

Digital Matchmaking: Finding suitable partners for biogas projects around the globe

DiBiCoo launches its Biogas and Gasification Matchmaking Platform

Global leaders have committed to deploy higher shares of renewable energy, including biogas, in their countries and to accelerate the global transition to a circular economy as measures to fight climate change during COP26. "Although clean and affordable energy is urgently needed, many countries in the world lack key technologies as well as know-how to implement sustainable biogas projects. This is where <u>DiBiCoo</u> can build a bridge," says Bernhard Wlcek of the Austrian Energy Agency, a partner in the Horizon 2020 project "Digital Global Biogas Cooperation" (DiBiCoo).

The DiBiCoo consortium, connecting 13 organisations from Europe, Argentina, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia and South Africa, has reached a milestone with the release of the free of charge available Biogas and Gasification Matchmaking Platform. The digital business-tobusiness platform serves to establish sustainable international business relationships. Project developers around the world can use the platform to find business partners for project realisation of their innovative ideas easily and under fair market conditions.

The global map shows in which countries and regions companies are active. Users can also browse through the continuously growing company database with already over 180 registered biogas and gasification companies by setting individual filters that suit their needs best. In the section "Business opportunities",

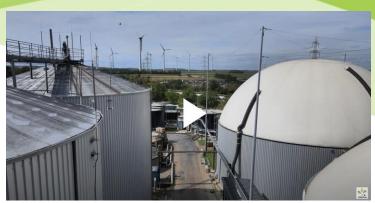


stakeholders can present and advertise biogas and gasification projects by getting in contact with suitable partners. A knowledge base provides factsheets, reports, and other valuable material about the sector.

"DiBiCoo's new matchmaking platform is an excellent way to reduce distances between technology providers and users. It is also a new possibility for companies in different countries to promote their products and knowhow enhancing collaboration south", says Jorge A. Hilbert, Agr. Eng., Institute of Agricultural Technology, summarizing the advantages of the platform for the Argentine biogas market.



Another key advantage: The platform is open-source and can therefore easily be adapted to other renewable energy technologies like solar, hydro, geothermal, or wind energy. The source code is freely available for download along with a technical manual. Interested organisations can easily duplicate the platform's functionality and structure and adapt it to their sector's needs.



Video: DiBiCoo virtual study tour to an Austrian biogas plant

The matchmaking platform provides unique digital infrastructure to continue improving cooperation for the deployment of biogas and is thus a prerequisite for successful future renewable energy projects all over the world. DiBiCoo is already reaching out to other markets with high biogas potential in Asia, Africa and Latin America to expand this cooperation to other areas at global level and to facilitate worldwide networking.

Contact

If you are interested to establish a matchmaking platform for your RE sector and would like to receive the source code, please get in touch with the DiBiCoo project. If the platform could be useful for your network, please feel free to encourage your partners, relevant stakeholders, companies and organizations from the biogas and gasification sector to register on the platform, to create a company profile and to upload a business opportunity to find suitable business partners around the world.

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About DiBiCoo

The Digital Global Biogas Cooperation (DiBiCoo) project is part of the EU's Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 'Secure, clean and efficient energy', and is implemented by a consortium of 13 organizations from eight countries. The overall objective of the project is to prepare markets in Argentina, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, and South Africa for the uptake of sustainable biogas/biomethane technologies from Europe. DiBiCoo aims to mutually benefit importing and exporting countries through facilitating dialogue between European biogas industries and biogas stakeholders or developers from emerging and developing markets. The consortium works to advance knowledge transfer and experience sharing to improve local policies that allow increased market uptake. This will be facilitated through the guidance of 5 demo cases up to the investment stage, as well as a digital matchmaking platform and a capacity development program for improved networking, information sharing, and technical/financial competences.



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