



## Newsletter IEA Bioenergy Task 37: 8/2014 Transport Fuel

### More than 1000 new biogas/natural gas vehicles in Switzerland

In 2013, the number of vehicles powered by natural gas and biogas has increased by 10%, while the Swiss car market fell by 6.7% compared to the record year of 2012. Sales in 2013 amounted to 1.048 units, bringing the CNG fleet to 11.287 units. Sales are divided among the following brands: 27.8% Opel (Zafira, Tourer and Combo); 25.8% Fiat (Panda, Punto, Doblo, Qubo, Fiorino, Ducato) and 24.6% Volkswagen (eco UP!, Caddy, Touran and Passat). The bestselling model was the VW Caddy Ecofuel (118 units sold). The number of filling stations increased from 135 to 140 in 2013.

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### The demand for gaseous fuels is continuously rising in Sweden in transport

Five percent growth in the use of gaseous fuels in the transport sector in Sweden: The use of gaseous fuels increased by 5% in Sweden in 2013 compared to the previous year, reaching over 146 million standard m<sup>3</sup> or the equivalent of 1 493 GWh. The same report shows that biogas accounts for more than 50%. According to Euroobserver in the whole of Europe Biomethane increased even by 7% whereas liquid biofuels have dropped by 6.8%

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### Prospects for natural gas as transport fuel in Europe

The publication of the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies dresses the case of natural gas as transport fuel in Europe and its long term implications on gas demand including policy drivers and structural challenges.

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### Fueling stations and gas vehicles will double by 2023 in the USA

The number of light-duty vehicles running on natural gas will more than double over the next decade to 39.8 million traveling on roads worldwide, according to a new report by research firm Navigant. Despite the rapid growth, natural gas will continue to have a modest market share compared to gasoline and diesel in 2023, fueling just 2.6 percent of the cars and light-duty trucks on the road, Navigant projects.

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### European Parliament vote milestone in the roll out of clean fuels for transport

The European Parliament gave its final approval to new EU rules to ensure the build-up of alternative refueling points across Europe including filling stations for liquid and gaseous biomethane or mixtures with natural gas. The formal adoption of the agreement by the Council will follow later in the year.

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