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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

European Commission and industry leaders launch Biomethane Industrial Partnership to support the 35 bcm target on biomethane by 2030

Last September, the European Commission and industry leaders, committed to the green energy transition, have launched the Biomethane Industrial Partnership. This new public-private partnership was announced in the REPowerEU Plan. It aims to support the achievement of the target to increase annual production and use of biomethane to 35 billion cubic metres by 2030.

[Read more here](#)

News from the project

Design Study on coordinated process for conversion

End September 2022, REGATRACE published a "Design study on a coordinated process for handling guarantees of origin for energy conversion. Energy Carriers can be converted into each other, and their origin can be proven with guarantees of origin (GOs), which needs a common approach to GO management. This study, led by the Association of Issuing Bodies investigates how to maintain reliability and efficiency when issuing GOs after energy carrier conversion for which the input energy was certified with cancelled GOs.

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New report on the set-up of biomethane registries

Last October, REGATRACE published a new report on the set-up of biomethane registries. The document provides a good overview of the situation of the biomethane sector in each target country, the production potential for the future and the level of implementation of the Country Action Plan for setting up the registry.

[Full report available here](#)

Recommendations to European and national policy makers

The REGATRACE project recently published a report including 17 policy recommendations to European and national policymakers. Regulatory, technical and economic barriers today prevent or hinder the emergence of a biomethane market in many EU countries. The solutions proposed by REGATRACE will meet the need for unfettered cross-border trade of renewable gases, where the entire green value of these gases can be transferred from a country to another.

[Full report available here](#)

Successful REGATRACE Final Conference

On 16 November, the Regatrace Final Conference has brought together 105 participants and 20 speakers for an intensive discussion around innovative research and solutions to set-up a stable, reliable and common market for biomethane and other renewable gases in Europe. We would like to thank all the speakers and partners who made this final conference a real success.

The REGATRACE Final Booklet will be soon available on our website. Stay tuned!

Country news

AUSTRIA

Government bill for Renewable Heat Act released

The government bill on the Renewable Heating Act released on 2 November 2022, sets the legal framework for the future of heating in Austria. It includes a phase out plan for fossil energy carries and aims for complete decarbonization of the heating sector in 2040.

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BELGIUM

New biomethane installation start-up in Flanders

In August 2022, the 6th Belgian biomethane plant started injection in Flanders. This municipal waste plant is part of the municipal collecting waste company VERKO Dendermonde and is able to inject up to 100 m³(n)/h of biomethane in the Fluxius DSO grid.

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Biomethane plant in Litomyšl started trial operation in October

The Litomyšl Agricultural Cooperative has started trial operation of its new biomethane plant. It produces renewable gas from biogas derived from animal and crop agricultural waste and then injects it into the existing Gasnet gas network. The project also includes a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station at the adjacent site in the village of Dolní Újezd.

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ESTONIA

Potential for boosting biogas production in south-eastern Estonia

Biogas is produced in several locations in Estonia, but production could be even greater in volume. A project is commencing within the framework of which the scientists of the Estonian University of Life Sciences are mapping the possibilities and necessities of producing biogas in south-eastern Estonia.

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GERMANY

Biogas to Hydrogen- Container Unit launched in Germany

Btx Energy GmbH introduced its first Biogas to Hydrogen- container unit in October 2022. It enables a regional, decentralized production of green hydrogen from sustainable biogas sources (mainly manure). Currently, the generated hydrogen (through steam-reforming) shall supply the transport sector. Ultimately, the container will be set up on a dairy farm in Krefeld, Germany.

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IRELAND

Ireland is set to forge ahead with AD biomethane production and related bioeconomy at scale

Renewable Gas Forum Ireland (RGFI) has been working collaboratively to create market conditions to establish Ireland's indigenous biomethane Industry. RGFI in collaboration with industry members have been liaising with government departments, political parties, and farming representatives, to gather momentum for change with policy and legislative supports. RGFI has also been central to the commissioning of the Integrated Business Case for Biomethane.

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ITALY

The New Italian Biomethane Decree

On 26 October 2022, a new Italian Biomethane Decree (Ministerial Decree 15 September 2022) has been officially published. It establishes incentives mechanisms, allocating 1,73 billion EUR partially funds from the IRRF, and combines assets and reforms for additional biomethane production (2.5 bcm/y by end of June 2026).

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LITHUANIA

Ignitis is the first in Lithuania to import biomethane

Ignitis will supply the customer with biomethane in November and December, and is currently negotiating with partners and biomethane producers for uninterrupted biomethane supply in 2023 as well. The company hopes to be able to offer customers green gas produced in Lithuania next year.

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POLAND

Regulation on RES auctions in Poland in 2022–2027

On 13 October 2022, the Regulation on the maximum amount and value of electricity from renewable energy sources that may be auctioned in the various consecutive calendar years 2022–2027 entered into force. The issuance of the regulation is necessary to conduct the RES auctions in 2022–2027 and to create a long-term schedule for providing support to RES producers under the auction mechanism.

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SPAIN

The future of the biomethane sector in Spain

Recently, the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge has published Order TED/1026/2022 of 28 October approving the management procedure for the system of guarantees of origin of gas from renewable sources. This procedure will regulate the operation of the system of guarantees of origin for gas from renewable sources in Spain. ENAGAS GTS has until March 2023 to activate the service.

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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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