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Focus on Biomethane as vehicle fuel

IEE Green Gas Grids Project

The Green Gas Grids project supports the upgrading of biogas to biomethane for injection into the natural gas grid. Four new discussion papers on biomethane sustainability, technical standards, trade and country models have been published recently.

Source: [Green Gas Grids](#)

Fuelling stations in Switzerland

A free geo-location App developed by gazmobile SA will guide drivers of natural gas or biogas vehicles to the nearest filling station in Switzerland. The tool is already available for free download on I-Tunes. This application was developed specifically for the iPhone, but also works on other Apple devices. The driver can see all the fuelling stations for natural gas and biogas operating in Switzerland, or one in particular introducing a specific location.

Source: [Erdgasfahren](#)

Gas filling stations in Germany

The 900th filling station for compressed natural gas (CNG) was officially put into operation in Berlin, Germany. Also, today Germany has 76 CNG filling stations which offers pure biomethane (doubled in one year), while 230 out of 900 CNG stations provide blends of natural gas and biomethane. About 10% of vehicle gas is biomethane

Source: [DENA](#)

Sweden, the European champion in biomethane

Sweden has a well-balanced fleet with 36,520 light duty vehicles, 1,530 buses and 550 HD trucks. One unique feature is the fact that Sweden, without access to a natural gas pipeline system (except a 300 km stretch along the southwest coast), has managed to build up a good refuelling network in the southern half of the country, and is now expanding into the northern part

Source: [NGVA](#)

Gas vehicles in Austria

The Austrian fleet of gas-powered vehicles numbered some 7.500 units in 2012. The sales of natural gas vehicles (NGVs) increased by about 3,4% compared to 2011. This means that methane-powered vehicles reached a total market share of 0,2%. On the commercial vehicle side Austria counts some 242 new CNG trucks and 21 new urban buses in 2012.

Source: [Erdgasautos](#)

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