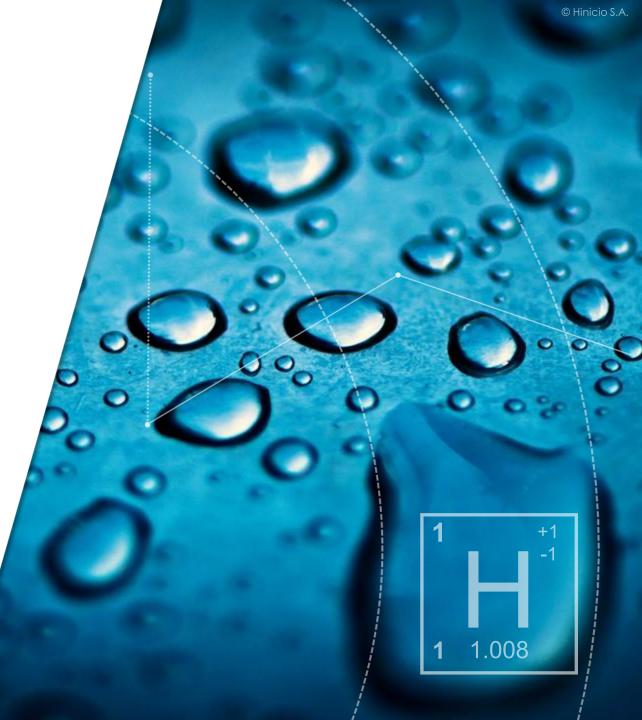


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### Core Energy Inputs

- Emissions calculation formula
- Accounting for emissions with a single core energy input
- Accounting for emissions with multiple core energy inputs
- Hybrid plants
- Batch/co-processing



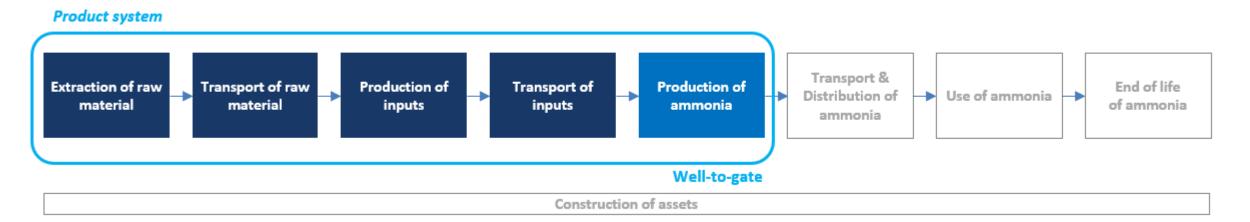
# Scope and Data Quality

# Scope of the AEA CFP Methodology is Well-to-Gate

### Emissions from the construction of assets and downstream emissions are excluded

**Included emissions** in the well-to-gate product system:

- Extraction of raw materials used for ammonia production e.g. fossil fuels
- All production stages needed to produce liquid ammonia at atmospheric pressure of -33C
- This well-to-gate CFP is intended to provide a robust data input to any full life-cycle analysis of ammonia
- Carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxides will be calculated using 100-year time horizon using CO2e factors from the 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment IPCC report



**Excluded emissions** in the well-to-gate product system:

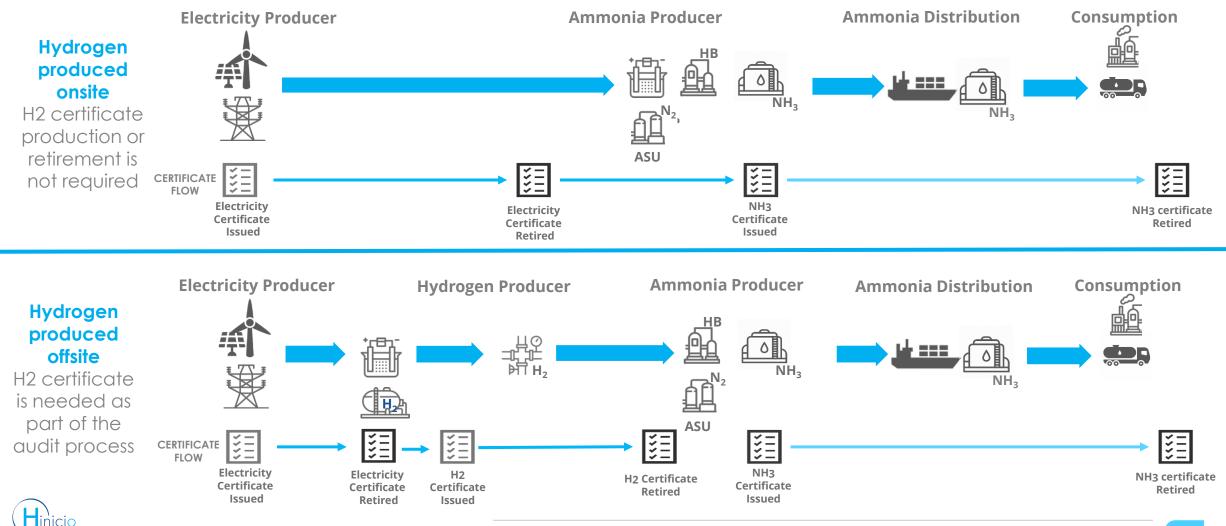
- Downstream GHG emissions from subsequent refrigeration, transportation, and use of ammonia
- GHG emissions from the construction of assets in the product system



# Ammonia production plants is focus of the audit process

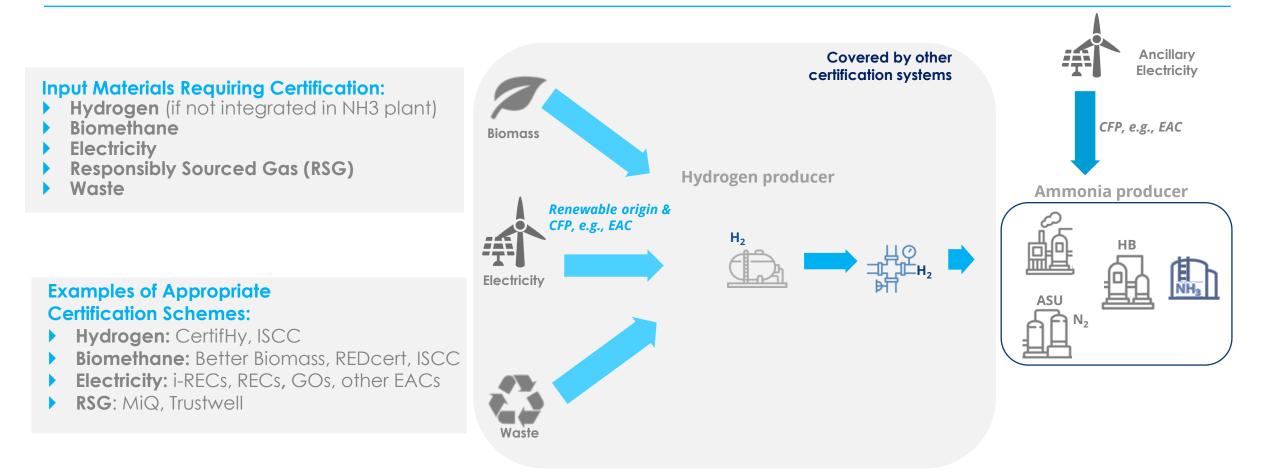
Most items checked by auditors pertain to the activities carried out at the ammonia facility

### **Example Pathways**



# Providing Documentation for Certified Inputs

The certification of input materials by other certification schemes is required





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The ammonia production **cut-off criterion** permits the exclusion of emissions that contribute <<u>2.5%</u> to the total carbon footprint or fall below an absolute threshold of <u>0.02 tCO2eq/tNH3</u>

# Addressing Unknowns will Continued to be Developed

Governing committee to build on CFP methodology to address default emission factors

### Input Materials Requiring Certification:

- Hydrogen (if not integrated in NH3 plant)
- Biomethane
- Electricity
- Responsibly Sourced Gas (RSG)
- Waste



- Priority is given to applying actual values based on measurements
- Default values can be used when there is minor/or undisclosed carbon footprint

### Examples of Appropriate Certification Schemes:

- Hydrogen: CertifHy, ISCC
- **Biomethane:** Better Biomass, REDcert, ISCC
- Electricity: i-RECs, RECs, GOs, other EACs
- **RSG:** MiQ, Trustwell



- Section 8 of the CFP methodology is still being updated to address appropriate certification schemes
- The governing committee will decide upon these aspect of the AEA CFP Methodology





# **Core Energy Inputs**

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# Calculation of a GHG Footprint

Emissions produced from well to supply gate are needed to calculate the CFP

 Carbon footprint formula is simply emissions/tons of ammonia produced

 $CFP = \frac{E}{N}$ 

CFP	carbon footprint of ammonia († CO <sub>2eq</sub> /†)
E	net lifecycle GHG emissions for quantity of ammonia produced in assessed time period (t CO <sub>2eq</sub> )
Ν	quantity of ammonia produced in assessed time period (†)

 Lifecycle emissions summing the emissions produced throughout supply chain within the product system boundary.

$$E = e_{input} + e_{process} - e_{removal}$$

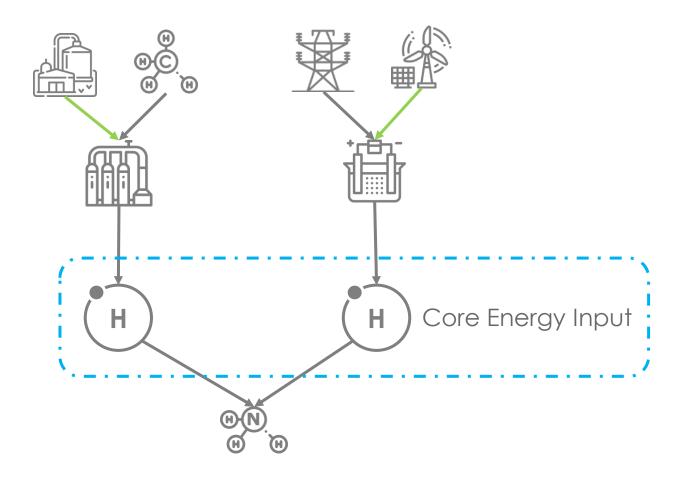
e <sub>input</sub>	GHG emissions from the supply of inputs, i.e., well-to-supply-gate emissions <i>related</i> to the inputs (t CO <sub>2eq</sub> )
e <sub>process</sub>	GHG emissions from the production of ammonia using the inputs without considering removals such as CCS (t CO <sub>2eq</sub> )
e <sub>removal</sub>	Net GHG emissions savings from carbon removals such as CCS († CO <sub>2eq</sub> )



# Core Energy Input

For ammonia production, hydrogen is the only core energy input

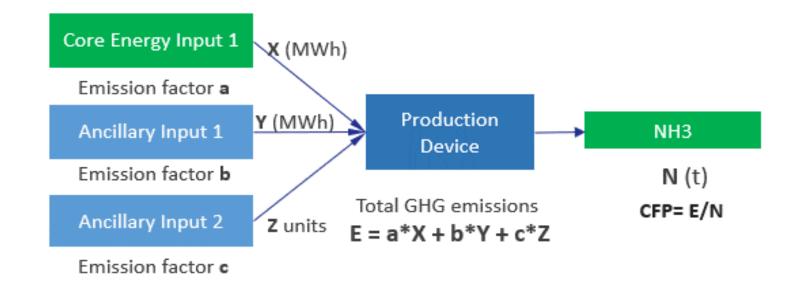
- Enables the co-production of ammonia with different environmental attributes because the co-processing hydrogen has different environmental attributes.
- An energy input that contributes to the energy content of the process output (in this case, ammonia), as reflected by its lower heating value.
- The notion of core energy input similarly applies to processes upstream of ammonia synthesis, such as hydrogen production
- In the case of ammonia synthesis, hydrogen is the only core energy input



Adapted from EU RED approach

# Accounting for Emissions With a Single Core Energy Input

Emissions assigned to a share of ammonia are the emissions tied to the core energy input

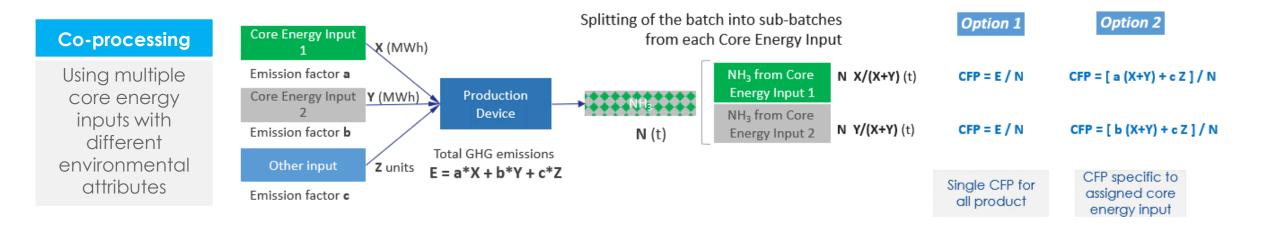


If ammonia is produced without generating any by-products, such as steam, and if the hydrogen used in the production process comes from a single core energy source, then the method illustrated can be employed to determine the ammonia's carbon footprint.



# Accounting for Emissions With Two Core Energy Inputs

A hybrid plant can produce two batches of ammonia with different CFPs



#### **Option 1**

• Single carbon footprint can be calculated for the entire batch

#### **Option 2**

- Assign different CFPs to sub-batches specific to each core energy source each sub-batch is assigned a distinct CFP.
- Each sub-batch is constituted by a share of output equal to the proportion of the corresponding core energy input in total core energy input.



# Accounting for Emissions With Two Core Energy Inputs

### Example with simplified numbers

Input Data Points			Core Energy Input		Splitting of the batc from each	n into sub-batches Core Energy Input	Option 1	Option 2
Tons of H2 required/ton NH3		0.2	1 X (MWh) Emission factor a Core Energy Input Y (MWh)	Production		NH₃ from Core N₁ X/(X+Y) (t) Energy Input 1	CFP = E / N	CFP = [ a (X+Y) + c Z ] / N
Electricity required/ton NH3		0.04	2 Emission factor <b>b</b>	Device	→ ••••• Nhi ••••• N (t)	NH₃ from Core Energy Input 2 N, Y/(X+Y) (t)	CFP = E / N	CFP = [ b (X+Y) + c Z ] / N
Tons of ammonia produced (N)		1		Total GHG emissions = = a*X + b*Y + c*Z			Single CFP for all product	CFP specific to assigned core energy input
		Proportion of	NH3 Quantity o (tons)		ssion Factor H t co2 / t H2)	2 Quantity of Electricity (MW	b) Ele	ion Factor ctricity eq / MWh)
2 /	Core Energy Input 1 (Renewable)	20%	0.04 (a	)	0 (X)			
Calculations	Core Energy Input 2 (Conventional)	80%	0.16 (b	)	10 (Y)			
	Electricity Input	1				0.04 (c)	C	).4 (Z)
	Option 1			Option 2				
Results	1.62 tCO2/tNH3		Core Energy Ir		put 1	0.08 tCO2/tNH3 (p	er 0.2 tons)	
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