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A BIOMETHANE PLANT AND GREEN HYDROGEN

Group 2



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FINAL RESULTS

Production modes	carbon footprint as kgCO ₂ eq./kgH ₂
SMR Grey hydrogen	11,811
SMR Biomethane	3,152
Electrolysis (solar PV)	4,724



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CALCULATION SMR Grey hydrogen

Production modes	HHV (kWh/kg)	GHG emissions (kgCO ₂ eq/kWh)	carbon footprint as (kgCO ₂ eq./kgH ₂)
SMR Grey hydrogen	39,37	0,3	11,811



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INPUT

Step	Emission factors kgCO ₂ /kWh
electricity	0,483
Natural gas	0,202

Step	Electricity consumption (kWh/m)
PRETREATMENT	90.000
ANAEROBIC DIGESTION	70.000
BIOGAS TO BIOMETHANE	300.000
BIOGAS COMPRESSION	80.000
TOT	540.000

- Conversion factor Nm₃ of H₂ to kg: 0,08988
- Biomethane input to steam reforming (Nm₃ bio / Nm₃ H₂) = 0,46
- Biomethane production (Nm₃ bio/a): 7560000

CALCULATION SMR Biomethane

From	CO ₂ emissions (kCO ₂ /a)
Electricity consumption	3.129.840
Biomethane production	1.527.120
TOT	4.656.960

Units (per year)	Hydrogen produced
Nm ₃	16.434.782,61
kg	1.477.158,261

Footprint (kgCO₂eq./kgH₂)

3,152647975



1. Calculate the carbon footprint as $\text{kgCO}_2\text{eq./kgH}_2$ of the three hydrogen production modes

CALCULATION 3

Production modes	HHV (kWh/kg)	GHG emissions (kgCO ₂ eq/kWh)	carbon footprint as (kgCO ₂ eq./kgH ₂)
Electrolysis (solar PV)	39,37	0,12	4,724



2. Calculate the Capex and the Opex to treat the 100% of the biomethane of Sant'Agata Bolognese

SMR				
STEP 1	biomethane Sm3	Nm3biomethane/Nm3hydrogen	hydrogen Sm3	Hydrogen (kg/year)
	7.500.000	0,46	16.304.348	1.465.435

• CAPEX_{t0} = Hydrogen produced Kw * €/Kw = 14371,2 * 746,2 = € 10.72 bn

STEP 2

- OPEX_{t0-15}: 4,7% of CAPEX = € 0,50/y bn
- OPEX other_{t0-15} = 30% of additional personnel costs = € 0,195/y bn
- OPEX Total = € 0,262/y bn



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