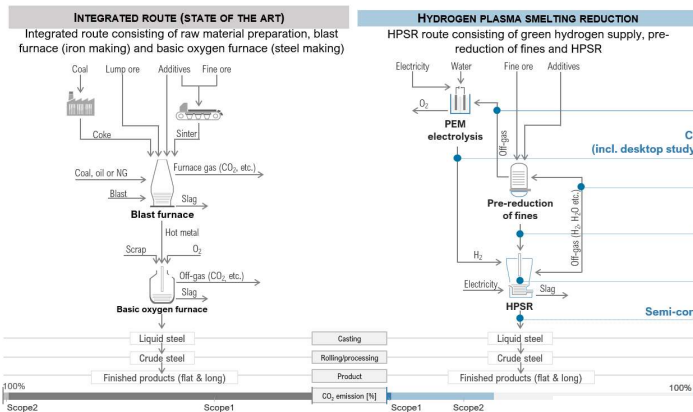


# SUSTAINABLE STEELMAKING

Europe is in the transition to a climate-neutral, competitive and circular or resource-efficient economy and has set ambitious targets with the Green Deal. The **iron and steel industry** is a central part of the European economy. It has to face various challenges to achieve the climate targets associated with the transition **towards CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral production by 2050**.

Hydrogen plasma smelting reduction (HPSR):

- High-quality steel
- in one process step
- CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral with the use of
  - green hydrogen
  - green electricity
- from a (semi-)continuous process

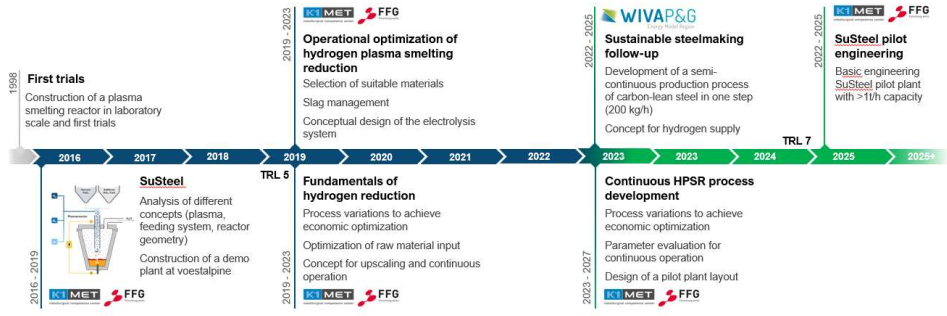


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Objectives

- Recycling of water
- Continuous supply of green hydrogen (incl. desktop study of integrated hydrogen production)
- Recycling & further use of off-gas
- Continuous feeding of ultra fine ore
- Automated and digitalized system
- Semi-continuous tapping of carbon lean steel
- Dissemination

The planned measures are intended to set the course for further upscaling and integration into established steel production sites of this **globally unique reduction technology** for steel production from iron ores in one process step. This can significantly contribute to the **decarbonisation** of steel production through the industrial use of **green hydrogen as a reducing agent**. In this way, sustainable development in Europe is to be ensured while at the same time **safeguarding Austria as a business location**. Furthermore, this project is intended to serve as an **incentive for the progress and strengthening** of developments in the **hydrogen sector**.



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**Duration:** 3 years

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