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Background

Steelmaking decarbonization can provide significant contributions to reach the Green Deal ambitions of making the European continent climate neutral and of improving the leadership for clean products and technologies. In addition, the exploitation of new energy sources is now more necessary than ever considering the current geopolitical situation. In this background, Hydrogen can have a fundamental role for a sustainable steelmaking: both existing and innovative routes can take advantage from its application. H₂-based steelmaking can become a fundamental route in the future as well as the replacement of fossil carbon energy can be achieved, among others, through H₂-based heating. Furthermore, Hydrogen can be important to allow the valorisation of CO₂ rich-gases coming from the steelmaking production. However, suitable low-carbon Hydrogen production routes, infrastructures, markets and norms are needed for allowing this transition and for maximizing the benefits belonging to a wide and multipurpose usage of Hydrogen in steelmaking sector.

Aim and Scope of the Themed Issue

The aim of this special issue is to achieve the following goals:

- Providing an overview of state-of-the-art, best available technologies, economic, social and legislation aspects of H₂ use in the steel industry.
- Highlighting existing issues to be addressed for the acceleration of hydrogen application in the steel sector.
- Giving elements based on shared experiences to solve existing issues and to identify key aspects to be addressed in future R&D&I projects. Addressed topics will belong to:
 - 1. Low-carbon Hydrogen production and supply chain
 - 2. Hydrogen-based steelmaking and related up/down streams processes issues
 - 3. Hydrogen heating technologies (EAF, ladle, reheating/annealing furnaces)
- 4. Hydrogen utilization in CO₂ conversion processes (CCUS): Hydrogen role as enabler for carbon capture utilization and storage
 - 5. Norm and standards relevant for Hydrogen application in steelworks
- 6. Hydrogen safety, availability (including storage and distribution) and market, related legislation and social impact.



The articles will be based on contributions presented in the H₂ for Green Steel 2nd International Conference (https://www.estep.eu/events/2ndestep-hydrogen-conference/)



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