

From Policy to Action: Driving Biomethane Market Growth

Policy impulse, and key research and market trajectories for the sector.

25th March, 2025 – Hybrid event (9:30 – 16:00 CET)

The decarbonization of Europe's energy sector is at a critical juncture, with biomethane playing an increasingly pivotal role in **enhancing energy security, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and driving the transition towards a sustainable energy system**. However, despite its potential, biomethane's market uptake remains uneven across EU Member States due to **policy fragmentation, regulatory barriers, and financial uncertainties**.

This workshop, organized within the framework of the **Horizon Europe GreenMeUp project**, brings together **policymakers, industry leaders, and sectorial experts** to discuss the current state of biomethane in Europe and **strategies to accelerate its market adoption**.

Key focus areas

- **Policy Impulse** – Current EU policy efforts to enable a higher biomethane market uptake in the EU and exemplary policy measures in leading countries such as Germany, and Italy.
- **Remaining barriers and potential solutions** – Results from GreenMeUp's policy design in European countries with emergent biomethane markets (e.g. Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Greece, Czech Republic)
- **Market Development Strategies** – Identifying pathways to scale biomethane in diverse sectors such as heat, electricity, and transport.
- **Innovation and R&I Gaps** – Addressing technological advancements and research priorities to enhance biomethane production and integration.

Through expert presentations, panel discussions, and interactive dialogues, this workshop will provide actionable insights and foster cooperation between key stakeholders to ensure biomethane becomes a competitive and reliable energy source across Europe.

Who Should Attend?

- **Policymakers & Public Authorities** – Shaping regulatory frameworks and incentive mechanisms.
- **Industry Leaders & Investors** – Exploring business opportunities and market expansion strategies.
- **Researchers & Technology Developers** – Driving innovation and closing knowledge gaps in biomethane production and utilization.

We invite you to explore the agenda and join us in shaping the future of biomethane in Europe.

Morning: Policy session

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 - 09:30	Arrival and registration in the Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum (DBFZ) (Leipzig, Germany) For online participants: entry in zoom platform.	All
09:30 - 09:40	Welcome and opening of the event	Dr. René Backes – Head of Bioenergy Systems department – DBFZ
09:40 - 10:00	Current EU policy development for the biomethane markets	Biljana Kulisic, Marco de Benedictis – DG Energy – EU Commission – Tbc
10:00 - 10:15	EU Biomethane market today: Role of policies and support schemes	George Owusu – European Biogas Association
10:15 - 10:30	Biogas and biomethane – policy status in Germany	Tba – German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
10:30 - 10:45	Biogas and biomethane – policy status and development in Italy	Carlo Pieroni – Project manager – Consorzio Italiano Biogas
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break	All
11:00 - 11:20	Policy measures to promote biomethane and bioH ₂ : Insights from target country analysis within GreenMeUp.	Christos Tourkolias – Energy Analyst – CRES
11:20 - 11:40	Challenges and chances for the EU biomethane uptake	Tba
11:40 - 12:30	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are remaining barriers for a greater biomethane market development in the EU and national context? • What has to be done to overcome them? Good practices and necessary developments. 	Moderator: tba

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12:30 - 12:40	Questions and Wrap-up	Moderator: Myrsini Christou – Head of biomass department – CRES
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch break	All

Afternoon: Research and development session

Time	Topic	Speaker
13:40 - 14:00	R&I – Valuable insights on gaps and challenges for the European biomethane sector	Maria Georgiadou – Senior Expert in the European Commission – DG for Research and Innovation (Tbc)
14:00 - 14:20	Technological and market developments in Germany	Jaqueline Daniel-Gromke (Tbc) – Working group leader Biochemical Conversion – DBFZ
14:20 - 14:40	The role and potentiality of sequential cropping for Biogas and Biomethane in EU agricultural systems	Guido Bezzi – Head of Agronomic Area – Consorzio Italiano Biogas
14:40 - 15:00	Biogas digestate closes the circular economy loop	Ahto Oja – Estonian Biogas Association
15:00 - 15:10	Wrap up of the R&I session	Kyriakos Maniatis
15:15 - 16:15	Research facilities visit: <u>Pilot SBG</u> , Pilot Biogas plant	All
16:15	Networking round	All

GreenMeUp – Green Biomethane Market Uptake is a Horizon Europe project that aims at providing a basis for policy-makers and stakeholders to develop more informed renewable energy policies and country-tailored market uptake measures, in order to improve and complement existing biomethane policy in Europe.

The **core activity of GreenMeUp** is to reduce the gap between countries with higher rates of biomethane production and countries with lower development rates, by analysing and comparing their framework conditions and market dynamics, and promote enabling policies and measures at country level. The project also aims at providing societal acceptance of the biomethane value chains through science-based evidences and tools.

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