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# Bio Methane (CNG & LNG) and Waste Treatment

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## Welcome!

Digital global Biogas Cooperation

## Agenda

#### (Time - CEST, PM)

- 1:00 1:05: Welcome and Opening, Moderator
- 1:05 1:25: Biomethane: CNG and LNG
- 1:25 1:40: Q&A
- 1:40 2:00: Biomethane Production & Use in Argentina
- 2:00 2:10: Q&A
- 2:10 2:30: Biowaste to Biogas Technologies
- 2:30 2:45: Q&A + Closing



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## Panelists



Alexey Mozgovoy is staff unit for biomethane since 2017 at the German Biogas Association. He coordinates activities of the GBA related to the usage of biomethane as transportation fuel. He studied gas and energy supply and being working on topics of sustainable energy and fuel supply since over 10 years.



Nicolas Marinelli is responsible of the biogas projects from basic engineer and feasibility, to selection of equipment, detail engineering, dimensioning and start –up of the anaerobic digesters. He has been working in TECNORED ENERGÍA from 2017; Working along with the team on several projects oriented towards social, economic and environmental sustainability though anaerobic digestion.



As a project manager at the Club Biogaz of ATEE, Marion Melix is in charge of agronomic and digestate topics. The Club Biogaz is part of a technical association related to energy and environment (ATEE). The Club has been the inter-professional organization for biogas production, since its creation 1999 by the pioneers of the sector. It brings together the main French actors concerned with biogas and digestate (legal entities, companies, associations).

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## **Biomethane: CNG and LNG**



# The German Biogas Association: our profile



44 employees dedicated to the topic



- Operators of biogas plants
- Equipment manufacturers
- Research institutions
- Public authorities
- Feedstock providers
- Interested individuals

#### Main objective: promotion of the biogas sector

- Definition of legal framework and technical standards
- Exchange of information
- Advocating on regional, national and EU level

# Status Quo biomethane production in Germany and Europe



#### 2016 2017 2018 2019

Biomethane produced, GWh

 Europe
 17,264 19,903 22,787 n.a.

 Germany
 9,257
 9,838
 10,018 ca.
 9,800 (ca.
 660 GWh as CNG II ca.
 6%)

#### Biomethane plants installed, current status, units

*Europe* approx. 700 (estimation leaned on the numbers of EBA from 2018) Germany approx. 220

## Why biomethane?



- Utilisation of bio waste
- Climate protection,
- Defossilizing the economy,
- Reduction of local emissions,
- Cross-sectoral system service:
  - Sector coupling (Power-to-Gas, Combined Heat and Power Generation),
  - Contribution to the biodiversity through the usage of flowering plants for biogas production.

### **Biomethane: general overview**



- Biogas mainly consists of methane and carbon dioxide. It can be upgraded to biomethane, by separation of CO2 molecules + trace gases.
- Biomethane has similar characteristics as natural gas, furthermore its burning characteristics (heating value, Wobbe index, etc.) can be adapted to local natural gas grids conditions, and therefore it can be injected into the natural gas grid.
- Biomethane has all gas utilization routes as natural gas
  - Electricity
  - Heat
  - Vehicle fuel
  - ....
- There are several biogas upgrading technologies on the market
- Additional investment needed
- The bigger the volume rate the specifically cheaper the upgrading process
- Economically feasible only for relatively high volume rates (each case must be calculated separately)

### **Pretreatment of biogas**



In order to avoid the damage of the upgrading unit, a pretreatment of biogas must be done.

- ...includes removal of
- Water (mechanically)
- H<sub>2</sub>S (chemically)
- VOC (mechanically)
- Oxygen I if needed (chemically)
- Particle matters (mechanically)

## **Overview of biogas upgrading technologies**



Basic operations	Process	Separation effect
Adsorption	Pressure-swing-adso rption (PSA)	CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption on a carbon molecular sieve
Absorption	Pressure water scrubbing	Dissolution of $\text{CO}_2$ in water
	Amine-scrubbing	Chemical reaction of CO <sub>2</sub> with Methyldiethanolamine (MEA) or other amine molecules
Membrane gas separation	Polymer membrane gas separation	Membrane permeability of $CO_2$ is higher than that of $CH_4$

## 1. Pressure swing adsorption (PSA)





- Based in the principle that different gas components are attracted differently to specific surfaces (adsorbed) or penetrate to varying degrees into the pores of the material.
- In principle, adsorption is higher at higher pressures and lower temperatures
- Steps
  - Compression of the pre-purified biogas to 2-7 bar (temperature increases). Gas is then cooled down to 70 °C. Smaller CO<sub>2</sub> molecules accumulate to a much greater degree as those from CH<sub>4</sub>.
  - The biomethane is released through the column head.
  - Pressure inside the column is released and CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves from the surfaces, returns to the gas phase and is blown off.
  - The column is filled with biogas again.



## 2. Scrubbing technologies



- Also referred to as absorption, is based on the effect whereby gas components are soluble in different fluids to varying degrees. For example, CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves much better in water than CH<sub>4</sub>
- The most important influential variables result from:
  - Properties of the solvents used
  - Solubility of the gas components
- Differentiation into physical and chemical washes.
  - **Physical scrubbing** methods rely on the physical solubility of gas components in a wash solution **without chemical reaction.**
  - In chemical scrubbing, some gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S) react reversibly with the washing liquid: mixture of water with additives like MEA, DEA, MDEA among others.





## 2. Scrubbing technologies





#### **Physical scrubbing:**

- Takes place at a pressure of 4 to 10 bar
- Water is sprayed from above and the biogas is directed upwards from the bottom of the scrubbing column.
- CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in water and CH<sub>4</sub> remains in the gas.
- The purified gas is suctioned off at the top of the scrubbing column.
- The CO<sub>2</sub> containing water is collected at the bottom of the column and is regenerated in a two-stage procedure.



## 3. Membrane separation





#### **Characteristics**

- Based in the principle of different permeability speeds of different gases. For example, CO<sub>2</sub> has a permeability 20 times higher than CH<sub>4</sub>.
- To speed up the separation process, pressure from 7 20 bar is applied to the process.
   Therefore, no additional compression is required in order to inject the gas into the grid.
- Membranes are usually formed into hollow-fibre polymers, which are combined in a tube bundle to provide maximum surface area.
- To achieve high methane purities, the tube bundles are often connected in two-stage or three-stage cascades.



# Market share of upgrading technologies in Germany / average plant size



- Physical scrubbing [] **38%** [] 552 m<sup>3</sup>/h (biomethane)
- Chemical scrubbing [] 34% [] 564 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- PSA I 19% I 558 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Membranes [] 9% [] 553 m<sup>3</sup>/h



Source: German Biogas Association, 2020

## Market share of upgrading technologies in Europe





Relative use of different upgrading techniques in European countries

Source: EBA. 2019

# Market share of upgrading technologies in Europe



#### Relative use of different upgrading techniques in Europe, 2018



Pressure Swing Adsorption
 Water Scrubber
 Physical Absorption
 Chemical Absorption
 Membrane Separation
 Cryogenic Separation

Unknown

## CNG vs. LNG



#### CNG



- Pressurized methane 200-250 bar
- Ambient temperature
- Relatively low energy density I short distance traffic (passenger busses, cars, LDV, argricultural mashines)
- Total number of vehicles: 90,000 (Germany) / approx. 1.1 million (Italy)

## CNG vs. LNG

















Sources: German Biogas Association, Thies Kruse

## CNG vs. LNG



LNG

- Liquefied methane I minus 162 Grad Celsius
- Approx. ambient pressure (or under 10 bar if stored in the filling station or HDV tank)

LNG

- Relatively high energy density I long distance traffic, heavy weights (lorries, ships)
- Total number of vehicles: ca. 2,500 lorries (Germany)
- Local liquefaction (Scandinavia) vs. central liquefaction (SHELL near Cologne)











### **CNG and LNG filling stations in Europe**





Source: NGVA 2019



## Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

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# Q&A





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# **BIOMETHANE IN ARGENTINA**







- About us.
- Biogas market in Argentina.
- Argentina`s Energy Matrix . Energy transition: present future
- Argentina`s Electrical Matrix
- <u>Available biomass in Argentina.</u>
- Natural Gas consumption in Argentina. CNG and LNG uses.
- Galileo technology to available biomethane.
- Biomethane participation in replacement of natural gas.
- Projections.Draft Biomethane law. Draft provincial biofuels law.







#### **SMART SOLUTIONS**



#### **ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SUSTAINABLE BIOENERGY PROJECTS**



### **BIOGAS MARKET IN ARGENTINA**









#### **INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS**



#### 26.190 / 27.191

REGIME TO PROMOTE THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY

#### **NATIONAL LAWS**



#### **RENOVAR PROGRAM**

MATEMATERIALIZATION OF THE LAW THROUGH THE BIDDING INTERNATIONAL REGIME OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES



## **BIOGAS MARKET IN ARGENTINA**



# **BIOGAS Renovar**

## **44 AWARDED PROJECTS**

27 ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

84 MW AWARDED POWER

+320 Million USD Invested



#### **ARGENTINA ENERGY MATRIX**





# ELECTRIC GENERATION MATRIX NOV 2020

#### PARTICIPATION OF EACH FUEL IN NOV 2020



#### **ENERGY TRANSITION**















FUTURO Energía Limpia Distribuida













### **AVAILABLE BIOMASS IN ARGENTINA**



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#### **OPPORTUNITIES BUENOS AIRES AND ARGENTINA**





#### **AVAILABLE BIOMASS IN ARGENTINA**


#### NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION IN ARGENTINA



SOURCE: ENARGAS, based on data from the Gas Licensees and Users at the wellhead.

## **BIOMASS CONTRIBUTION**



#### **CNG AND LNG USES**



### **EXPERIENCES – GNL - GNC**







THE SAME TECHNOLOGY APPLIED TO NATURAL GAS FROM WELLS IS APPLICABLE TO BIOGAS PRODUCED IN A DISTRIBUTED MANNER AND FROM RENEWABLE SOURCE TO THE USERS



#### FIRST EXPERIENCE 2019: BUS powered by CNG (produced by AGRALE) Destined to the Sustainable Mobility Project in CABA

Heavy Transport – Galileo Technologies experience GNL

## ✔ ARGENTINA HAS ACHIEVED A WIDE DIFFUSION OF THE USE OF NATURAL

- GAS THROUGH THE CONVERSION OF THE VEHICLE FLEET TO CNG
- INCURSION OF LNG IN HEAVY TRANSPORT
- ✔ EXPECTATIONS IN THE SHORT TERM: ACHIEVEMENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUS NETWORK THAT USE CNG







## LINES OF WORK



### DRAFT BIOMETHANE LAW

#### WHAT DOES IT PROPOSE?

*Complement by 2030, 5% of the natural gas of the Distribution Network with BIO-CNG.* 

Gradual Injection of Biomethane to the Gas Pipeline Network Argentina 2019-2030 . In Billon BTU







#### **DRAFT BIOMETHANE LAW** WHAT WOULD IT INVOLVE?

Today it would only imply replacing IMPORTS - BOLIVIA GAS AND LNG - WITHOUT AFFECTING NATIONAL NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION



#### SOURCE: CADER based on data from ENARGAS

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#### **IMPACTS**



Generation of more than 1000 annual jobs in construction

Generation of 6,574 direct jobs and 16,960 indirect jobs in 2030, in O&M

**IMPACTS** 



Investments for USD 4,294 million until 2030 Foreign currency savings of up to USD 613 million annually in imports

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#### DRAFT BIOMETHANE LAW FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS (Illustrative)







#### SANCTION OF THE BIOFUELS LAW IN CÓRDOBA AND SANTA FE



#### 19/11/2020

La Legislatura provincial sancionó la ley de Biocombustibles de Córdoba

La Legislatura Unicameral de la provincia sancionó este martes de la Ley de Promoción y Desarrollo de la Producción y Consumo de Biocombustibles y Bioenergía de Córdoba, que fuera remitido por el Gobernado Juan Schiaretti. AGROVERDAD

Lo apoyaron la mayoría de los bloques, del oficialismo y de la oposición, con un total de 68 votos. Las bancadas minoritarias de la izquierda y ultraizquierda, solo 2 representantes, votaron en contra. Entre quiénes aprobaron en general la ley, algunos representantes no acompañaron o se abstuvieron en artículo en particular.

El proyecto promueve un sistema de incentivos y beneficios fiscales y otro conjunto de iniciativas.

Promoción del consumo local

#### Biocombustibles

Santa Fe aprobó una ley que incentiva el uso de biocombustibles en el agro, el transporte y la logística

Sancionó una norma que establece beneficios impositivos para quienes utilicen biodiésel y etanol.



La provincia quiere reducir la huella de carbono en el transporte y la producción de alimentos a partir de la bioenergia. Reuters / Marcos Brindicci

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Strengthen self-consumption and the promotion of the use of biofuels in freight transport, in public passenger transport, official fleets and in vehicles used in agribusiness

MORE!

## LINES OF WORK

#### DRAFT PROVINCIAL BIOFUELS LAW

QUANTIFICATION OF PROVINCIAL BENEFITS - USE OF BIOMETHANE

✓ CONSUMPTION

JOB

✓ INVESTMENTS

- ✔ REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
- ✓ TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
- REDUCTION OF IMPORTS OF FOSSIL

**FUELS** 

✓ ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS





**SUSTENTABILIT** 









# Thank You!!!

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### Q&A





## OVERVIEW OF THE BIOGAS SECTOR II FRANCE

Marion MELIX Club Biogaz of ATEE Agronomics and digestate



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Represents all types of intakes and valorization

Technical guides  $(CO_2 \text{ Valorization})$ 



Network of industrials, scientists and farmers



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II. TRENDING 2010-2019 III. EVOLUTION OF FEED-IN MARGESTATE AND VERESTER AND

> ASOCIATION TECHNIQUE ENERGIE ENVIRONNEMENT Biogaz





## **J**. ECIFICITIES IN FRANCE ?

### TECHNICAL :

- Farming resources mainly
- Codigestion (agricultural residues and biowaste)
- Development of sequential crops
- Energy crops for biogas production allowed up to 15%

### **OTHER SPECIFICITIES :**

- Interaction of diverse fields of activity (farming, waste, energy)
- Strict environmental and health regulations
- Numerous industrial and agricultural actors with small
  atee Club staff

# Total of plants, 30/09/2020)



## WHAT ABOUT BIOMETHANE INJECTION ?

### **153 agricultural**

#### plants

103 « individual » 50 « collective » 5 biowaste

**11 Agroindustry** 

**11 Landfill** 

**19 Sewage plants** 



## 199 plants



Source : Data from grid operators

# UPGRADING PROCESSES IN



Figure 5: Number of biomethane plants per upgrading technique in 2019

Source :



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# CONTEN TS I OVERVIEW **II. TRENDING 2010-2019 III. EVOLUTION OF FEFD-IN** TARJEESSTATE AND **VEGERSATEON**IVES

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## ERVIEW 2010-2019 / BIOGAS



Figure 1 : Development of number of biogas plants between

2010 and 2019

Source : EBA / Club

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## O ERVIEW 2010-2019 / ELECTRICITY



Figure 2 : Biogas production capacity together with Installed Electric Capacity in

Source : EBA / Club

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## C ERVIEW 2010-2019 / BIOMETHANE



Figure 3: Number of biomethane plants between 2011 and 2019

Source : EBA / Club



Figure 4: Biomethane production in GWh between 2011 and 2019



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## ED-IN TARIFF AND SUBSIDIES

- France started to subsidize its biogas sector with Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariffs in 2001, making revision in 2002, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2020 (pending revision for landfill and sewage plants).
- Producers in France receive support from the French Environment & Energy Management Agency (ADEME) as well as from local authorities for studies and investments.
- Favourable regulatory framework for two decades contributed to the biogas sector's growth






## **HAT CHANGES IN 2021 ?**

- Premium for manure and sewage treatment plants
- > 300 Nm3/h 
   call for tenders in 2021
- 31/12/20 : End of the feed-in tariff for electricity for landfill plants
- Decrease from 1 to 15% of the feed-in tariff depending on projects



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#### **GESTATE PRODUCTION:**



#### CHARACTERISTICS OF DIGESTATE :

To be placed on the market, has to respect regulations of the <u>Rural</u> <u>Code</u>

properties of soils

Modifies the physical, chemical and biological

## improver

#### Fertiliser

Brings nutrients to the crops

#### Source : Voxgaia,

#### Plant biostimulant

Stimulates natural processes in plants (absorption, resistance, etc.)



#### **GESTATE STATUS**:

Type of procedure	Composition	Timeframe	Cost	Responsability	Reglementory status
SPREADING PLAN	All digestates	Redaction of the plan and public inquiry	Depending on surface	To the soil	WASTE
MARKETING AUTHORIZATIO N	All digestates	1 year documentation + 1,5 years for decision	35-60k€	Until cession / sale	PRODUCT
STANDARD NF U-44051	Composted digestate (soil improver) no sewage sludge	Declaration	Analysis, conformity assessment,	Until cession / sale	PRODUCT
STANDARD NF U44-095	Composted digestate (soil improver) containing sewage sludge	Declaration	Analysis, conformity assessment,	To the soil	WASTE
AGRICULTURA L SPECIFICATIO NS	Digestates conforming with the specs (no sewage sludge)	Declaration	Analysis, conformity assessment,	Until cession / sale	PRODUCT
Source : voxgala	<i>i,</i> Digestate CMC4 or CMC5	Depending on	Analysis,	Until cession	RGIE ENVIRONMENTED Biogaz

## **GISLATION AND DIGESTATE**



- Submitted project is very restrictive !
- Still waiting for ANSES (equivalent of EFSA) decision
- decision
   Agronomic values do not reflect the reality of digestate

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digestate
 Many digestates would have to be eliminated



# CONTEN TS I OVERVIEW II. TRENDING 2010-2019 **III. EVOLUTION OF FEED-IN** TARJEESSTATE AND **V. PERSPECTIVES**



## **S** CIAL ISSUES AND PROJECTS

SCAL E	GOALS	MEANS
Local	Reduce the opposition from the populations	Work on public awareness and concertation tools (ongoing)
	Facilitate plant integration	Organize visits for neighbors, schools, etc.
National	Improve the sector visibility	Work on a national « all audience » website (ongoing)
	Communicate efficiently on all the aspects of the biogas sector from a scientific point of view	Creation of a national scientific website : InfoMétha.org
	Make recruiting easier	Production of a « job guide » for the biogas sector, develop new vocational trainings
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# OAL 1 : MORE BIOMETHANE IN THE GRIBUT HOW MUCH ?

• 2015 : French Act on Energy Transition for "Green Growth"

10% of injected gas is biomethane in 2030 (vs 1%
•t∂@a9): Pluriannual Energy Programme (PPE) :
7% of biomethane injected in 2030.



## GOAL 2: REDUCE THE COSTS !

- 2019 : Pluriannual Energy Programme (PPE) □ decrease in public support : >100€/MWh □ target 75 €/MWh in 2023.
- Creation of a "Sector Strategic Committee on Competitiveness and Innovation" to work on cost effectiveness.



#### **R** D II TRANSPOSITION IN FRANCE

#### Strong sustainability obligations for plants > 2 MW or 17.5 GWh/year





#### THE WAY FORWARD:

#### The biogas sector has to remain sustainable!





Manages animal dejections

Produces renewable energy

Ø

Recycles organic matter



Develops agriculture with less fossil fuels



Protects the environment

Club

Biogaz

#### Defining issues :

- Integrate biogas production in agroecosystems
- Reduce economic and environmental costs
- Demonstrate the profitability of the sector ("positive externalities")
- Establish new territorial dynamics in favor of a circular economy integrating biogas plants.

## Thank you for your attention.





#### Q&A



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