



Press release

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European Biogas Association (EBA) is growing and thriving

“Today EBA represents 30 national biogas associations from 22 countries and 28 of the most important companies working internationally in the field of biogas. EBA covers therewith over 98% of all biogas plants in Europe”

The proud message of the abundant coverage of biogas production in Europe was announced by EBA’s president Arthur Wellinger at the fourth General Assembly of the European Biogas Association. The meeting took place alongside the annual conference and exhibition of the German Biogas Association (Fachverband Biogas) on 29 January in Leipzig, Germany. In addition to the positive news about EBA’s steady growth, the election of the EBA Board belonged to the highlights of the meeting.

As a result of the vote, EBA President Arthur Wellinger remains in his position. Two new Executives were elected to the Board: Göran Strandberg from the Swedish Gas Association and Stefano Bozzetto from the Italian Biogas Association. They replace Caroline Marchais, director of ATEE Club Biogaz, France, and Piero Gattoni, president of the Italian Biogas Association. The remainder of the totally 7 board members were re-elected.

The year 2013 will bring along legislative challenges for the biogas sector both at EU and national levels: the EU is constricting its sustainability criteria for biofuels and eventually for solid and gaseous biomass. The expected end-of-waste status, i.e. product status, for digestate might bring new substantial administrative burdens for operators in case digestate falls under REACH. On national levels, the deployment of biogas plants is stagnating in a few key biogas countries, such as Germany and Czech Republic, due to the reformed support schemes being disadvantageous to the biogas sector. On the other hand, new positive feed-in tariffs have been lately introduced in Austria and the United Kingdom. Also Poland is expecting changes in the support scheme, which might un-tap the huge biogas potential in the country.

EBA is convinced that biogas will have a significant role to play in the European decarbonised energy future and will surely continue advocating strongly the interests of the European biogas industry at the EU level and offering support to its members at national levels.

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About European Biogas Association (EBA)

European Biogas Association aisbl (EBA) was founded 3 February 2009 as a Belgium non-profit organization aiming at promoting sustainable biogas production and use in Europe. EBA’s membership comprises currently



national biogas associations, institutes and companies from 24 countries all across Europe. EBA unites a large number of the most experienced biogas experts in Europe and has highly experienced and skilled staff providing policy advice, know-how and information to promote beneficial legislation and framework conditions in the field of biogas. For further information please visit: www.european-biogas.eu