

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



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Purpose	
Relevance for the biomethane sector	The Communication explains mass-balance system in detail.
Scope	Sustainability schemes: "voluntary schemes", "bilateral and multilateral agreements" and "default values" and mass-balance system.
Targets	
Sustainability Criteria	Section 2 describes voluntary sustainability schemes, including assessment and recognition process and requirements, non-typical voluntary schemes, recognition of bilateral or multilateral agreements. Section 3 describes default values, including background on the calculation of the default values and future updates and addition of default values.
Mass-balance	Section 2.2.3. explains mass-balance system in relation to biofuels and the indicators that include "sustainability characteristics", which remain assigned to "consignments". It also details the mass balance approach regarding mixing of consignments with different sustainability characteristics.
Support Systems (subsidies, feed in tariffs, etc)	
Non-discriminatory access to the grid	
Transport sector	
Waste regulation	
Emission Regulation	Section 3 explains calculation of the 'default values' which economic operators can use to show compliance with the sustainability criterion on GHG savings.