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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

Gas for Climate published an analysis on 'Job creation scaling up renewable gas in Europe'

The report shows that Renewable and low-carbon gases, combined with large quantities of renewable electricity, are essential to achieving a climate-neutral EU energy system.

According to the analysis, this renewable energy system will have significant benefits in creating employment opportunities, especially in rural areas where employment opportunities are often scarce.

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Study published on the impact of the use of the biomethane and hydrogen potential on trans-European infrastructure

With the aim at obtaining a better picture on the potential of biomethane and hydrogen to contribute to the decarbonisation of the EU energy system, the study develops three explorative scenarios, each focused on strong end-use of one of three considered energy carriers: electricity, methane or hydrogen. A special focus is given to the role of the gas infrastructure in the EU energy transition.

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News from the project

2nd Target Workshop for the set-up of registries and integration into the European network

On 5 December 2019, the second Target Workshop of the REGATRACE project was held in Milan, Italy, with participants from REGATRACE's partners and from the stakeholders of the biomethane market in Italy. The aim of the workshop was to provide inputs, to facilitate the set-up of national registries on biomethane/renewable gases Guarantees of Origin, and to support the development of the market.

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Guidelines for establishing national biomethane registries

The development of a biomethane market is complex and requires professional experts and tools in order to not only establish trust in the market but also expand production. REGATRACE provides comprehensive guidelines for the establishment of national biomethane/renewable gas registries where they do not yet exist in European countries.

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Country news

AUSTRIA

Renewable Energy Directive recast: partly implementation in Austria

The Renewable Energy Directive recast (RED II), which has to be implemented into national legislation by mid of 2021, poses several issues and tasks to the Austrian gas market concerning the integration of renewable gases. AGCS Biomethane Registry Austria pro-actively prepares its internal systems and procedures as well as its market participants for the upcoming/imminent changes.

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AUSTRIA

National Council declares climate emergency

On the 26th of September 2019, a resolution proposal was discussed in the national council, following the demand of the Austrian parties ÖVP, SPÖ, NEOS and JETZT having a seat in the national parliament. Only a few days before national elections, this proposal was accepted with large majority.

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GERMANY

First bio-waste to biomethane plant in Germany

The new biomethane plant in Sinsheim operated by MVV, a German energy provider, and AVR, a waste recycling company, has recently fed the first biomethane produced from bio-waste into the German grid.

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GERMANY

Greenhouse gas savings from biofuels are rising

Biodiesel, bioethanol and biomethane together saved around 9.5 million tons of CO₂ in 2018 in Germany. They avoided more than 20% more emissions than in 2017, when the reported savings amounted to 7.7 million tons of CO₂. This emerges from [a published report of the Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food \(BLE\)](#).

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ITALY

Biomethane Decree | GSE publishes new application procedures

The GSE has published on its website the NEW Application Procedures of the DM 2 March 2018 (so-called Biomethane Decree) which replaces the previous ones.

The document provides more details and clarifications on the incentive mechanism and introduces some changes to overcome some critical issues that emerged in the first year of implementation of the Decree.

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ITALY

Inauguration of the first agro-industrial biomethane plant

Interview with Fabio Baldazzi - General Manager CAVIRO

Fabio Baldazzi, General Manager at CAVIRO, gives an insight on the various stages in the realization of the first Italian biomethane plant within the agro-industrial cycle.

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LITHUANIA

Lithuania opens new opportunities for the development of green gas market

In promoting green gas production in Lithuania, the natural gas transmission system operator Amber Grid will start providing businesses with guarantees of origin for gas produced from renewable energy sources. This is provided in the Order of the Minister of Energy that was signed in May this year.

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LITHUANIA

Amber Grid participates in the development of a common EU framework for the exchange of Renewable Gas GoO

In creating conditions for the development of green gas in Lithuania, the natural gas transmission system operator Amber Grid joins a European Association developing a European system for exchange between states of Renewable Gas Guarantees of Origin – the ERGaR (European Renewable Gas Registry).

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ESTONIA

New Trend: Alternative fuels in heavy-duty vehicles

A wider choice of alternative fuels has made its way to the transportation and logistics sector and today many heavy-duty CNG vans, trucks and buses are available in the domestic market.

(published on *Tehnikamaailm* November issue)

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POLAND

KIB and UPEBI together for the benefit of biomethane sector

The Polish Chamber of Biofuels (KIB) and the Union of Biogas Industry Producers and Employers (UPEBI) decided to undertake joint activities aimed at practical launch of biomethane production in Poland.

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SPAIN

The European ECO-GATE consortium starts the injection and distribution of renewable gas in the NEDGIA network

The European ECO-GATE Consortium, co-financed by the European Union and led by NEDGIA, the gas distributor of the Naturgy group, has initiated test injection and distribution of the renewable gas generated at the Butarque wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in the NEDGIA distribution network.

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BELGIUM

Guarantees of Origin system in Belgium

In Belgium the regions (Wallonia, Flanders and Brussels) are competent for development of guarantees of origin and the legislation in the regions is far different. In Wallonia the system of "label de garanti d'origine" for electricity has been converted for biomethane by the Wallonian administration to be compliant with the RED II directive.

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IRELAND

The first Irish Green Gas Registry to go live in 2020

Work on the implementation of the first Green Gas Registry in Ireland is progressing with the system expected to go-live in Q1 of 2020. The

registry will issue a 'Green Gas Certificate' for grid injected biomethane and two different tracking methods will be applied.

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IRELAND

Integrated business case for biomethane in Ireland

Recent KPMG research into the business case for an AD biomethane industry in Ireland has validated the Renewable Gas Forum Ireland's ambition to develop a sustainable indigenous biomethane industry in Ireland. The report highlighted that 12% of current gas demand in the country could be supplied through an indigenous agri lead AD industry on a phased basis between now and 2030.

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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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