Decarbonisation of EU Steel industry 26th of October 2022





Why is decarbonisation of the steel sector important

Average GHG emission intensity is 1.9 tCO2 per tonne of crude steel



- Steelmaking is a key industry, underpinnig the EU economy and supporting around 2.6 million jobs, but ...
- Primary steel production generates close to 200 Mt of CO2 emissions per year
- In order switch all primary steel production to hydrogen based DRI would require up to 5,3 Mt of renewable hydrogen
- GHG benefits of using hydrogen for primary steel making are relatively high at ~ 26 tCO2 avoided per tH2



Challenge #1: Green steel cost



- The hydrogen delivery break-even cost is between 1,5 EUR/kg and 3.0 EUR/kg
- With current green hydrogen delivery costs (5.0 6.0 EUR/kg) this implies either a need for subsidies or a green steel price premium to be paid by off-takers
- For a typical passenger car, the extra costs of green steel would translate to an added cost of 100 – 170 EUR per vehicle.



Challenge #2 and #3: securing the supply of hydrogen





Thank You



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