



Hydrogen Blending in National Hydrogen Strategies: Status in UNECE countries

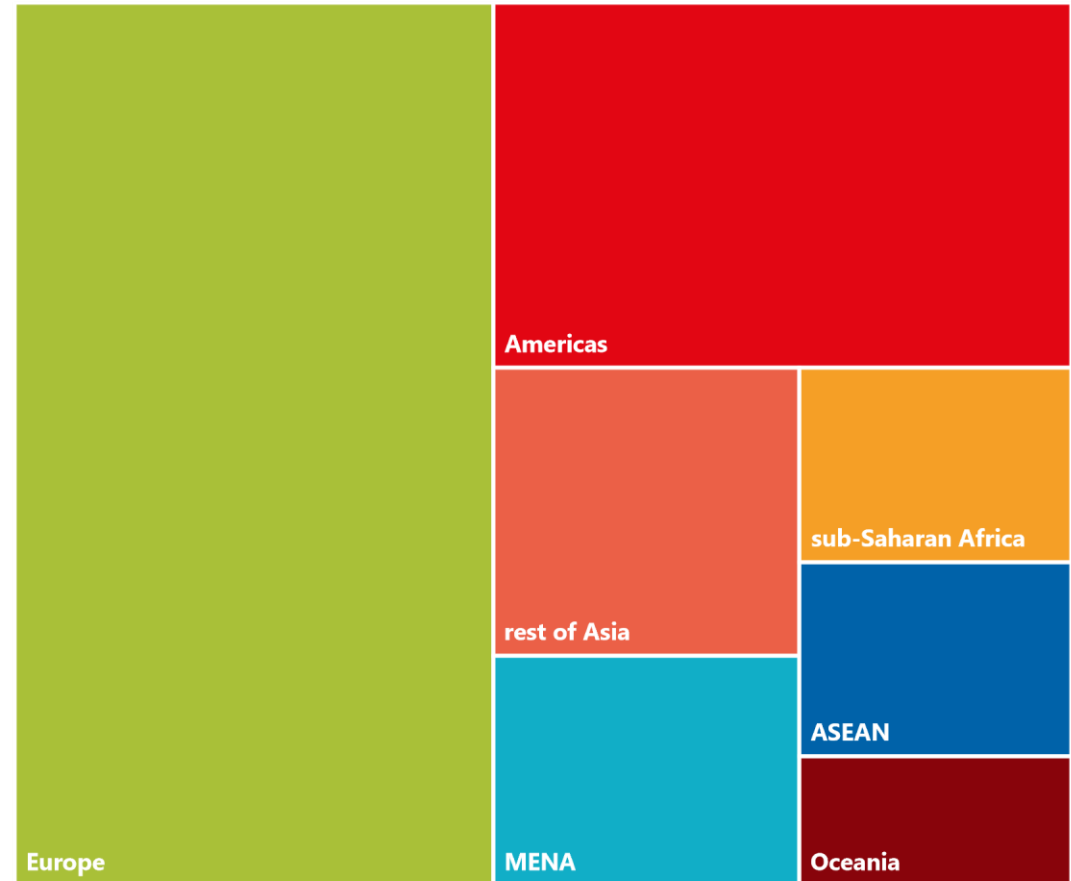
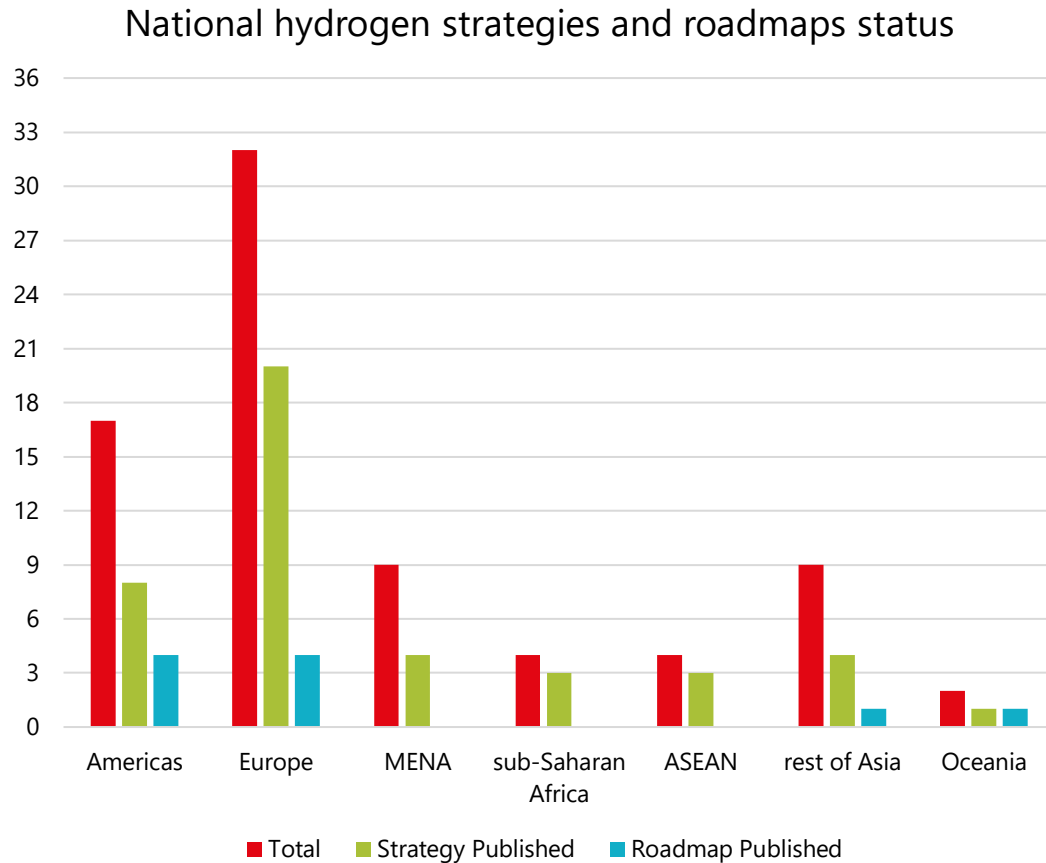
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National hydrogen strategies & roadmaps: 77 in total, 53 are published



Source: IRENA, 2024 (forthcoming)

UNECE: 25 strategies published, 11 strategies being drafted



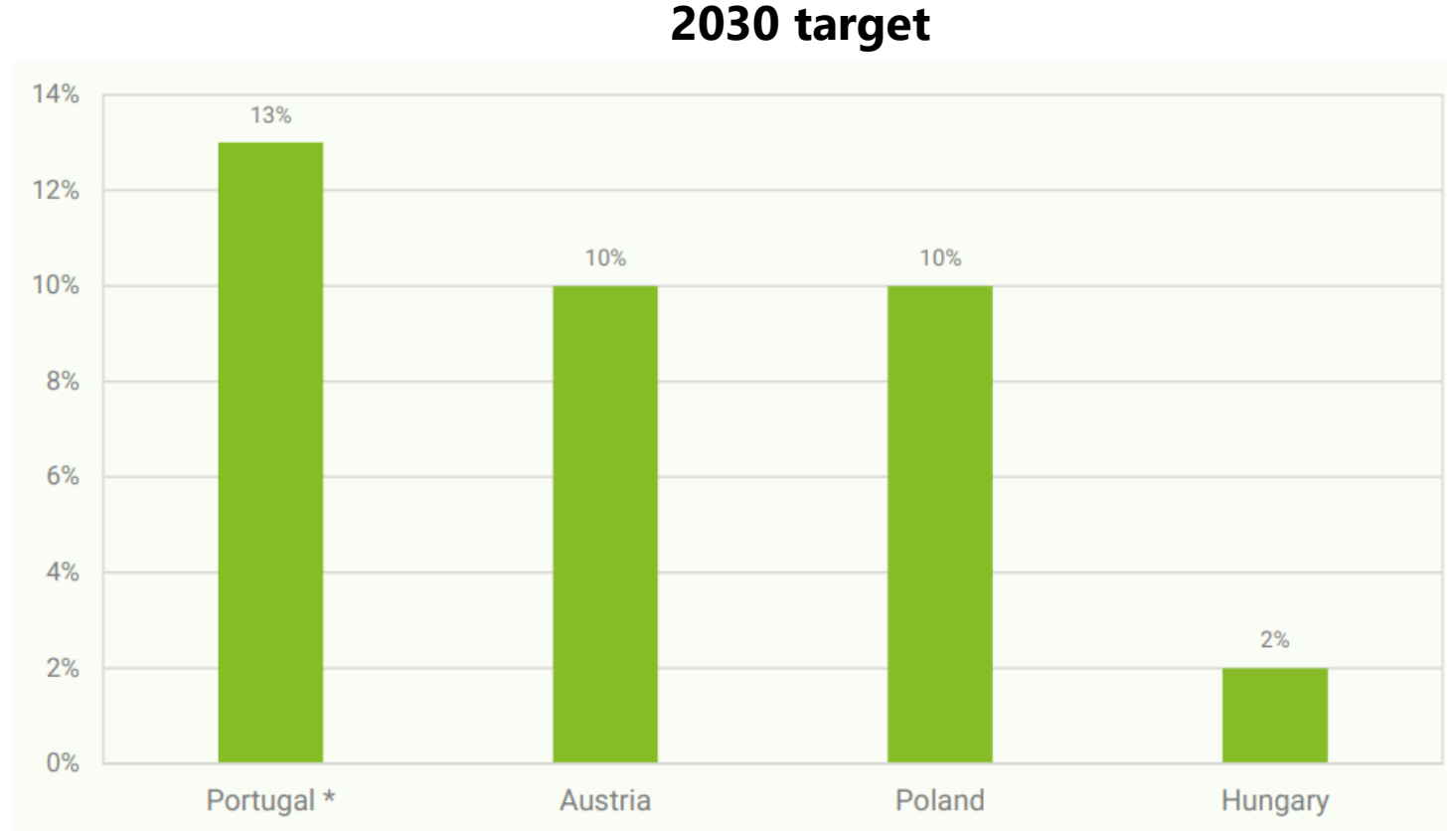
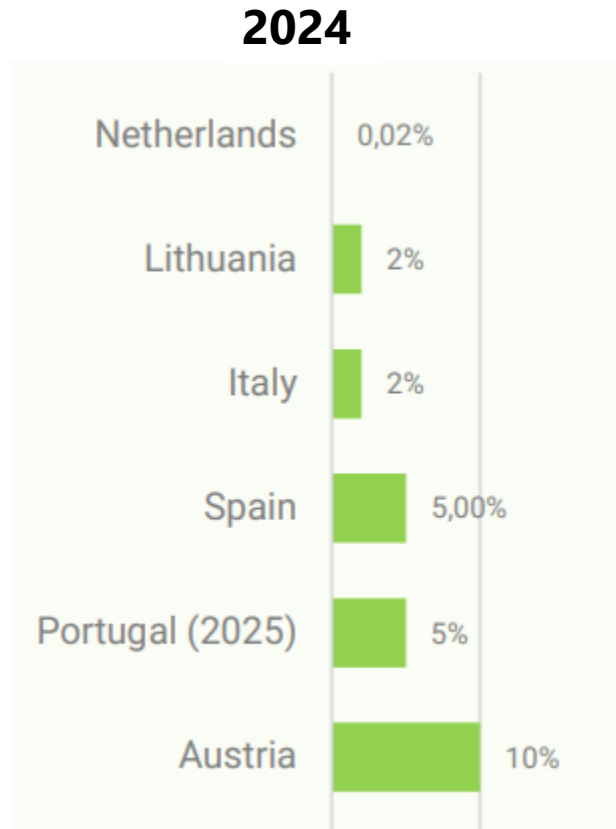
Source: author's assessment based on IRENA, 2024 (forthcoming)

UNECE: 16 national strategies mention H2 blending, with roughly half focusing on it



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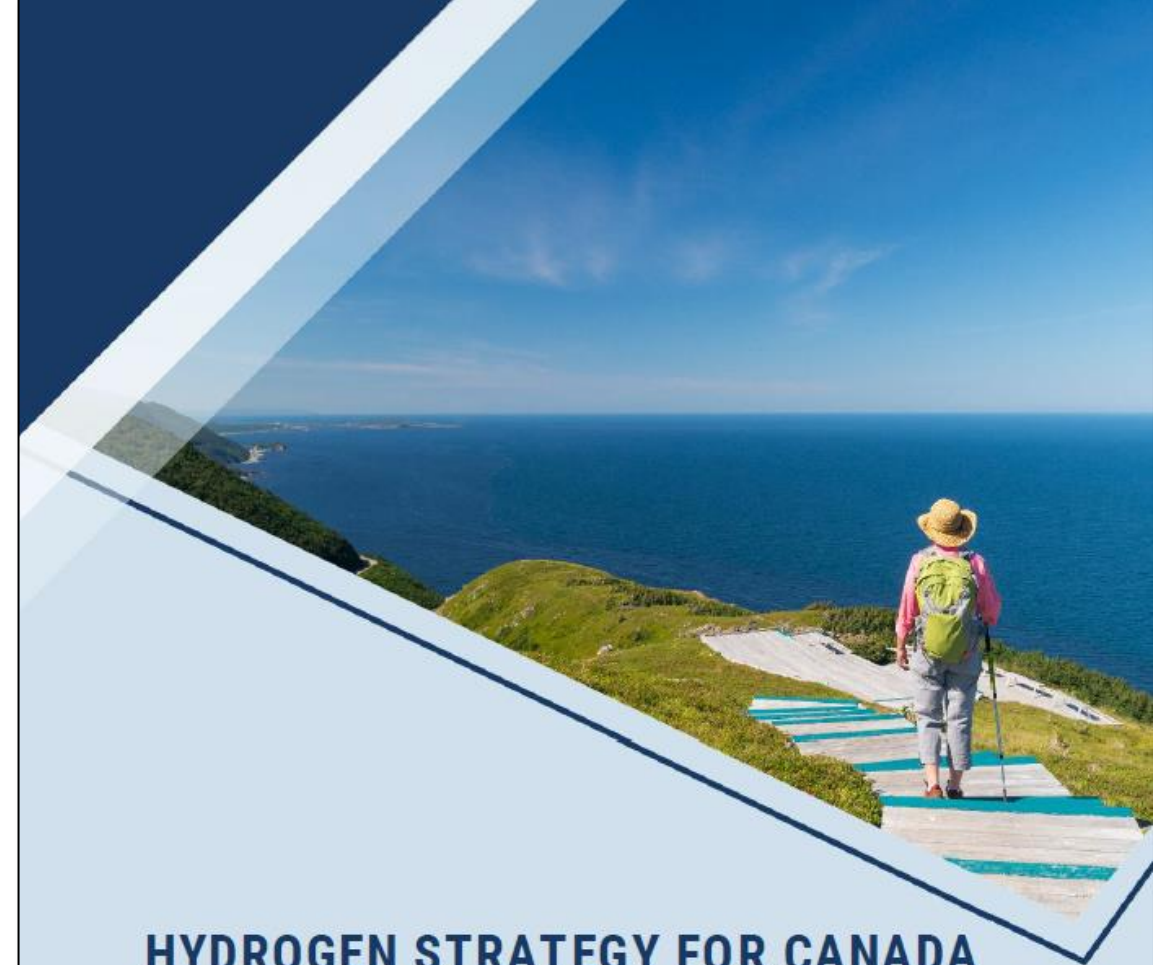
Some EU countries are setting ambitious H2 blending targets as early as 2030



Source: Clean Hydrogen Partnership, 2024

Cases: Canada

- *“Hydrogen injection and quality standards [for pipelines] **have yet to be established in Canada and elsewhere in North America**, and development of these standards is a **critical step** in enabling hydrogen blending in Canadian Provinces and Territories. Inter-provincial coordination is required given that pipelines cross borders in some cases.”*
- *In the near term (2020-25) regional HUBs will be strongly influenced “**by pilot results, codes, standards and regulatory approvals for blending hydrogen and natural gas to decarbonize the utility distribution system**”*



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Cases: UK

- The government has decided (December 2023) to support blending up to 20% hydrogen into GB gas distribution networks under certain strategic circumstances.
- Ongoing industry trials aim to gather evidence on the safety of blending hydrogen into the networks.
- Once the safety assessment is complete, the government will decide whether to enable blending, considering feasibility and economic factors
- Enabling of blending may require changes to be made to the Uniform Network Code (UNC)



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Hydrogen Blending into GB Gas Distribution Networks: Government Response to Consultation

Summary of responses received and government response to consultation on hydrogen blending into GB gas distribution networks

Conclusions

1. UNECE member countries, primarily those in the EU, have published approximately half of the world's existing hydrogen strategies.
2. This exerts influence on surrounding regions, including MENA, South America, ASEAN, and Central Asia.
3. Sixteen national strategies among UNECE countries mention hydrogen blending, with roughly half emphasizing its importance.
4. Ambitious plans for increasing H₂ blending are evident in the strategies of EU members, Canada, and the UK.
5. National strategies clearly focus on international standardization in the first phase (before 2025), making it prudent to initiate collaborative efforts in UNECE with a focus on the eight leading countries.

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