

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



Number of legislative act with a link			National Research Strategy BioEconomy 2030[1]2010, https://www.bmbf.de/files/BioOekonomiestrategie.pdf
Name of legislative act			National Policy Strategy on Bioeconomy
Date of Publication			03/2014
Date of Implementation			n.a.
Purpose			In 2014 the Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL) further published the "National Policy Strategy on Bioeconomy": The bioeconomy concerns different policy areas such as industrial and energy policies, agricultural, forestry and fisheries policies, climate and environmental policies and research and development policies. The National Policy Strategy for the Bioeconomy unites these different policy areas and sets a clear course for bioeconomy policy in Germany. It supports the sustainable production and use of renewable resources in the agricultural, forestry and fisheries sectors because their products are the key sources of raw materials for the bio-based economy." (http://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Publications/NatPolicyStrategyBioeconomy.pdf?__blob=publicationFile)
Relevance to the biomethane sector			Part of the "National Policy Strategy on Bioeconomy" is a chapter on the "Developing biomass-based energy carriers". It is acknowledged that bioenergy is playing a significant role for supplying renewable energy. Biomethane is mentioned in following context: "With regard to efficiency of land-area use and avoidance of greenhouse gases, in future biomethane (in particular) and also biofuels sourced from waste materials and residual materials could play a greater role." Additionally, biomethane sourced from algae count as one of "the particularly interesting energy-based paths", according to the National Policy Strategy . (http://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Publications/NatPolicyStrategyBioeconomy.pdf?__blob=publicationFile)
Relation to EU legislation			n.a.
Scope			Gives clear goals for a sustainable economy based on renewable resources. Creates reliable and favourable framework conditions for innovations, support the economy stakeholders in exploiting the potential of growing markets and innovative technologies.
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		Voluntary (non-binding) initiative
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies	No
		Feed in Tarrifs	No
		Premiums	No
		Tax exemption	No
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		Feed in Tarrifs	No
		Premiums	No
		Tax exemption	No
	Sustainability		Yes
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid		No
	Mass-balance		No
	Transport		No
Emissions		No	
Biowaste		No	
Digestate		No	