Ukrainian Biogas to Europe – challenges and opportunities

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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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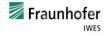




















































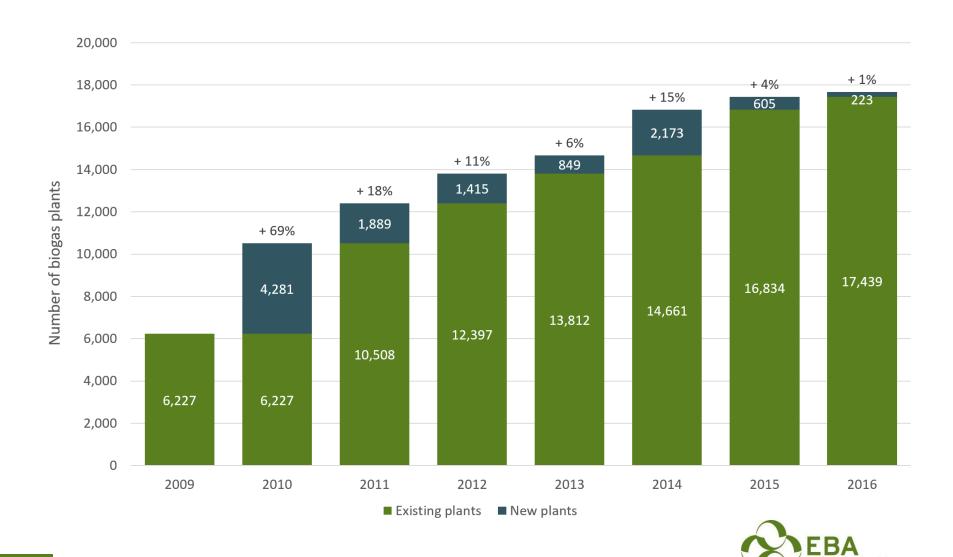




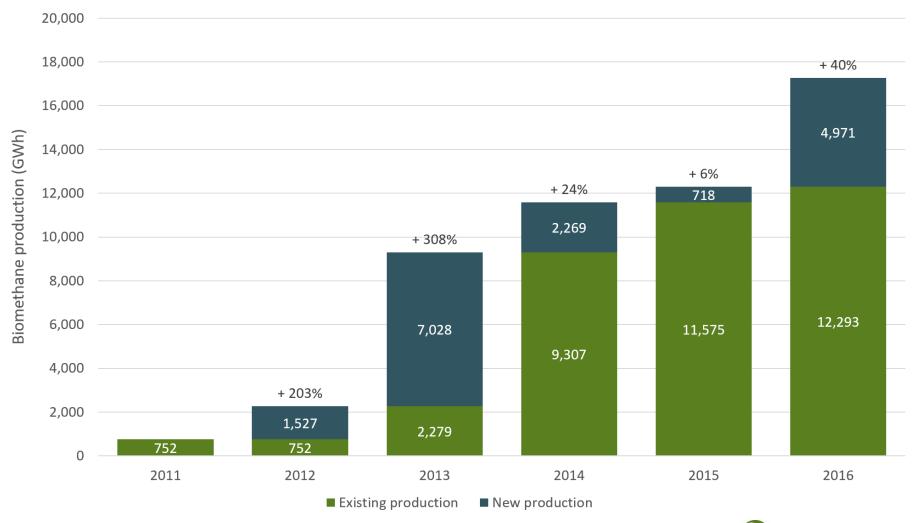


Knowledge grows

Evolution of the number of biogas plants in Europe



Evolution of biomethane production in Europe



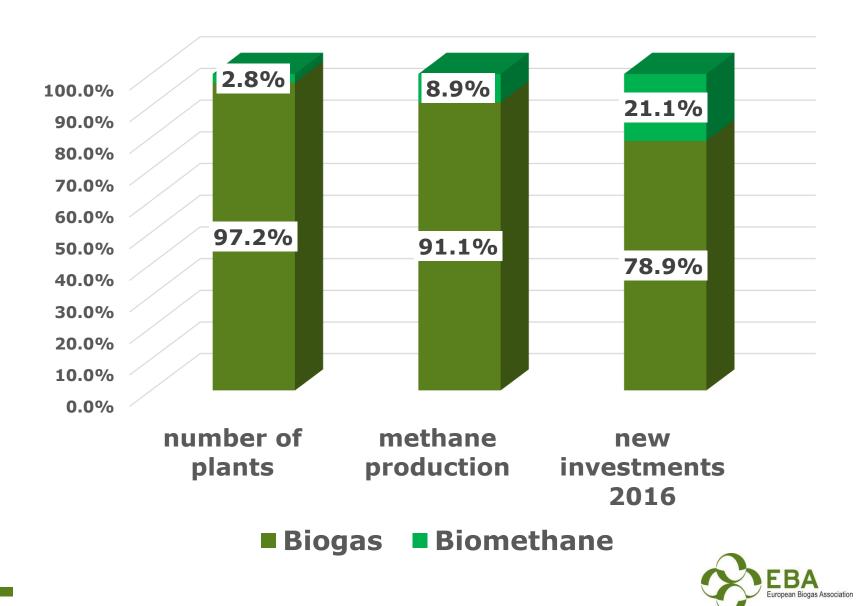


Basic statistical numbers

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	



Biomethane shares



Short-medium term possibilities

- Physical cross-border transactions through the natural gas export pipelines,
- Following the rules of natural gas transportation,
- Guarantee of Origin through registration of the producer and consignments with one of the operating biomethane registries,
- Certification of sustainability (GHG emission characteristics) by one of the EU recognised schemes,
- Market: customers accepting price premium voluntarily (no government subsidies).
- Every project to be handled separately



Medium-long term possibilities

- National biomethane registry joining the European network of registries (GoO issuing bodies),
- Mass-balancing to replace documenting physical crossborder transactions,
- Following the agreed rules of ERGaR,
- Guarantee of Origin through registration of the producer and consignments with the Ukrainian national biomethane registry,
- Certification of sustainability (GHG emission characteristics) by one of the EU recognised schemes,
- Market: customers accepting price premium voluntarily potentially government support for consumption



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



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Велике спасибі за вашу увагу!

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