Biogas and biomethane market in Europe – current status and future prospects

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What is the EBA?

- Non-profit organisation founded in 2009
- Covers biogas and biomethane from anaerobic digestion and biomass gasification
- Well-established network and communication platform for exchanging information and expertise in biogas and biomethane
- Member of EREF and EUFORES, co-operation with natural gas, renewable energy and waste handling associations
- Based in Brussels, Renewable Energy House (REH)



26 countries - 36 National Organisations 58 Companies - representing >7,000 stakeholders



Associated members (companies, universities, researchers)













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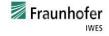


















































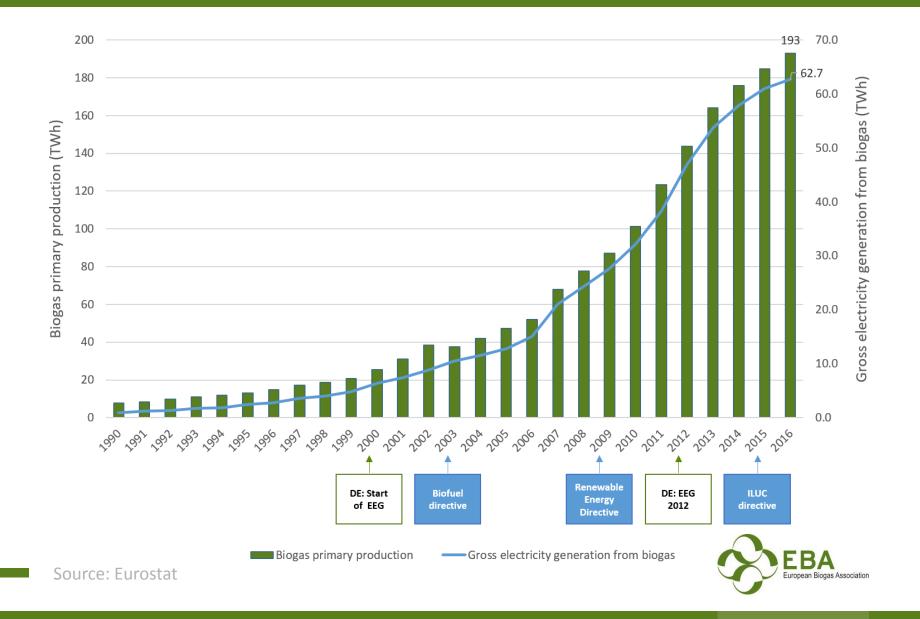




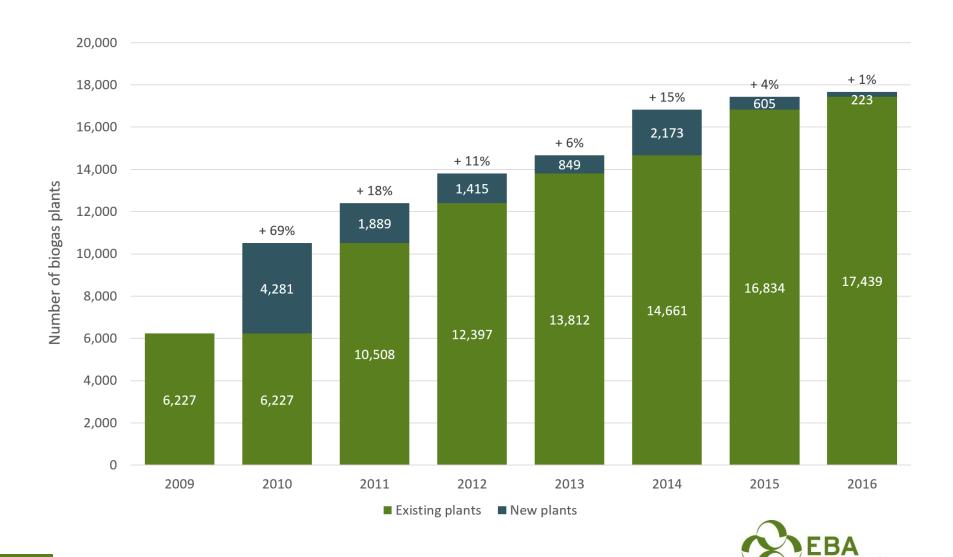




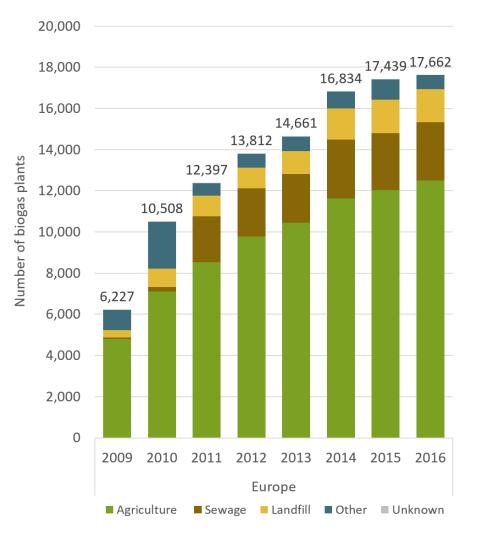
Biogas and electricity from biogas in the EU28

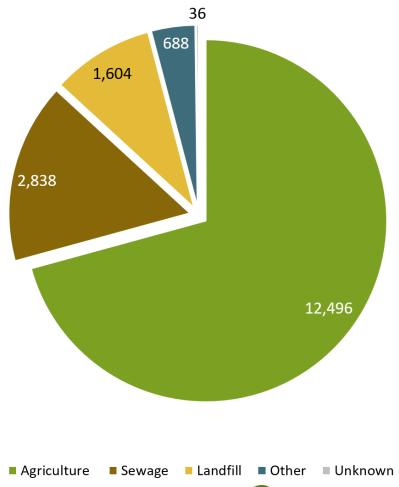


Evolution of the number of biogas plants in Europe



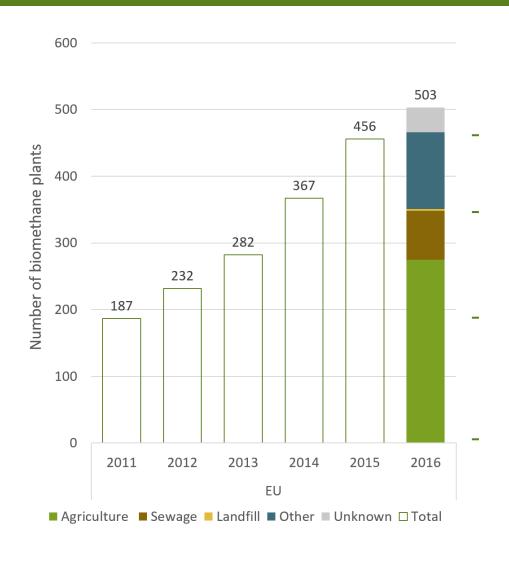
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Biomethane in Europe (end 2016)



17 TWh production

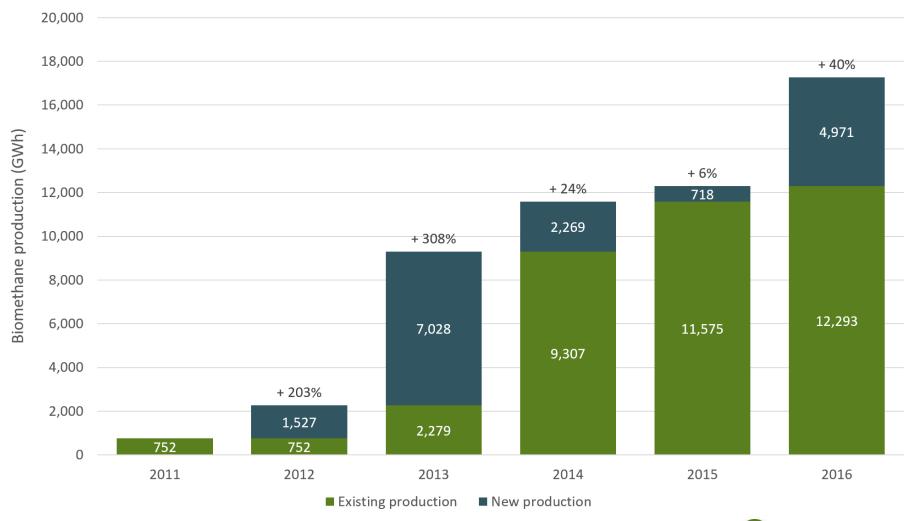
503 units in 15 countries (including CH, IS and NO)

40% production increase in 2016

Fast development!

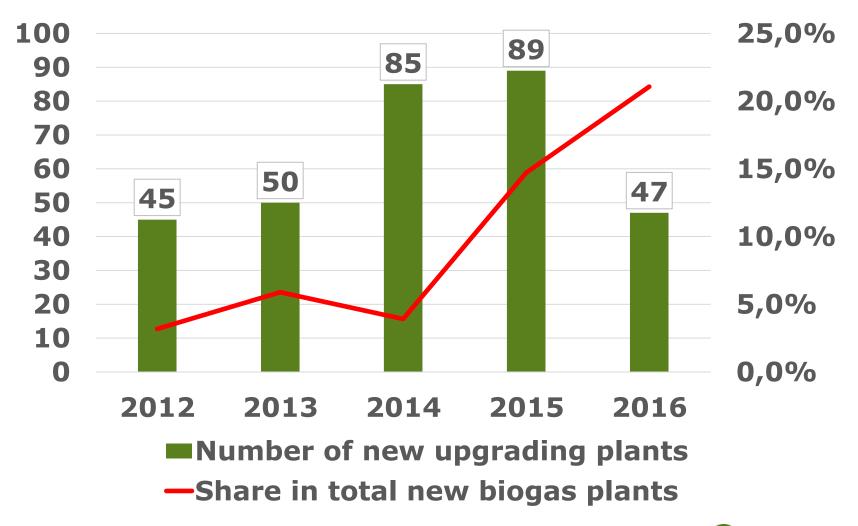


Evolution of biomethane production in Europe



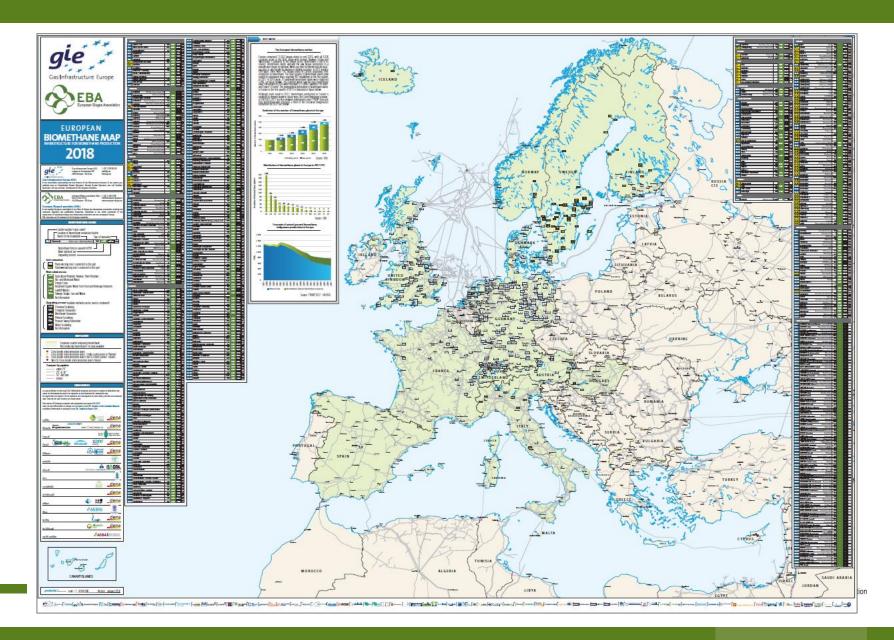


Biomethane share in new investments

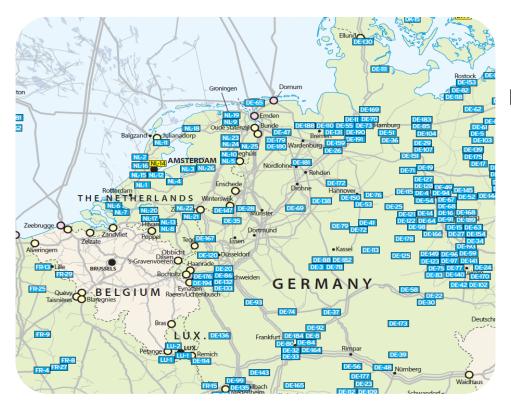




Biomethane map



Biomethane map



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	,	umber (color coded) of biomethane produ	ction fa	acility				
	Name of the installation — Start of opera				tion —			
DK-5	Hammel	(Vicus B ApS - Frijsenborg	Biogas)	524	AGR	мЕм	201	6
	Main su	ane feed-in capacity [m³/h]					

GERMANY						
DE-1	Aicha (Osterhofen)	660	ENC	PSA	2012	
DE-2	Aiterhofen / Niederbayern	1100	ENC	PSA	2009	
DE-3	Allendorf-Eder	193	ENC	PSA	2013	
DE-4	Altena	385	ENC	CHS	2011	
DE-5	Altenhof	770	ENC	CHS	2013	
DE-6	Alteno	413	мSW	WAS	2014	
DE-7	Altenstadt Schongau	550	FAB	WAS	2009	
DE-8	Altenstadt / Hessen	770	ENC	CHS	2012	
DE-9	Angermünde	358	ENC	WAS	2009	
DE-10	Anklam	770	FAB	PHS	2013	
DE-11	Apensen / Grundoldendorf	385	ENC	CHS	2012	
DE-12	Arnschwang	770	ENC	WAS	2010	
DE-13	Augsburg	550	MSW	мЕм	2013	
DE-14	Badeleben	220	ENC	WAS	2014	
DE-15	Barby	385	ENC	CHS	2015	
DE-16	Barleben	413	ENC	WAS	2012	
DE-17	Barsikow	660	ENC	CHS	2011	



For more information

- Annual 120+ pages report
- Extensive analysis of the European biogas and biomethane sectors (coverage of 32 EU countries)
- Detailed analysis of 23 EU countries providing updated statistics and national legal background evolution
- Based on the expertise of national associations and industries
- Available to purchase for non-FBA members
- More info: info@european-biogas.eu





Basic statistical numbers

Indicator	Unit	Value	Share
Number of anaerobic digestion plants		17.662	
Number of biogas upgrading plants		503	2,8%
Total biogas production	ktoe/year	16.660	
Total biogas production	GWh/year	193.756	
Estimated biomethane production	GWh/year	17.264	8,9%
Biomethane used as vehicle fuel (appr.)	GWh/year	2.070	12,0%
Gross electricity production	GWh/year	62.704	

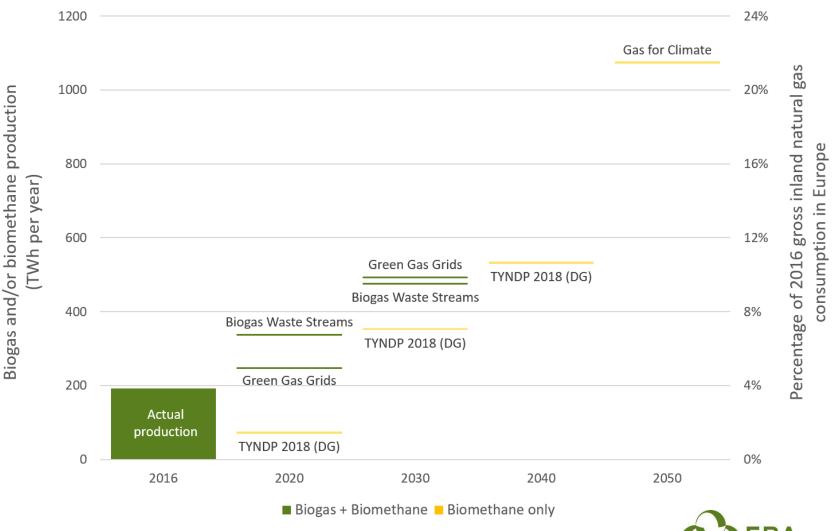


Main trends

- from biogas > to biomethane,
- from local use > to wide-range distribution through the natural gas networks,
- from local electricity generation > to the utilisation of co-generated thermal energy in central/district heating systems,
- from electricity > to transportation fuel application,
- from food/feed crops > to waste, agriresidues and agricultural by-products.



Biogas and biomethane potentials





Biomethane cross-border trade today

- a) Virtual trade with certificates.
- b) Few physical cross-border transactions through the European natural gas pipeline network.
 - Pre-set transport routes from the producer to the enduser, transport&transit administration following the rules applied for natural gas deliveries.
 - Balancing within short period of time (hourly, daily).
 - No transfer of sustainability characteristics attached to the consignment(s) – RED biofuel requirements are not fulfilled.



National biomethane registries

- Main function: track, confirm and document the biomethane transactions along the entire contractual chain by means of Guarantees of Origin
- □ **Independent, neutral, professional** organisations (subject to independent audit controls)
- Established through government actions or voluntary cooperation of market players (preferably with government mandate)
- Serving as "lighthouse": administrative support in meeting regulative requirements, guidance/assistance to potential biomethane investors
- Assisting production and trade through building market confidence
- Facilitating cross-border trade through the network of biomethane registries (ERGaR)



European Renewable Gas Registry (ERGaR)

- ERGaR aisbl (non-profit international organisation) established
 28th September, 2016 in Belgium
- Network of national biomethane registries www.ergar.org
- 20 members from 11 countries
- ERGAR RED biomethane specific voluntary scheme established and operated by ERGaR aisbl
- Function: mass balancing of biomethane distributed along the European natural gas network with transfer of related sustainability certification
- Core documents: Guarantees of Origin issued by the national biomethane registries
- In December 2017 ERGAR RED applied for recognition by the European Commission under the RED as a voluntary scheme

Main messages

- Investments for small scale biogas plants processing locally available manure and organic waste must be facilitated by appropriate FiT support.
- For larger units the biomethane pathway should be enabled in domestic regulations and followed by stakeholders.
- The usage of **biomethane as transportation fue**l (blended into CNG/LNG) is to be promoted by government policies and industry cooperation with special attention to the production of "advanced" biomethane.
- The biggest challenge to the biogas/biomethane industry remains: the costs of production exceed the natural gas prices > the industry is dependent on support provided by governments and consumers.
- The cooperation between the natural gas and biomethane industries must be strengthened in every field (investments, production, distribution, marketing).
 - The future of biogas/biomethane industry of every EU member state will be decided on national and not on European level.



RED II: raw materials for "advanced" biomethane

- ✓ Algae
- Biomass fraction of mixed municipal waste
- ✓ Bio-waste from private households
- Biomass fraction of industrial waste including material from retail, wholesale and the agro-food and fish industry
- ✓ Straw
- Animal manure and sewage sludge
- Other non-food cellulosic material (including low starch cover crops)



The future of the Polish biogas/biomethane industry is decided in Warsaw and not in Brussels









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