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# Biomethane potential and evolutions in Belgium

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# Biogas-E



Expertise platform for anaerobic digestion in Flanders

→ Sustainable development of biogas sector

- Knowledge transfer
- Sector development
- Policy support
- Network
- More info: [www.biogas-e.be/english](http://www.biogas-e.be/english)





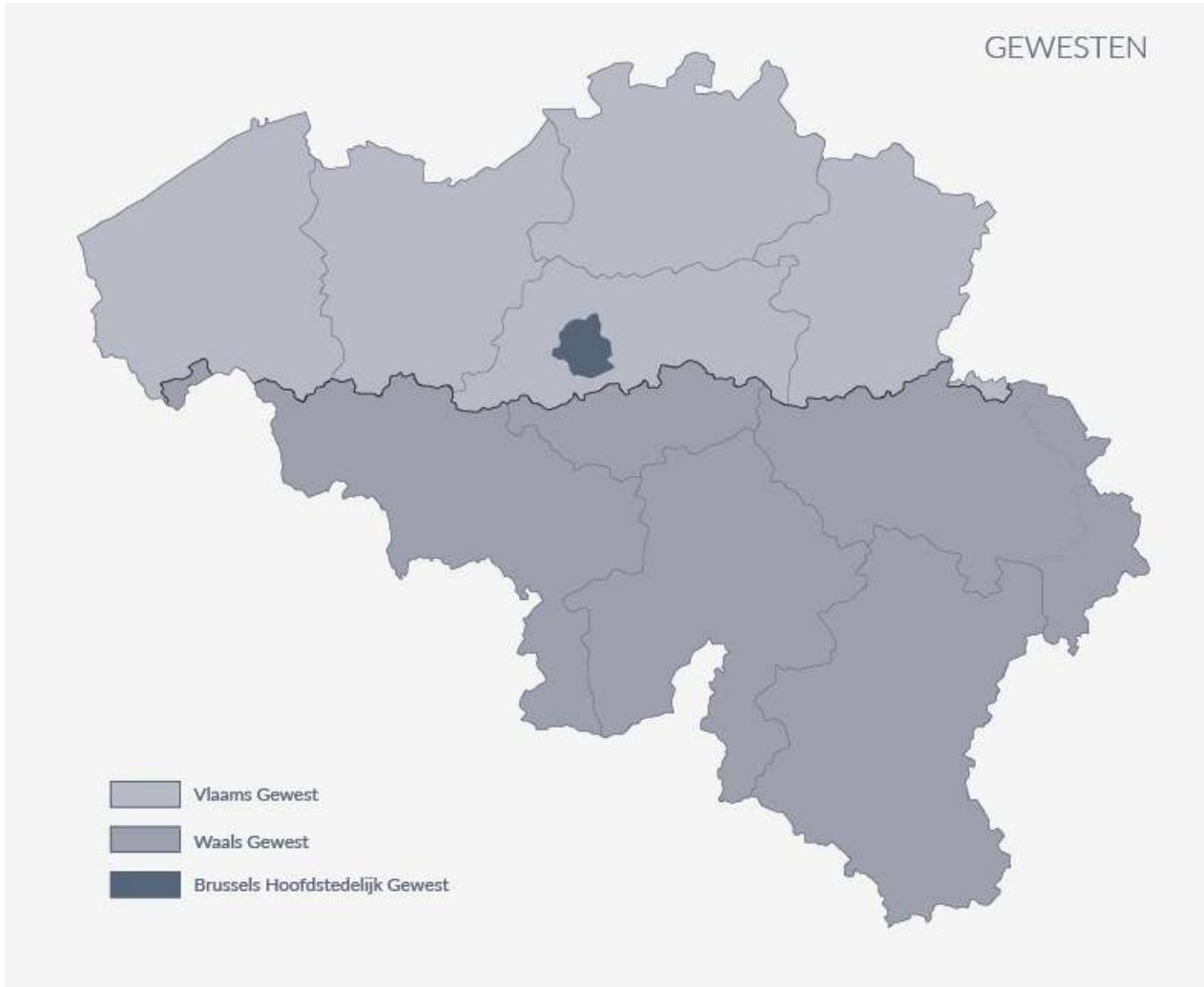
# Presentation



- Biogas sector in Belgium
- Biomethane potential
- Roadmap biomethane
- Prospects biomethane



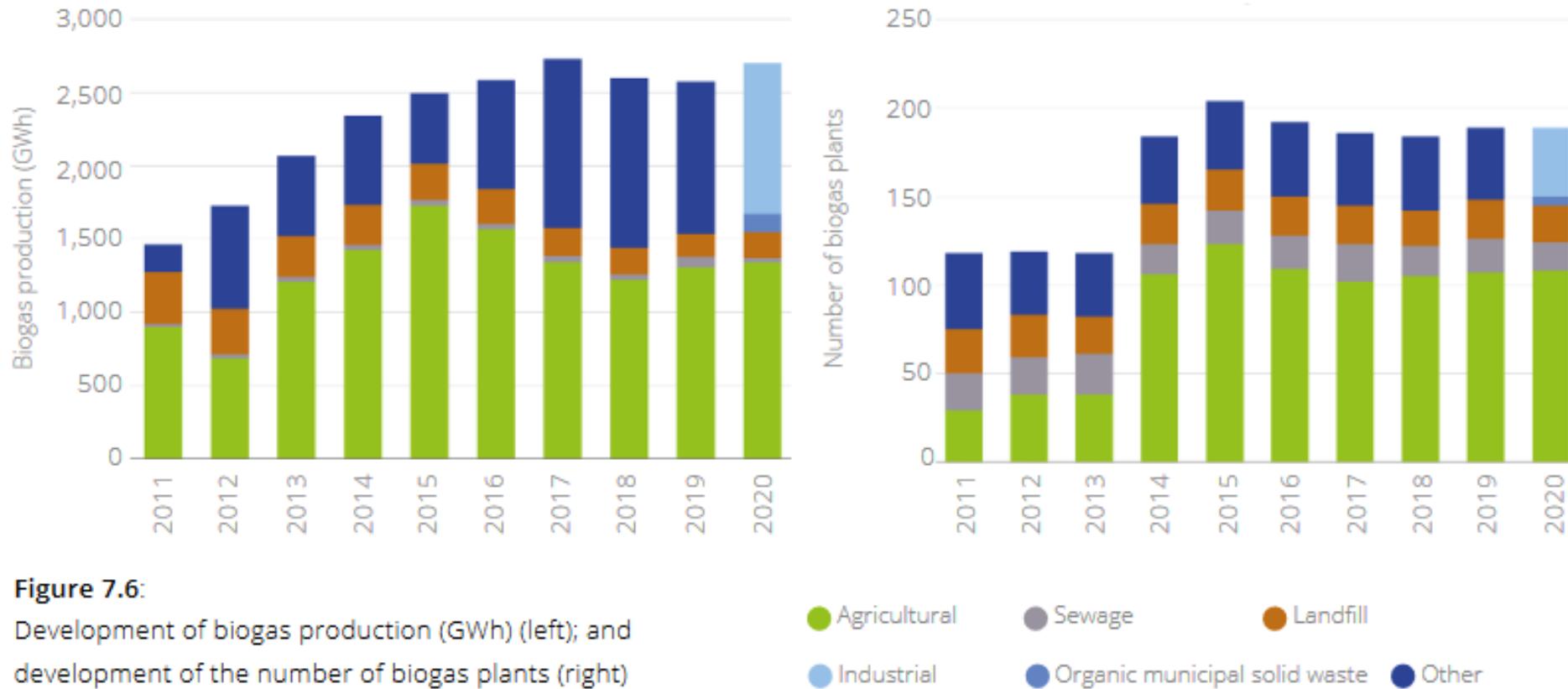
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- Responsibilities regions:
  - environment
  - mobility
  - infrastructure
  - energy
  - agriculture
  - ...
- ‘land-bound’



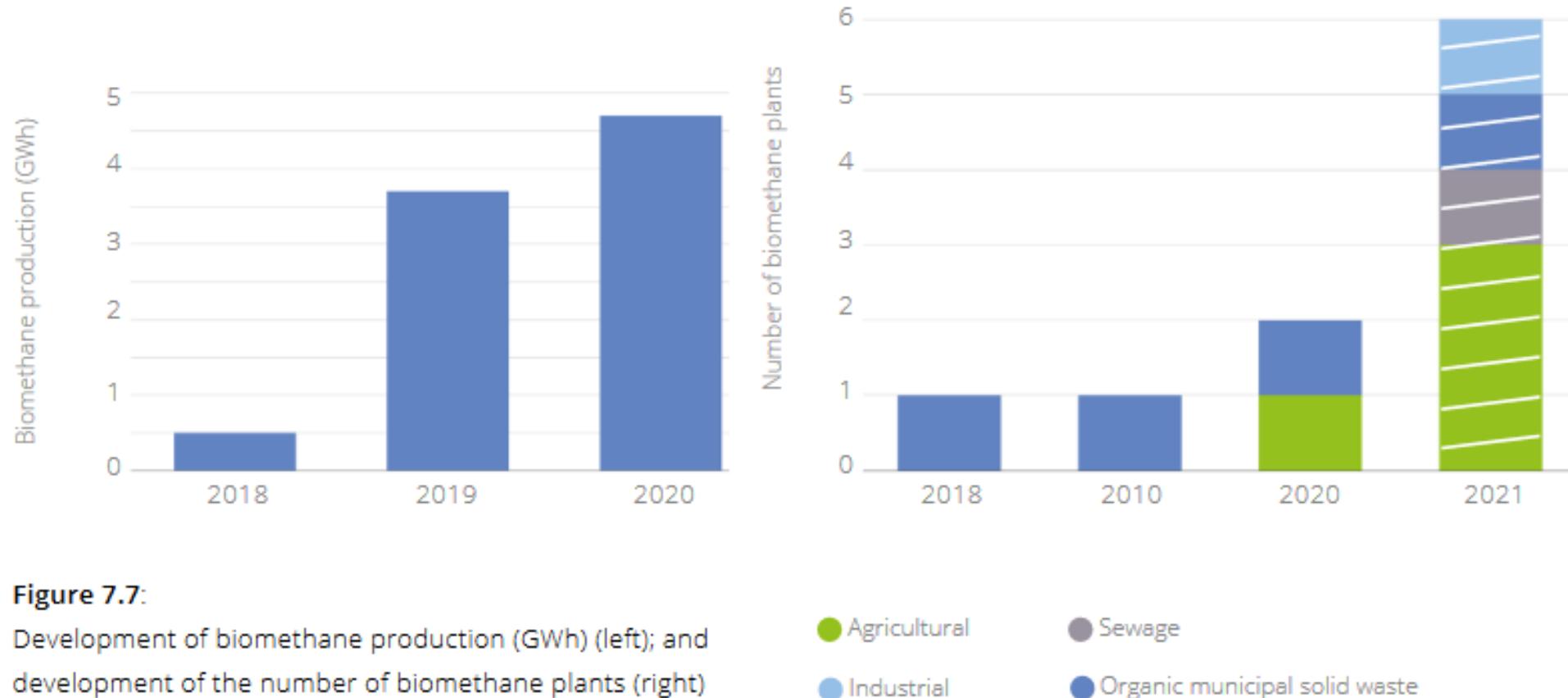
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**Figure 7.6:**  
Development of biogas production (GWh) (left); and  
development of the number of biogas plants (right)

● Agricultural      ● Sewage      ● Landfill  
● Industrial      ● Organic municipal solid waste      ● Other

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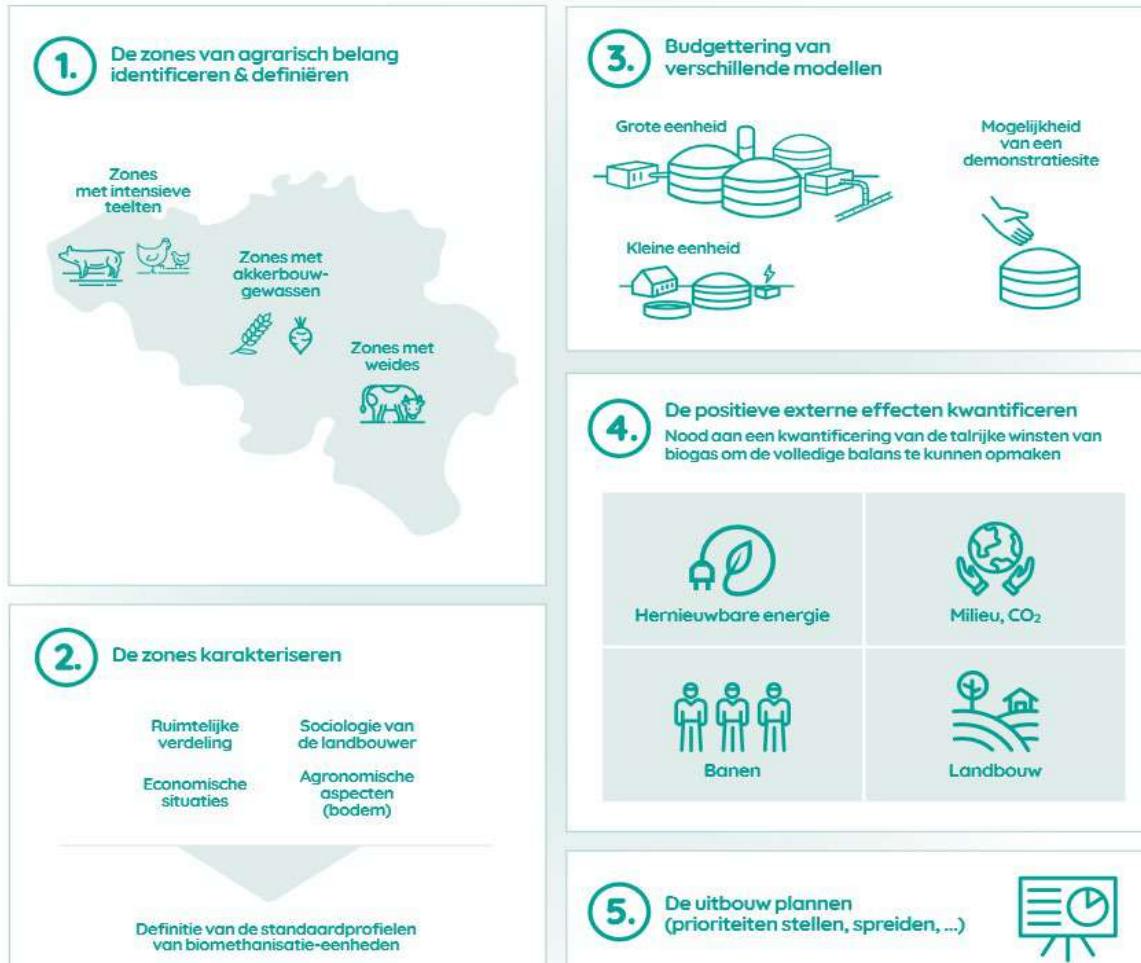
**Figure 7.7:**  
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development of the number of biomethane plants (right)

Source: EBA statistical report 2021



# Biomethane potential

## Deep Dive Study



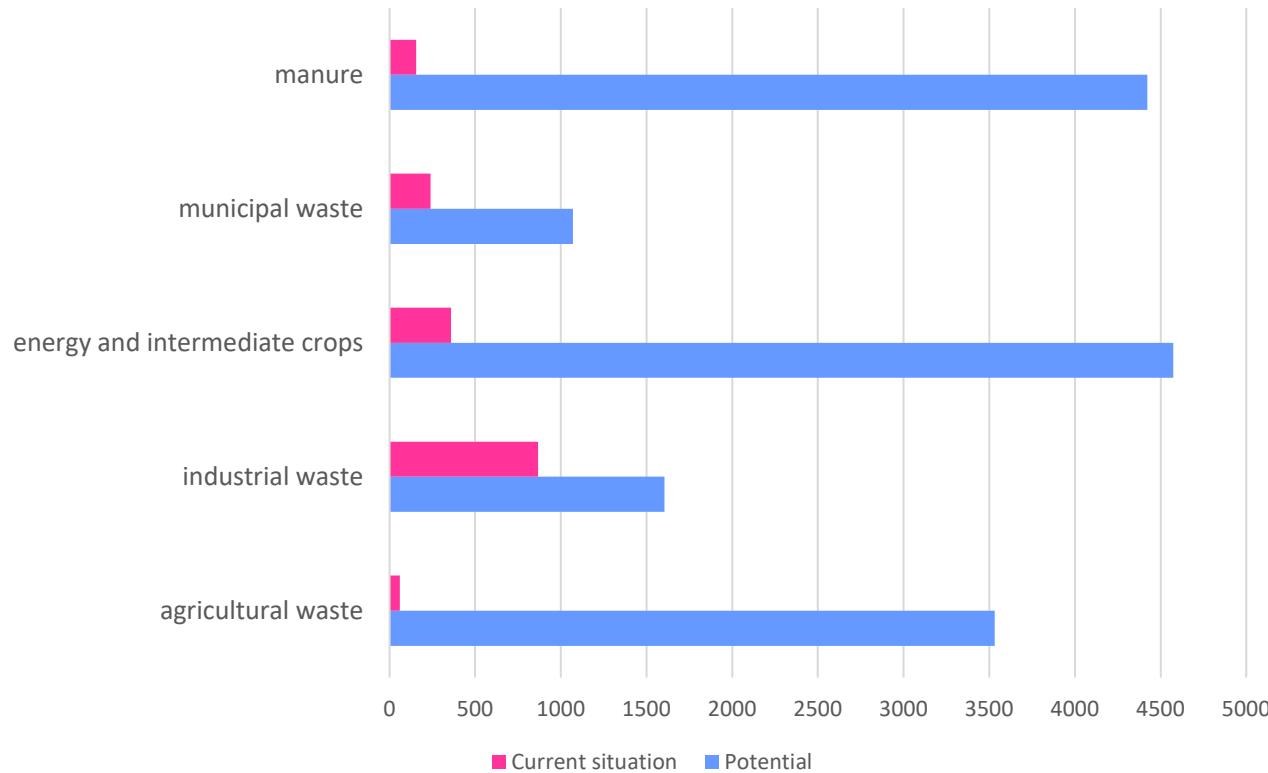
1. Identification of relevant agricultural zones
2. Characterisation of agricultural zones
3. Economic analysis
4. Quantification of positive externalities
5. Development roadmap



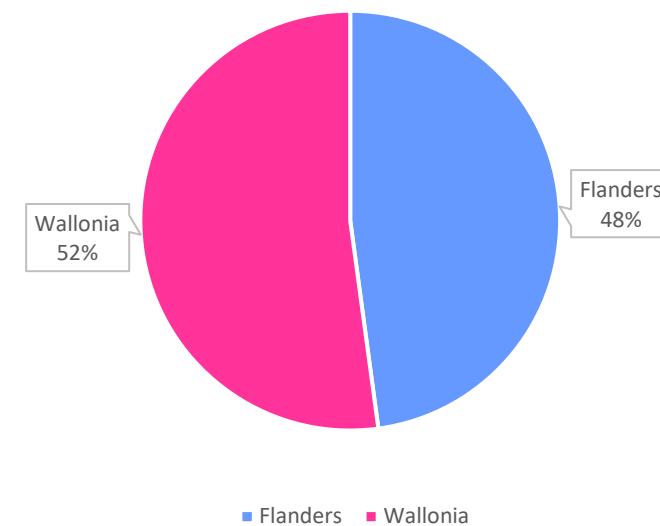


# Biomethane potential

Current and potential energy production (GWh)



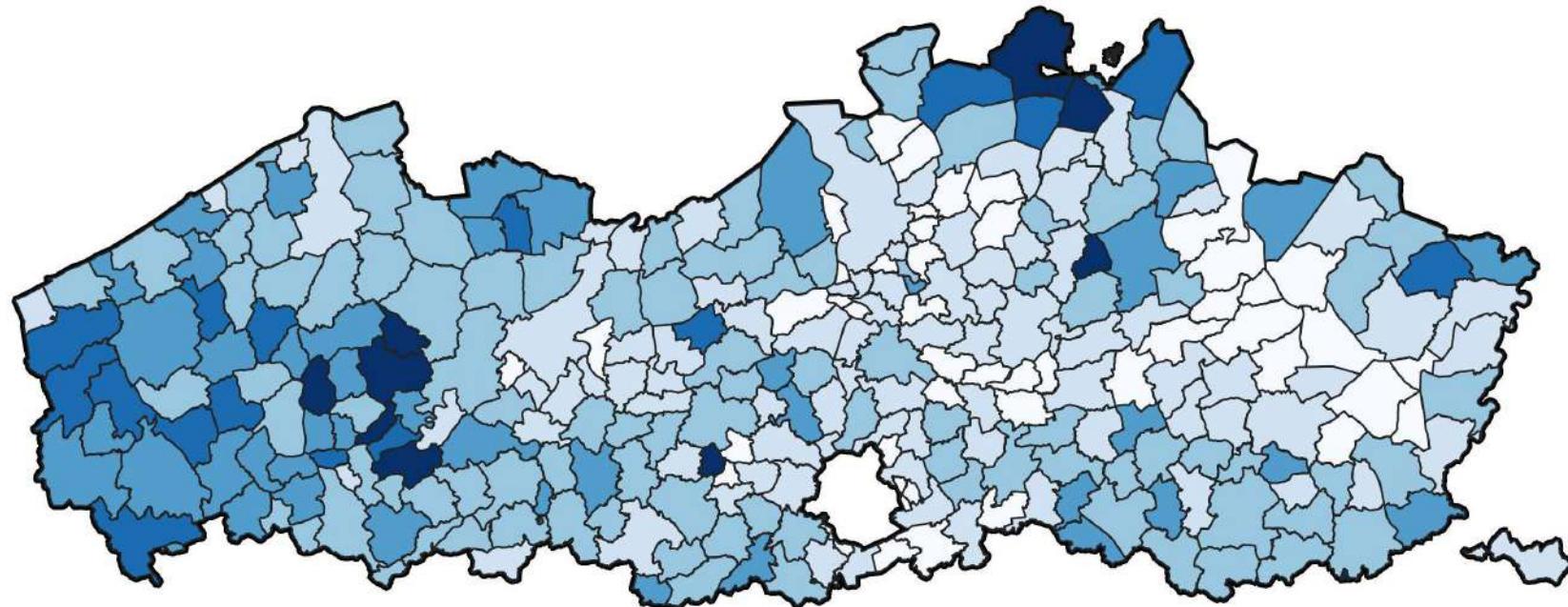
Potential energy production (GWh)



Total = 15,2 TWh



# Biomethane potential

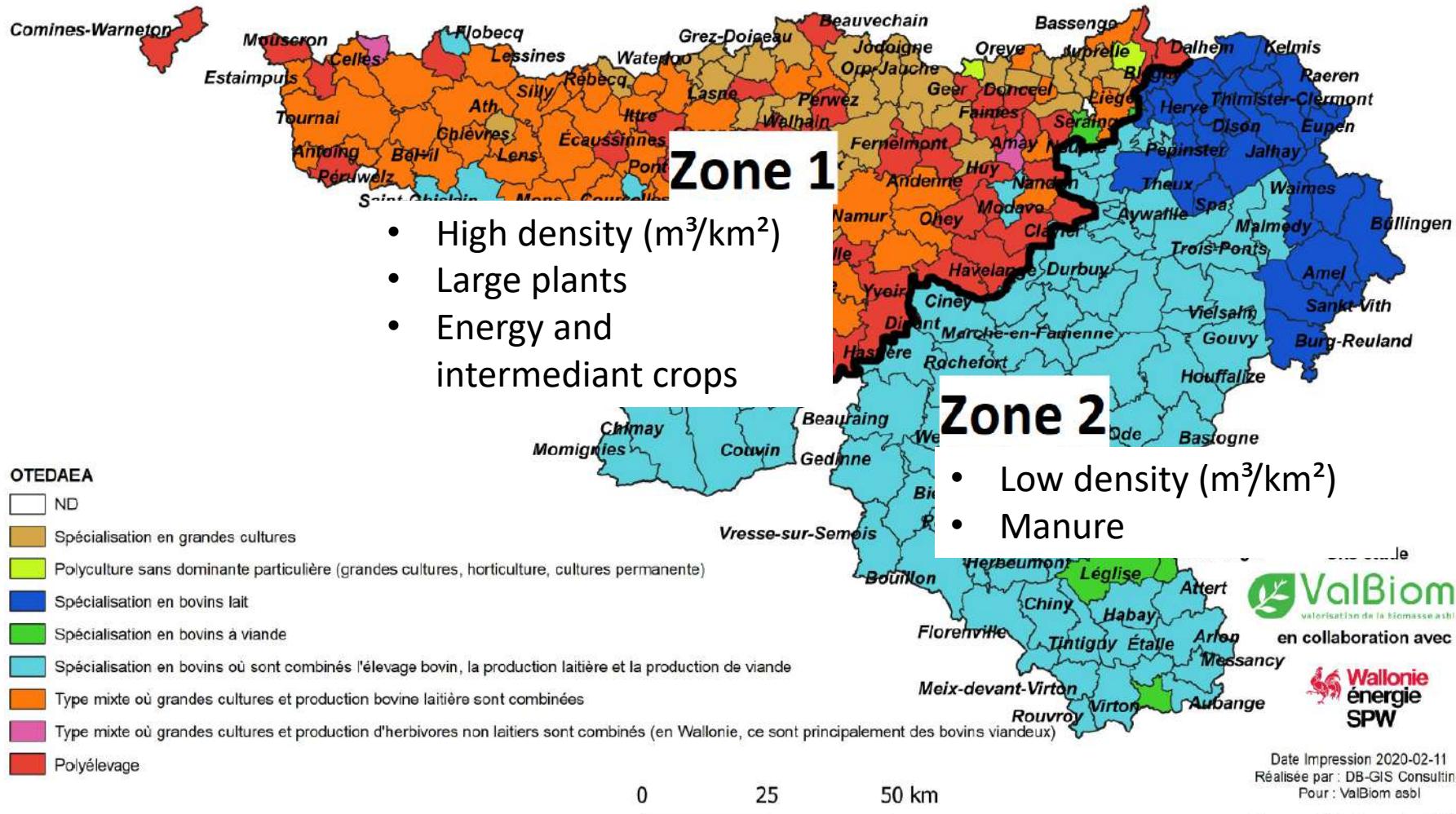


**Biomethaanproductie (Nm<sup>3</sup>/km<sup>2</sup>)**

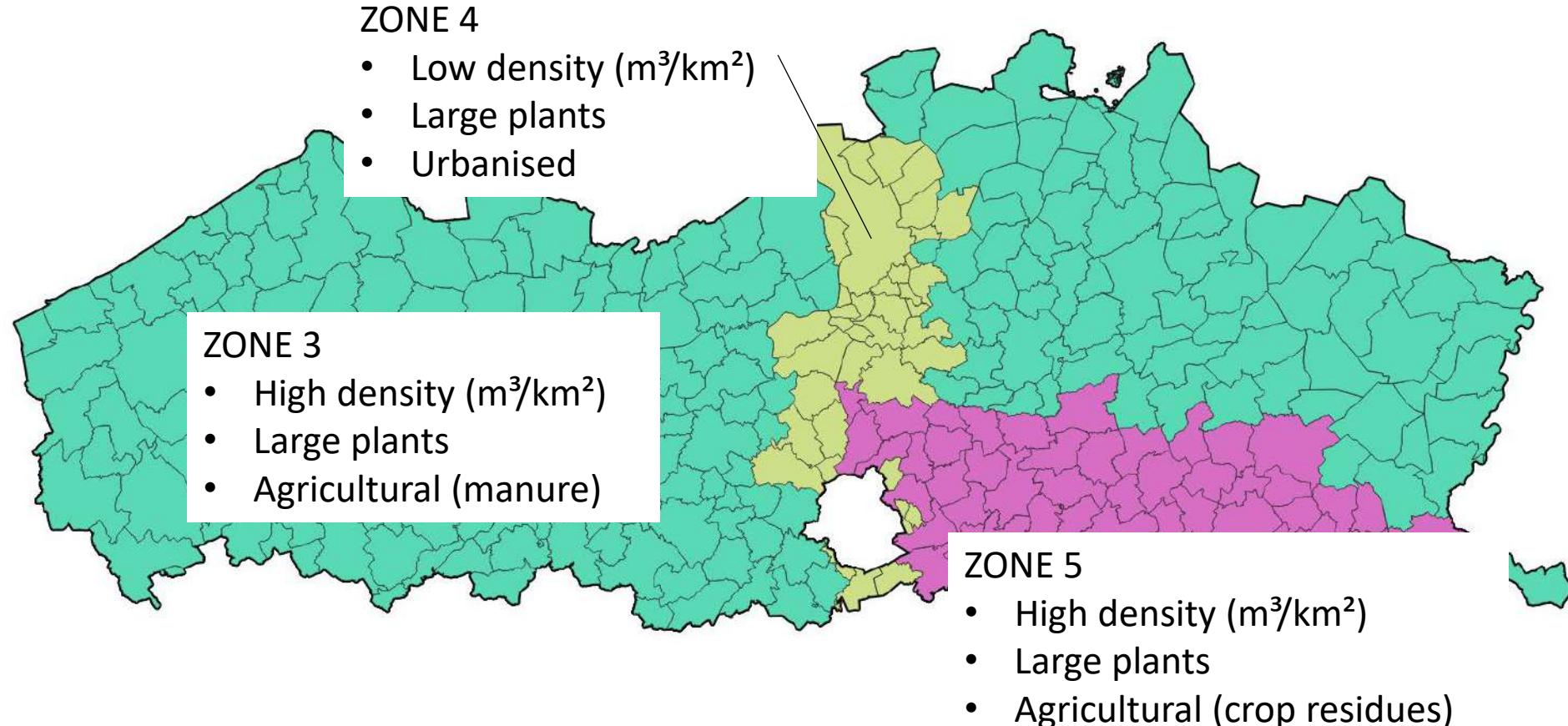
- 0 - 20.000
- 20.000 - 40.000
- 40.000 - 60.000
- 60.000 - 80.000
- 80.000 - 100.000
- >100.000



# Characterisation of agricultural zones



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# Roadmap biomethane

Production cost  
(€/MWh)

- CAPEX
- OPEX
- Digestate application



**Cost per ton avoided CO<sub>2</sub>,eq**

Value energy component  
(cfr. Gas price)

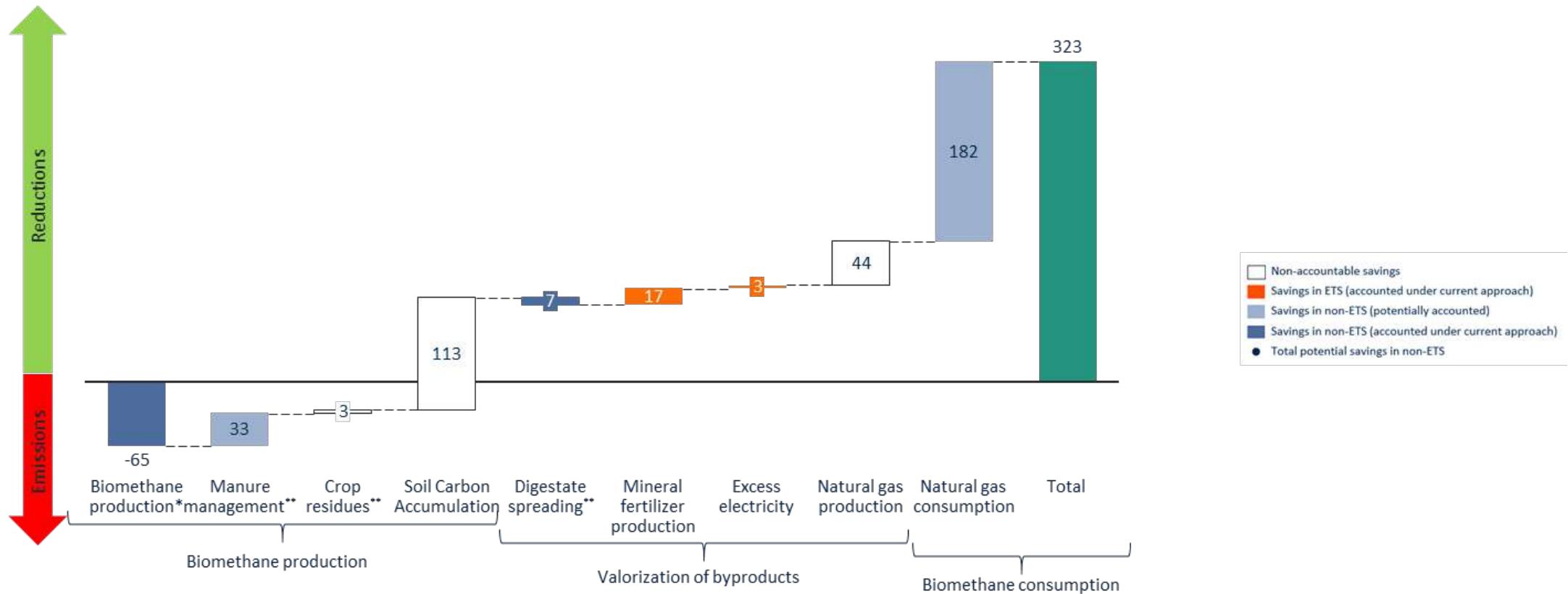
Externalities:

- Job creation
- Balancing energy system
- GHG-reduction



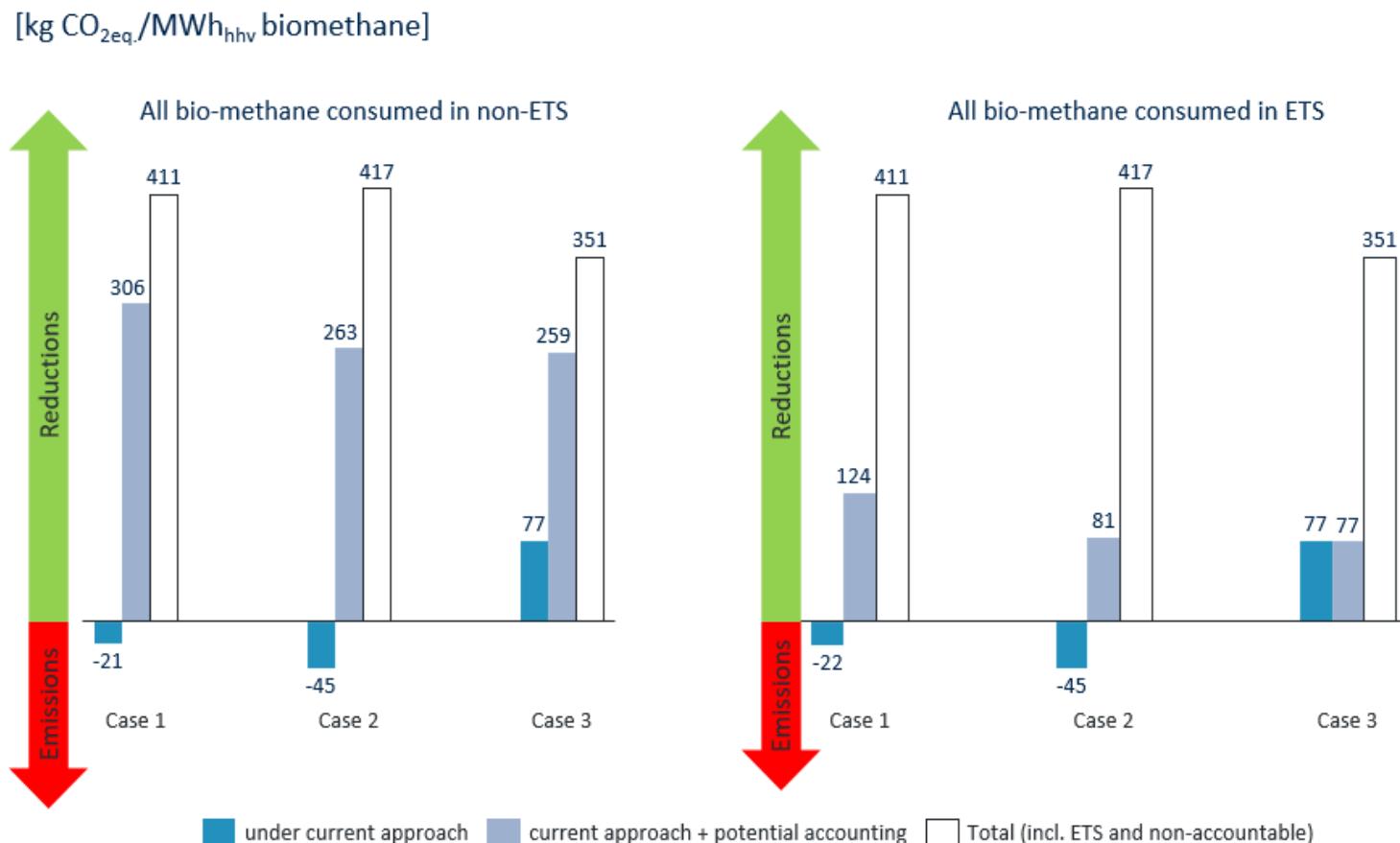
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## GHG reduction



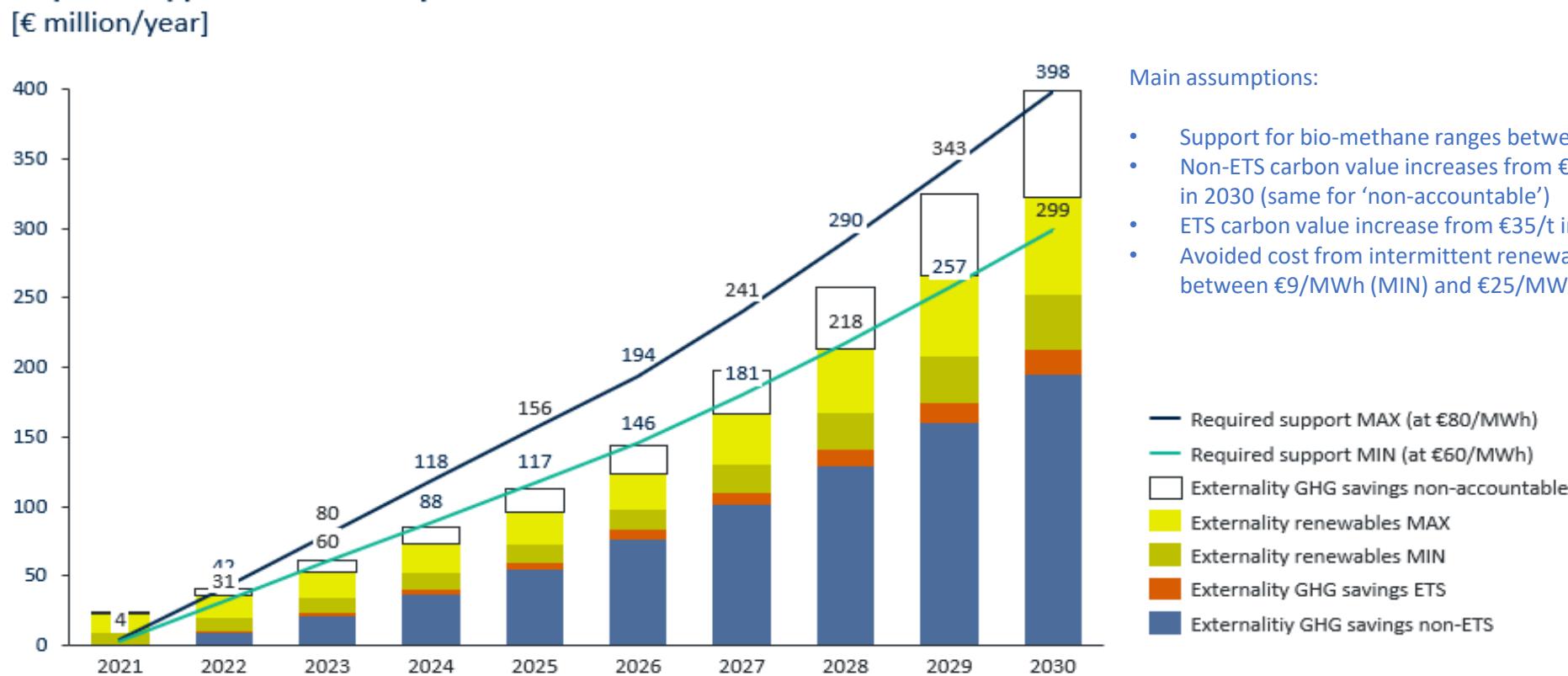
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## Biomethane's externality values



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## Biomethane's externality values vs. required support - Flanders

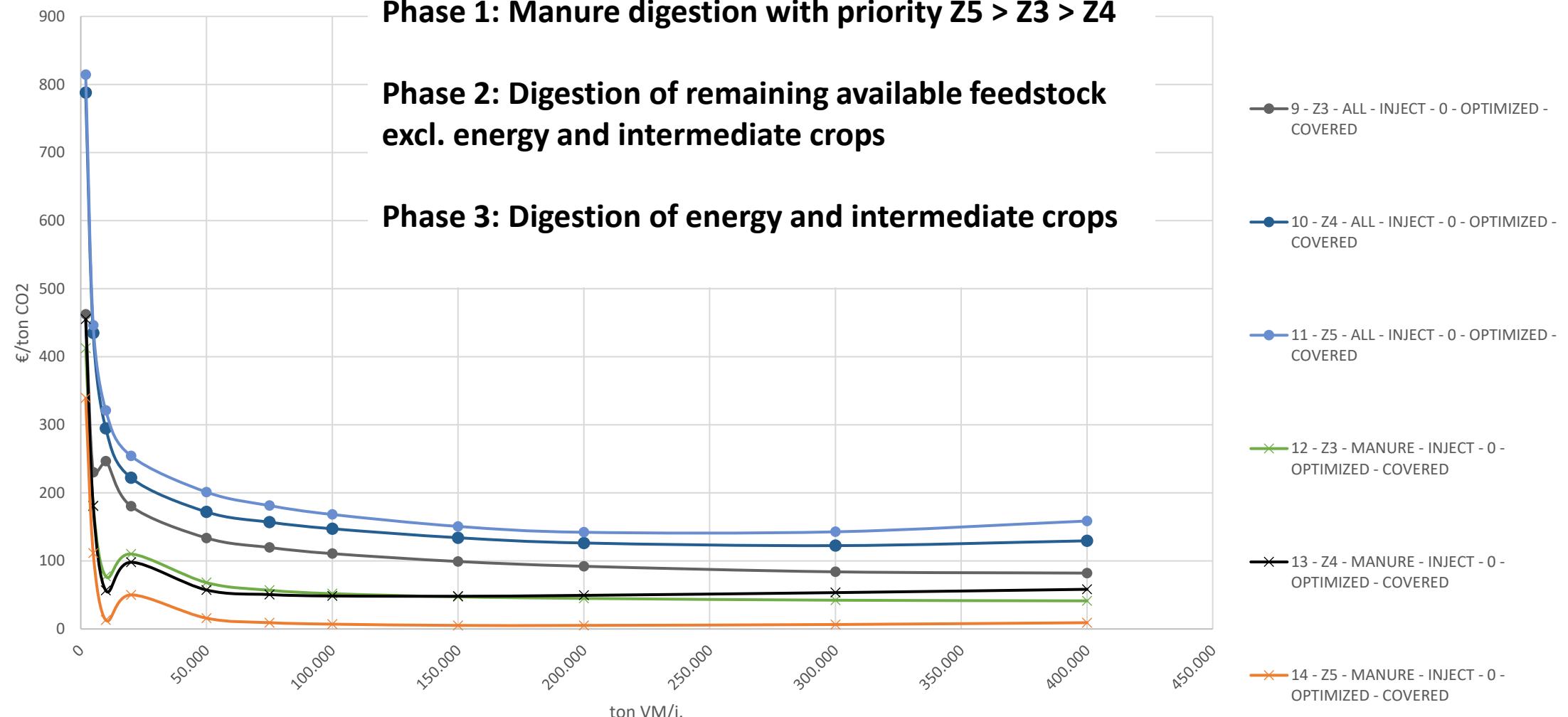


# Roadmap biomethane

Preliminary results!



## Flanders

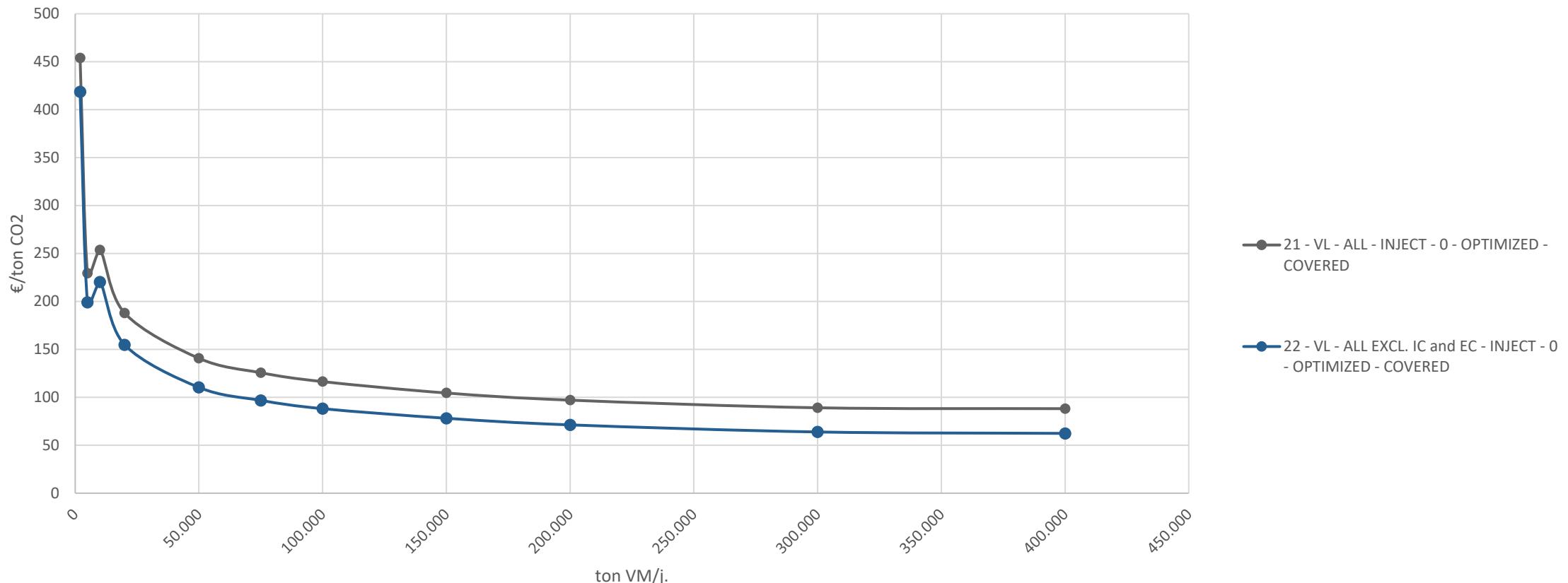


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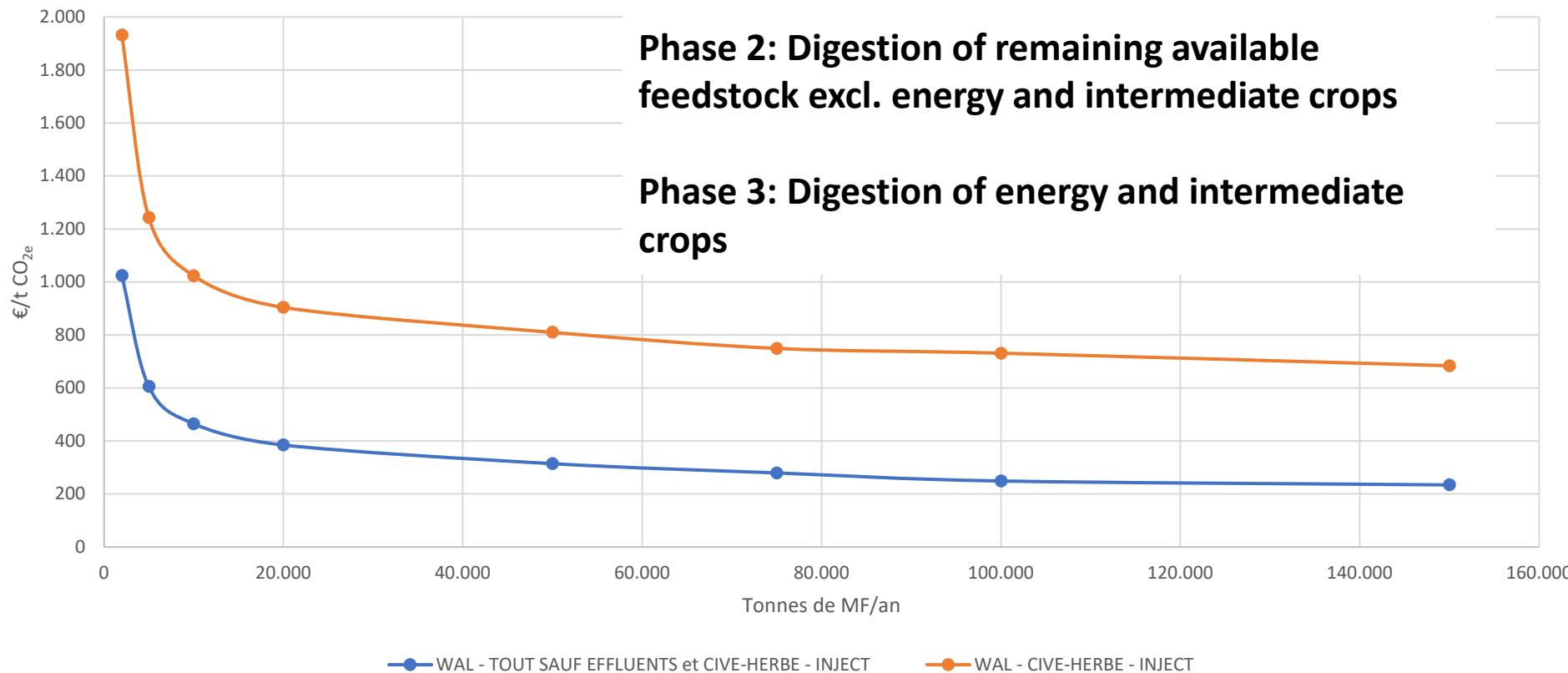
# Roadmap biomethane

Wallonia

## Phase 1: Manure digestion

Phase 2: Digestion of remaining available feedstock excl. energy and intermediate crops

Phase 3: Digestion of energy and intermediate crops

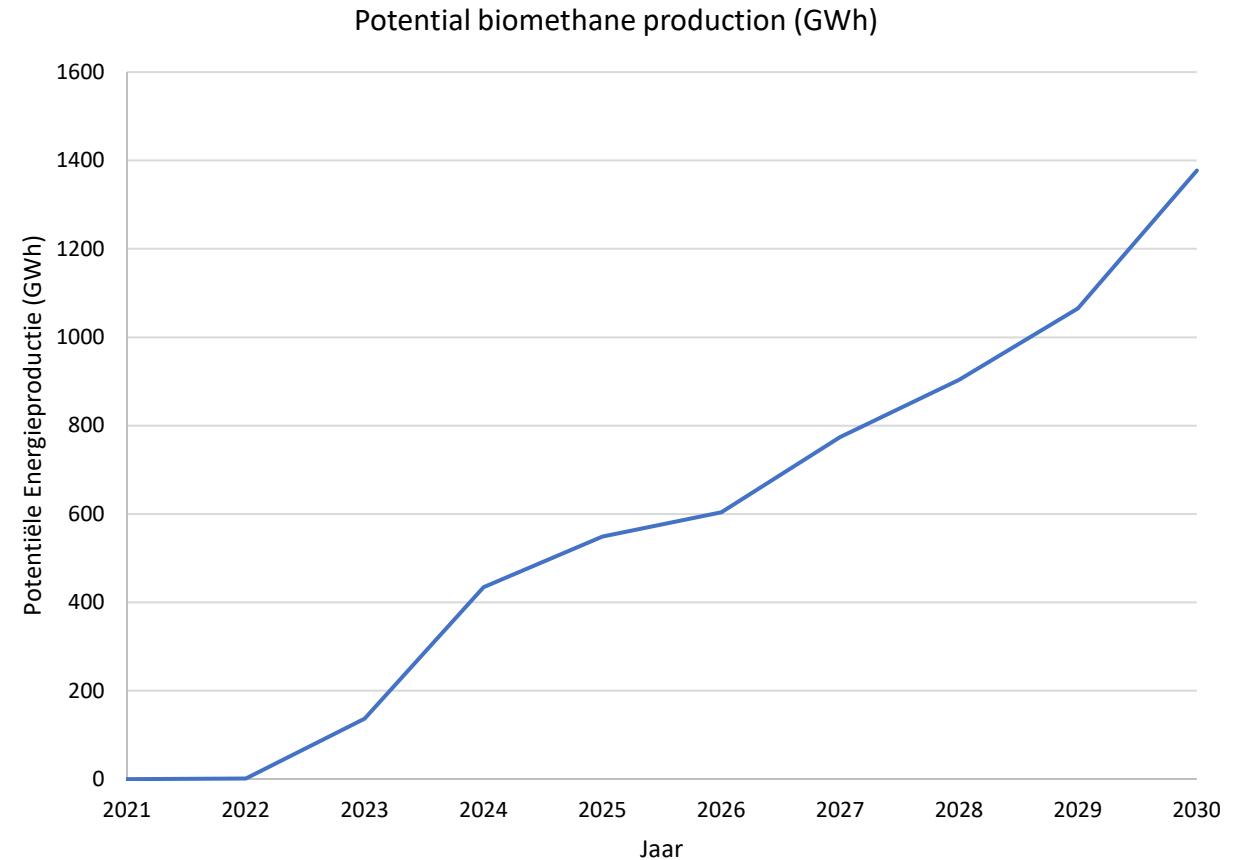
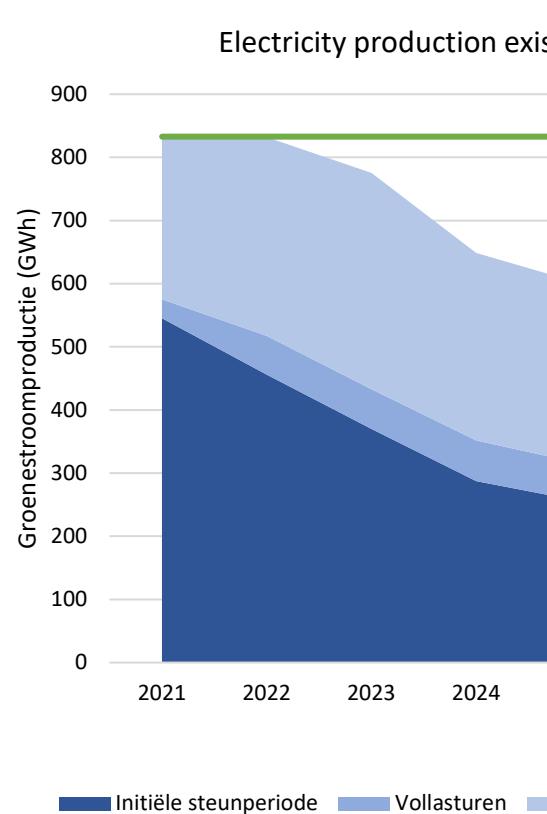


## Flanders

- No legislative incentive for biomethane production or consumption
- Large-scale installations → European transport fuel market
- Interest of ETS-companies?
- Quota for bio-CNG?
- Installations at end of support period?



# Prospects biomethane



# More information



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