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Biogas starts booming again in Germany

The German Biogas Association expects 500 to 800 new plants being built nationwide in 2010. After two years of slowing down the trend shows a steep increase again. By the end of 2009 4'500 biogas plants were in operation with a total installed electric capacity of 1'600 MW. For 2010 they expect a total of 5300 installations. More than 11'000 work places are guaranteed by the biogas industry.

Energy crop digestion

The success of biogas in Germany and partially also in Austria is fully dependent on the digestion of energy crops. A new brochure of Task 37 describes the potentials and limits of crop digestion and gives a few typical examples:

http://www.iea-biogas.net/Dokumente/energycrop_def_Low_Res.pdf

Biogas upgrading technologies – developments and innovations

Upgrading of biogas has gained increased attention due to rising oil and natural gas prices and increasing targets for renewable fuel quotes in many countries. New plants are continually being built. The number of upgrading plants increased from 40 to over 100 within the last five years. New processes have been introduced at the same time potentially reducing the upgrading cost. Task 37 has released a new brochure describing the new technologies:

http://www.iea-biogas.net/Dokumente/upgrading_rz_low_final.pdf

Task 37 „Energy from Biogas and Landfill Gas“ of the IEA Bioenergy Agreement is promoting all forms of biogas production, upgrading and utilisation as well as recycling of the digestate as a fertilizer. 13 countries are participating in the Task.

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