



**EBA**  
European Biogas Association

## WORKSHOP

CONTRIBUTION OF BIOGAS TOWARDS EUROPEAN  
RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY BEYOND 2020

**8 February, Palace of the Academies, Brussels**

86 participants joined EBA on the 8th February at the Brussels-based Palace of the Academies to attend the latest EBA Workshop: Contribution of biogas towards European renewable energy policy beyond 2020.

The Workshop gathered a wide array of experts and stakeholders. Amongst the attendees there were biogas companies, grid operators, EU-policy makers, national biogas associations as well as EU umbrella associations, coming from 13 European countries.

EBA President Jan Stambasky opened the Workshop by introducing to the audience the future prospects, opportunities and challenges of biogas and biomethane from anaerobic digestion and gasification. His presentation was followed by a European Policy Session that counted with the interventions of Mrs Ruta Baltause (DG ENERGY, European Commission) on the key aspects of the European Commission's proposal for a new Renewable Energy Directive (RED) and Mr Claude Turmes (MEP, Green Party), who presented the first positions of the European Parliament on the RED. Mr Turmes' passionate speech highlighted the European need for action on methane and a reward scheme for CH<sub>4</sub> savings. After that, Mr Patrick Dorvil (European Investment Bank) presented the financing Instruments towards Funding Renewable Energy in Europe, followed by EBA Secretary General Mrs Susanna Pflüger's overview on the European biogas industry now and beyond 2020.

The Workshop continued with a session dedicated to feedstock and infrastructure, with expositions on sequential cropping to produce low ILUC risk biomethane by Daan Peters (Ecofys). Ecofys was asked by the Italian Biogas Consortium to assess their concept Biogas Done Right™, which resulted in an analysis that praised this technology for achieving high carbon savings while allowing Italian farmers to produce biogas from additional biomass and maintaining their existing food and animal feed production, thus avoiding indirect land use change risks.



**Above:** Claude Turmes, MEP—Green Party



**Below:** Mrs Susanna Pflüger, EBA



His presentation was followed by Prof. Dr. Paul Scherer (Hamburg University of Applied Sciences) overview of straw as a sustainable farm-based feedstock for biogas, and Ms Judit Szendefy's (Agrana) presentation of the biomethane success story of the Kaposvar plant (Hungary). The session was concluded with Mr Andrea Stegher and Mr Giovanni Angius (SNAM) take on the future of the European gas grid from a leading gas infrastructure player. Their presentation underlined the role of biomethane in providing a sustainable path to decarbonisation using gas infrastructures.

Following a networking lunch, Mr Gert de Block (CEDEC) presented their latest report on the European Federation of Local Energy Companies: Sustainable potential of gas for the Energy System, focusing on the situation of the biomethane sector in the Netherlands. His speech gave entrance to the first afternoon session, focused on gasification and its potential for biomethane in Europe. The session included presentations from Mr Morten Tony Hansen (Danish Gasification Association), who introduced the Danish scenario for thermal biomass gasification. The following speaker, Mr Olivier Guerrini (ENGIE) continued with the overview of national perspectives by introducing ENGIE's gasification projects in France.

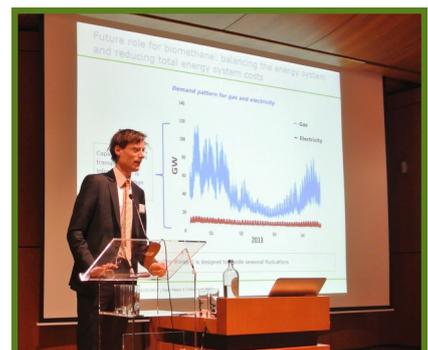
Lastly, Mr Jeppe Bjerg and Mr Attila Kovacs (President and Secretary General from ERGaR), took the floor to present the European Renewable Gas Registry (ERGaR). This initiative aims to build on national registries to establish an independent, transparent and trustworthy documentation scheme for cross border transfer and mass balancing of renewable gas injected into the European natural gas network securing the exclusion of double sale and double counting.

After their intervention, Mr Jan Stambasky summed up the key points of the discussion. The President of EBA then thanked the speakers and participants for their presence and concluded the Workshop.



**Above:** Attila Kovacs, ERGaR / EBA

**and below:** participants benefit from a networking lunch before attending the afternoon presentations



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