

Workshop for the Promotion of BIOSURF Project in Romania

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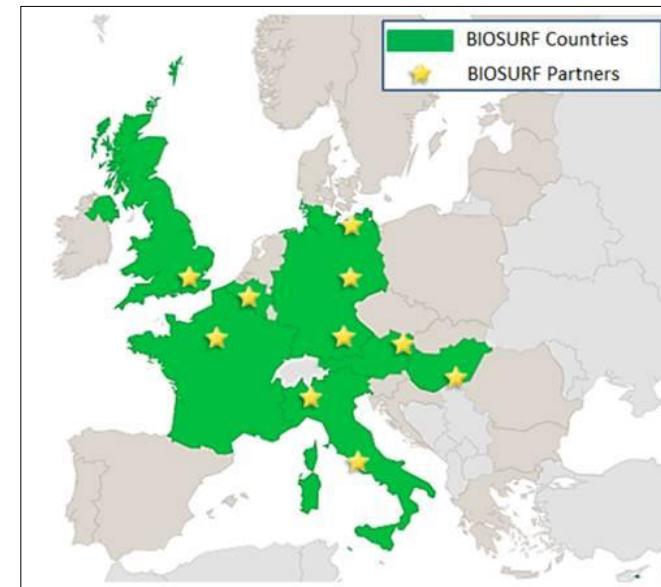


Who we are

- Research and consultant Institute founded in **1971**
- Consolidated experience in **energy efficiency, sustainable mobility, territorial systems, environmental sustainability**
- **20** members staff with **multidisciplinary background** in engineering, statistics, economics, politics and informatics
- Long story of collaboration at **national** (Ministries, Regions, Provinces and Municipalities) and **international** level (European Commission, World Bank, European Bank of Investments, foreigner Ministries, Regions e Municipalities, etc.)
- Specialised skills in **coordination** of projects, **analysis** of and support to policies, **impact assessment, evaluation** of policies and technologies energy efficiency, **monitoring** of participation processes to policies.

Project Summary

- **BIOSURF: BIOMethane as SUstainable and Renewable Fuel (HORIZON 2020);**
- **36 months** (since January 2015);
- **11 partners** in 7 countries: ISIS, CIB (IT), EBA (BE), REA (UK), GBA, FNR, DBFZ (DE), HBA (HU), AKB, AGCS (AT), ATEE (FR);
- **1.873.000 €** of EC funding (**100%**);
- **Activities:**
 - National/domestic biomethane **registries**
 - **Cooperation** among the national biomethane registries
 - European **mass balancing system** for biomethane
 - Free market biomethane **trade**
 - **Sustainable** raw material supply
 - Methodology for entitlement to **CO2 certificates**
 - **Regional** specificities (IT, AT, FR);
 - **Networking** and **cooperation**;
 - **Transferability** of results beyond the project countries
 - Dissemination & Communication.



Why Biomethane?

- **Diverse, abundant** and **self-supplying** feedstock: sewage sludge, municipal bio-waste, residues and crops from the agro-food sector
- **Unique combination** of low-carbon, low-emissions, low-noise transport
- Biogas production to **improve environmental efficiency** of waste treatment processes
- **High productivity** per hectare of biogas from crops, decreasing competition for arable land
- Upgraded biogas **similar to natural gas**:
 - CNG infrastructures and vehicles can be used
 - Natural gas can be complementary in security of supply
 - Upgraded biogas can be injected in and transported by the natural gas grids

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ORGANIC RESIDUES

Sewage sludge
Energy crops
Slaughterhouse waste
Manure
Organic household waste

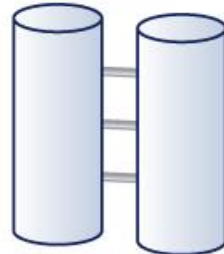


Digestion



Rawgas

Upgrading



CNG-Quality



Bio Fuel



Fertilizer



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The BIOSURF Approach

BIOSURF works at the same time at two levels:

- **At European/national level:**

- biogas/biomethane associations addressing the founding aspects of the project in **Germany, France, Austria, UK, Italy** and **Hungary**;
- exploitation and transferability of project results through the organisation of five workshops in non-partner countries (in Sweden, The Netherlands, Belgium, Romania and Czech Republic).

- **At Regional level** with selection of some regions as the most promising to engage for the production and use of biomethane: **Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige** (Italy), **Lower Austria** (Austria) and **Rhone-Alpes** (France). Assessing the concepts elaborated at national level (e.g., registries, GoO, sustainability, GHG emissions, standards), BIOSURF intends to connect regional areas as a kind of “embryonic” **European common biomethane market**.

Cross-Border Trade of Biomethane

- Addressing regulatory and administrative **obstacles**;
- Elaboration of **practical solutions** in the view of preparing a **common European biomethane market**;
- Specific aspects:
 - **Guidelines** to build up National/domestic biomethane **registries** (Set-up of new ones, at least for **HU** and **IT**);
 - **Cooperation** among the national biomethane registries: support to **ERGaR (European Renewable Gas Registry)**
 - European **mass-balancing system** for biomethane (proposal to EC on cross-border biomethane administration based on a voluntary scheme for mass-balancing biomethane);
 - Tradable Biomethane **Certificates** (analysis and market survey for determining the **feasibility threshold** for tradable biomethane certificates);
 - Biomethane **standards**.

Sustainable Raw Material Supply

Guidelines on sustainable raw material supply for a European biomethane market by:

- Assessing the **current and future sustainable raw material supply** for biomethane production;
- Creating an **improved understanding** among decision-makers in policy and industry regarding sustainability requirements in the raw material supply chain for biomethane production;
- Identifying and compiling consistent **sustainability criteria and indicator (C&I)** for biomethane value chains.

GHG Emission Reduction Certification

Guidelines on calculating entitlement to CO₂ certificates based on:

- Methane emission reduction due to processing **agri by-products**;
- Methane emission reduction due to processing **organic waste**;
- GHG emission saving due to replacement of **chemical fertilisers**;
- GHG emissions caused by biomethane production (**Life Cycle Analysis**).

Regional Specificities for Biomethane Market

- To develop an “**embryonic**” biomethane market by connecting regional areas in three neighboring countries (Austria, France and Italy) in which assessing the concept elaborated at national level (e.g., registries, sustainability, GHG emissions, standards).
 - ✓ A biomethane **register** for Italy or (at least) a regional one for Northern Italy;
 - ✓ **Bilateral or trilateral agreements** among the biomethane registries from Italy, France and Austria, including mutual acceptance of Biomethane Guarantees of Origin issued in the country of production;
 - ✓ A **regional arrangement** with the competent natural gas pipeline companies on the procedure of confirming the physical movements (injection, take-out);
 - ✓ At least **one willing customer** who is interested to buy imported biomethane and at least **one willing biomethane producer** in any of the three countries who is interested to produce biomethane for export;
 - ✓ The readiness of the countries’ governments to **import biomethane** from foreign countries.

Inter-Association Cooperation

- Opportunity for the biogas/biomethane associations to regularly meet up in **ad-hoc inter-association** workshops that will be held alternately in each BIOSURF country according to the consortium meeting rotation (each six-months);
- **Crucial discussion venue** where people from different backgrounds but with similar agendas will meet face to face;
- Aim to provide, mainly to stakeholders of the hosting association, **updates** on the entire project and on the **activities** of the other associations within the project.

Transferability of Results beyond the Project's Countries

- Proper exploitation and transferability of project results through the organisation of **five** workshops in non-partner countries (in **Sweden, The Netherlands, Belgium, Romania** and **Czech Republic**).
- These workshops will represent, through the involvement of the main national and local stakeholders, the kick-off step and a **visible milestone** in the development of concepts (registries, guarantee of origin, tradable certificates, sustainability, GHG emissions reduction, etc.) elaborated within the project, with the aim to produce a **replication effect** outside it.

Results so far...

- Comprehensive **guidelines** for establishing national biomethane registries;
- Technical-administrative **proposal** to EC for declaring natural gas network as a single, closed mass-balancing system with respect to biomethane cross-border transactions;
- Technical-economic analysis and market survey for determining the **feasibility threshold** for tradable biomethane certificates
- Report on **data availability** of selected raw material categories;
- Report on current and future **sustainable biomass supply** for biomethane production;
- Benchmark and gap analysis of **C&I**;
- Selected country analysis of **sustainable** biomethane
- Recommendations for the adaptation of the **RED GHG calculation methodology**;
- **Inventory of rules and conditions** for the natural gas/biomethane market in **3 regions** (IT, AT, FR)
- **Inventory** and analysis of biomethane related EU and national political acts, regulations and support schemes;
- **Communication products** (leaflet, newsletter, postcards, roll-up, website).

Thank you for attention!

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