

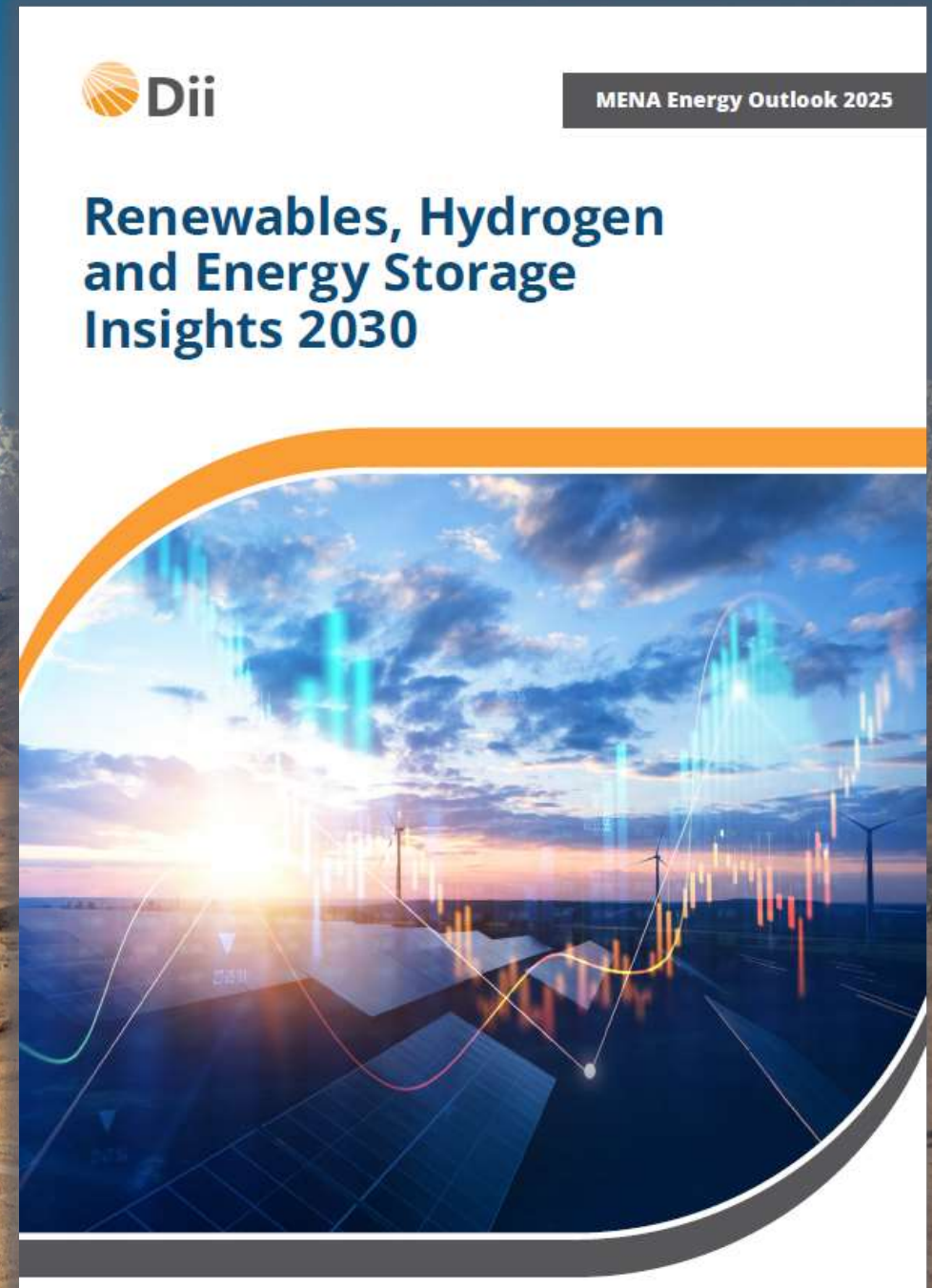


# MENA Energy Outlook 2025

Renewables, Hydrogen and Energy storage insights 2030

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# Enabling cooperation and partnerships in MENA

For the energy transition to realize its full potential, fostering cooperation and partnerships is essential.

Dii Desert Energy plays a crucial role in this by acting as a **collaborative platform**, **market enabler** and **catalyst** for practical solutions and innovations.

- **Market enabler**

- Accelerating the energy transition through increased **pressure on emissions costs**.
- Expansion of **infrastructure** for clean energy carriers across regional and global energy value chains.

- **Collaborative platform**

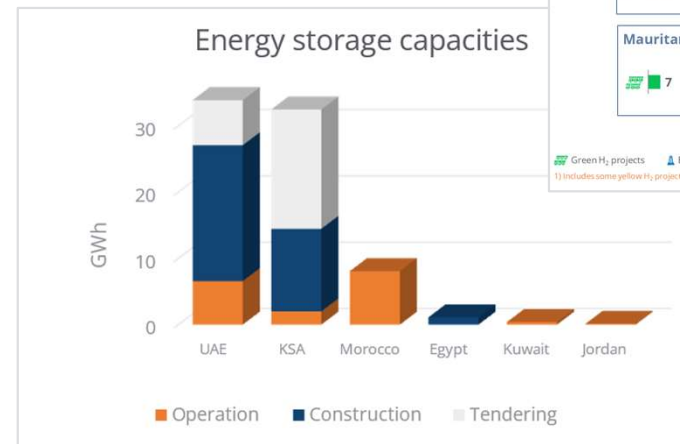
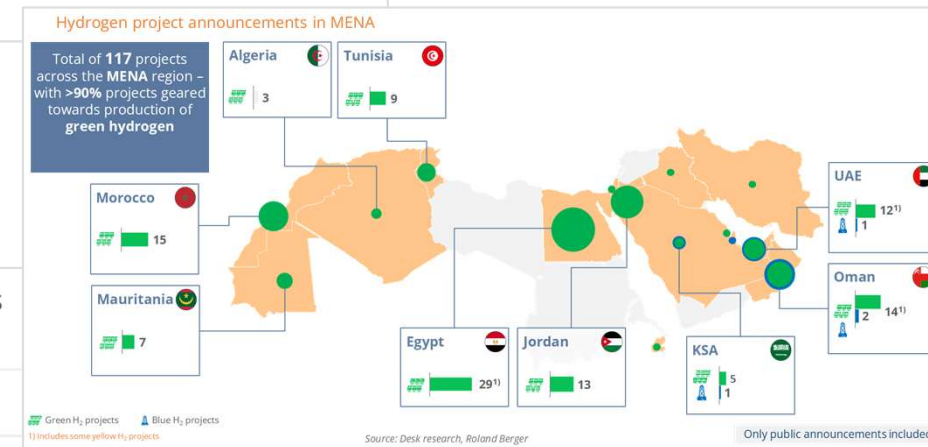
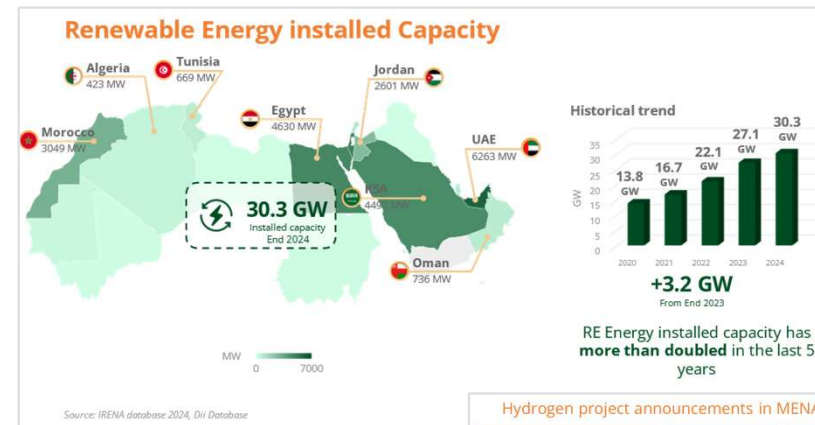
- **Bringing together** the private sector, public sector and academia.
- Creating unique **business opportunities** for partners.
- **Sharing** practical solutions based on field experiences and lessons learned.



# Tracking Renewables, Hydrogen and Energy storage

Dii Desert Energy, a leading **energy transition think tank** in the MENA region since 2009, tracks advancements toward a clean energy system in the MENA region.

- **Dii Desert Energy databases**
  - **Renewable Energy Projects Database:** more than 700 projects
  - **MENA Hydrogen Tracker** in cooperation with Roland Berger: 117 projects
  - **Energy storage database:** 16 projects
- **Unique insights**
  - Leveraging on the **exceptional regional knowledge** of the MENA region, being close to the latest developments of projects and markets.
  - Invaluable resource for understanding the **current landscape and future trajectory** of renewable energy, hydrogen and energy storage.
  - The **first-of-a-kind forward-looking picture** of energy transition in MENA by 2030.





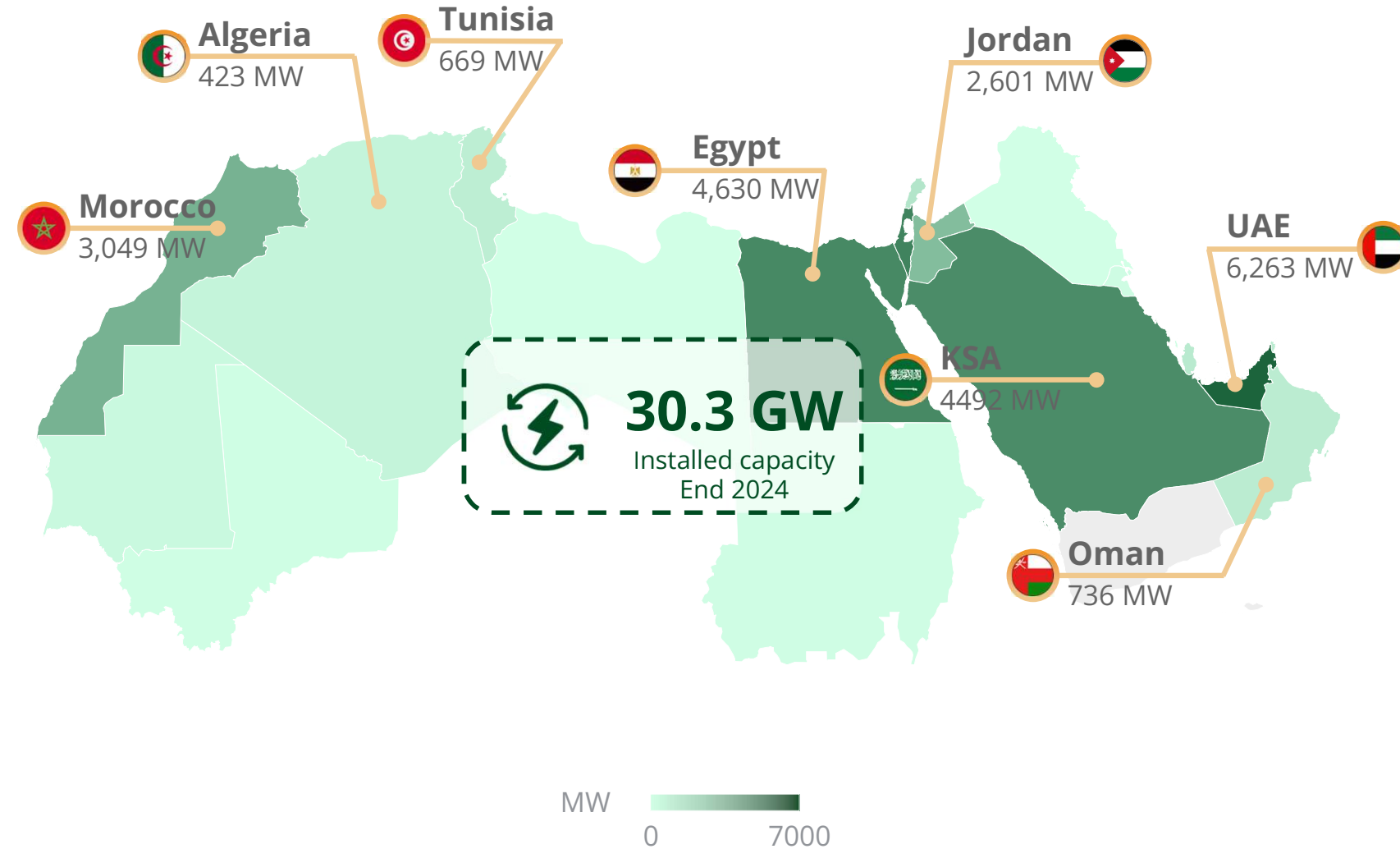
# Renewables

Solar and Wind

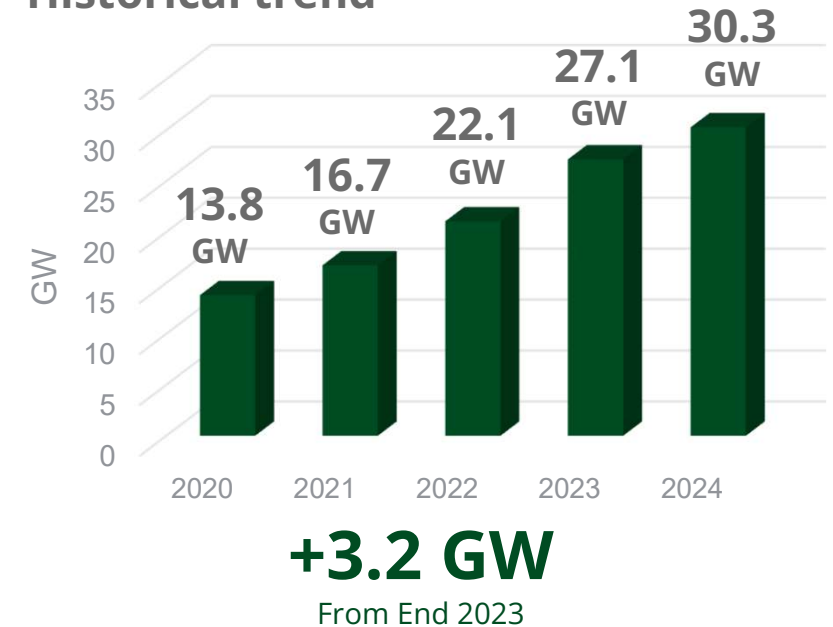




# Renewable Energy installed Capacity



## Historical trend

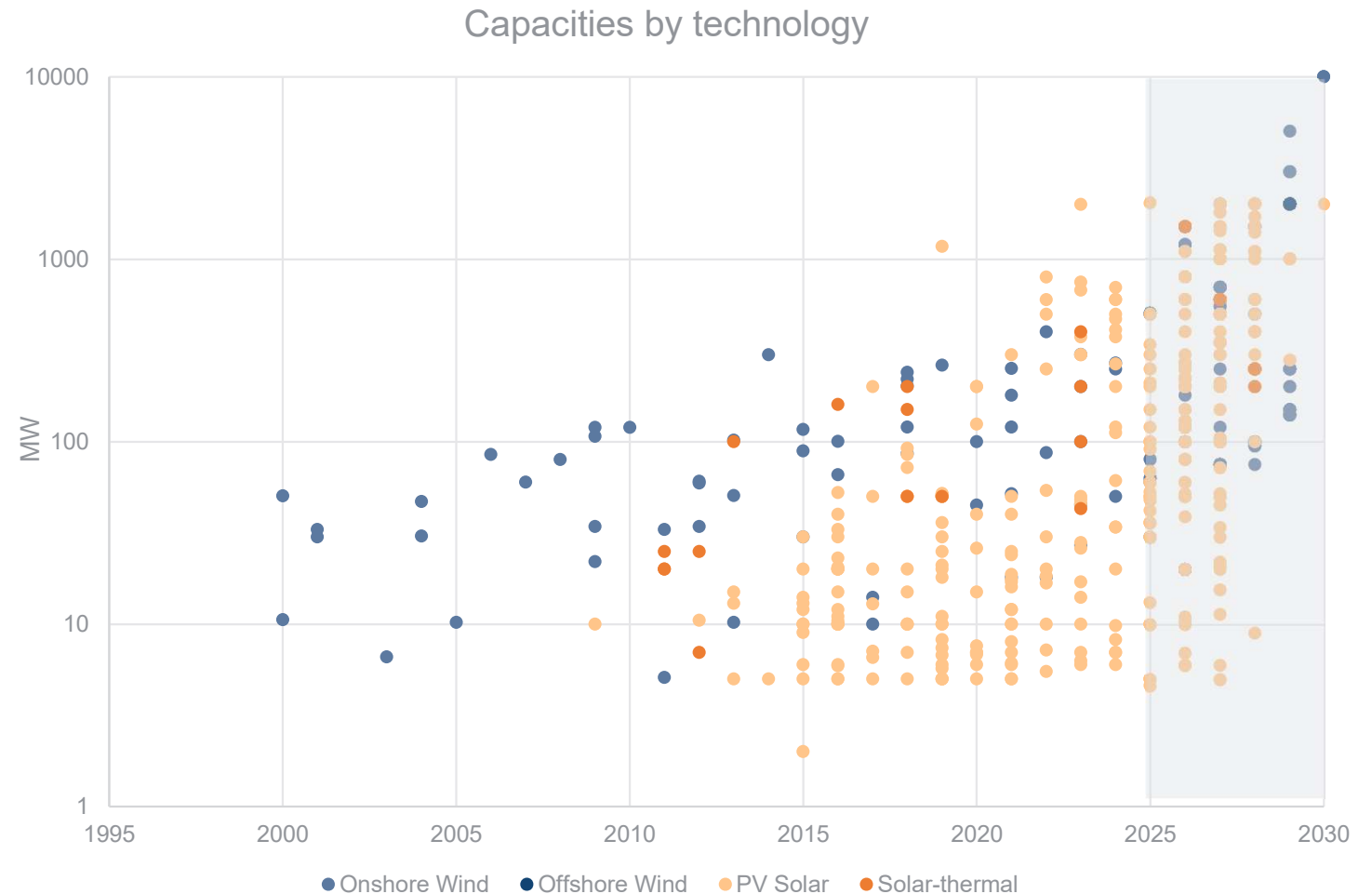


RE Energy installed capacity has **more than doubled** in the last 5 years

Source: IRENA database 2024, Dii Database

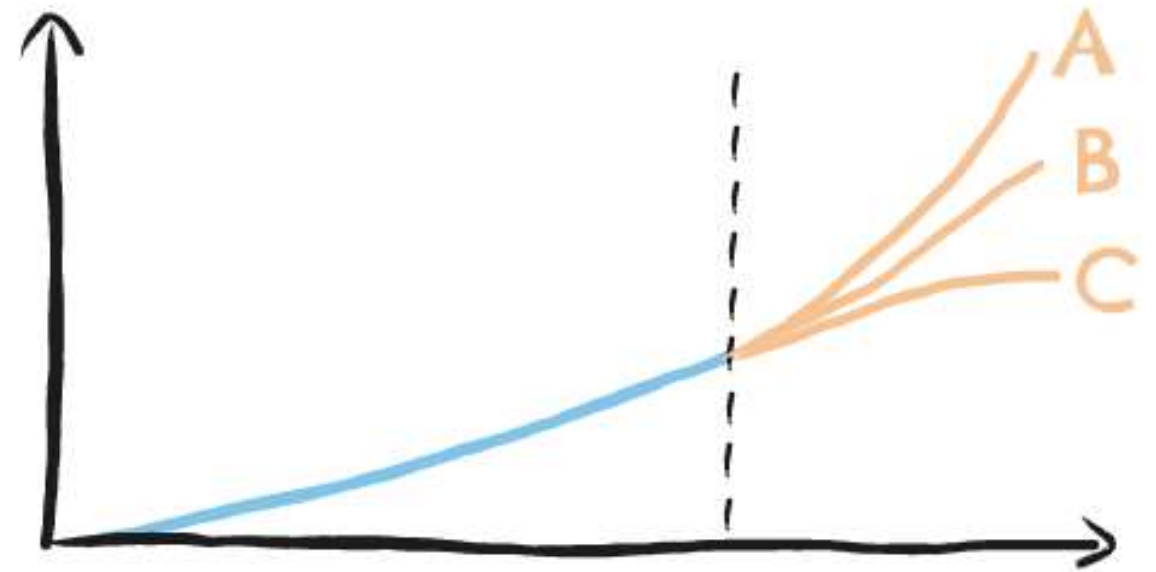
# Increasing feasibility of large-scale RE projects

- Ongoing advancements in solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind technologies have significantly **increased their efficiency**.
- The decreasing costs associated with solar PV and wind technologies are **driving down the overall expense** of renewable energy projects.
- Recent projects are being announced with much **larger capacities compared to those in the past**.
- The trend is particularly evident for wind projects, for PV solar we still see projects <50 MW in smaller countries (Bahrain) or in private projects (mines, resorts and properties).



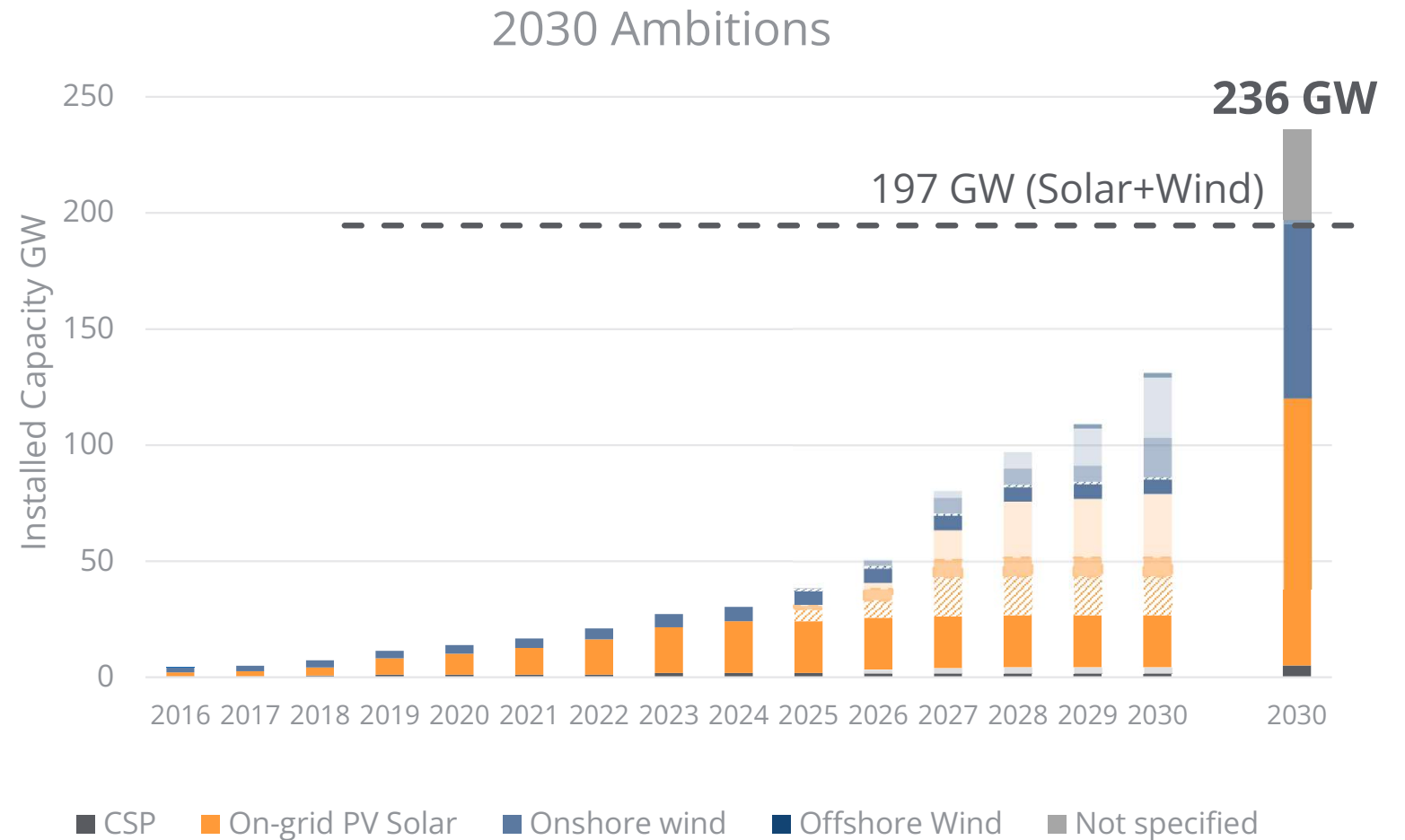


# Scenarios to 2030



# Tripling capacities to meet the 2030 ambitions

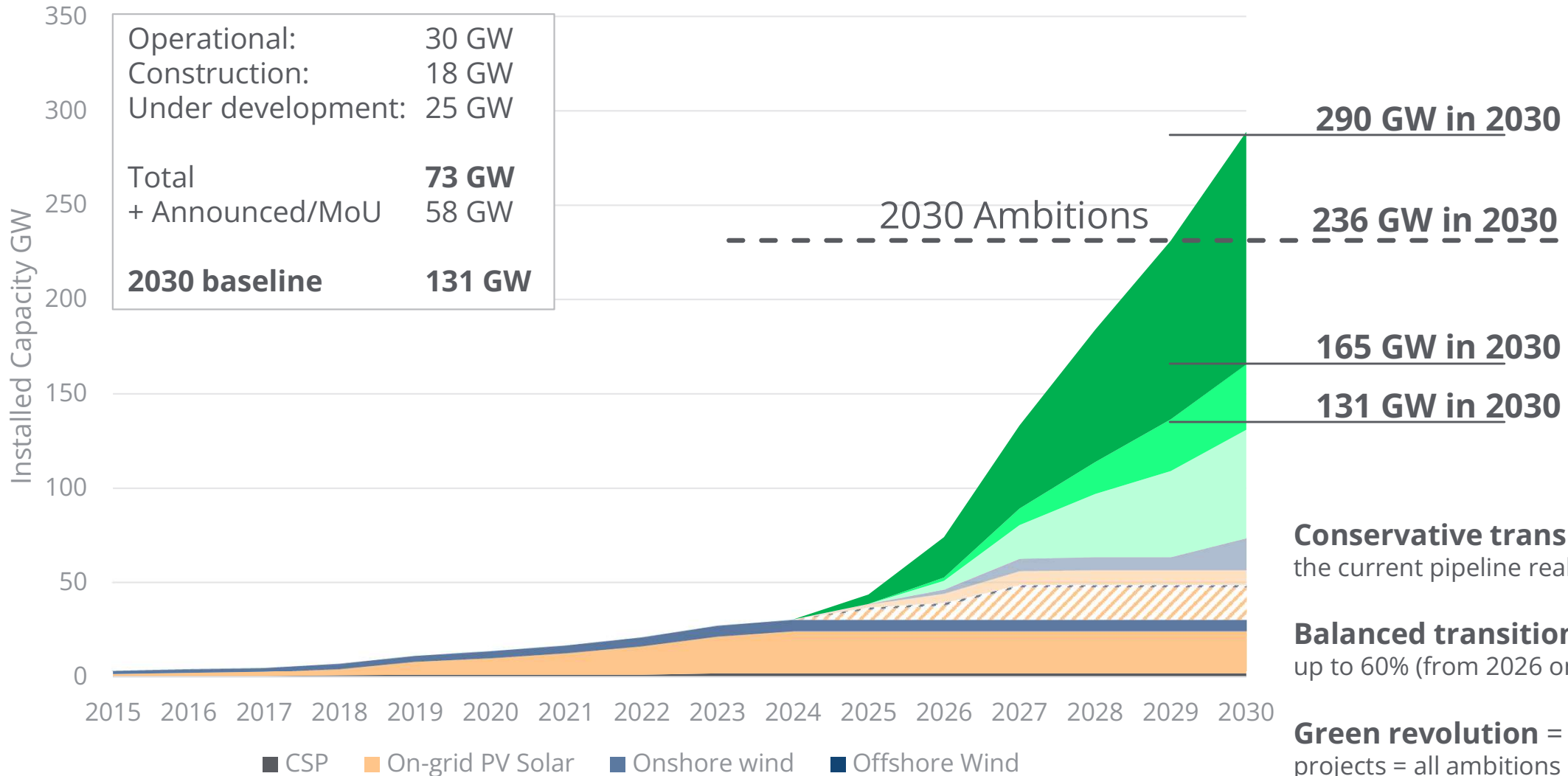
- **Solar PV** is set to reach **more than 115 GW** in 2030 – if all ambitions are met
  - The current project pipeline tops up to **75 GW** – if all projects materialize
  - More announcements are expected to align with the 2030 ambition
- **Wind** should reach **75 GW** in 2030 – if all ambitions are met
  - The current project pipeline is **52 GW** – if all project materialize
  - Of this, **20 GW** come from 2 mega-projects (10 GW each) in Egypt





# MENA Outlook to 2030 - scenarios

Scenarios to 2030



**Conservative transition** = only projects in the current pipeline realize

**Balanced transition** = additional projects up to 60% (from 2026 onwards)

**Green revolution** = tripling announced projects = all ambitions are met

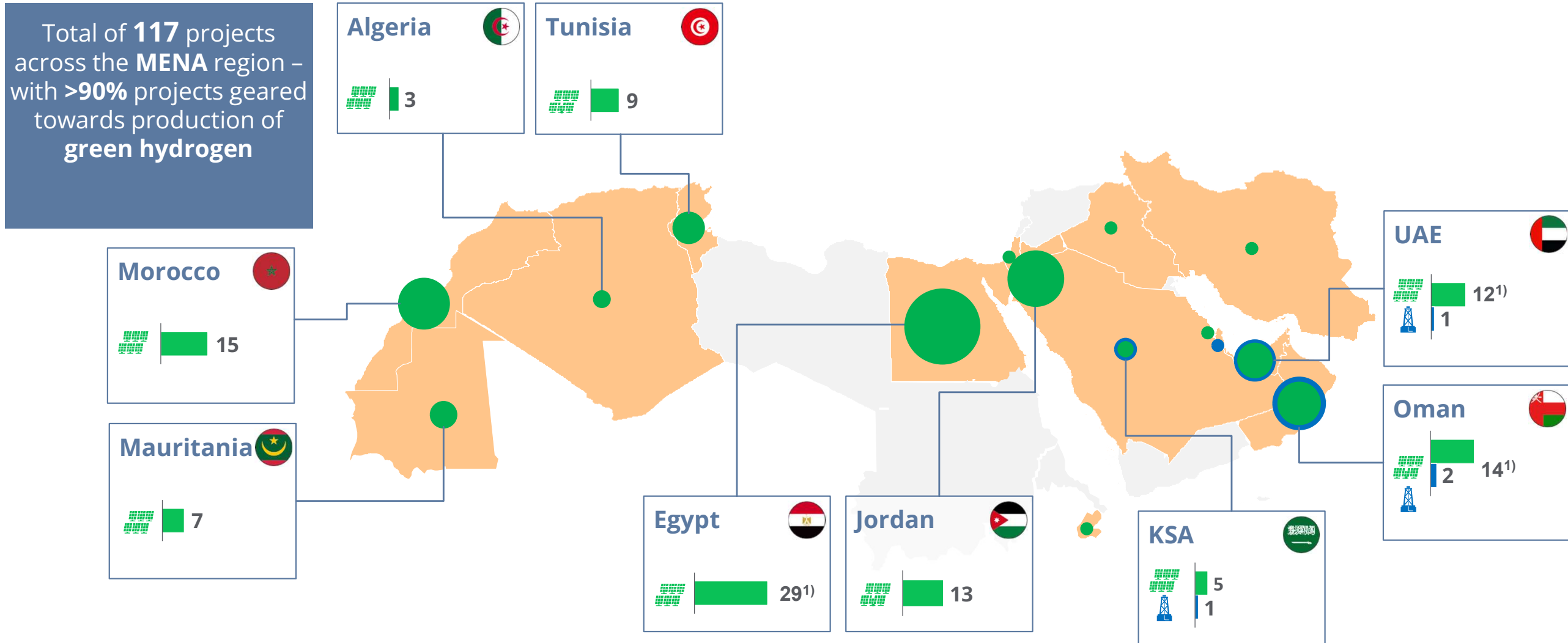


# Hydrogen



## MENA Hydrogen Tracker - 117 projects

Hydrogen project announcements in MENA



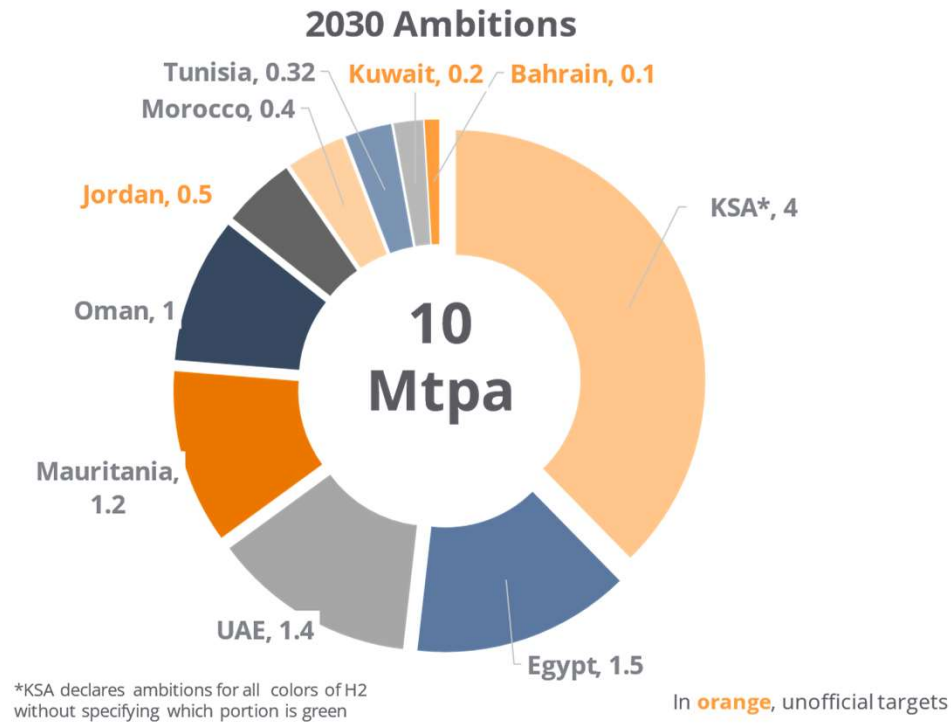
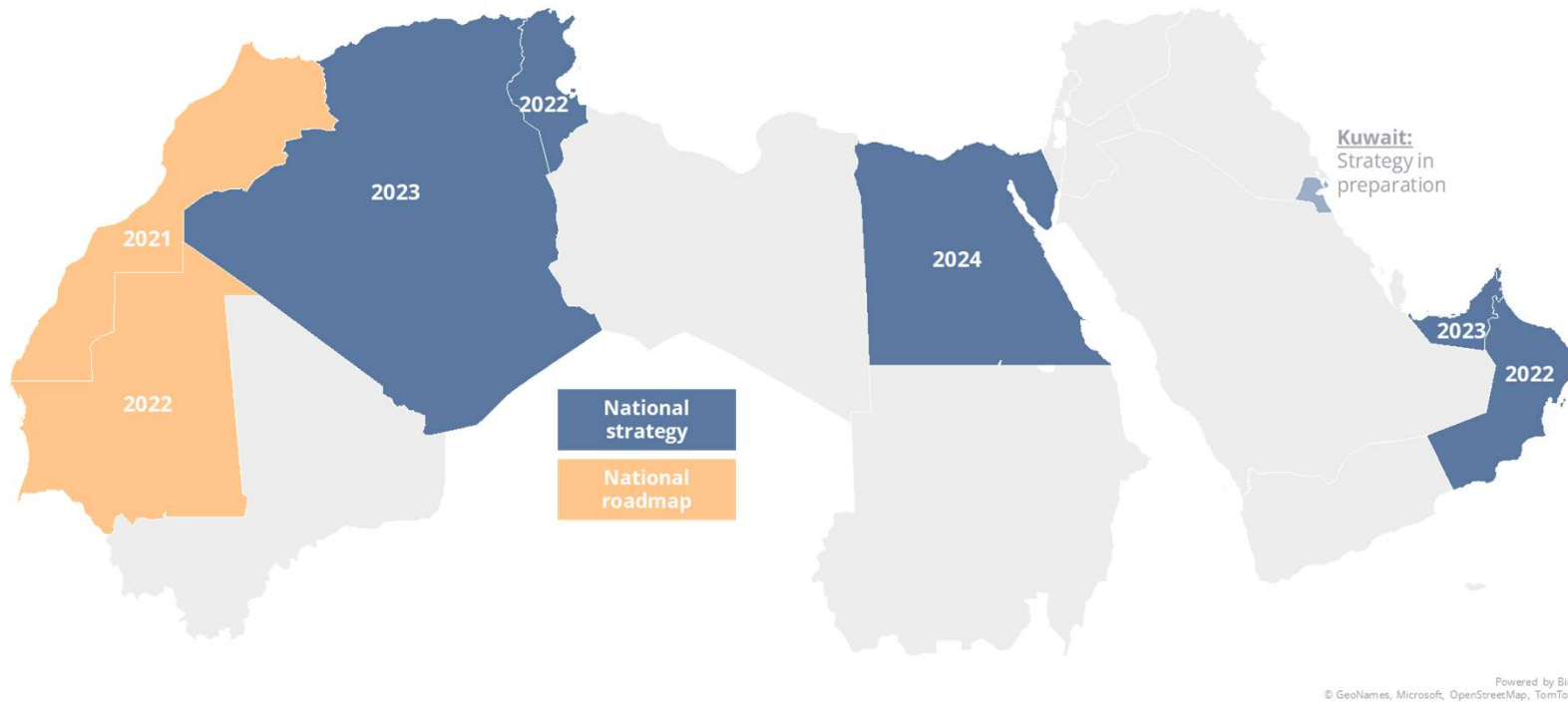
Green H<sub>2</sub> projects    Blue H<sub>2</sub> projects

1) Includes some yellow H<sub>2</sub> projects

Source: Desk research, Roland Berger

Only public announcements included

# Driving Green H2 growth to 10 Mtpa in 2030



- Several countries in MENA have **declared H2 ambitions** to 2030
- MENA region aims at producing a total of **10 Mtpa in 2030**, the majority of which will be green hydrogen (with a RE requirement of **~140 GW**)
- **Saudi Arabia** has the highest target but that includes all hydrogen colors





# Energy storage



## Energy storage, the new frontier

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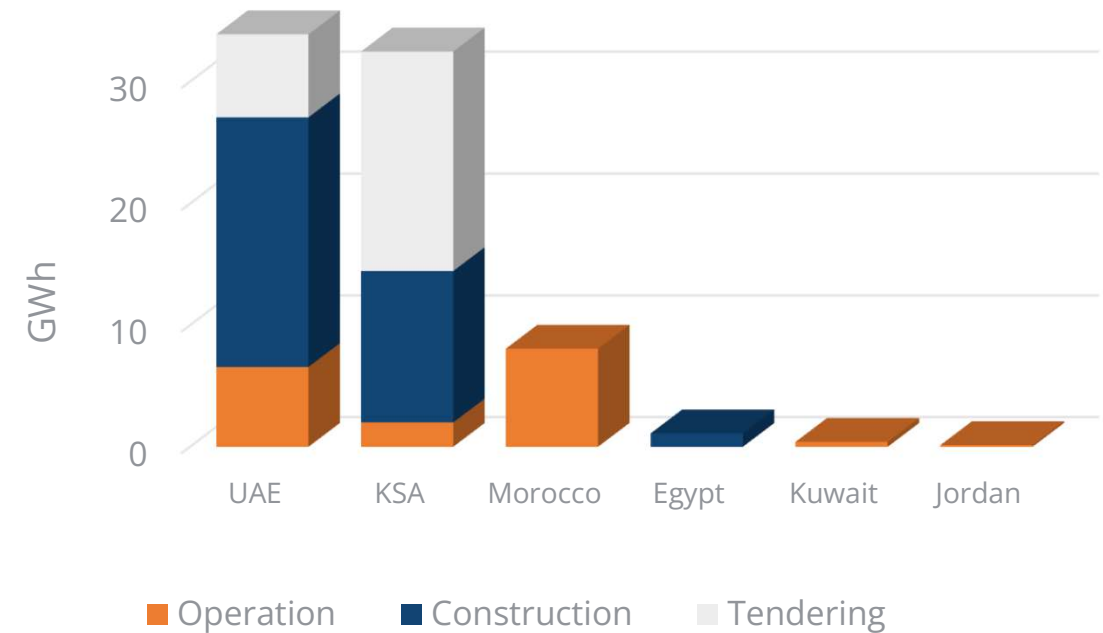


# Storage Capacities in the MENA Region

- The majority of projects are **BESS** (Battery energy storage systems).

	Total	Operational	Construction	Tendering
Saudi Arabia	16	1	6	9
UAE	8	4	2	2
Egypt	3		3	
Jordan	3	3		
Morocco	3	1	1	1
Kuwait	1	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

Energy storage capacities





# Country focus

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