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## Energy from Biogas

An Overview

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## Member Countries

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## **IEA Bioenergy presently has 10 Tasks**

Task 32: Biomass Combustion and Co-Firing

Task 33: Thermal Gasification of Biomass

Task 34: Pyrolysis of Biomass

Task 36: Integrating Energy Recovery into Solid Waste Management

Task 37: Energy from Biogas

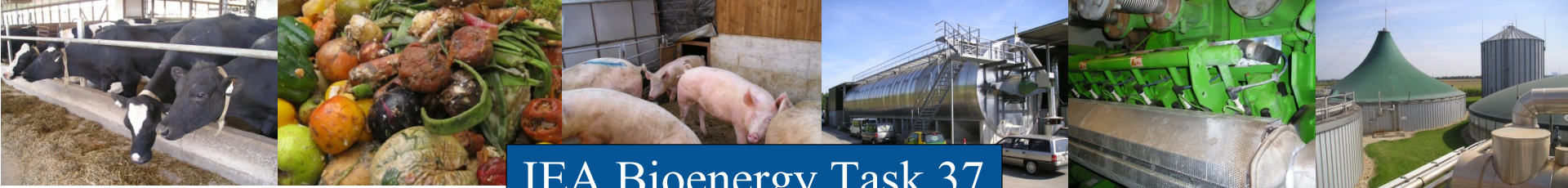
Task 38: Climate Change Impacts of Biomass and Bioenergy Systems

Task 39: Commercialisation of Conventional and Advanced Liquid Biofuels  
from Biomass

Task 40: Sustainable Bioenergy Markets and International Trade: Securing  
Supply and Demand

Task 42: Biorefineries: Sustainable Processing of Biomass into a Spectrum of  
Marketable Biobased Products and Bioenergy

Task 43: Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Markets



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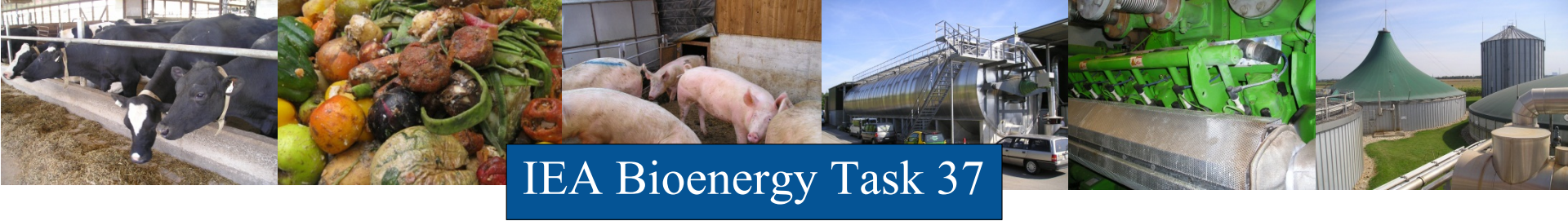
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# Technical Reports Triennium 2013 - 2015

1. A perspective on algal biogas,
2. Nutrient recovery by biogas digestate processing,
3. A perspective on the potential role of biogas in smart energy grids,
4. Pretreatment of feedstock for enhanced biogas production,
5. Process monitoring in biogas plants
6. Source separation of municipal solid waste
7. Sustainable biogas production in municipal wastewater treatment plants
8. Exploring the viability of small scale anaerobic digesters in livestock farming

## A perspective on the potential role of biogas in smart energy grids

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Jan LIEBETRAU, Marcus TROMMLER,  
Jefferson TOYAMA

### SUMMARY

This report documents the potential role of biogas in smart energy grids. Biogas systems can facilitate increased proportions of variable renewable electricity on the electricity grid through use of two different technologies:

- Demand driven biogas systems which increase production of electricity from biogas facilities at times of high demand for electricity, or store biogas temporarily at times of low electricity demand.
- Power to gas systems when demand for electricity is less than supply of electricity to the electricity grid, allowing conversion of surplus electricity to gas.

The report is aimed at an audience of energy developers, energy policy makers and academics and was produced by IEA Bioenergy Task 37. Task 37 is a part of IEA Bioenergy, which is one of the 42 Implementing Agreements within IEA. IEA Bioenergy Task 37 addresses the challenges related to the economic and environmental sustainability of biogas production and utilisation.

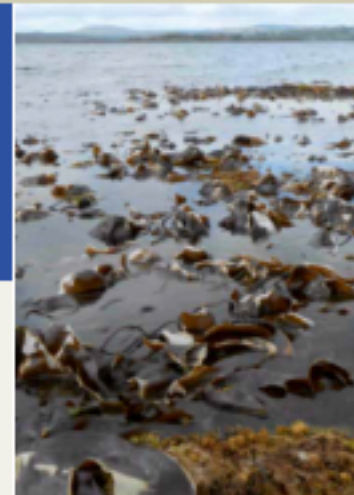



## A perspective on algal biogas

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### SUMMARY

Algae are suggested as a biomass source with significant growth rates, which may be cultivated in the ocean (seaweed) or on marginal land (microalgae). Biogas is suggested as a beneficial route to sustainable energy; however the scientific literature on algal biogas is relatively sparse. This report comprises a review of the literature and provides a state of the art in algal biogas and is aimed at an audience of academics and energy policy makers. It was produced by IEA Bioenergy Task 37 which addresses the challenges related to the economic and environmental sustainability of biogas production and utilization.





## Pretreatment of feedstock for enhanced biogas production

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## Nutrient Recovery by Biogas Digestate Processing

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### SUMMARY

This report reviews various approaches for processing of biogas plant digestate for the purpose of nutrient recovery. It covers both established and emerging technologies and assesses technical performance and where possible economics. Techniques for nutrient recovery from digestate are developing rapidly and aim to improve nutrient management in agriculture and in waste treatment systems.

The report is aimed at biogas plant developers and operators as well as agriculture policy makers and was produced by IEA Bioenergy Task 37. IEA Bioenergy Task 37 addresses challenges related to the economic and environmental sustainability of biogas production and utilisation.



## LEMVIG BIOGAS

### AN EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL CENTRALIZED CO-DIGESTION IN DENMARK

PUBLISHED: FEBRUARY 2013

## ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF MANURE BASED CENTRALISED CO-DIGESTION

GOOD LEADERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

RIBE BIOGAS A/S DENMARK

PUBLISHED: MAY 2012

## BIOGAS PIPELINE FOR LOCAL HEAT AND POWER PRODUCTION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA ZEEWOLDE, NL

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 2011

## NUTRIENT RECOVERY FROM DIGESTATE AND BIOGAS UTILISATION BY UP-GRADING AND GRID INJECTION

INWIL SWITZERLAND

## PIONEERING BIOGAS FARMING IN CENTRAL FINLAND

FARM SCALE BIOGAS PLANT PRODUCES VEHICLE FUEL, HEAT,  
ELECTRICITY AND BIO-FERTILIZER

PUBLISHED: FEBRUARY 2012

## **LINKO GAS**

### **A REFERENCE PLANT FOR CENTRALIZED CO-DIGESTION OF ANIMAL MANURE AND DIGESTIBLE WASTES IN DENMARK**

PUBLISHED: NOVEMBER 2013

## **BIO-ENERGY IN FAMILY FARMING**

### **A NEW SUSTAINABLE PERSPECTIVE FOR THE RURAL SECTOR IN BRAZIL**

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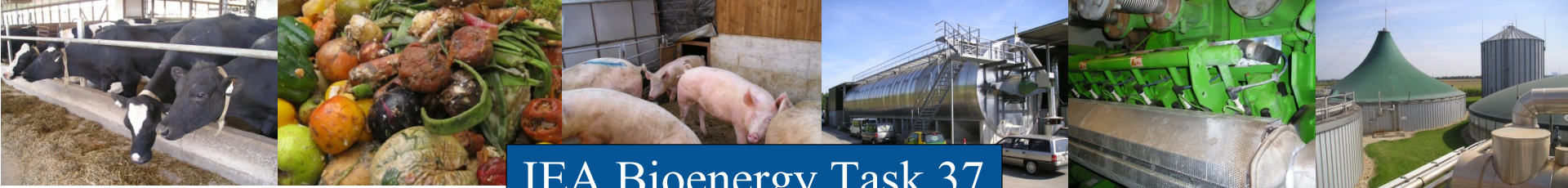
### **MEMBRANE UP-GRADING OF BIOGAS TO BIOMETHANE FOR GRID INJECTION**

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## **THE FIRST ORGANIC BIOGAS PLANT IN DENMARK**

### **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT BORDING ORGANIC FARM**

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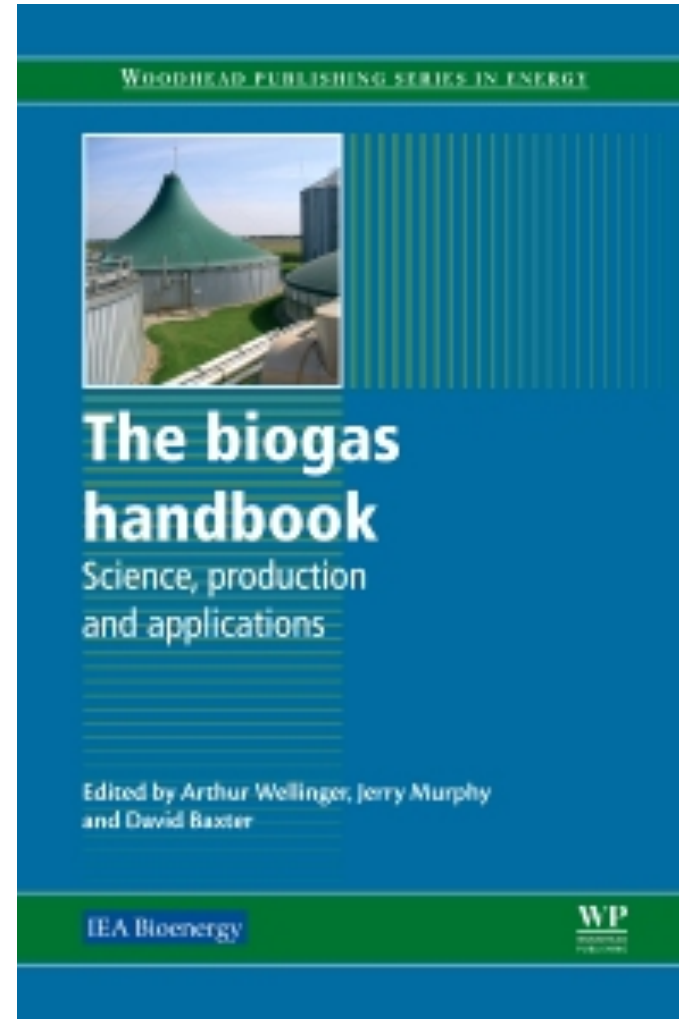
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# The Biogas Handbook

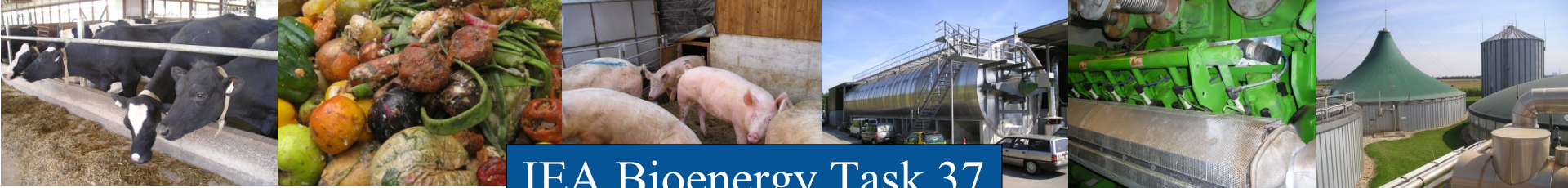
## Science, production And applications

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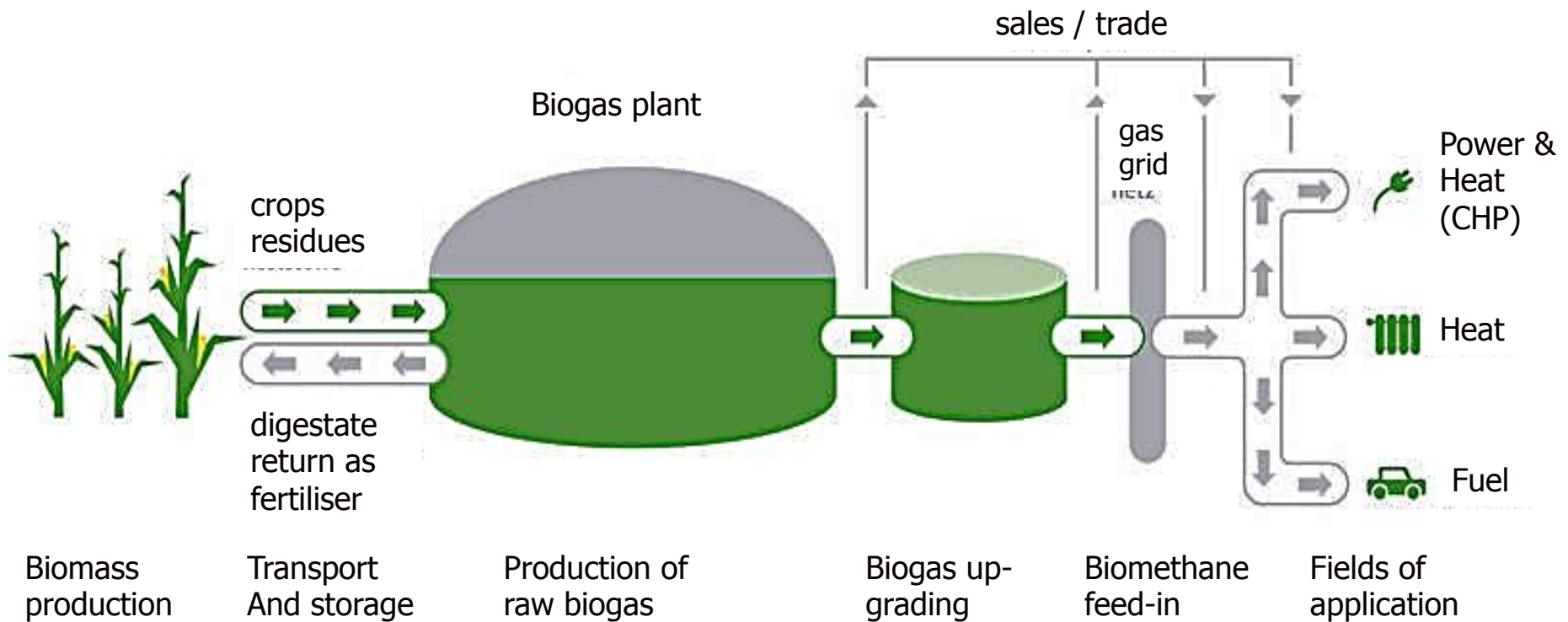
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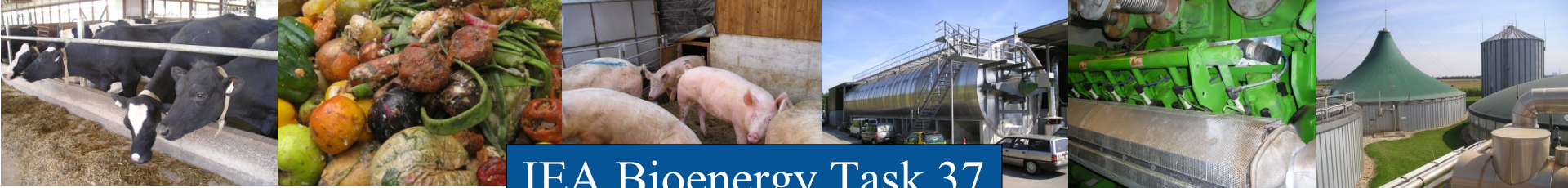
## Work Programme 2016-2018



## The Biogas/Biomethane Process Chain



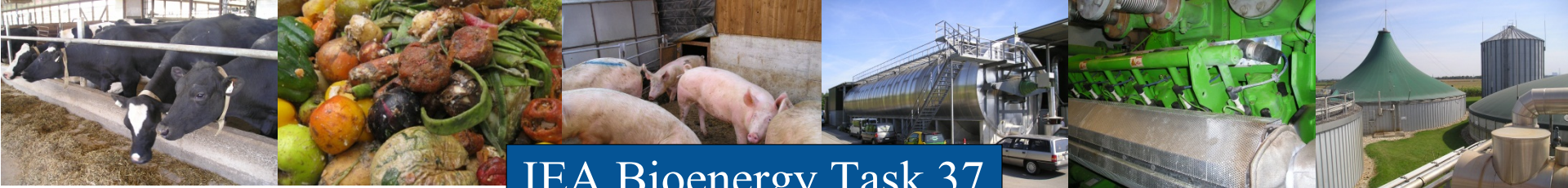




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# Technical Reports Triennium 2016 - 2018

1. Food waste digestion systems.
2. International approaches to sustainable anaerobic digestion
3. Grid injection and greening of the gas grid
4. The role of anaerobic digestion and biogas in the circular economy
5. Validity of BMP results
6. Methane emissions
7. Sustainable Bioenergy Chains (Collaboration with Task 40)



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**All input welcome**

**All opportunities for dissemination welcome**

**Thank you for your attention**

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