

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



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Name of legislative act			Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2011
Date of Publication			27th November 2011
Date of implementation			27th November 2011
Purpose			To incentivise the production of renewable heat from biomass, solar collectors, heat pumps, CHP, geothermal and biogas (from both digestion and pyrolysis). Biomethane production.
Relevance to the biomethane sector			The Regulation established an incentive for the production of biomethane for injection to the natural gas grid in the UK
Relation to EU legislation			Forms part of the contribution of renewable energy to the targets set out in the the Renewable Energy Directive
Scope			Details of installations that are eligible, metering, accreditation and the payment of incentives.
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		No targets in initial legislation
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies	n.a.
		Feed in Tarrifs	n.a.
		Premiums	n.a.
		Tax exemption	n.a.
	Support Systems for Biomethane	Subsidies	No grants are allowed if tariffs are paid to the plant
		Feed in Tarrifs	These are known as Tariffs. Biomethane injection (at any scale) to the natural gas grid receives 6.8p per kWh (thermal). Heat from biogas combustion receives the same tariff but is only for sub 200kWth
		Premiums	n.a.
		Tax exemption	Investors are eligible for the Enterprise Investment Scheme which allows them to set off investments against their tax liability
	Sustainability		Yes
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid		No
	Mass-balance		No
	Transport		No
Emissions		No	
Biowaste		Yes	
Digestate		No	