European Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Areas which proposals need to address

- Reduce the production cost of fuel cell systems to be used in transport applications, while increasing their lifetime to levels competitive with conventional technologies
- Increase the electrical efficiency and the durability of the different fuel cells used for CHP and power only production, while reducing costs, to levels competitive with conventional technologies
- Increase the energy efficiency of production of hydrogen mainly from water electrolysis and renewable sources while reducing operating and capital costs, so that the combined system of the hydrogen production and the conversion using the fuel cell system is competitive with the alternatives available in the marketplace
- Demonstrate on a large scale the feasibility of using hydrogen to support integration of renewable energy sources into the energy systems, including through its use as a competitive energy storage medium for electricity produced from renewable energy sources
- Reduce the use of the EU defined "Critical raw materials", for example via low platinum resources, and through recycling or reducing or avoiding the use of rare earth elements

Note: Most Areas are sub-divided into topics enumerated on pages 6 and 7 of the call.