UK Country Report
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UK Government Strategy

Strong Government commitment set out in May 2007 in

- UK Biomass Strategy
- Waste Strategy for England
- Energy White Paper

Being further developed in

- UK Renewable Energy Strategy
- Heat Call for Evidence
Government leadership

- **International Fora**
  - International Energy Agency’s (IEA) Bioenergy Task 37
  - European Biogas Initiative
  - Methane to Markets Partnership

- **Bilateral Cooperation**
  - UK-Germany Experts’ Seminar on Agriculture and Climate Change, Feb 2008
  - UK-China Sustainable Development Dialogue
Government action

- Addressing barriers in three areas:
  - Economic
  - Awareness
  - Technological

- Underpinned by comprehensive stakeholder engagement

- Coordinated by cross-Defra Anaerobic Digestion Project
Government action: getting the economics right

Market
- ‘Banded’ ROCs (2 ROCs/MWh)
- Standard and protocol for digestate

Infrastructure
- Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme
- Axis 1 of Rural Development Programme for England 2007-2013 (RDPE)
Government financial support for AD

Support grants:

- AD Demonstration Programme announced 18\textsuperscript{th} February 2008
- 12.9 MEuros (£10 M) from Environmental Transformation Fund capital grant for construction of new plants
### Government policy in action

**Renewable Energy Certificates (ROCs)**

An example as from April 2009

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Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation

- RTFO came into effect April 15th 2008
- All road fuel must contain 2.5% biofuel increasing to 5% in 2010
- Penalty: - 19 Ecents/litre ‘buy out’ price
- Incentive: - 62 Ecents per litre reduction in Fuel Duty Tax
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