

Task 37 Energy from Biogas A Brief Summary

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Integrating research themes across the value chain: environmental and economic sustainability, system studies, fuel standards, greenhouse gas balances, barriers to deployment, management decision support systems

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Task 29: Socio-Economic Drivers in Implementing Bioenergy Projects 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: Greenhouse Gas Balances of Biomass and Bioenergy Systems Task 39: Commercialising Liquid Bio-Fuels from Biomass Task 40: Sustainable International Bioenergy Trade – Securing Supply and Demand Task 41: Joint Project with the Advanced Motor Fuels Implementing Agreement Task 42: Biorefineries: Co-Production of Fuels, Chemical, Power and Materials from Biomass Task 43: Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Markets



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Objectives

<u>Technical</u>

collection, verification, exchange and dissemination of information, promotion of new and improved technologies and products, stimulating interaction between industry, policy makers and research

Policy Support

assistance to local and national governments to understand biogas technologies and products and to adopt appropriate industry best practices and standards



Scope of Biogas Systems

Agricultural

slurries, residues, energy crops (mono-digestion or co-digestion)

- Organic fraction of municipal solid waste biowaste
- Waste water treatment/sewage sludge
- Electricity generation/CHP
- Injection in grid/compression for vehicle fuel



Key Issues

<u>Sustainability</u>

energy and cost balances for farm and non-farm biogas process pathways, emissions related to substrates, gas production, upgrading for direct energy production, heat and electricity, or injection into the natural gas grid

Quality

expert support to standards process; main focus on pipeline injection (CEN) and digestate use as bio-fertiliser IEA Bioenergy Task 37

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Topics

- Technical and Policy Support:
- 1. Substrates for biogas production
- 2. Optimisation of digestion processes
- 3. Biogas up-grading and pipeline injection
- 4. Digestate processing and quality
- 5. Emissions from biogas installations



Publications

Biogas upgrading technologies – developments and innovations

Anneli PETERSSON Arthur WELLINGER

Biogas from Energy Crop Digestion

Rudolf BRAUN Peter WEILAND Arthur WELLINGER



Utilisation of digestate from biogas plants as biofertiliser

> Clare T. LUKEHURST Peter FROST Teodorita AL SEADI



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Work in progress

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- 1. Extension of energy crop report to include additional feedstocks (detailed description of grass digestion)
- 2. Pre-treatments of feedstocks, including lignocellulosic biomass
- 3. AD process monitoring techniques
- 4. Economics of small-scale biogas production
- 5. Success stories in biogas up-grading
- 6. Standards and quality assurance of digestate
- 7. Emissions monitoring and control
- 8. Dissemination through contacts with local/national authorities and industry



All input welcome All opportunities for dissemination welcome

Thank you for your attention

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