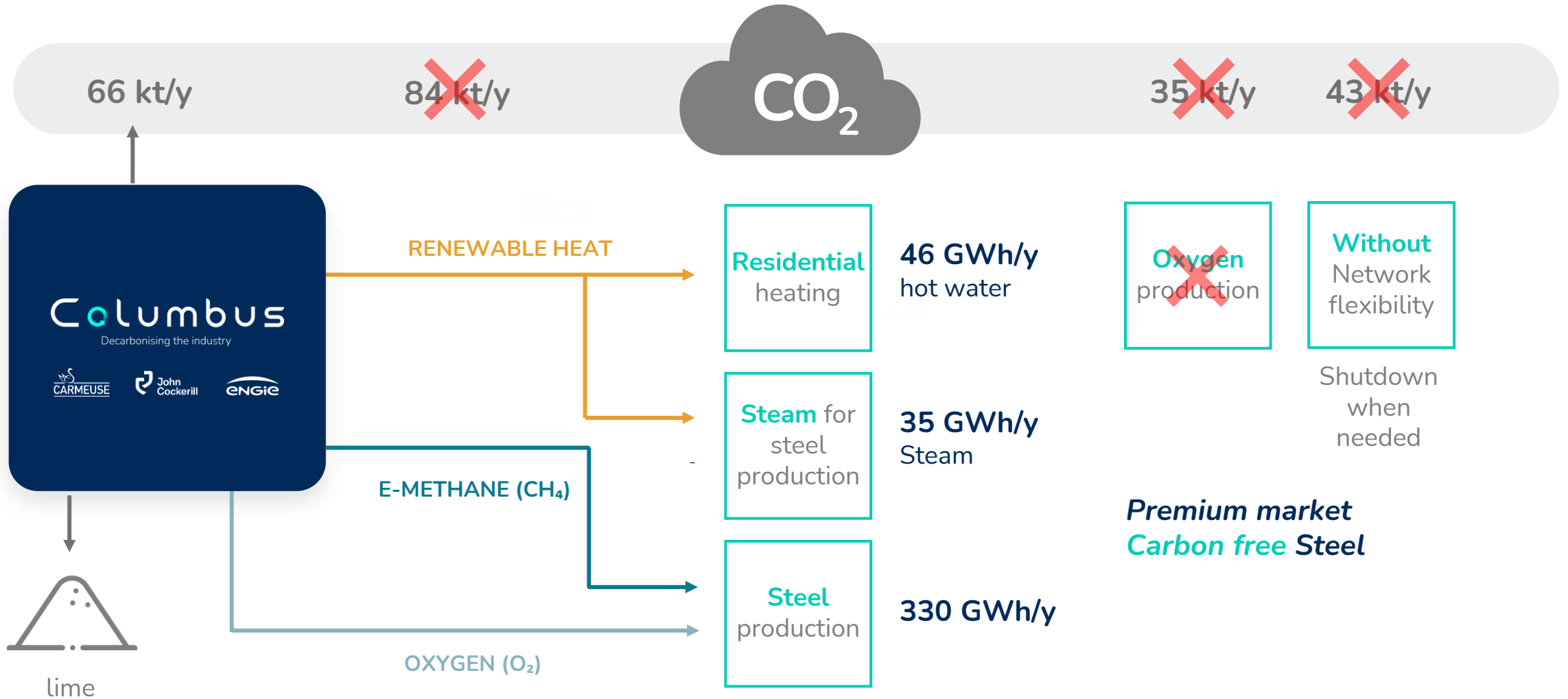
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No integration



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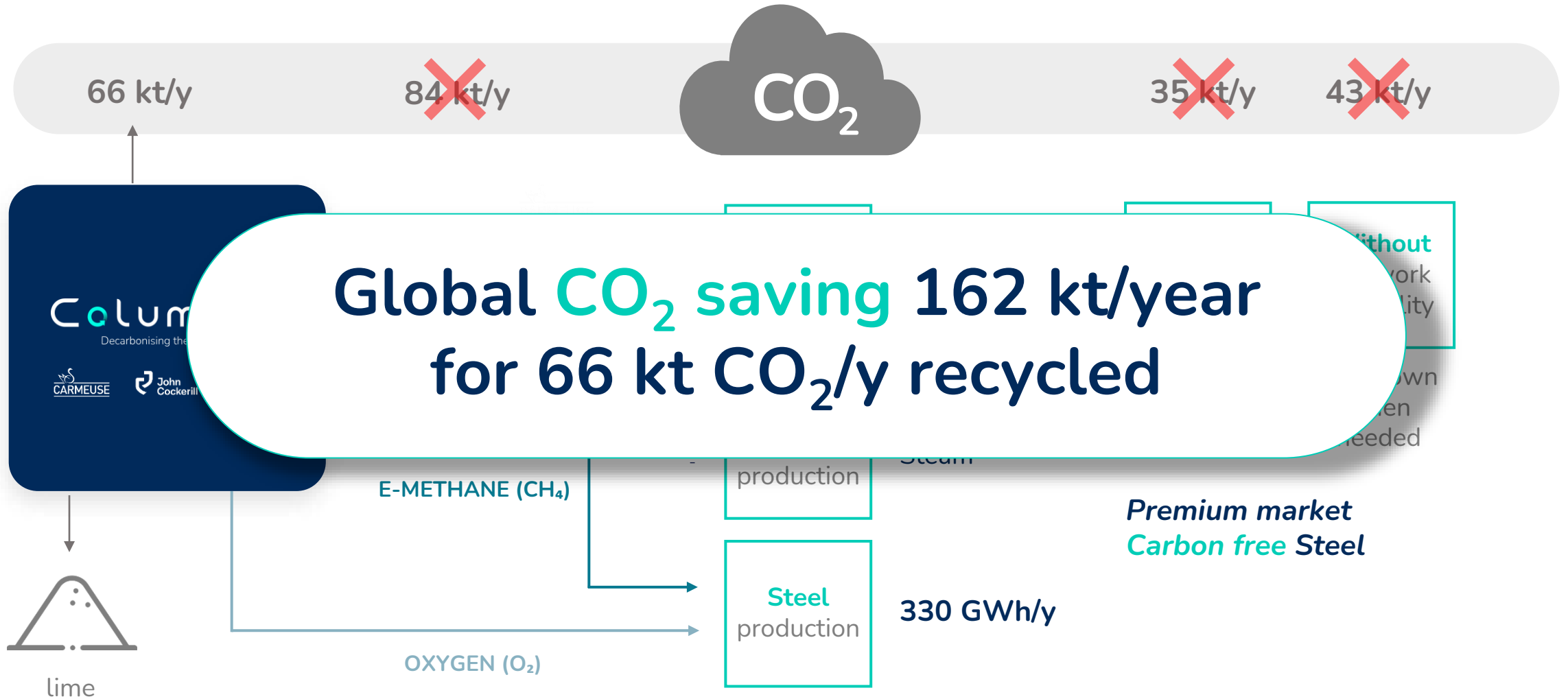
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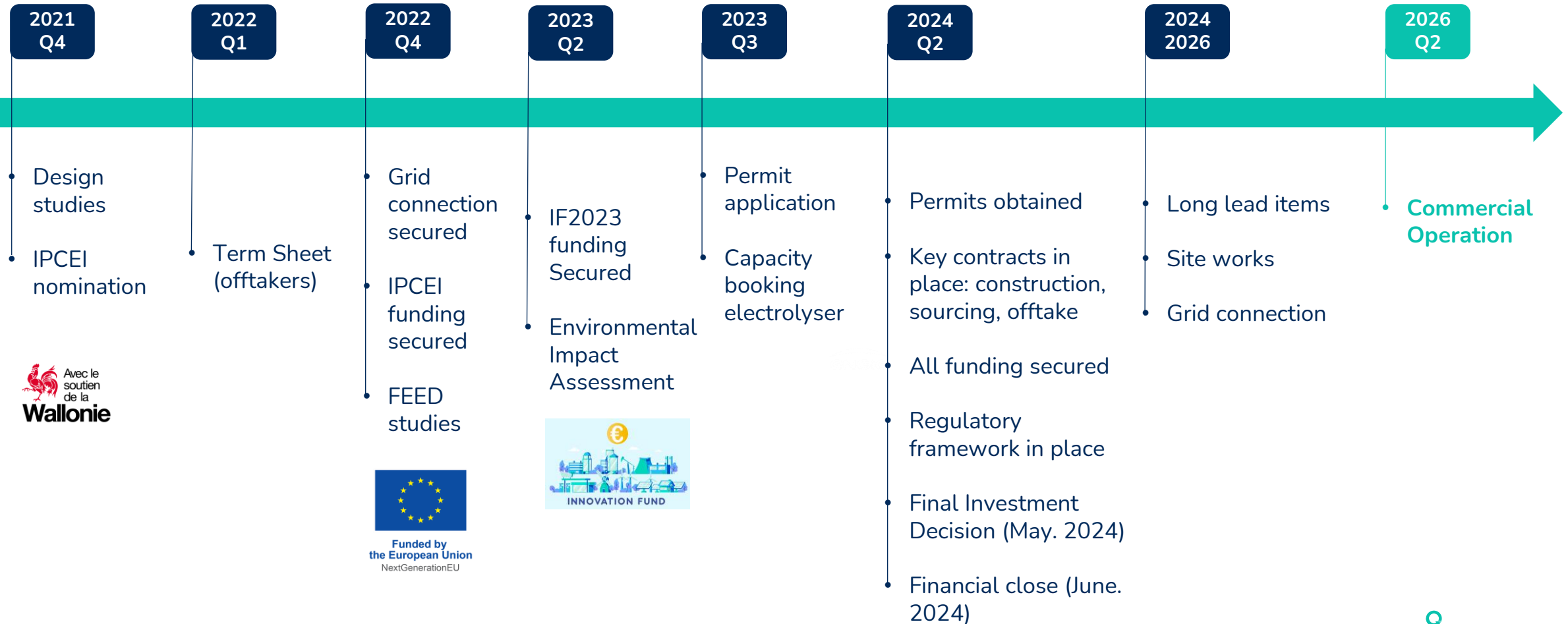


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# Timeline until commercial operation in 2026



# Final conclusion

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- Carbon neutrality in 2050 is a big challenge.
- Electrification will take RES demand to levels never seen before.
- Electricity storage is key, but also currently the bottleneck.
- H<sub>2</sub> allows to transform electricity into valuable product.
- H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure do not exist yet, Emethane a smart way to use existing infrastructure
- Columbus to demonstrate it is feasible

**Today we are building the low-carbon  
system of tomorrow!**



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