

## Newsletter IEA Bioenergy Task 37: 9/2014 Publications

**Biomethane-Status and Factors Affecting Market Development and Trade:** Tasks 37 and 42 have written a publication focussing on the status of biomethane (which includes upgraded biogas and bio-SNG), production, grid injection and use in different IEA countries. It also illustrates the options for the development of biomethane supply strategies with the focus on improved trade. Further, an overview of expected future development of the biomethane sector is given.

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### **US Biogas Opportunities Roadmap:**

Methane is both a potent greenhouse gas and a valuable source of energy. In the Climate Action Plan, President Obama directed the Administration to develop a comprehensive, interagency strategy to reduce methane emissions. This *Biogas Opportunities Roadmap* builds on progress made to date to identify voluntary actions that can be taken to reduce methane emissions through the use of biogas systems and outlines strategies to overcome barriers to a robust biogas industry in the United States. It supports the U.S. dairy industry's voluntary 2008 goal to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2020.

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### **IBBA workshop on methane emissions:**

In co-operation with Task 37, IBBA arranged the second workshop in the beginning of September. The topic of this year was measurement of methane emissions from biogas plants. Specialists from 7 countries participated, networked and shared their knowledge within this field. Methods and data from Swedish, Danish and Austrian campaigns were presented.

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### **Sustainable processing of biomass into marketable bio-based products and bioenergy:**

Task 42 of IEA Bioenergy has published an extended report on biorefining. Its purpose is to provide an unbiased, authoritative statement on biorefining in general, and with fact sheets on specific projects. The latter include a number of applications including biogas.

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### **IEA Midterm Report Renewables:**

Policy threatens to slow renewable energy momentum. Power generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar and hydro grew strongly in 2013, reaching almost 22% of global generation. The roles of biofuels for transport and renewable heat are also increasing, though at slower rates than renewable electricity. Uncertainty over policy support for biofuels is rising in the EU and the United States, slowing expectations for production growth and threatening the development of the advanced biofuels industry at a time when the first commercial plants are just coming online

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