## Challenges for advanced materials R&D

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### **Evonik defined three Innovation Growth Areas to focus its R&D**



#### **Accelerate Energy Transition**



Membranes, Hydrogen Generation and Transport



Future Mobility and Battery Solutions



**Carbon Capture and Storage** 



Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency



# Evonik's broad variety of advanced materials are crucial key components to enable a green transformation – but we are facing increasing obstacles



**Evonik as enabler** 

Being at the beginning of the value chain, we develop and produce tailor-made materials which are key components to design solutions for decarbonisation

#### Each of these topics faces similar challenges:

- Development of new materials is associated with high risks
- Being early in the value chain, we are the first to invest significantly
- Markets develop with high uncertainty both in size and time



### **Example Membrane for H<sub>2</sub> production Our real challenge starts with high TRL in highly uncertain markets**



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\*Source: Global Energy Perspective 2023: Hydrogen outlook (McKinsey & Company) | Hydrogen for Net-Zero (Hydrogen Council, McKinsey & Company)

# Main challenges of the advanced materials industry can be addressed by the Clean Industrial Deal

#### Summary

- The clean transformation is one of the greatest challenges of our time
- Evonik's advanced materials are enabler for a sustainable future
- But the path is affected by many obstacles, high risks and long preliminary lead time
- Even in production phase, green solutions are always competing with conventional systems with lower costs

Being at the beginning of the value chain, we need the right conditions to contribute





