

thyssenkrupp Steel Europe

# VET contribution to green transformation

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# thyssenkrupp AG business in key figures

Fiscal year 22/23<sup>1</sup>

Automotive

Technology<sup>2</sup>



€ 7.9 billion  
Revenue

€ 266 million  
Adjusted EBIT

31,689  
Employees

Decarbon

Technology<sup>2</sup>



€ 3.4 billion

€ 28 million

15,101

Material

Services



€ 13.6 billion

€ 178 million

16,329

Steel

Europe



€ 12.4 billion

€ 320 million

26,822

Marine

Systems<sup>2</sup>



€ 1.8 billion

€ 73 million

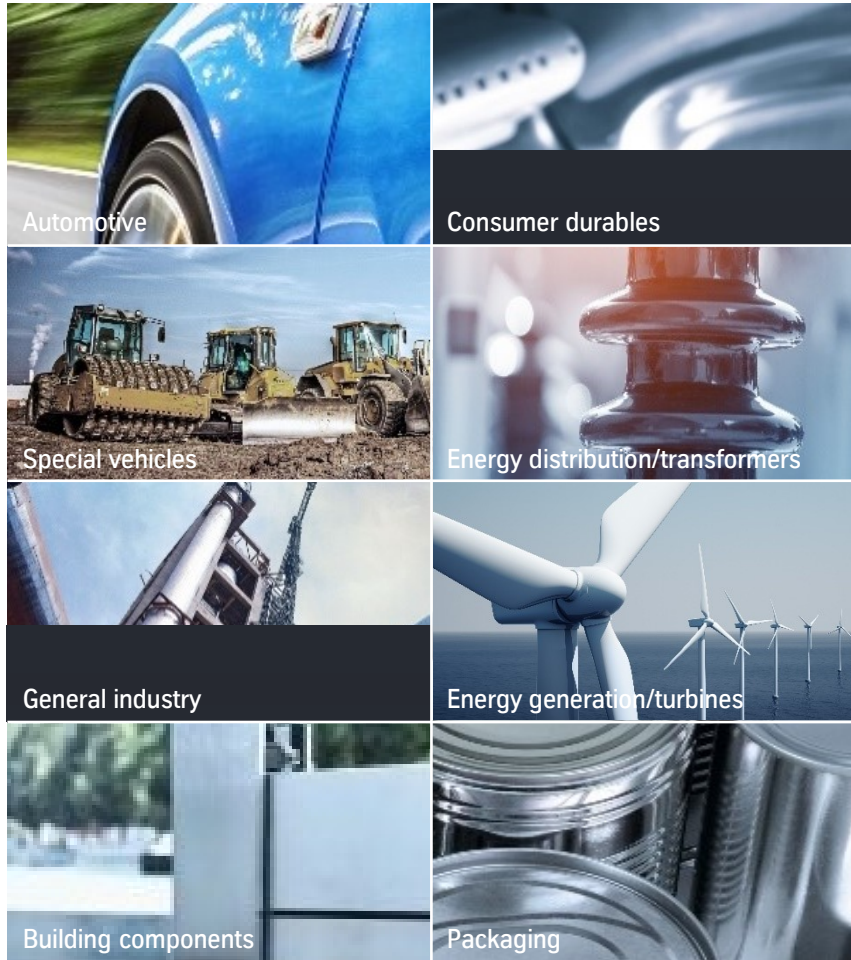
7,745

1. thyssenkrupp AG, Annual Report 2022/2023, November 2023. | 2. Pro forma, AT mit neuer Struktur inkl. Forged Technologies, Springs & Stabilizers und Automation Engineering, DT with new structure Rothe Erde (formerly Bearings), tk nucera, Uhde and Polysius.



# 1 steel producer in Germany

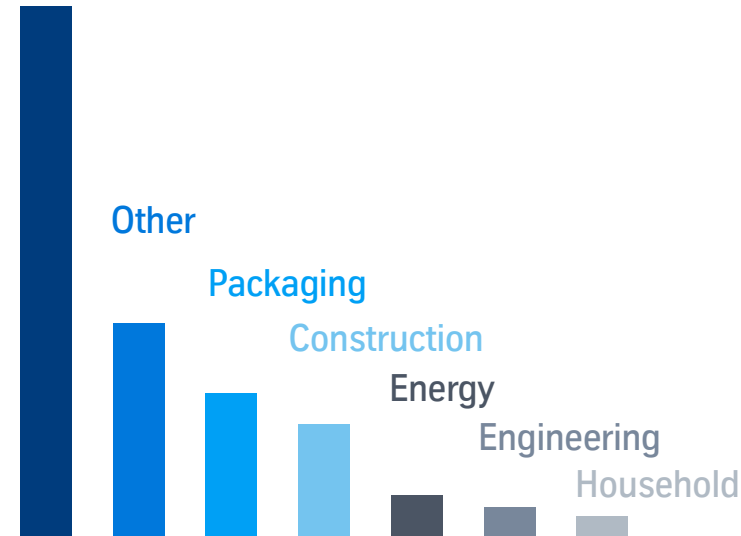
# 2 flat steel producer in EU with broad end-market exposure



Shipments by end market  
(FJ 22/23)

9.4 Mt

Automotive



10.4  
Mt crude steel  
production

10  
sq km  
Duisburg area

9.4  
Mt  
shipments

20  
production  
facilities

12.4  
bn € revenue

~26,820  
employees

0.6  
bn € adj. EBITDA

~1,200  
customers

1. One of the largest industrial sights in the EU.



# thyssenkrupp Steel Europe takes responsibility and has set itself clear targets

Our goal by  
2030<sup>1</sup>:

>30 %

Reduction of  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
(-6 million tons)

Our goal no later than  
2045:

-100 %

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
(-20 million tons)



1. -30 % CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2030 relates to Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions (reference year 2018).



# The core of the transformation is the switch from blast furnaces and coking coal to direct reduction plants (DR) and green hydrogen

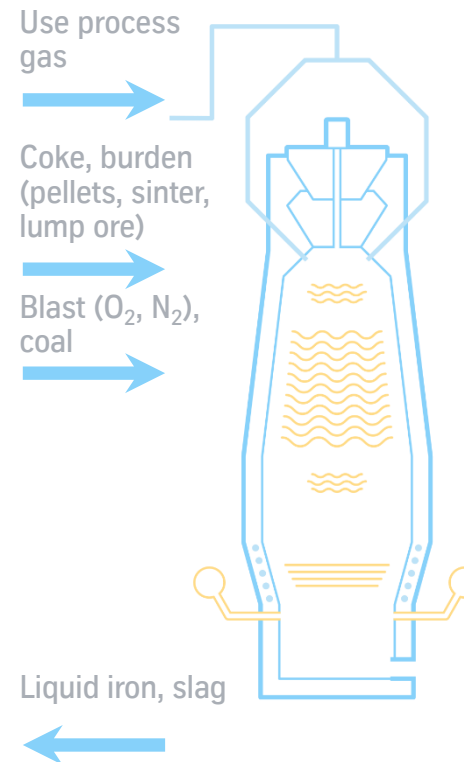
Use of hydrogen in DR plants, in combination with innovative melting units.

Process innovation with clear ecological and economic advantages.

- **Innovation**  
Engineering of melting unit in combination with a DR plant
- **Ecological advantage**  
Hydrogen and green electricity substitute coal and eliminate CO<sub>2</sub>
- **Process advantage**  
Use of more favorable feedstocks and refractory materials, use of process heat
- Electric furnace iron is used **like hot metal**, therefore **all products** can **still** be produced

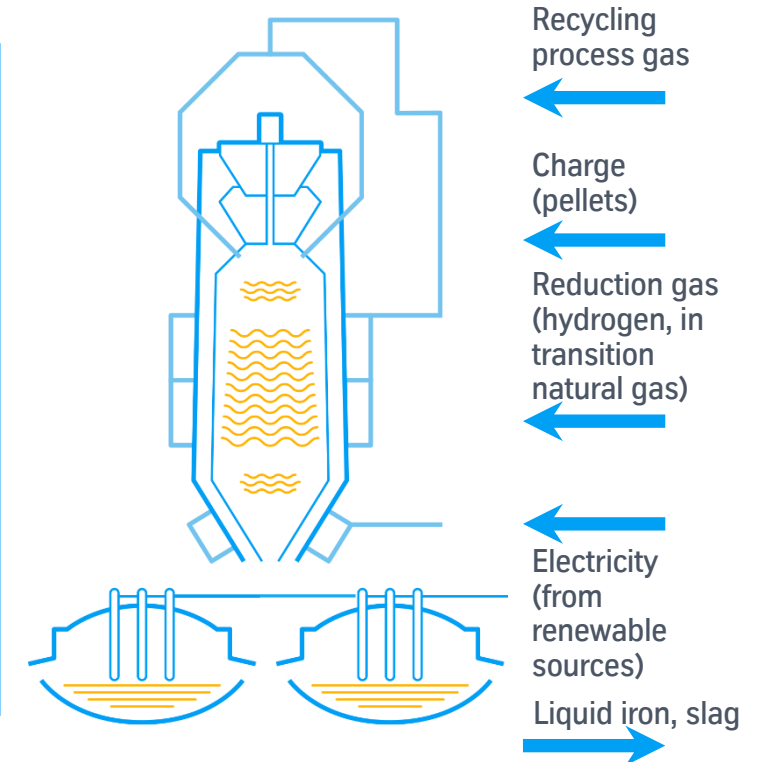
## Conventional blast furnace

Carbon as reducing agent and energy carrier



## DR plant with melting units

Hydrogen as reducing agent in DR plant  
Green electricity as energy carrier in the melting units



# Apprenticeship training at thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG

It's not about

knowing

everything, it

is about

learning it!

**1039** apprentices

**5,6 %** constantly high  
apprenticeship ratio

**98 %** of our apprentices  
receive an unlimited contract of  
employment

**25** different occupations

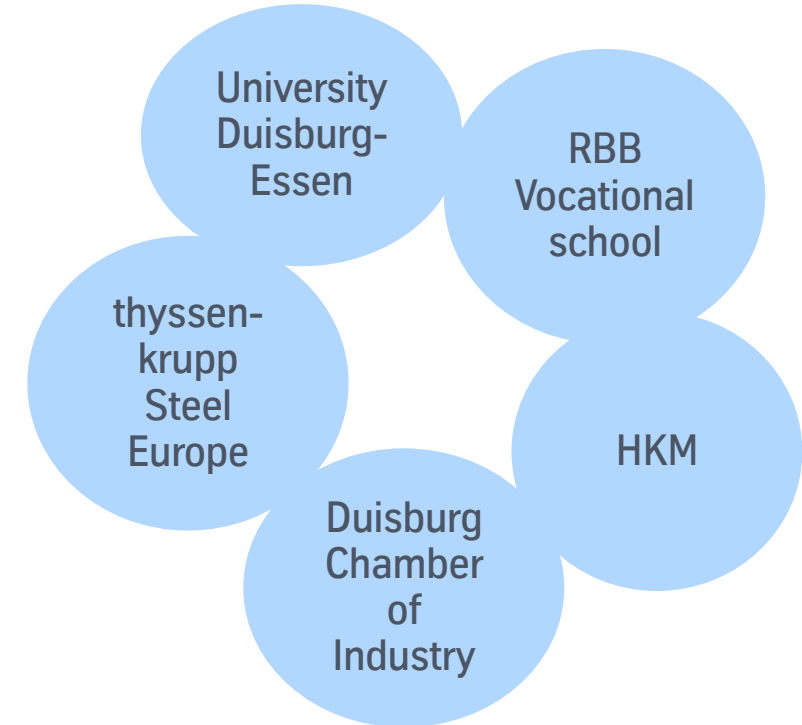
**338** apprentices start  
their apprenticeship with our  
company in September 2023



## Development of the *additional qualification hydrogen*

- **November 2022:** Exam regulation was issued as an ordinance by Duisburg Chamber of Industry in order to give the qualification a Germany wide recognition
- **April – July 2023:** Trainers training for VET instructors and vocational school teachers led by University of Duisburg-Essen
- **July 2023:** Appointment of board of examiners by Chamber of Commerce in Duisburg
- **September 2023 – Februar 2024:** 1<sup>st</sup> group of 15 apprentices run the 25 full days training course and passed the oral and written examination in February 2024
- **April – May 2024:** 2<sup>nd</sup> group of VET instructors run trainers training
- **21<sup>st</sup> May 2024:** 2<sup>nd</sup> group of apprentices start their training course

### Regional stakeholder of Vocational Education and Training (VET)



# 25-day-training-curriculum for *additional qualification hydrogen*

practice-oriented approach with excursions

Nr	Training modules (3-4 days)
1	Hydrogen fundamentals and socioeconomic relevance
2	Production, transprt, storage and use of hydrogen
3	Dangers associated with hydrogen
4	Occupational safety at handling hydrogen
5	Hydrogen as a reducing agent in the steel industry
6	Handling and maintanance of gas carrying systems
7	Economical and ecological aspects of hydrogen





## Added value of *additional qualification hydrogen*

- + 1<sup>st</sup> step to implement broad knowledge about hydrogen in VET-system/company training
- + Step by step trainers-training for VET instructors
- + Graduates understand the big picture and can easily adapt to new tasks in hydrogen touched areas
- + Apprenticeship graduates with additional qualification are ambassadors for our green transformation
- + Contribution to regional approach *Duisburg as a hydrogen city*
- + Exam regulation issued by Duisburg chamber of commerce is a blueprint for industry chambers in other regions
- + Incentive for top-performing apprentices



Any questions?

Thank you for your attention!

