

# H2Global second auction

Secure long-term offtake, reach final investment decision.

## About Hintco

Hintco is the intermediary hydrogen trading company that develops and implements H2Global auctions. It purchases clean hydrogen products backed by governments funding, providing suppliers with secure, fixed-price, long-term offtake agreements that de-risk investment and accelerate project development.

## Auction overview

Hintco is allocating at least EUR2.5 billion in funding—provided by the German and partly by the Dutch governments—towards the purchase of renewable hydrogen over a nine-year period (2028—2036, possibly extendable to 2037).

This auction is structured around five lots. Four of these are regional, with a budget of at least EUR484 million available each for projects located in Africa, Asia, North America, and South America & Oceania. An additional global lot, open for the first time ever to production in Europe, will allocate a minimum of EUR567 million.

Suppliers bidding in the regional lots may offer renewable hydrogen, ammonia, or methanol, all of which must be delivered to a designated hub in Germany. In contrast, suppliers participating in the global lot must deliver renewable hydrogen to both Germany and the Netherlands. In all cases, the fuels supplied must comply with RFNBO requirements, and suppliers may choose their preferred transport method and transport vector such as LOHC or ammonia.

## Eligible lots and products

	Lot	Budget available	Provider of the funds and delivery point	Lot type
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Africa</li> <li>Asia</li> <li>North America</li> <li>South America &amp; Oceania</li> </ul>	EUR484m*	Germany	Product-open
Global	Global	EUR567m*	Germany and the Netherlands	Vector-open



### Available budget

**Total:** min. EUR2.5b

**4 regional lots:** min. EUR484m

**1 global lot:** min. EUR567m



### Eligible products

**Product-open lots:**

Hydrogen, ammonia, methanol

**Vector-open lot:**

Hydrogen



### RFNBO compliance

Delivered RFNBOs must be **certified through voluntary schemes** to prove conformity with RED III EU-Directive 2023/2413 and DR 2023/1184 and DR 2023/1185.



#### Product-open lot

Allows bidders to supply hydrogen, ammonia, or methanol as final products.

#### Vector-open lot

Limited to hydrogen as the final product.



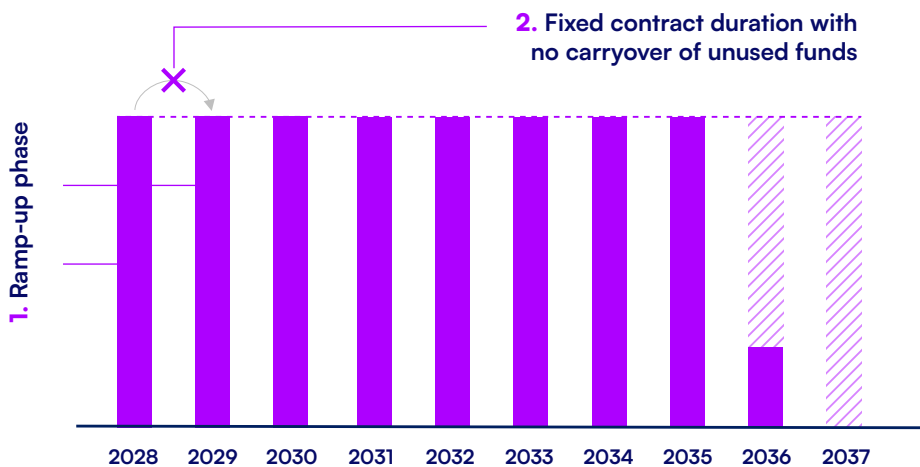
#### Transport methods

Suppliers are free to choose preferred transport methods (e.g., LOHC, ammonia) in both types of lots, provided that the required final product is extracted or converted back before delivery.

\*An increase of up to EUR587 million per regional lot / up to EUR597 million for the global lot and a duration extension to 2037 is foreseen. However, since the German government's 2025 budget, which is relevant for these alterations, is still pending, the volumes and durations stated above are the current status as of end of February 2025.  
\*The funding countries, Germany and the Netherlands are excluded from the tender.

## Product delivery timeline

Deliveries under the Hydrogen Purchase Agreement (HPA) can take place between 2028 and 2036, with a possible extension until 2037. **Suppliers are required to begin delivery no later than five years after contract award**, but those who begin earlier may be eligible to access a greater share of the available funds.



1. Producers can offer put option quantities on a non-firm basis in the early years. Firm delivery must begin within five years of the HPA award.
2. Deliveries after 2028 will shorten the HPA duration. If a producer cannot deliver in a given year, unused funds are forfeited, reducing the HPA duration.

## The auction process



\*Documents for regional lots will be released from the start. Documents for the global lot will be released separately.

## Secure a long-term offtake agreement

Winning bidders secure a Hydrogen Purchase Agreement with Hintco—providing the certainty needed to reach Final Investment Decision (FID) and scale clean hydrogen production globally.

Please note that this factsheet is for informational purposes only and is not legally binding. The official and more detailed tender documents take precedence and will be adapted and refined throughout the process.

## Eligibility criteria

### Financial

- ‘Good’ credit rating or an equity ratio of 20%
- Alternatively, a completion bond

### Experience

- Demonstrate necessary know-how
- Project description
- No grounds for exclusion

### Commercial

- Commercial register
- No grounds for exclusion

### Minimum size

Electrolysis projects with a minimum rated electrical input capacity of 5 MW.

### Production start

First delivery must occur no later than 5 years after the award of the HPA.

### Construction start

Work on the electrolyser must not commence before submission of the request to participate.

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