

EBA Newsletter 1-09

EBA news

1. The EBA website is now launched and can be visited under: www.european-biogas.eu
2. EBA membership has constantly grown after its creation in February 2009. New members since its foundation are national biogas associations from France (2), Luxembourg, Sweden, UK, a public institution from Ireland and the first company from the Netherlands.
3. EBA has joined the European Renewable Energy Federation (EREF- www.eref-europe.org) and the Biowaste Alliance to further intensify the exchange with other associations and to strengthen forces to influence European policy
4. EBA is partner of two project proposals within the IEE-Programme (BOOST and BiogasIN). Both are designed to develop biogas in emergent European countries.
5. Save the date: the next general assembly will take place within the 19th Annual Conference of the German Biogas Association in Leipzig, Germany, 2-4 February 2010.

Biogas news

1. As a result of the bio-waste conference in Brussels, 9-10 June 2009, the Council of the European Union asks that the need for EU legislation especially in relation to recycling of biodegradable waste by composting and energy recovery in biogas stations with subsequent recycling of the digestate should be considered by the European Commission. The European Commission now has to come up with a proposal for EU legislation. The document can be found here: <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st11/st11462.en09.pdf>

For more information on the discussion about biowaste and the latest developments please visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/compost/index.htm>

2. The EU gives green light for the implementation of important parts of the Ökostromgesetznovelle II 2008 (amendment of the green electricity act) in Austria. Read more here: http://www.kompost-biogas.info/index.php?option=com_acajoom&act=mailing&task=view&listid=17&mailingid=61&Itemid=99
3. Sweden develops national biogas strategy. Sweden has commissioned its energy agency to develop a national policy for the production, distribution and use of biogas as a vehicle fuel, as part of a move towards its target of the country's cars being fossil fuel-free by 2030. Although the focus of the strategy is on biogas as a fuel, the policy is also expected to have a large impact on other energy uses of biogas. Read more here: <http://www.bioenergy-business.com/index.cfm?section=lead&action=view&id=12225>
4. European Commission approves state aid to transport sector in France. According to this new law, the French state will grant subventions for the acquisition of urban NGVs, such as buses and garbage trucks. More information can be found here: <http://www.ngvaeurope.eu/franceczech-rep-european-commission-approves-state-aid-to-transport-sector>