





# MEETING

STRUTTURA DELLA MISSIONE PIANO MATTEI &

COIPA ITALIA S.P.A

Green NHTREE PROJECT - 5 June 2025



















#### Piano Mattei per l'Africa

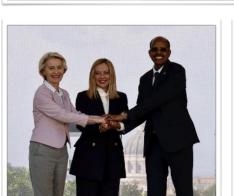


#### Rome - Italy, on June 20, 2025











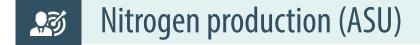


### **GREEN NHTREE** Project

Project for the production of **600 tons/day** of green ammonia, powered by a **1 GW** renewable plant **(750 MW solar + 250 MW wind)**, using proven technologies for:







Haber-Bosch synthesis

Liquefaction and storage

Transportation via pipeline to a marine terminal



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#### RELIABLE SOLAR-WIND INTEGRATION

A renewable energy-powered project designed to produce green ammonia daily, leveraging well-established and reliable technologies



### **GREEN NHTREE** Project

#### Italy European Hydrogen HUB: A Strategic Vision



**NHtree is not just a technical project:** it is a geopolitical lever that strengthens Italy's role in the **global energy** transition.



Today, **Italy has the opportunity** to apply as a **European Hydrogen HUB**, thanks to industrial skills, technological know-how and **international relations**.



Projects like **NHtree** concretely **demonstrate our country's** ability to lead **green hydrogen** supply chains on a **Euro-Mediterranean scale**.



### **MOU SIGNING** Ceremony



Islamic Republic of Mauritania

Ministry of Oil, Energy and Mines







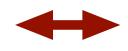
## GOVERNANCE – Steering Committee





To facilitate the implementation of the activities outlined in the signed protocol, a steering committee was established, composed of two representatives from the Ministry and two from the MSME.







Two representatives



**Steering committee** 

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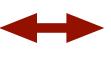
# A KNOWLEDGE-BASED PARTNERSHIP Supporting the Mattei Plan



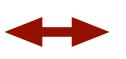


COIPA is establishing strategic partnerships between Italian Universities and the University of Nouakchott to support the training and development of young Mauritanian technicians.









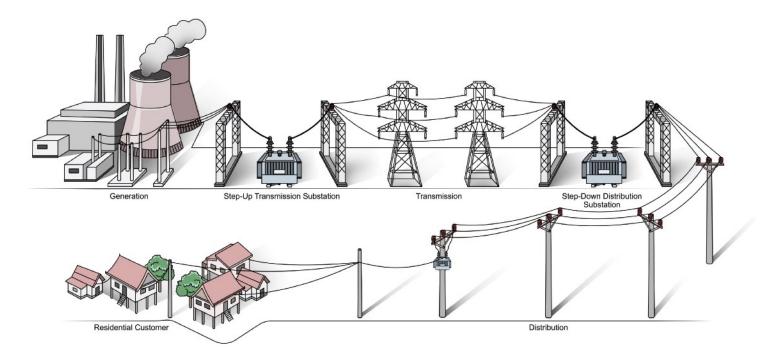


### BENEFIT TO THE NHTREE Project

**COIPA** has committed to supplying **sustainable electricity and potable water** to approximately **10,000 local residents,** contributing to the **socio-economic development** of communities surrounding the project area. Furthermore, the **construction of the plant** will include the **development of a road** and **lighting network**, improving traffic safety and **reducing the isolation** 



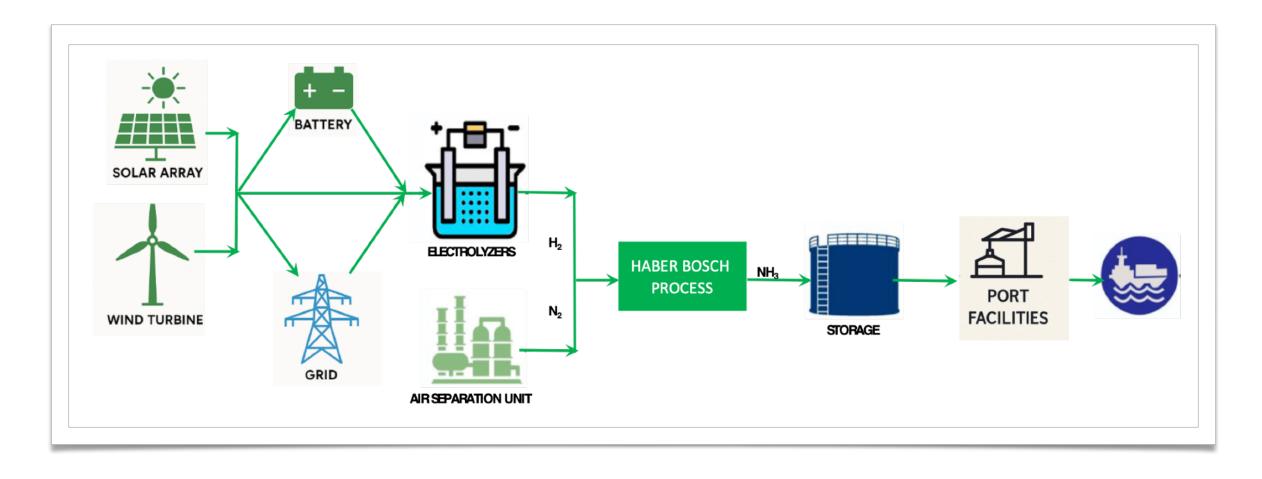
of nearby settlements



#### **Drinking** Water



### NHTREE PROJECT - Process Flow Diagram



## NHTREE PROJECT - COIPA partners























**Desalination Plant** 









### PLANT TECHNICAL Specifications

#### **Production Capacity**







**GREEN AMMONIA**: 600 tons/day = 219,000 tons/year (assuming 365 days/year)



**ESTIMATED UTILIZATION FACTOR**: 90% for H-B and ASU systems, variable for electrolysis (balanced with storage and/or grid)









### **ENERGY** Sources



- Photovoltaic solar: 750 MWp
- Onshore wind: 250 MW
- Total installed capacity: 1,000 MW
- **Average energy production:** ∼5,000 GWh/year (average CF 0.57)

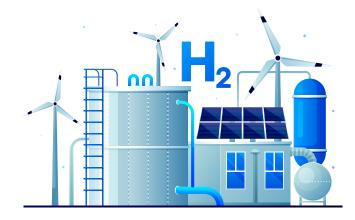
Wind Turbine & Solar Array



### **WATER** Desalination

- Type: RO (reverse osmosis) or MED
- Estimated water consumption:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ m}^3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} / \text{kg H}_2 \rightarrow 900 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
- **Required production:** approx. 22,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day
- Energy estimate:  $\sim$ 3 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>  $\rightarrow$  66 MWh/day



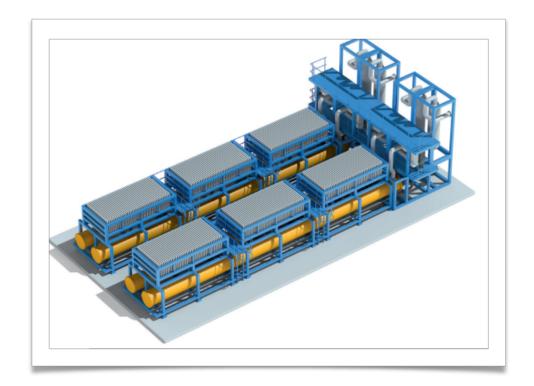




### **ELECTROLYZERS**

- **Technology:** Alkaline
- Required H<sub>2</sub> production: ~106 tons/day
- Energy required:  $\sim$ 53 kWh/kg H<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow \sim$ 5.6 GWh/day
- **Required installed capacity:** ~300–400 MW electric







### **AMMONIA** production

#### **ASU (Air Separation Unit)**

- **Required N<sub>2</sub> production:** ~494 tons/day
- Energy consumption:  $\sim 0.5 \text{ kWh/Nm}^3 \text{ N}_2 \rightarrow \sim 75-100 \text{ MWh/day}$

#### **Haber-Bosch Process**

- Reactants:  $3 H_2: 1 N_2$
- **Process energy efficiency:** 0.6–1.0 MWh/ton of ammonia
- Estimated consumption: ~500–600 MWh/day

#### **Ammonia Liquefaction**

- Liquefaction temperature: -33 °C
- Energy consumption:  $0.2-0.3 \text{ MWh/ton} \rightarrow \sim 120-180 \text{ MWh/day}$





### **STORAGE AND** Logistics [1]



#### **Pipeline**

• Length: 30 km

• **Type:** stainless steel or carbon steel with internal coating

• Flow rate: ~25 tons/h

• **Pressure:** ~20–30 bar



#### **Onsite Storage (2 days)**

• **Capacity:** 1,200 tons (2 x 600)

• **Type:** cryogenic tanks (-33°C)

Boil-off recovery: compression/recondensation





### **STORAGE AND Logistics** [2]



#### Port Storage (10 days)

- **Capacity:** 6,000 tons
- **Structure:** vertical cryogenic tanks
- Safety system for boil-off handling



#### **Ship Loading**

- Dedicated loading arms (2)
- Vapor recovery system
- SCADA interface with main plant





### YARA POSSIBLE Offtaker







**Knowledge grows** 

#### **Yara International – Strategic Offtaker Engagement**

**✓ Confirmed Interest** 

**Yara International** has expressed **clear interest** in the NHtree Project as a potential **long-term offtaker** for green ammonia.

**✓ Engagement Phase** 

Discussions are aligned with Yara's internal process:

**Technical Due Diligence and Commercial Negotiations** typically commence **at or near completion of the Pre-FEED phase**.

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#### **✓ Offtake Relevance**

Yara is one of the world's largest consumers and distributors of ammonia, with strong interest in securing green ammonia supply for:

- √ Fertilizer decarbonization
- ✓ Maritime fuel blends
- √ Industrial applications in Europe



#### **✓ Strategic Fit**

The NHtree project aligns with Yara's decarbonization roadmap and enhances their supply diversification across **Africa-Europe corridors**.

### **INVESTMENT COSTS (CAPEX)**

#### **PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE**



Item	Amount [€M]	
750 MW Solar	580	
250 MW Wind	330	
Desalination (RO)	25	
Electrolyzers (400 MW)	520	
ASU	60	
Haber-Bosch	200	
NH <sub>3</sub> Liquefaction	80	
Storage (site + port)	130	
30 km Pipeline	30	
Port loading arms + boil-off recovery	40	
Auxiliary Infrastructures	100	
Total Estimated CAPEX	2100	

### **FUNDAMENTALS** terms

Same companies engaged for the **purpose of EPC** and supplies are currently elaborating on **Pre-FEED**The **"Feasibility Study"** (needed to complete **Phase 1** under the MOU and define the final structure of the Project) is also being elaborated and including:

- 1. Assessment of wind and solar resources in the dedicated Project site;
- 2. Preliminary environmental impact study; preliminary socio-economic impact study of the Project;
- 3. Assessment of regulatory framework and investment regime applicable to the Project;
- 4. Preliminary market study on **green hydrogen** and the considered chemical compounds, identifying potential buyers whose needs align with the Project's specifications;











### **FUNDAMENTALS** terms

#### **High-level study including:**

- 1. Land area requirements for **renewable energy** and production facilities;
- 2. Capacities of **renewable energy plants**, electrolyzers, and processes for chemical compounds;
- **3. Water requirements** of the Project;
- **4. Infrastructure, storage, and logistics** requirements for the product distribution chain;
- 5. Verification of the **international regulatory and policy** framework.



### PRELIMINARY ORIGINATION and Development Activities

Activities needed to get the Project from initial proposal made to local Government to completion of phase 1, pursuant to MOU

Description	Area of Interest	Status
Initial development; deal concept and meetings with Mauritania Government, negotiation and execution of MOU; coordination of the project	Business, Legal, Technical	✓
Legal, Technical and Financial initial assessment	Start & Develop of project Follow up	✓
Preliminary technical assessments; coordination of pre-feed; final project technical structure	Technical Commercial, Financial	In process
Process Design Book, Pre-FEED carried out from licensors. Technical		In process
Pre-feasibility study Technical/financial		In process
On site visits and inspections; steering committee; reporting	Business, Commercial, Technical	In process
Technical survey; anemometric and irradiation measuring	Technical	In process
Coordination of contractors; initial agreement	Commercial, Legal, Technical	In process
Project Legal/contractual structure; term sheet commercial contracts and finance documents; application to SACE	Legal, Financial	To be done
Financial structure; Financial model	Financial, Legal, Technical, Commercial	To be done
Mattei plan and interaction with Italian Government	Technical, Legal, Financial	In process
Communication - Public relation	Press release & Marketing	In process
Expenses (travel & accommodation, secretarial, office, documentation, telephone, etc.)	Indicative budget	-



## **PROJECT** Roadmap



Phase	Duration
Front End Engineering Design	6 months
Permitting & EPC Contracts	6 months
Construction and Testing	24–30 months
Commercial Operation	by 2028





#### **CONCLUSION**



- ✓ Following the presentation of the NHtree Project to the Mattei Plan Mission Structure, we ask that the initiative be recognized as a strategic pillar of Italy–Africa energy cooperation, and supported through financing, partnerships, and industrial diplomacy.
- ✓ We are ready to collaborate with all the institutions involved to make Italy a European leader in the green hydrogen supply chain and the just energy transition.



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