

## **Report on Flemish Biomethane Workshop**

**Sint-Katelijne-Waver**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

The workshop dedicated to biomethane was part of the Flemish Biogas Conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 organised by Biogas-E (EBA linked third party in BIOSURF project) at Campus De Nayer, Jan De Nayerlaan 5, 2860 Sint-Katelijne-Waver. The workshop was attended by about 40 participants, representing Flemish and Dutch companies and institutions.

The workshop was organised to be a kick-off meeting launching the intention to create a registry system for biomethane in Flanders under a bottom-up approach (initiated by the market stakeholders rather than by the government from above). The topic was introduced by three speakers, two of them representing the BIOSURF consortium (Andreas Wolf from AGCS and Attila Kovacs from EBA).

The three presentations:

- 1) Andreas Wolf – Functions and operation of the Austrian biomethane registry
- 2) Daniël Pol – Functions and operation of the Dutch biomethane registry operated by Vertogas
- 3) Attila Kovacs – ERGaR: Tool for cross border transfer and mass balancing biomethane within the European natural gas network

Andreas Wolf has also provided an on-line demonstration of the functionality of the Austrian biomethane registry.

In the presentations it was underlines that the establishment of the national (regional) biomethane registry could facilitate new biomethane investments in Flanders and could also assist importing biomethane for interested consumers (like operators of CNG/LNG fleets, international corporations with climate protection targets, etc.).

The discussion which followed the presentations has drawn attention to the fact that the lack of biomethane specific support schemes and financial incentives are hindering the development of the industry. Lifting administrative barriers (like enabling the generation of renewable, “green” electricity in CHP units located away from the biomethane production site but connected with it through the natural gas pipeline system) would help but were not enough to replace the political commitment.

AGCS and EBA/ERGaR offered continued support to Biogas-E in its efforts aimed at the establishment of the Flemish biomethane registry.