

## Deploying Rolls-Royce SMR in the Netherlands

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## Nice to meet you!

- Topics
  - Introduction to ULC-Energy
  - Why SMRs in The Netherlands
  - How to deploy SMRs



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### **Real impact – deploy proven low carbon solutions now**

SMRs can remove up to 3 million tonnes of CO2 each year for 60 years

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Clean energy on location

- Nuclear project development company and consultancy in The Netherlands
- SMRs can play an important role in the future Dutch energy system
  - Reliable delivery of clean electricity and/or heat 24/7, every hour, locally produced
  - No emissions (CO2, NOX, particulate matter)
  - Safe, affordable, reliable, proven technology

SMRs are preferred

- ULC-Energy focusses on deployment in The Netherlands on SMRs
  - Lower investment, lower complexity, lower risk, lower capex, easier integration
  - Facilitates manufacturing approach



## Strategic partnerships with world class industry leaders





## ULC-Energy adopted a logical approach to selecting its preferred SMR technology







Additional Selection Criteria

Modular
Economics
Size (MWe)
Concept readiness
Organisational priority
Ease of licencing
Turnkey contract

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## The Rolls-Royce SMR: proven technology, optimal size

- It's big: 50% larger than the next largest SMR resulting in lower cost per unit of production than smaller designs or ASMRs.
- It is a completely modular design where all complex components are manufactured off-site
- PWR technology is proven. Uses standard 17x17 fuel assemblies and common enrichment assays.
- Technology familiar to Dutch regulator.
- Rolls-Royce SMR offers a turnkey contract for the entire power plant.





## Proven technology, low deployment risk, designed to excel in safety, cost and performance



#### NUCLEAR PLANT

- Traditional Pressurised Water Reactor technology used in <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the world's current operating reactors (including Borssele)
- Up to 470 Mwe and 1,358 MWt output
- 60+ years design life
- Up to 95% availability factor



#### FUEL

- Industry standard Uranium Dioxide fuel
- Standard enrichment <4.95% enriched
- Existing fuel supply chain
- 18-24 month re-fuelling cycle
- Adaptable to utilise MOX fuel





# Industrial decarbonisation at scale with a regional electricity and heat supply role



- Industrial businesses require reliable, affordable, often 24/7 and increasingly clean energy to enable long term business case
- SMRs can deliver a complete energy solution locally
- SMRs can be configured to:
  - Provide backup services to the grid in times of need, avoiding expensive alternatives
  - Defer or reduce the need for grid infrastructure investments

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### **Production of H2 from nuclear**





## The theory: low cost baseload $H_2$ , & even lower cost $H_2$ with opportunistic electricity sales



- Capacity factor up to 95%
- Co-location allows for off-grid solution
- Up to 30% less electricity use in electrolysis
- Steam can be supplied by the nuclear power plant directly



- Electricity supply will increasingly be variable with increasing penetration of wind and solar
- This will result in increased price volatility
- The SMR SOEC can opportunistically curtail H<sub>2</sub> production to sell electricity

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## Clean, locally produced, modular and scalable, continuous production, off-grid capable, lowest cost $H_2$

- Project Rose confirms
  - SMR-SOEC is lowest cost baseload clean H<sub>2</sub> solution
  - Cost can be further reduced by dynamic operation

Less than	€ 3.50/kg <sub>(2024)</sub>
Less than	€ 2.00/kg (2024)

- Rolls-Royce SMR and Topsoe are extensively modularised and factory delivered technologies
- SMR-SOEC can be deployed at scale and smoothly integrated in existing and developing energy systems
- SMR-SOEC structurally relieves grid congestion
- Optimised heat integration confirmed no significant benefit of having access to higher temperature heat



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