European Biogas Association

Biogas Market in Europe

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WHAT IS EBA?

- Non-profit organisation
- Sustainable biogas production and use in Europe
- 21 countries across Europe
- Well-established network and communication platform for exchanging information and expertise in biogas
- Member of AEBIOM, EREF, Biowaste Alliance, cooperation with EREC
- Office in REH, Brussels
- Biogas - substantial part of the European energy mix!
European Biogas Association – 21 countries
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Outline

✓ Why biogas is a multitalent?
✓ Biogas in Europe today
✓ NREAPs towards 2020
✓ Reality
✓ Success story
✓ Conclusions
Why biogas is a *multitalent*?

- Agriculture, industry, environment
- RES: electricity, heating & cooling, vehicle fuel
- Decentralized energy production
- Natural fertiliser - digestate
- Peak source - peak power consumption & compensation of fluctuating power from wind and solar generators!
Primary biogas energy output in the European Union in 2009 (in ktoe), Euroobserver
Primary biogas energy output in the European Union

✓ Agricultural biogas development
- 2009: 4340.7 ktoe, 52% in primary biogas energy output
- 2007: 2108 ktoe - 36% in primary biogas energy output

✓ Future development
- long term thinking to support bioenergy industry beyond 2020
- NREAPs

Source: Euroobserver, 2009
NREAPs

- Renewable energy as key solution
- Integration of renewable energy sources into 2020/2050 goals
- Legally binding all Member States
- Encourages joint projects
- Possibility to create better policies and share best practices
- Average increase of biogas share in renewable energy mix is under the average increase of other renewable energy sources
- Biogas potential is not enough taken into account
- No penalty mechanism for failure to achieve the targets
NREAPs

✓ 27 NREAPs submitted to EC

✓ Commission remarks: e.g. inconsistent calculations, lack of legal basis to implement defined obstacles in authorisation procedures, lack of information on the concrete steps and measures

✓ 15 member states reported on progress, 4 countries re-submitted their national plans

✓ More information:
  http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency_platform/action_plan_en.htm
Biogas for electricity & heat production per capita in kWh, 2020

4 person household up to 4,500 kWh el. per annum (DE)
Gross electricity generation, GWh
Heating & Cooling

✓ On the way to be discovered

✓ Greece, Estonia, Cyprus, Slovenia

✓ Romania improved the target from 0 to 20 ktoe until 2020

✓ Leading countries: Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands

✓ Combined heat and power-bonus
Transport

8 countries in Europe - Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK injected biomethane into the national gas grid!
Reality

✓ Roughly 80% of the biogas sector is located in Germany

✓ Best practises: Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands

✓ Booming countries: Italy, Czech Republic

✓ Ready to boom: France, Poland, Hungary, UK

✓ Huge potential untapped: Bulgaria, Romania
Case study - Poland

✓ Huge potential, but relatively slow development

✓ Contra-productive environment for biogas: e.g. shale gas, nuclear power plant projects

✓ Status quo in Poland: 12 agricultural biogas plants in operation and connected to the power grid, 10-15 projects are currently in phase of realization

✓ Green certificates in Poland do not create financial feasibility (need for feed in tariffs)

✓ Ambitious intentions in NREAPs requiring adequate measures to build nearly 300 biogas plants in order to meet the target
Case study - Greece

✓ Biogas technology in Greece is the newest among all other Renewable Energy technologies

✓ New Law 3851/2010 created a very positive environment for investment in biogas

✓ Current installed power derived from biogas is 41 MW

✓ There are no agricultural biogas plants in operation! Organic waste -> use the potential!
Bottlenecks

- For farmers it is hard to prepare adequate project proposals, fulfill evaluation criteria and get funding

- Energy prices are low compared to EU average prices (PL, LT, LV, EE)

- Availability of funding

- Gap between potential biogas producers and biogas project developers, investors

- Legal & Administrative barriers
Solutions

✓ The development of roadmap or guide for permit procedure is necessary

✓ Continuous, targeted, well-considered and well-planned state support for biogas projects

✓ A long-term policy framework for biogas use

✓ Promoting the awareness on biogas in all levels
EU funding

- The mechanisms are complex
- Expensive at initial expenditures
- Mainly available for strategical investors rather than for farmers or SMEs
- Current available programs are very limited in amount
- Small share is available for biogas
Biogas made in Germany
Biogas plants in Germany

Source: German Biogas Association

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# Biogas industry statistics in Germany

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<th>End of 2010</th>
<th>Forecast for 2011</th>
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<td><strong>Number of plants</strong></td>
<td>5.905 (45)</td>
<td>7.000 (60)</td>
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<td>(of these feeding biomethane)</td>
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<td><strong>Installed electric output</strong></td>
<td>2.291</td>
<td>2.728</td>
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<td>in MW</td>
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<td><strong>Net electricity production</strong></td>
<td>14.8 Mio.</td>
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<td>in MWh per annum</td>
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<td><strong>Homes supplied with</strong></td>
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<td>biogas-based electricity</td>
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<td><strong>Proportion of electricity</strong></td>
<td>2.46</td>
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<td>consumption in %</td>
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<td><strong>Turnover in Germany in €</strong></td>
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<td>5.9 Mrd.</td>
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<td><strong>Jobs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Export rate in %</strong></td>
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Conclusions

✓ Policymakers are not yet giving the biogas market priority it deserves

✓ Average increase of biogas share in renewable energy mix is under the average increase of other renewable energy sources

✓ Positive changes and improvements in order to reach 2020 RES targets

✓ There is no single RE technology which allows us to successfully address the environmental challenge

✓ Highly developed biogas technology is an important part of 2020 RES target and is ready to look beyond 2020!
Thank you for your attention!
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