



Carbon4PUR

Turning industrial waste gases into valuable polyurethanes

European research collaboration between
steel and chemical industry

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Turning industrial waste gases (mixed CO/CO₂ streams) into intermediates for polyurethane plastics for rigid foams / building insulation and coatings



Responding to call: H2020-SPIRE-8-2017

Contributing to

- Circular economy
- Industrial symbiosis
- Carbon productivity
- Renewable materials

EC contribution: 7.75 mln. €

Duration: Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2020



The Concept of Open Innovation



Carbon4PUR



Consortium

14 Partners from 7 countries – interdisciplinary and across sector



Leading experts teaming up for an excellent consortium



Mission



Generate value from the entire carbon from the flue gas stream and thus making carbon **productive** and the resulting PUR products more **sustainable**

Goals



A new **flexible technology** for the **transformation** of carbon derived for the first time from a **CO/CO₂-containing waste** and production of value-added chemicals for **new sustainable polyurethane applications**

Avoiding resource-intense separation of the gas components before the synthesis by developing a **chemo-catalytic process to deal with the complex gas mixture**

CO/CO₂

BUILDING BLOCKS / INTERMEDIATES

PRODUCTS & APPLICATION

- Take full advantage of **catalysis expertise** and **advanced process technology**
- Small **piloting** of the new process (20t/y)
- **Demonstration** of an adjustable process for on-purpose and on-demand tailor-made production of required products, taking into account all variables at the same time:
 - Steel plant flue gases characteristics
 - Material and process parameters
 - End product market requirements
- **Adaptable** to products, mostly for existing large-scale markets

} Full value chain

Methodology

CO/CO₂

BUILDING BLOCKS / INTERMEDIATES

PRODUCTS & APPLICATION

Steel industry

Steel production

Flue gas treatment



ArcelorMittal

UNIVERSITEIT
GENT

Chemical – Polyol industry

Catalyst design

Process design

Upscaling



CCT
Catalytic Center
cea

covestro

RWTH AACHEN
UNIVERSITY

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Polymer industry

Insulation boards & Coatings



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Accompanying

Industrial symbiosis analysis

Marseille Fos
Le port méditerranéen

DECHEMA

ArcelorMittal

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LCA and economic analysis

Extended LCA

Universiteit
Leiden

Economic evaluation

TU
berlin

Societal impacts

south pole

Exploitation – Replication – Dissemination

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London

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Industrial symbiosis

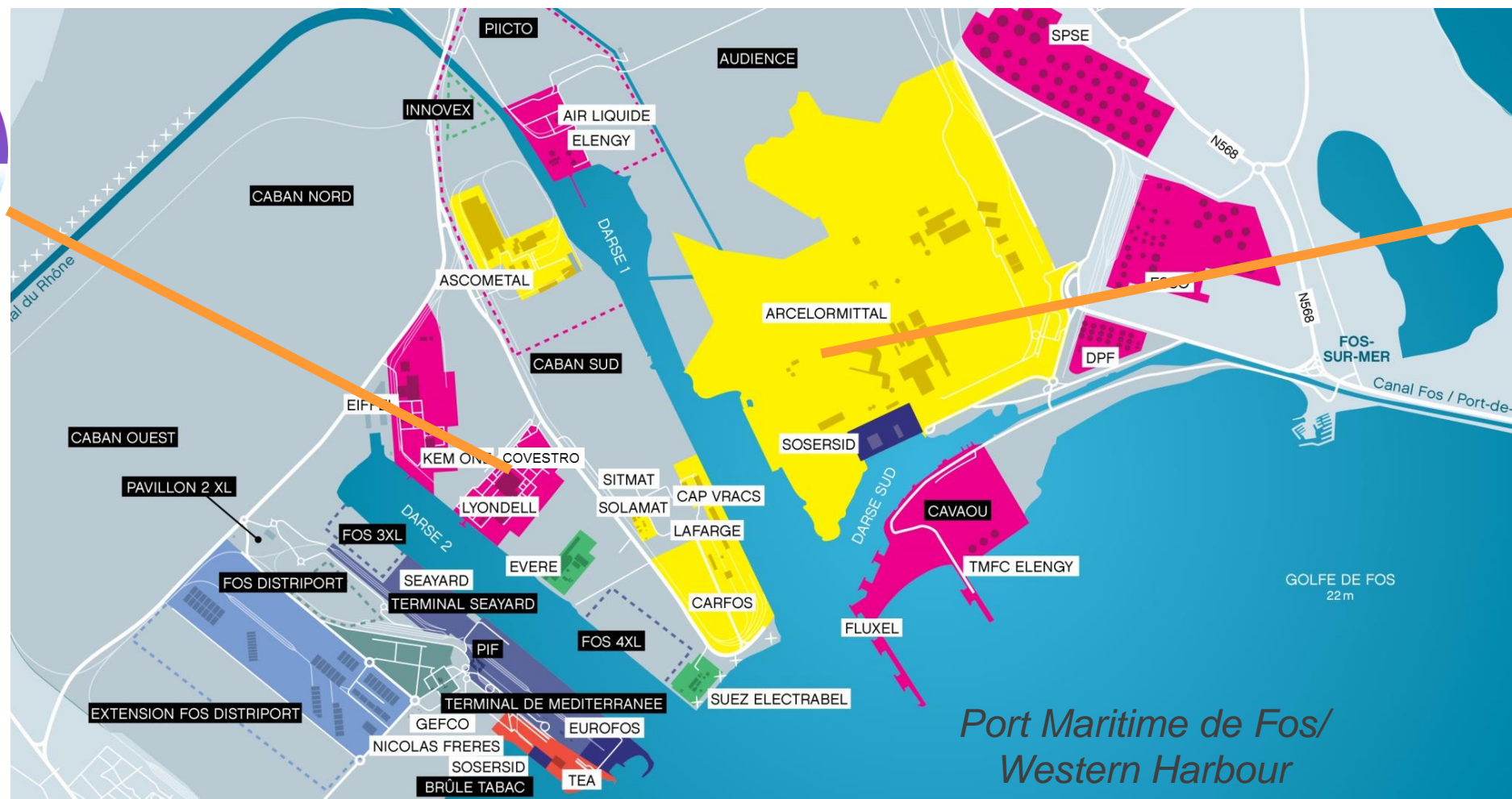
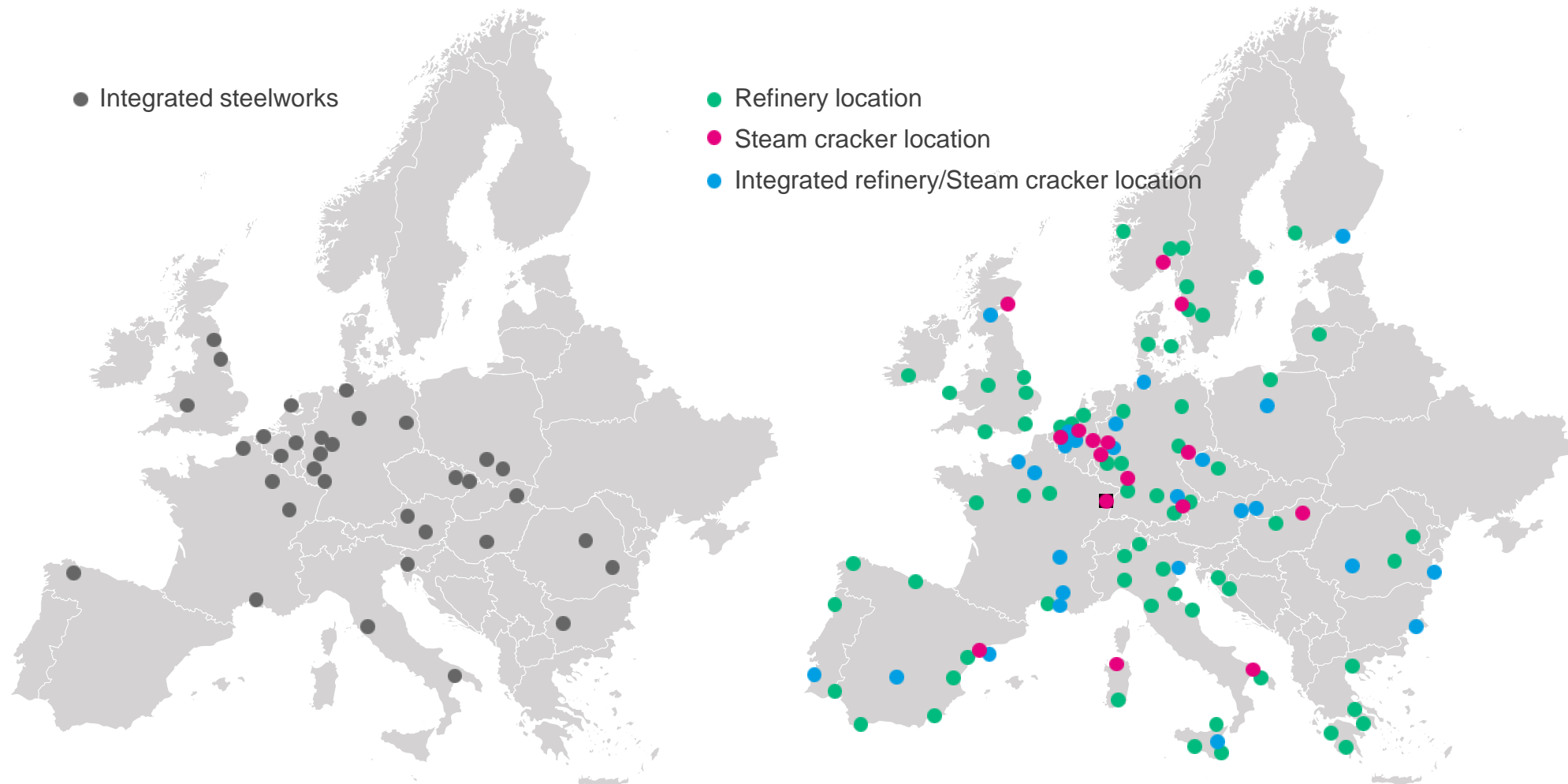


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Replication potential

Geographical distribution of integrated steelworks and refineries in Europe



Expected impact



- **Green House Gas emissions reduction**
Reduction of the carbon footprint of PUR intermediates by 20 – 60% CO₂ eq. as compared to today's PUR products manufactured from crude oil thanks to the re-utilisation of CO/CO₂
- **Conservation of resources**
Reduce up to 15-36 % of petrochemical epoxy compounds and 70 % of process energy compared to conventional chemical processes
- **Strengthen steel and chemical industries**

Thank you!

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