

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



Number of legislative act with a link			2006 No. 1004, 173 and 56
Name of legislative act			Renewables Obligation Order 2006 - England & Wales, RO (Scotland) Order 2006 & RO Order (Northern Ireland) 2006
Date of Publication			2006
Date of implementation			2006
Purpose			The Renewables Obligation (RO) is designed to encourage generation of electricity from eligible renewable sources in the United Kingdom. The RO will close for Biogas projects from 31 March 2017
Relevance to the biomethane sector			None
Relation to EU legislation			Forms part of the contribution of renewable energy to the targets set out in the the Renewable Energy Directive
Scope			Placed an obligation on electricity producers to purchase increasing amounts of renewable energy each year according to a fixed percentag. It was introduced in England and Wales and in a different form (the Renewables Obligation (Scotland)) in Scotland in April 2002 and in Northern Ireland in April 2005, replacing the Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation which operated from 1990
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		Target rose from 3% renewables in 1990 to 29% in 2016
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies	n.a.
		Feed in Tarrifs	n.a.
		Premiums	Yes
		Tax exemption	n.a.
	Support Systems for Biomethane	Subsidies	n.a.
		Feed in Tarrifs	n.a.
		Premiums	n.a.
		Tax exemption	n.a.
	Sustainability		Yes
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid		No
	Mass-balance		Yes
	Transport		No
Emissions		Yes	
Biowaste		Yes	
Digestate		No	