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REGATRACE (Renewable GAs TRAdE Centre in Europe) aims to create an efficient trade system based on issuing and trading biomethane/renewable gases Guarantees of Origin (GoO). This will

strongly contribute to the uptake of the European common biomethane market.

News from the biomethane world

The Revision of CEN-EN 16325 and the development of a multi-energy carrier GO system

As part of the implementation of RED II, the European Standard CEN-EN 16325 is getting an upgrade to develop an accurate, reliable and fraud-resistant system of Guarantees of Origin (GO) for electricity, gas including hydrogen and heating & cooling.

This revised standard is to be issued as part of a rigorous process supervised by CEN CENELEC through its working group JTC14 WG5 gathering national delegations from the 34 European CEN-CENELEC member countries.

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The European Biomethane Map 2020 shows a 51% increase of biomethane plants in Europe in two years.

The European Biogas Association (EBA) and Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) have released the second edition of the 'European Biomethane Map'. The analysis of the data collected shows that the number of biomethane plants in Europe has increased by 51% in 2 years, from 483 in 2018 to 729 in 2020.

There are currently 18 countries producing biomethane in Europe. Germany has the highest share of biomethane plants (232), followed by France (131) and the UK (80).

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News from the project

A stable and reliable European market for biomethane

15 partners from 10 different European countries, supported by other key players acting as third parties, joined their forces in the REGATRACE project to contribute to the uptake of the European common biomethane market. Produced from waste or residual streams of organic materials, biomethane can be transmitted and stored in large quantities in existing infrastructures, facilitating the decoupling of the energy systems from fossil fuels.

[Read the press release](#)

Mapping the state of play of biomethane in Europe

REGATRACE developed a research on the state of play of the biomethane market in Europe. The report provides a general European overview, together with an in-depth mapping at country level of 23 European countries covered by the project.

[Read the full report here](#)

Country news

IRELAND

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First Renewable Gas injection point commences commercial operations

Ireland's first Renewable Gas injection project begins commercial operations after being officially declared an entry point in May 2020.

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Irish Green Gas Registry

Work on the first Green Gas Registry in Ireland is nearing completion with the system expected to go-live in July of 2020. The registry will issue a 'Renewable Gas Certificate' for grid injected biomethane and two different tracking methods will be applied.

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Focus on Regatrace countries

AUSTRIA

New federal government: Anticipation for new legislative framework for renewable energy carriers in Austria

The new government, compiled of the Austrian Peoples Party (ÖVP, die neue Volkspartei) and the Austrian Green Party (die Grünen), started its work in early January 2020. In the governmental programme, the target "combating climate change and compliance with Paris climate goals" is listed as the 2nd of eight official targets

AUSTRIA

Sector coupling in Austria: potential and initiatives

The Austrian federal government plans to reach climate neutrality by 2040. The Austrian energy sector must contribute to this target by achieving significant greenhouse gas emission reductions by exploiting the potentials of renewable and sustainable resources in Austria and by connecting/combining established infrastructure such as energy grids and storages.

indicating Austria's commitment to tackling climate change.

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GERMANY

German Federal Council extends motorway toll exemption

The German Federal Council's (Bundesrat) decided to extend the motorway toll exemption for Compressed and Liquefied Natural Gas (CNG and LNG) heavy-duty trucks over 7.5 tons until December 31st, 2023. The toll exemption provides freight forwarders with additional financial advantages and improved return on their investment.

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ITALY

Agroecology and new "green" agenda: the new features of the 2020 Italian Budget Law

GERMANY

Biomethane produced from 48 biogas plants

In the city of Bitburg in Germany, a newly built biogas pipeline will soon bundle raw biogas supplies of up to 48 biogas plants from the German region. The 45 kilometer-long pipeline will transport the renewable energy source to a central upgrading plant at the Bitburg commercial, service and leisure center area. There, it will be refined into biomethane.

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ITALY

First cubic meter of agricultural biomethane fed into the grid

The 2020 Budget Law has introduced important measures in favour of agroecology, also thanks to the Government's renewed "green" agenda, more related to the climate crisis, energy transition and soil protection. This is an important result achieved also thanks to the CIB's proactive institutional work.

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LITHUANIA

Lithuania following COVID-19: Investment that will change economic DNA

The plan of the Ministry of Finance that is currently in public consultation stage and not yet confirmed by the Government, identifies 5 priorities which are proposed to focus on – human capital, digital economy and business, innovation and research, economic infrastructure as well as climate change and energy. What concerns climate change and energy, the focus is on increased use of renewable energy sources (RES).

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Interview with Francesco Crivelli

The first cubic meter of biomethane from agricultural biomasses has been injected into the grid. This is happening on the outskirts of Milan. Francesco Crivelli discusses the project, its challenges and opportunities.

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LITHUANIA

Second public consultation for the draft of Alternative Fuel Act

In May 2020, second public consultation for the draft of Alternative Fuel Act was announced in Lithuania. The main goal of proposed new legislation is to achieve 15% share of renewable energy sources (RES) in transport sector in 2030. It is foreseen that natural gas together with biomethane will be one of top 3 main drivers of this transformation.

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POLAND

PGNiG plans to engage in biogas and biomethane

Polskie Górnictwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo SA (PGNiG) is the most active company in Poland engaged in the exploration and extraction of natural gas and oil, gas import, as well as, through key subsidiaries, storage, sales, distribution of gas and liquefied fuels and the production of heat and electricity.

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POLAND

Biogas has the highest reference prices in 2020

In the Official Journal, the Regulation of the Minister of Climate of 24 April 2020 on the reference price of electricity from renewable energy sources in 2020 and the periods for producers who won the auctions in 2020 was published. The highest reference price is given for installations with a total installed electrical capacity of less than 500 kW using exclusively agricultural biogas for electricity generation from high-efficiency cogeneration.

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ROMANIA

4.6% increase in green car sales in Romania in the first 4 months

Sales of green cars in Romania increased 4.6% in the first four months of the year, compared to the same period in 2019, according to data from the Association of Car Manufacturers

ROMANIA

Natural gas production in Romania, in danger

The obligation to supply natural gas on the centralized markets in Romania according to the ANRE order 79/2020 with subsequent amendments and completions generates a series of negative effects on the natural gas

and Importers (APIA). The share and hybrid cars in the total local car market reached 5.7%, in the analyzed period, above the level of similar interval of last year, when it was of 4%.

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ESTONIA

Sweden's experiences are compatible with our needs, too

In early March, Sweden's biogas association hosted Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians in Uppsala. The local biogas generation plant Uppsala Vatten was introduced to the attendees, and the infrastructure and safety of gas buses and trucks were discussed based on Sweden's experience.

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SPAIN

market, FGGP (the Oil and Gas Employers' Federation) claims.

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BELGIUM

Public consultation process for the Biogas/Biomethane roadmap in Spain

The Biogas/Biomethane roadmap aims to be the tool that guides and promotes the deployment and development of renewable gas in Spain. Key players including NEDGIA, the gas distributor of Naturgy Group, are working on their feedback for the consultation process opened by the Government.

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Flanders launches official registry system for biomethane

At the end of 2018, the first biomethane plant in Flanders started injecting biomethane in the gas grid. This first injection created a need for a registry system to guarantee the origin of the biomethane and avoid double counting.

(source: *Biogas-E*)

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Meet the consortium!

The REGATRACE consortium is composed by 15 partners from 10 countries (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Spain) working together to provide support for the biomethane market uptake.



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