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THE INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION NAVIGATING THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

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INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

MAIN DRIVERS AND CHALLENGES

DRIVER: EU GREEN DEAL

- Fit for 55 Package
- Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS)
- Circular economy

MAIN TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Energy transition: access to low-emission electricity and direct electrification
- Feedstock transition: access to circular carbon and minerals/metals
- New feedstock induced products: Oxygenated products from CO2 and biomass
- Infrastructure for transport & storage: energy, hydrogen, biomass, waste and CO2



OTHER CHALLENGES

- Communication and Societal acceptance: regain trust
- Human capital: education and training
- Financing: funding the transformation
- Digitization and AI: facilitate and accelerate the transformation



NAVIGATING THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE NAVIGATE WELL OR GO TO THE BOTTOM...











THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION SUPPLY AND DEMAND STRESS

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LOW EMISSION ELECTRICITY

CIRCULAR CARBON

SOLAR WIND GEOTHERMAL NUCLEAR

SUSTAINABLE MINERALS/METALS





LOW EMISSION ELECTRICITY AND DECARBONIZATION ELECTRIFICATION MERIT ORDER FOR THE NETHERLANDS





CIRCULAR CARBON AND SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS GLOBAL GHG EMISSION DEVELOPMENT FOR FUELS AND PLASTICS¹



¹ Personal analysis based on public data and 2050 fuels data derived from Irena Global Energy Transformation Report 2018

² Plastics 2050 volumes and scenarios taken from Nova Paper #12, Nova Institut.

SUSTAINABLE METALS FOR ELECTRIFICATION EXAMPLE OF IRIDIUM FOR PEM ELECTROLYZERS*



Amount of iridium required annually for various applications, ton/year

Figure 2 Amount of iridium required annually to upscale green hydrogen production and for other uses²⁵

KEY TAKE-AWAYS FOR NAVIGATING THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE SUCCESSFULLY



The Transformation of the Chemical industry will play a crucial role in realizing the ambitions of the EU Green Deal.



Bermuda triangle related risks and opportunities for the Chemical Industry:

Low emission electricity:

- Electrify processes and secure access to low emission electricity
- Secure import of green hydrogen/ammonia as additional low emission energy carriers
- Innovative solutions to improve renewable energy generation and storage

Circular carbon:

- Transition from a fossil to circular carbon feedstocks such as plastic recyclate, biomass or CO₂
- Secure local supply and import of plastic waste, pyrolysis oil, biomass, bio-/e-methanol, bio-ethanol...
- Innovative solutions for a circular carbon economy

Sustainable minerals/metals:

- Massive electrification will invoke a steep demand increase for (critical) minerals/metals
- Innovative solutions for sustainable mining and recycling



The Chemical Industry will deliver key solutions required for a sustainable future!

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