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# EU PROJECT: NEEDS

simulation model for  
sustainable inland waterway  
transport



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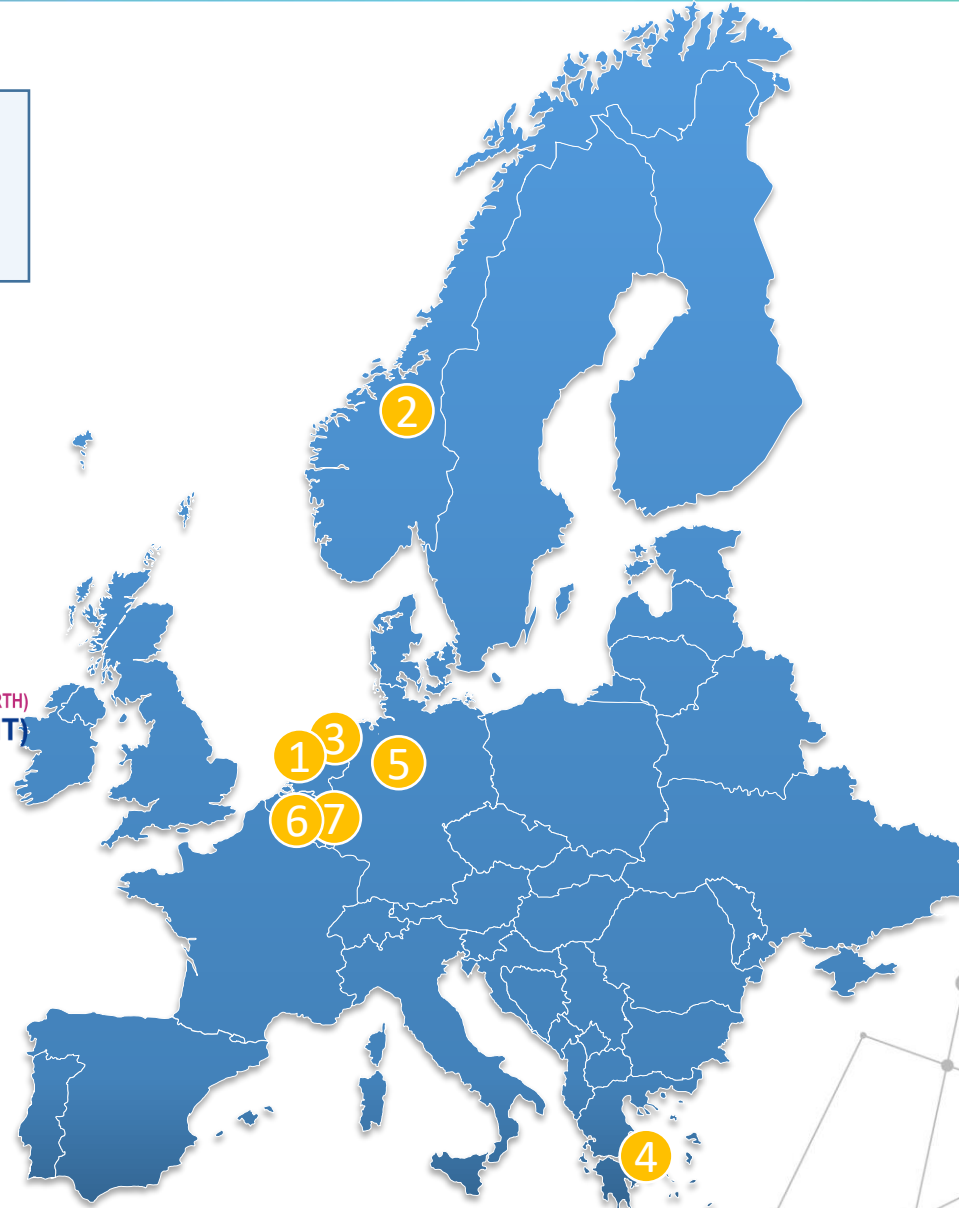
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- **NEw sustainable fuel Deployment Scenarios (NEEDS)**
- Horizon Europe CSA project to coordinate/support research activities and policies
- 1 May 2022 – 31 October 2023
- Estimated project cost €523.437
- Requested EU contribution €523.437



THE EUROPEAN  
**GREEN DEAL**



SUSTAINABLE & SMART  
**MOBILITY STRATEGY**

Impact on energy infrastructure



- Energy transition towards a zero-emission IWT
- Enable this transition through the creation of a clean energy infrastructure





- The realisation of the clean energy infrastructure faces economic, legal and technical challenges.
- Objective NEEDS: Develop a quantified and dynamic **techno-economic model** and an associated methodology for defining and **assessing the most efficient clean energy deployment strategies** in different countries and regions across Europe.





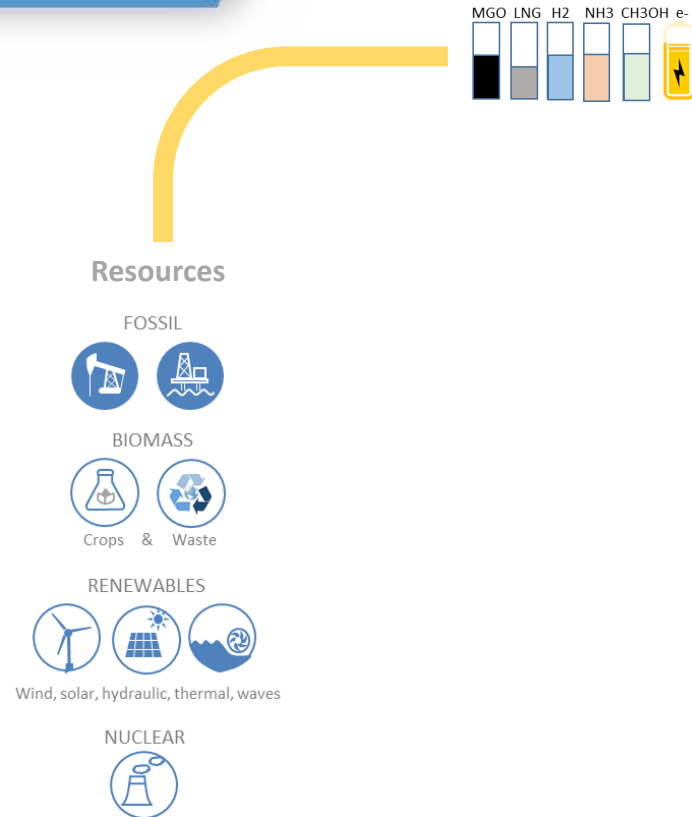
- Simulate different scenarios of clean energy deployment, containing regional information (i.e. Rhine IWT and maritime shipping Greek islands)
- The goal is to build a good model, eventually (after the project) analyses can be performed for multiple regions, fleet families, trajectories, etc.
- Simulation model will help the commission, the member states, the regional waterborne community and ports in evaluating the most efficient transition pathways.





Needs

# Generic techno-economic model



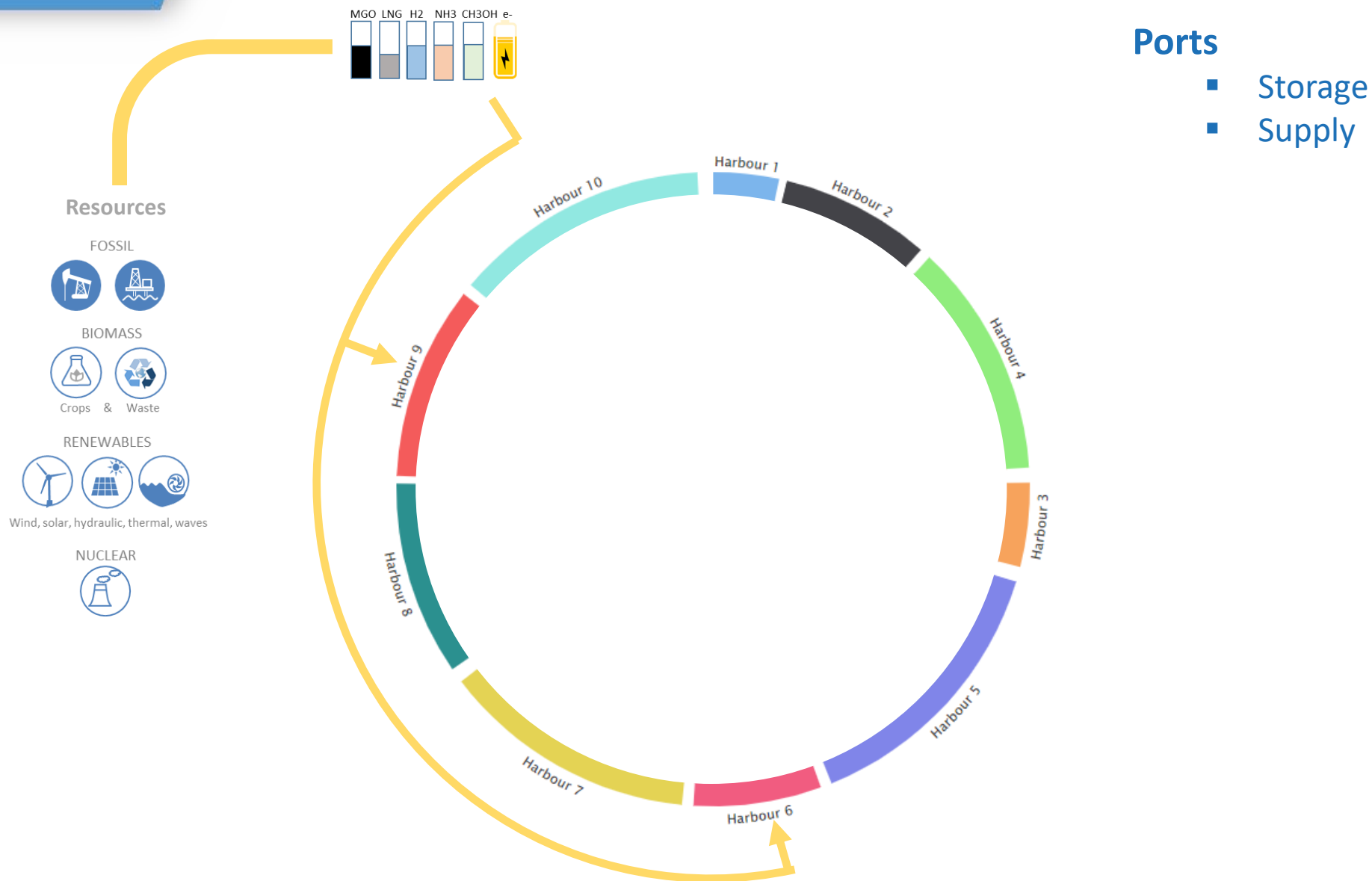
## Energy carriers

- Type
- Properties
- Production emissions
- Distribution

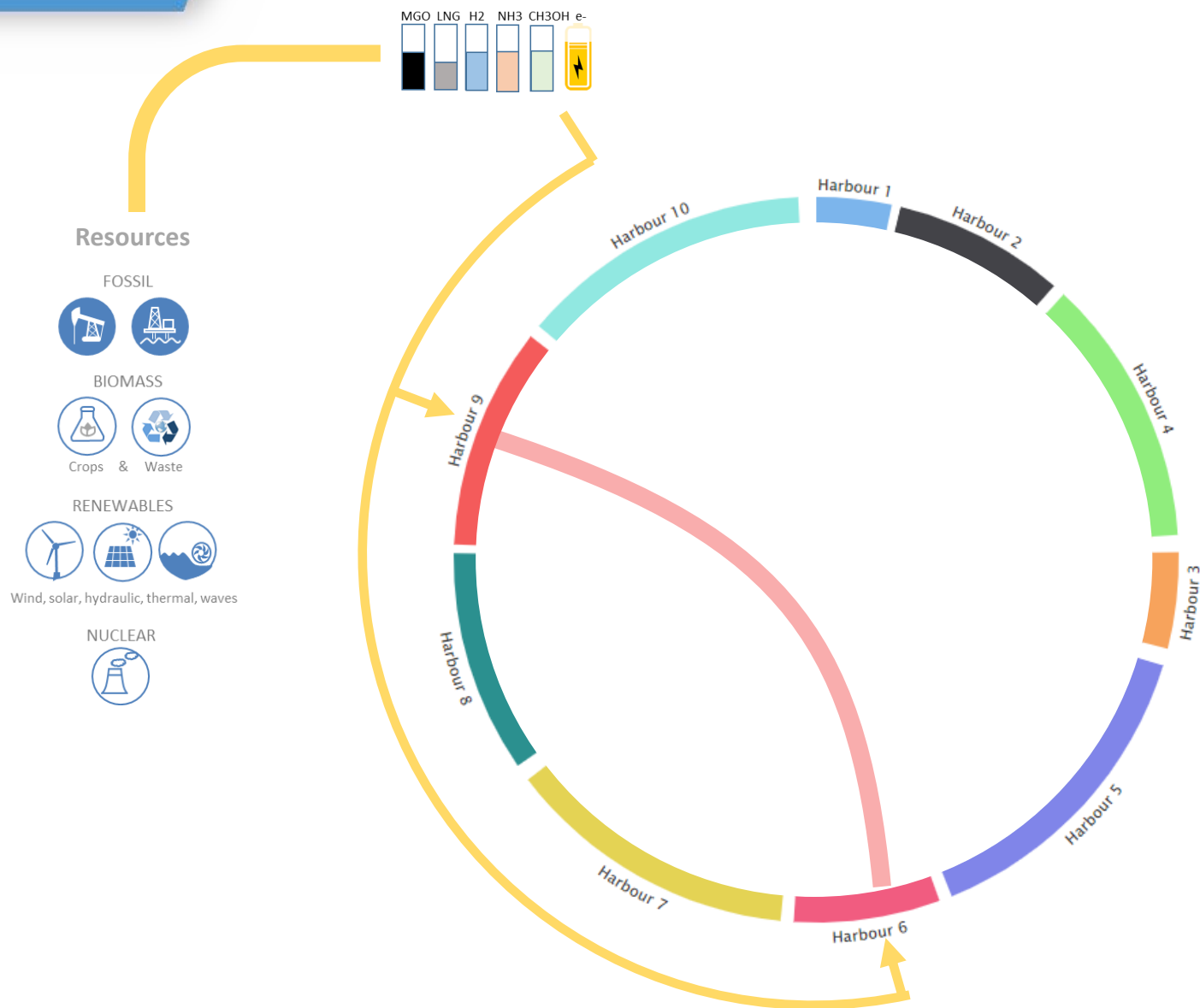


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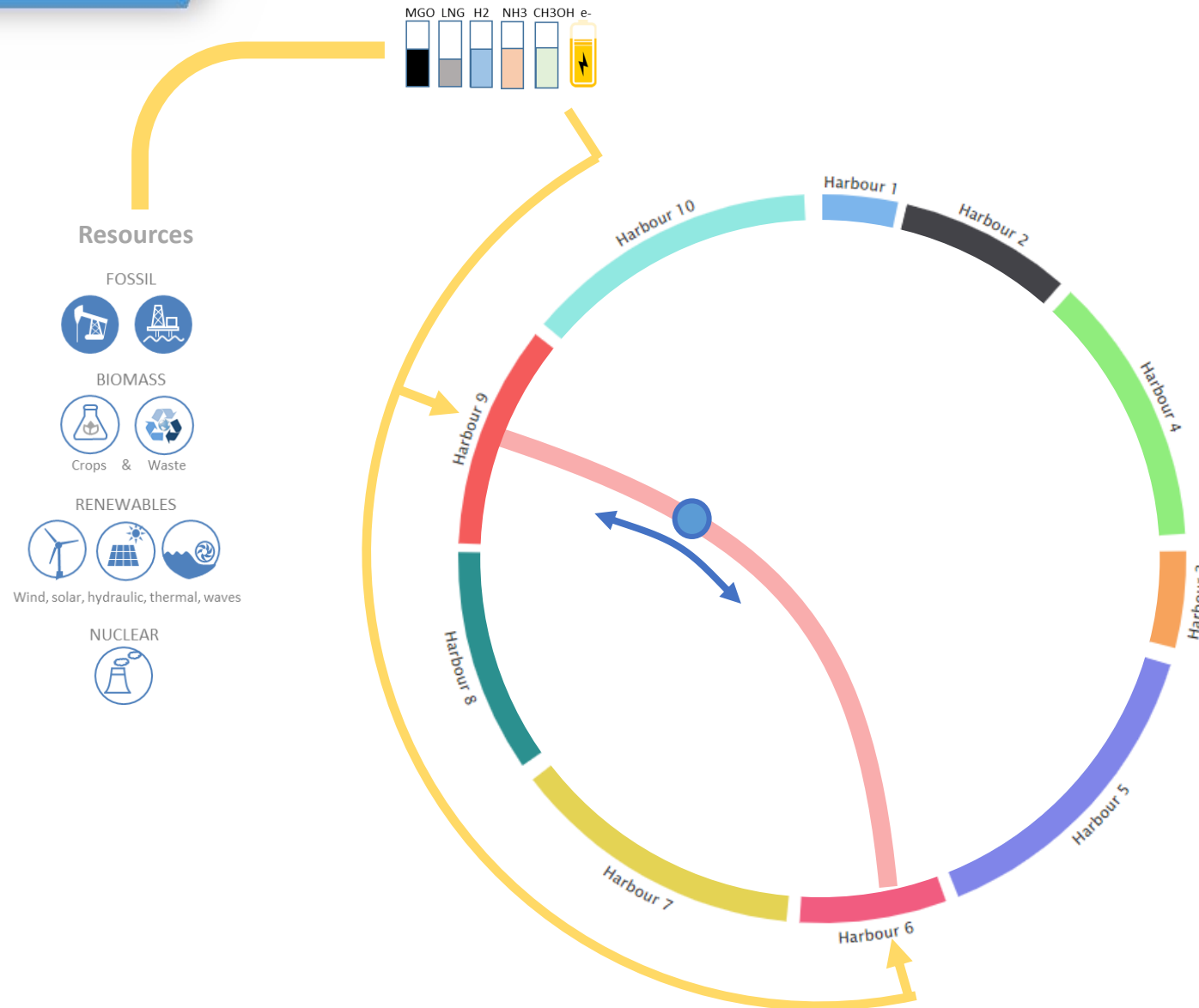






## Routes

- Type
- Distance
- Weather statistics and data



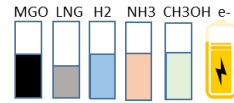
## Ship (or fleet)

- Type of ship
- Transport capacity
- Range
- Operational profile
- Current energy carrier and compatible future alternatives
- Operational emissions
- OPEX



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# Generic techno-economic model



## Resources

### FOSSIL



### BIOMASS



Crops & Waste

### RENEWABLES



Wind, solar, hydraulic, thermal, waves

### NUCLEAR



## Transport network

routes and fleet



## Energy carriers

production and distribution

## Port infrastructure

energy storage and supply



## **Categorisation of inland vessel types and operational profiles for IWT**

- Top 25 representative freight journeys from the PROMINENT project
- Greening technologies and corresponding TCO information from the CCNR studies
- Existing technical information on waterways and vessels in MARIN database
- Additional information collected related to e.g. fuel tank capacities per fleet family and bunkering/charging/swapping speed.



## Technologies

- Fossil diesel
- HVO
- LBM
- Batteries
- H2 FC
- H2 ICE
- MeOH FC
- MeOH ICE

## Vessel types and transport journeys

Nr	Port A	Port B	vessel type	Commodity
1	Rotterdam	Duisburg	Push B4	Ore
2	Rotterdam	Antwerp	C3L/B	Containers
3	Rotterdam	Karlsruhe	MTS 135m	Crude oil
4	Amsterdam	Karlsruhe	C3L/B	Coal
5	Rotterdam	Basel	C3L/B	Containers
6	Antwerp	Thionville	MVS110m	Coal
7	Amsterdam	Antwerp	C3L/B	Containers
8	Rotterdam	Krotzenburg	C3L/B	Coal
9	Amsterdam	Rotterdam	MTS 135m	Oil
10	Antwerp	Mainz	MVS 135m	Containers
11	Breisach	Cuijk	MVS 110m	Sand&gravel
12	Antwerp	Duisburg	C3L/B	Containers
13	Rotterdam	Duisburg	MVS 110m	Containers
14	Rotterdam	Ludwigshafen	MTS 86m	Chemicals
15	Rotterdam	Kampen/Zwolle	MTS 110m	Oil
16	Rotterdam	Strassbourg	MVS110m	Agribulk
17	Amsterdam	Heilbronn	MVS 105m	Animal Fodder
18	Duisburg	Antwerp	MVS 110m	Metal products
19	Rotterdam	Alphen a/d Rijn	MVS 105m	Containers
20	Terneuzen	Rotterdam	MTS 110m	Chemicals
21	Wesel	Enkhuizen	MVS 67m	Sand&gravel
22	Rotterdam	Herne	MVS 86m	Metal (scrap)
23	Dusseldorf	Antwerp	MVS 110m	Agribulk
24	Antwerp	Gent	MVS 110m	Coal
25	Rotterdam	Duisburg	MVS 86m	Agribulk



## **Additional qualitative research into:**

- Determine the applicability of different energy carriers and solutions
- Potential upscale of renewable energy production in the region
  - potential from wind, solar, hydro, nuclear plants, etc.
- Port infrastructure and likely impact of energy transition in the relevant region
  - Potential of adapting to a rapid pace of change in infrastructure



- Once the model is fully developed and all the necessary input data is collected, the simulations can be run.
- Simulation model will be applied for different scenarios
- Outcomes for the detailed transport journeys will help to further analyse TCO from fleet perspective but also infra requirements.
- Discuss results with stakeholders and experts by means of workshops and meetings with the STEERER network (IWT related experts).
- There will be a dashboard visualising an evolution of indicators over time for ships, routes and ports.

