

Hintco methanol auction

Secure long-term offtake, reach final investment decision.

About Hintco

Hintco is the intermediary hydrogen trading company that develops and implements H2Global auctions. It purchases clean hydrogen products backed by governments funding, providing suppliers with secure, fixed-price, long-term offtake agreements that de-risk investment and accelerate project development.

Auction overview

This H2Global auction focuses on the Renewable Fuel of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO) methanol with a total budget of EUR 437.5 million, provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE). Successful bidders will conclude a Hydrogen Purchase Agreement with Hintco, ensuring bankable offtake under fixed conditions and creating the certainty required for Final Investment Decisions (FIDs).

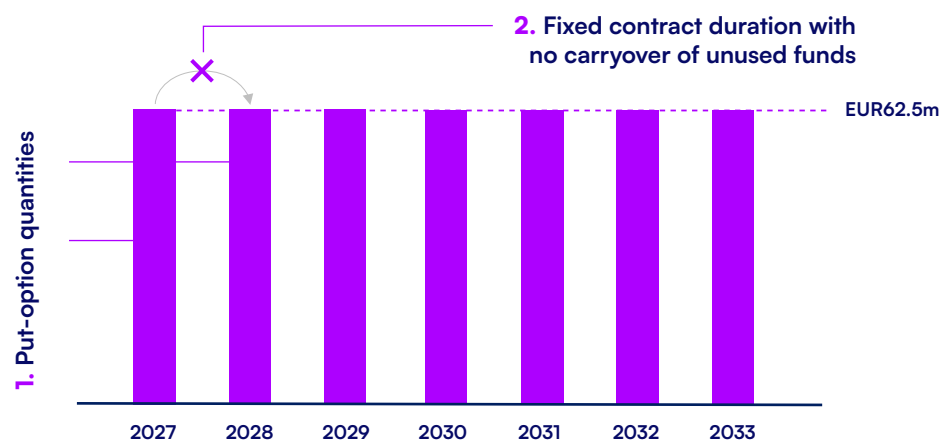
Deliveries are possible between 2027 and 2033. Early start of supply enables access to a greater share of the available funds, while the contract allows non-firm put-option quantities in the initial year of delivery before transitioning to firm deliveries.

Cumulative participation in other H2Global auctions is not excluded, provided that additional production capacities are offered. Conditional bids, which depend on winning multiple auctions simultaneously, are not permitted.

Participation in this auction opens the way to:

- Contractual security backed by the German government
- Risk reduction through a fixed-price offtake agreement with Hintco
- Reliable market entry into Europe with transparent resale via Hintco
- Early mover advantage, contributing to the establishment of the first RFNBO methanol trade routes

This auction provides a unique opportunity to advance large-scale RFNBO methanol production, strengthen investment cases, and take a leading role in shaping the global hydrogen economy.



1. Producers can offer put option quantities on a non-firm basis in the early years.
2. Deliveries after 2027 will shorten the HPA duration. If a producer cannot deliver in a given year, unused funds are forfeited, reducing the HPA duration.

Secure a bankable offtake agreement

Winning bidders secure a Hydrogen Purchase Agreement with Hintco—providing the certainty needed to reach FID and scale clean hydrogen production globally.

Please note that this factsheet is for informational purposes only and is not legally binding. The official and more detailed tender documents take precedence and will be adapted and refined throughout the process.



Available budget

EUR 437.5m



Eligible product

Methanol



Geo. scope

Global; excluding EU/EFTA



RFNBO compliance

Delivered RFNBOs must be **certified through voluntary schemes** to prove conformity with RED III EU-Directive 2023/2413 and DR 2023/1184 and DR 2023/1185.



Eligibility criteria

Financial

- Good credit rating, or
- Equity Ratio of at least 20% and turnover of EUR20m, or
- Bid bond

Experience

- Demonstrate technical ability
- No grounds for exclusion

Project maturity

Due to the limited contract duration, projects that are already well progressed but have not yet reached FID are especially well positioned to benefit from this auction and to maximise the use of the available funds.

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