

UK Country Report April 2008



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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 18th 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

	£/MWh	Euros/MWh
Wholesale price _e	52.14	67.30
ROC £37.5 x 2	75.00	96.75
Climate Change Levy Exemption Certificate	4.41	5.69
Indicative price	131.55	169.74

Government policy in action

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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