

# The 11th NEDO-CDTI Joint Workshop

## “Technologies for Hydrogen Valley in Spain and Japan – Regional H2 Value Chain”

Hydrogen



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次世代エネルギー  
社会を切り拓く!

Challenges and opportunities of  
renewable hydrogen projects in a  
sustainable water cycle

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# Company

## FCC Group Diversified business model

### Business Areas



### Environment

- Refuse collection
- Street cleaning
- Urban waste treatment and recycling
- Ground maintenance
- Sewer networks maintenance
- Building Cleaning & maintenance
- Industrial waste treatment and recycling
- Remediation of polluted soils



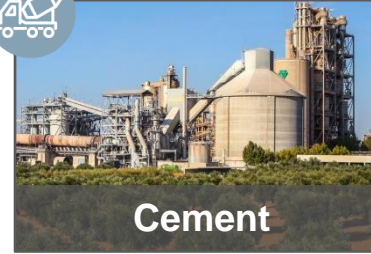
### Water

- Integrated management of public services
- Operation, maintenance and technical assistance services
- Design, construction and financing of water infrastructures



### Construction

- Civil Works
- Railway Works
- Building
- Industrial
- Concessions
- Infrastructure maintenance



### Cement

- Cement
- Trading
- Other businesses  
(Concrete, Aggregate, Mortar  
Waste reduction in USA)

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## Activities



### Municipal concessions for the management of the end-to-end water cycle public service

Aqualia's main activity is to ensure access to water through the management of public services such as abstraction, treatment, purification, distribution, sanitation and purification, as well as analysing the quality of the water.



### Infrastructure concessions in BOT model contracts

Aqualia designs, builds, finances and operates long-term infrastructures, treatment plants (purification, filtration and desalination) or re-use installations.



### O&M services

The company operates, maintains and exploits infrastructures.

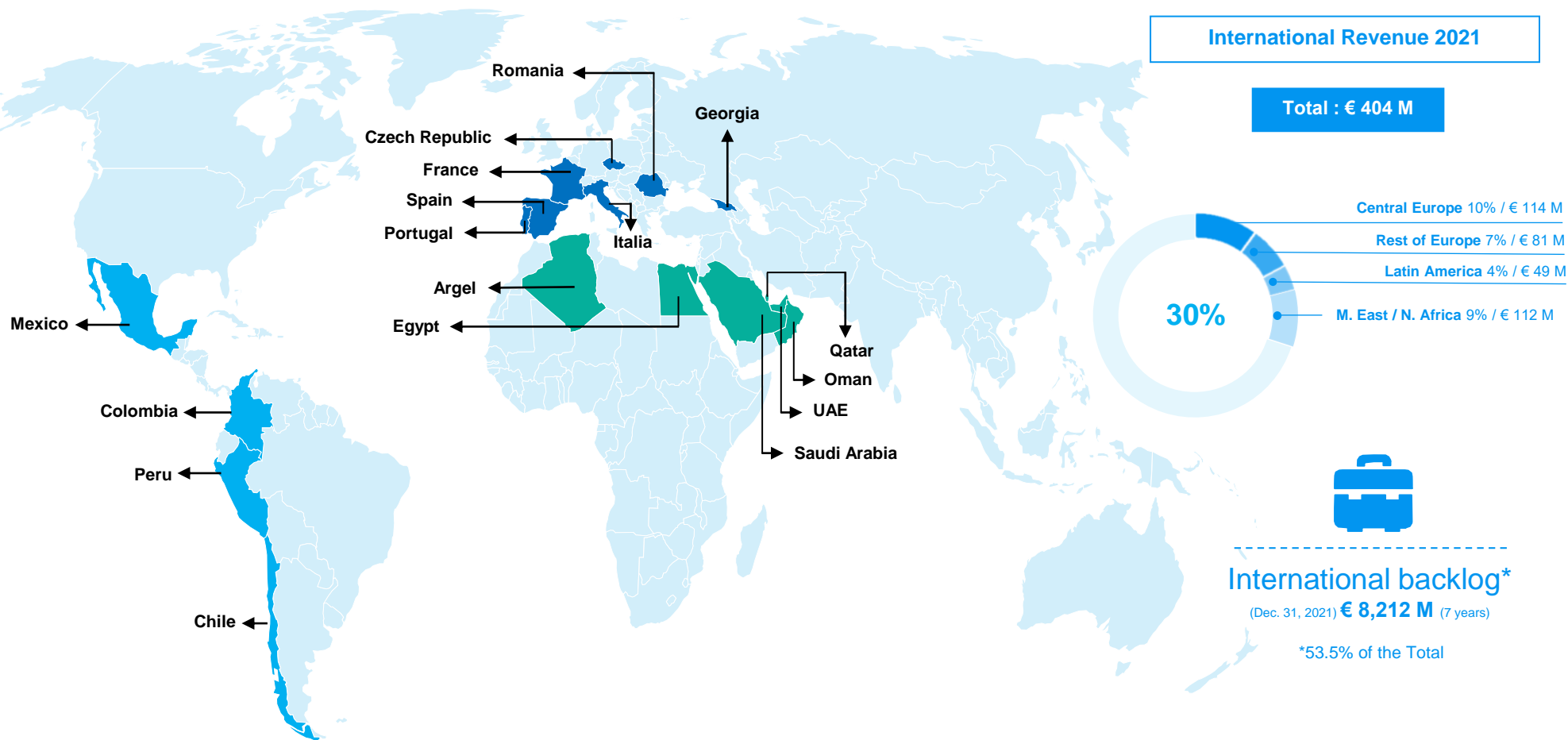


### EPC Models

Aqualia creates design and construction projects (Engineering, Procurement and Construction).



# Products, services, technologies of the company





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**29,662,500**  
Population served  
(GWI\*)



**17**  
Countries  
present



**9.818**  
Employees



**866**  
WWTP's



**45,399** km of  
managed networks



**239**  
WPP's



**708** hm<sup>3</sup> / year  
Drinking water  
produced



**28**  
Desalination  
Plants



**2,867**  
Drinking water  
repositories



**5**  
Laboratories  
certified according to  
ISO-17025

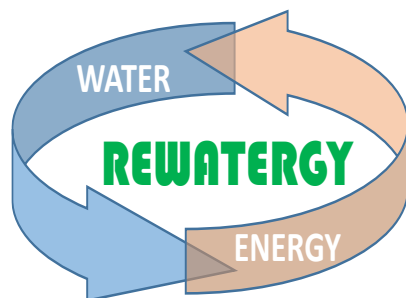
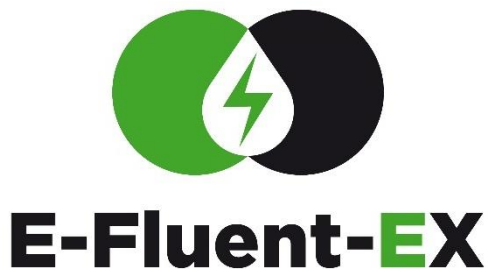


**22**  
Sports  
centres



# Main challenges and solutions in the project/case presented

Developing novel solutions on biomethane and hydrogen since 2012





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Concept: "Power to gas", public-private collaboration in innovation



Ayuntamiento de Jerez



BIOGAS

CH<sub>4</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub>

95.6%

Methanation

CH<sub>4</sub>

To the grid



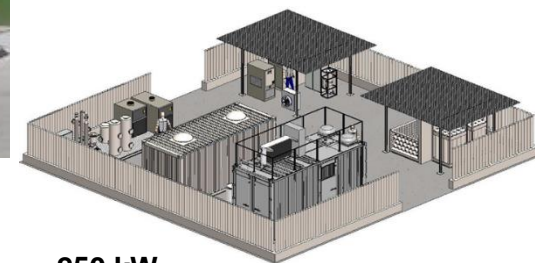
Electrolysis

H<sub>2</sub>

H<sub>2</sub>O



15 kW



250 kW  
LCOE = 70 – 240 €/MWh



ABENGOA HIDROGENO

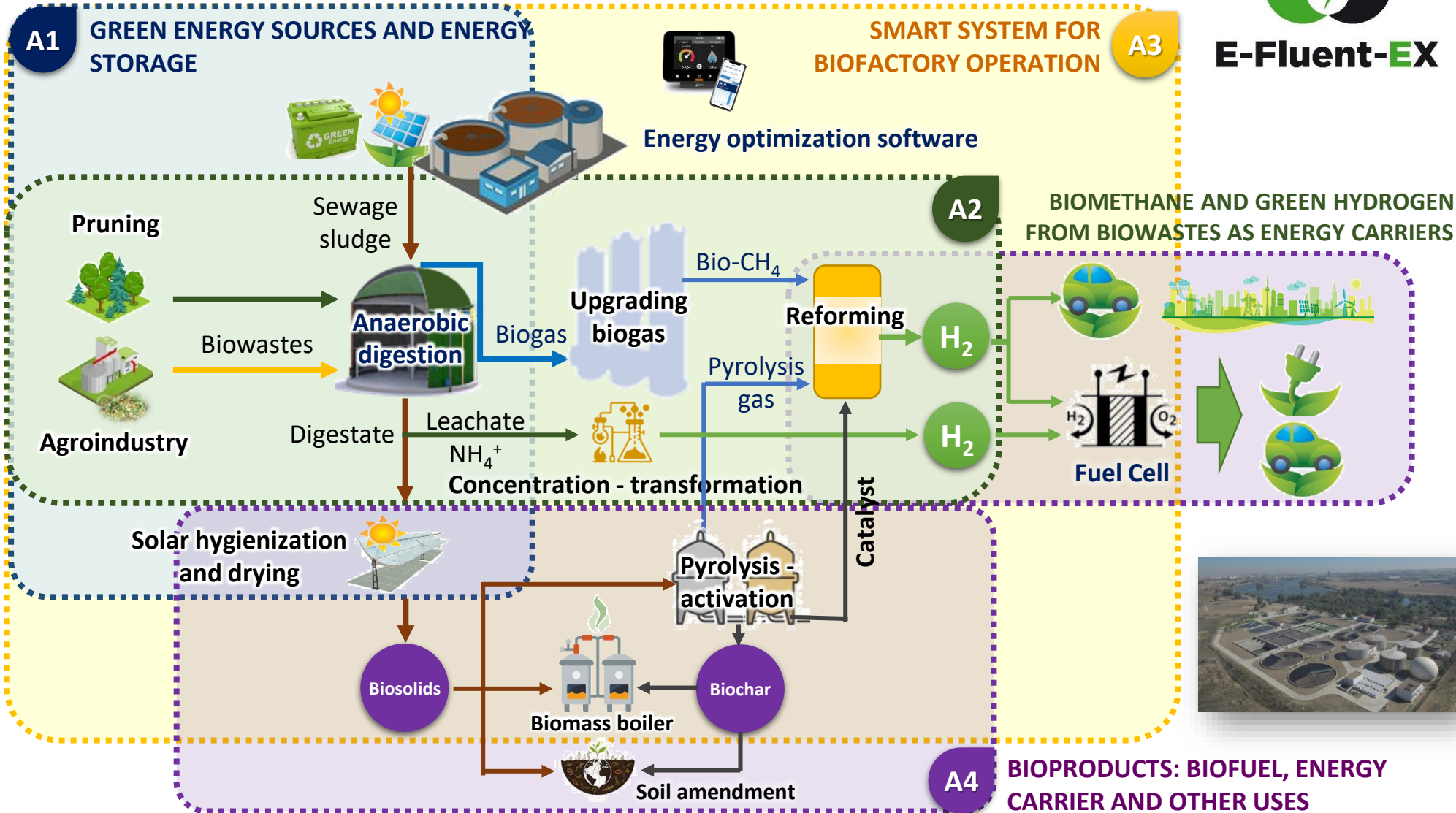




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**E-Fluent-EX**







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IndUstry water-utiLiTy symbIosis for a sMarter wATER society



Electrical efficiency**	Up to 57%
Overall efficiency**	Up to 88%
Seasonal space heating energy efficiency class	A+++
Annual fuel consumption***	22.000 kWh per year
Fuel types	Natural gas according EN 437 Bio methane LNG
Fuel inlet pressure	Max pressure: 25 mbar Min pressure: 15 mbar
Water consumption	up to 32 l/day

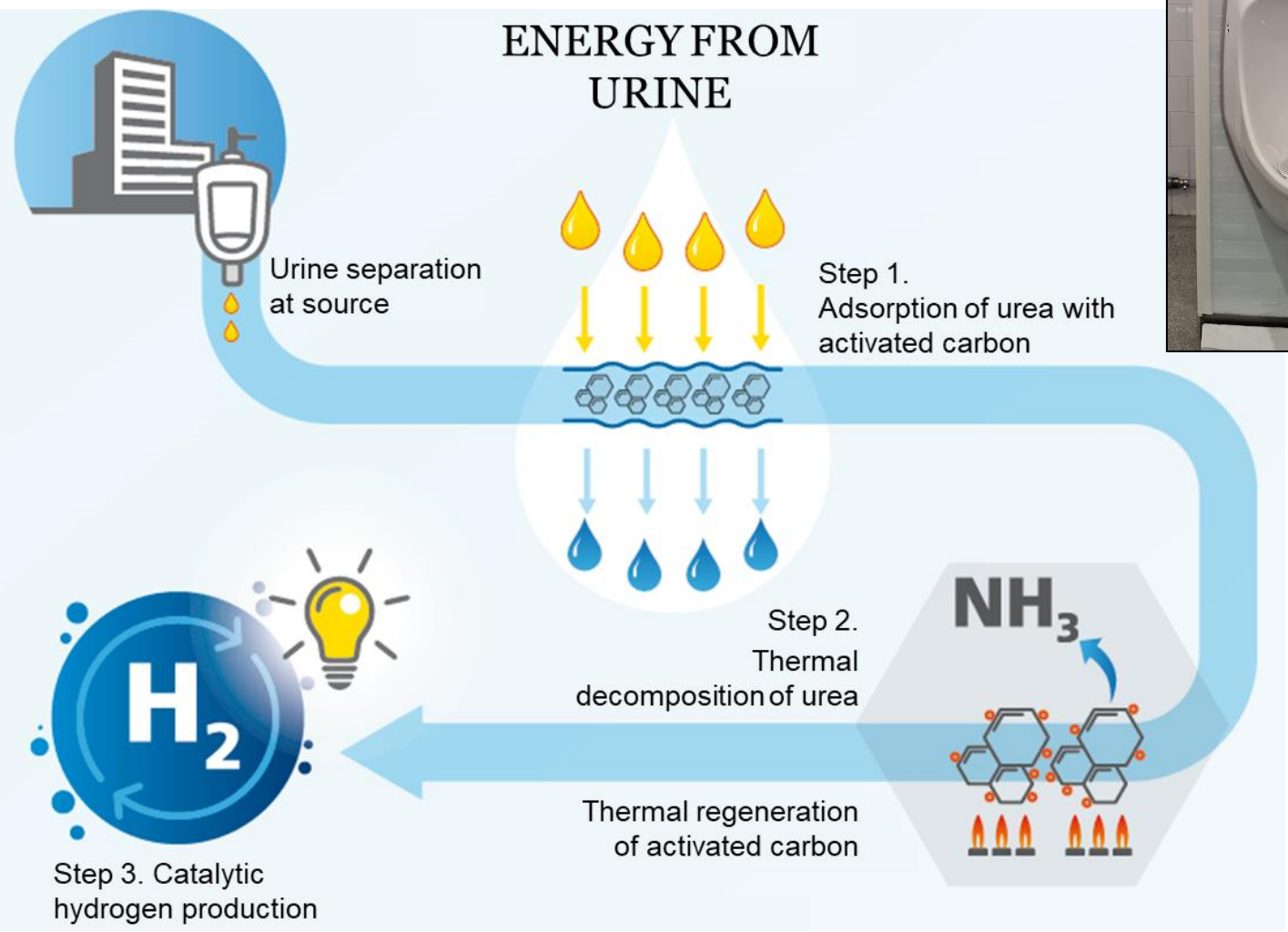
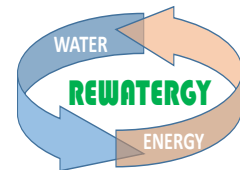
Higher electricity and heat production compared to conventional CHP

2022  
1.5 kW  
WWTP LLEIDA

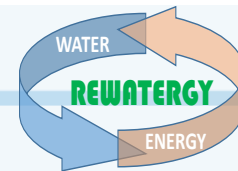
First initiative in Spain using Fuel Cell in wastewater treatment plant



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## Benefits



Adoption of the system by  
Kōfu population



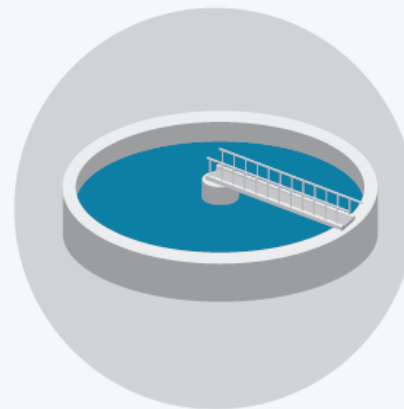
**200 t/year  
green hydrogen**

20M km by car  
550 times around the world



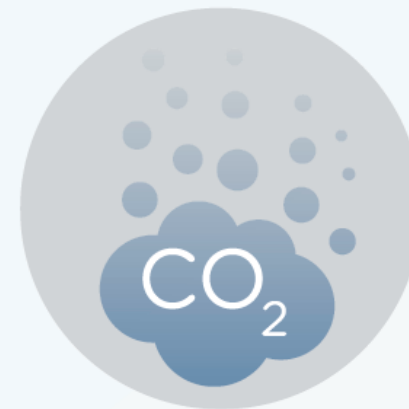
**1,200 MWh/year  
electricity**

Supply to 850 people  
3,500 solar panels



**30 % reduction  
energy demand at WWTP**

2,000 MWh/year  
400,000 €/year



**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
reduction**

700 t/year  
25,000 trees





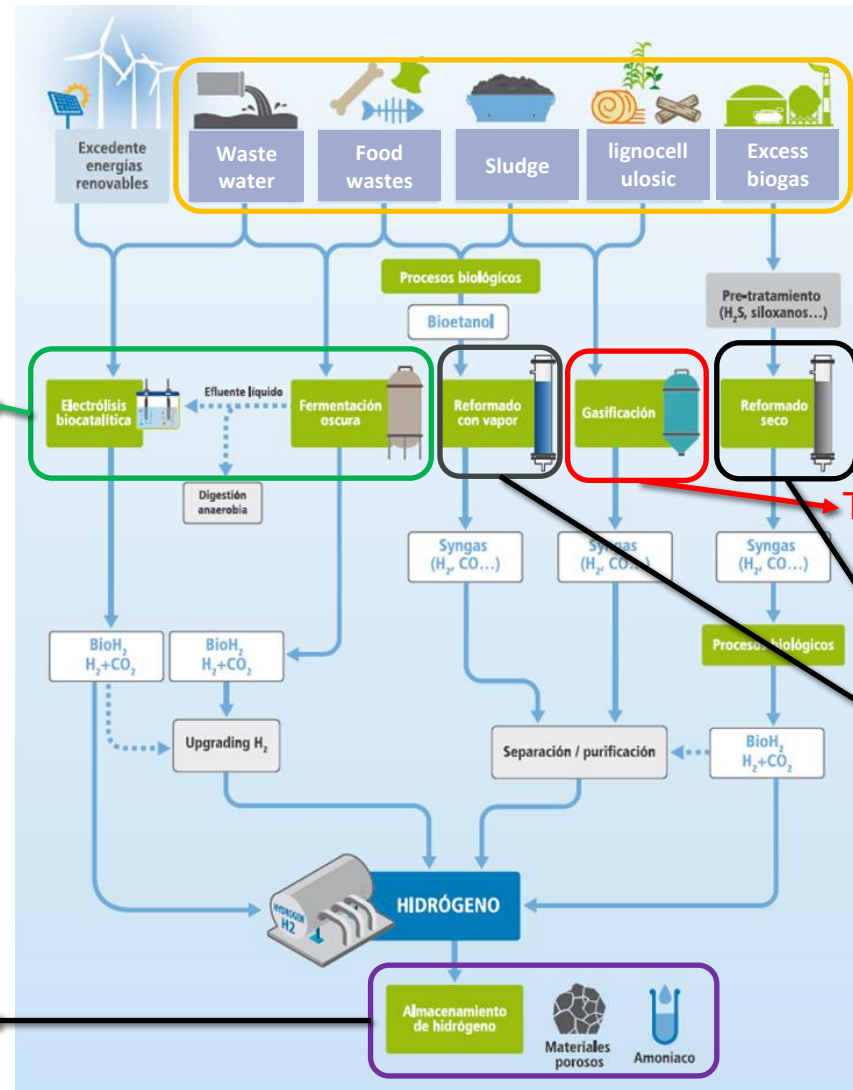
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**ZEPELIN**

- Hydrogen production and storage technologies based on the use of **waste and by-products**, seeking to significantly improve the costs and efficiency.
- To develop a range of technologies **unlinked to the availability of high-quality water** for the production of H<sub>2</sub>.
- To give the **entire national territory** the option to produce sustainable **green H<sub>2</sub>**.

Microbiological technologies



Thermochemical technologies

Catalytic technologies

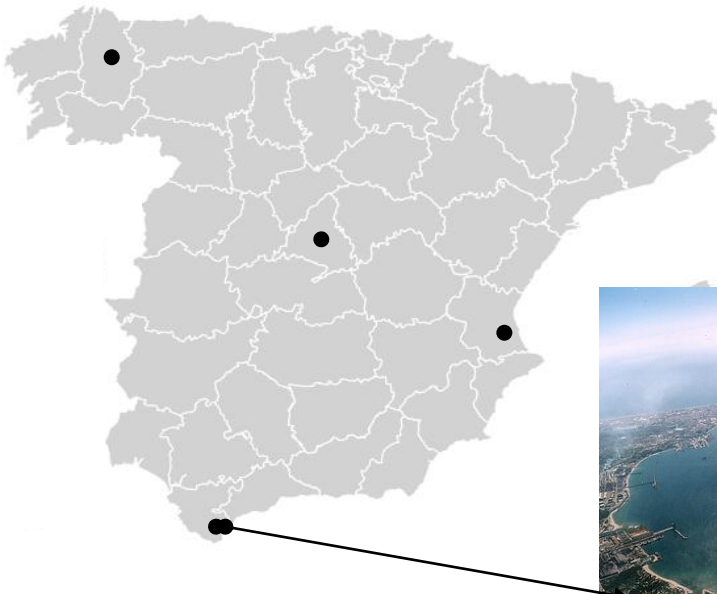
Storage



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## Main industrial centers of southern Spain





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## Objectives

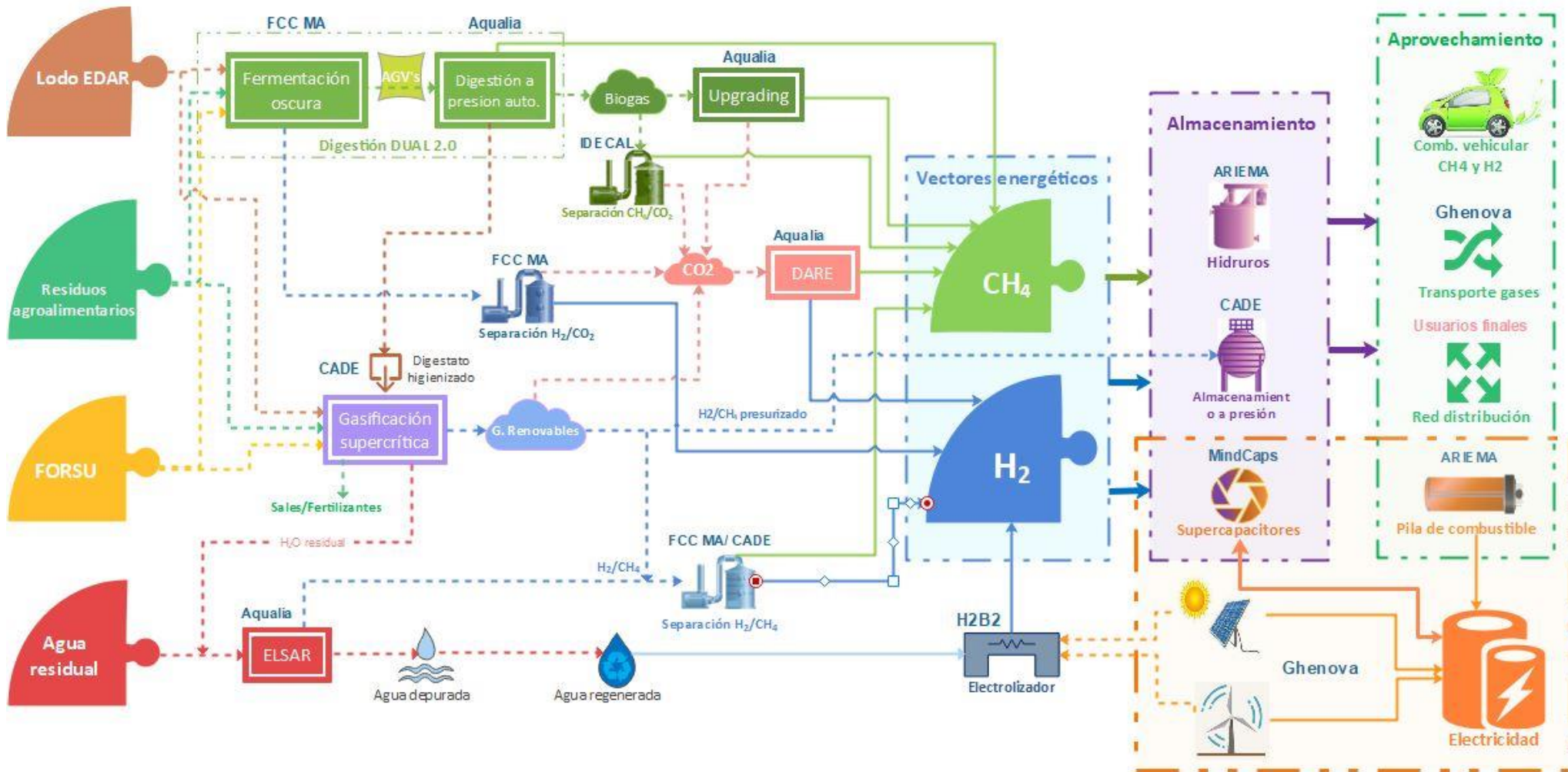
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**Development of new technologies and processes to obtain green H<sub>2</sub>.** Electrolyzers, bioH<sub>2</sub> through biological / biochemical / bioelectrochemical processes and gasification of biowastes.
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**Obtaining new materials for various technologies:** gas separation membranes, supercapacitors, ionic solutions and energy storage.
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**Design and implementation of integration and optimization tools to generate, store, distribute and use energy from renewable sources -biowaste- with a very significant reduction in energy, economic and environmental costs.**
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**The integration of the ECLOSIÓN solution in the design of eco-efficient, flexible and intelligent energy systems:** from origin to enduser, optimal energy management (thermal and electrical) and electrical networks that include renewable energies in terms of decision-making on production , storage and demand of the renewable resource.



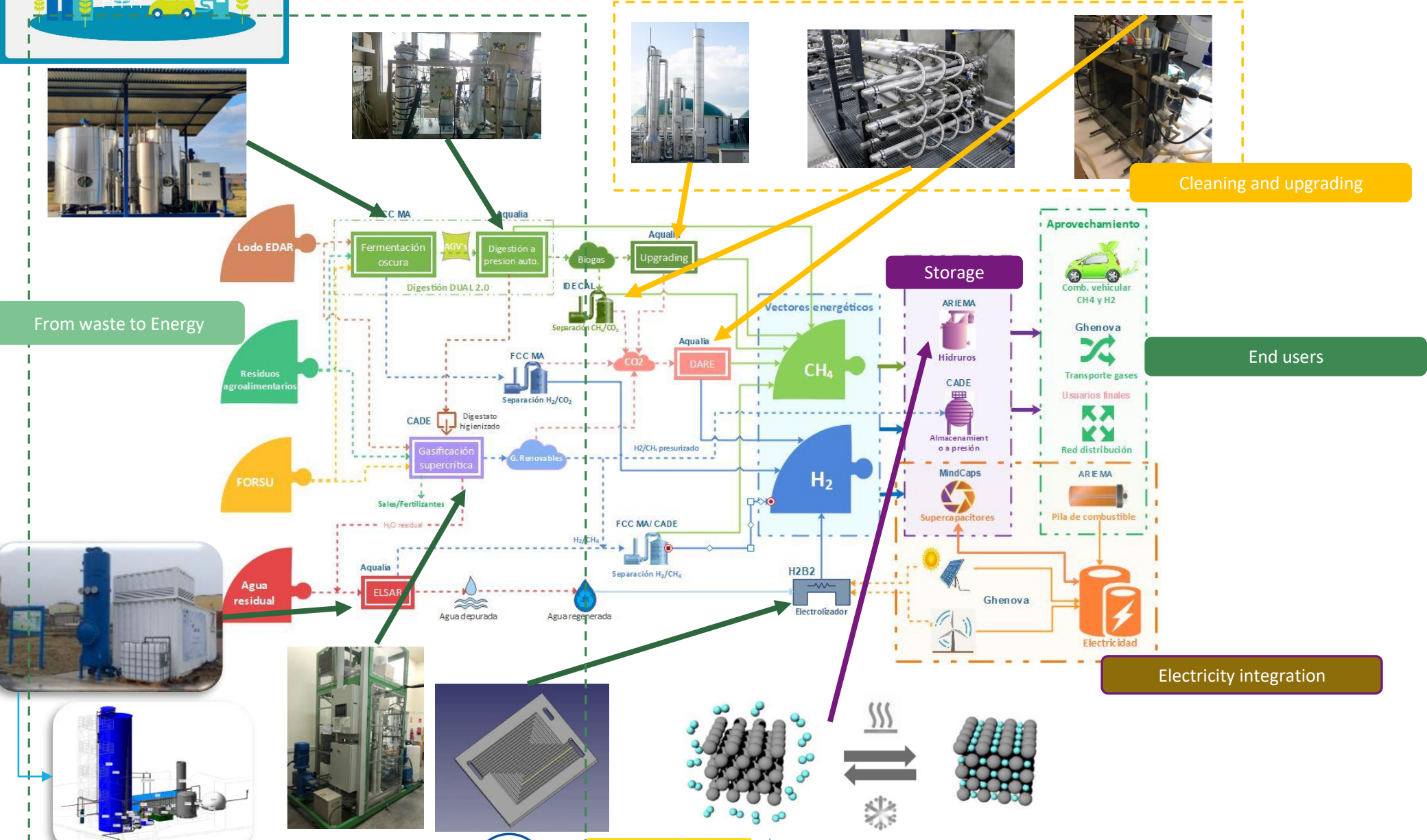


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## ECLOSION solutions



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Cleaning and upgrading

End users

Electricity integration





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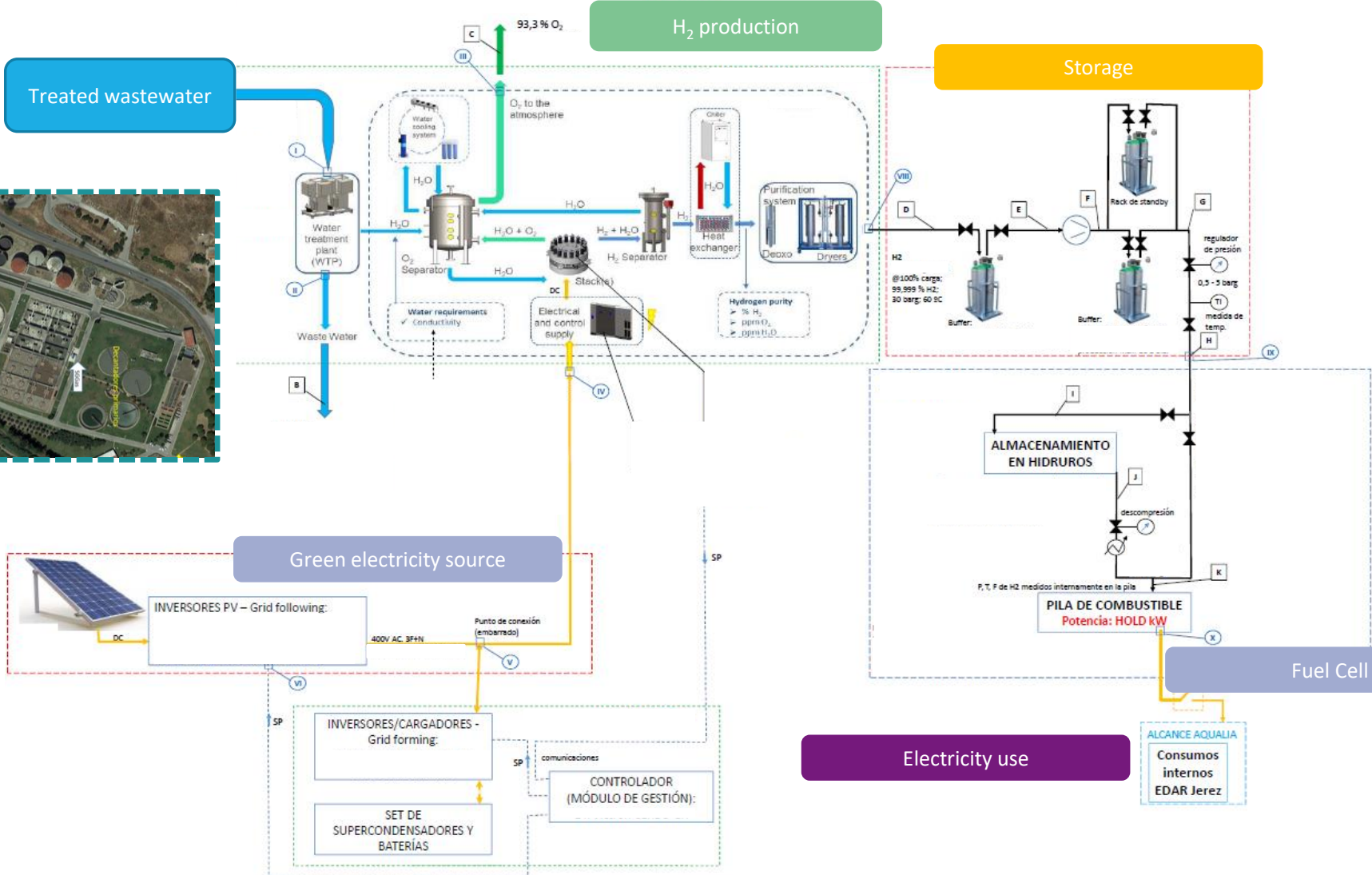
## Demonstration sites





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## Scheme for solutions integration at WWTP Jerez





# Ideas for a Japan – Spain collaboration

Objectives and outputs	tCO <sub>2</sub> saving >10 tCO <sub>2</sub>	€/kg H <sub>2</sub> < 3€/kgH <sub>2</sub>	New materials, technologies and processes (7)
From waste to energy	Dual anaerobic digestion Bio-electrochemistry	Bio-electrochemistry	Bio-electrochemistry Dark fermentation Self-pressurized digester
Supercritical gasification	Supercritical gasification		Supercritical gasification
Gas cleaning and upgrading	CO <sub>2</sub> value (methanation = synthetic biomethane)		MMM, G/L contactors, CO <sub>2</sub> capture and valorization, gas cleaning and upgrading (H <sub>2</sub> and CH <sub>4</sub> )
Energy carriers	AEM electrolyzer Hydride compression Supercapacitor	AEM electrolyzer	AEM technologies, hybrid supercapacitor and compression with hydrides
Integration and optimization	Renewable energy sources hybridation	Renewable energy sources hybridation (PV/Eolic)	Artificial intelligence (electrolyzer + PV + supercapacitor. Virtual model “energy island”).



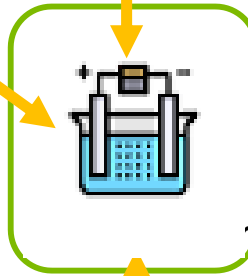
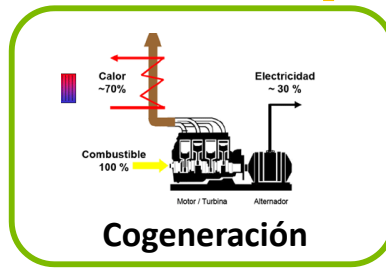
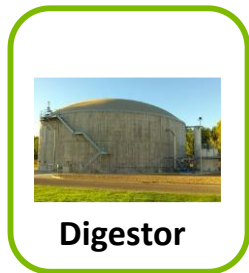
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## Water industry contribution on green hydrogen production

WWTP



Effluent



Onsite use of the O<sub>2</sub>

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Gracias. Thank you. ありがとう

