

EU biogas and biomethane inventory of regulatory framework



Number of legislative act with a link			KWKG: Kraft-Wärme-Kopplungsgesetz - DE version (Combined Heat and Power Generation Act)
Name of legislative act			Act on the Conservation, Modernisation and Extension of Combined Heat and Power
Date of Publication			19.03.2002 / last amended: 31.08.2015
Date of implementation			01.04.2002 / last amendment: 08.09.2015
Purpose			This act aims at contributing to the increase of electricity generation through CHP up to 25% by 2020 by promoting the modernisation and new set-up of CHP plants, the support of market entry of fuel cells and the promotion of building and extending heating and cooling networks and storage means.
Relevance to the biomethane sector			Biomethane can be used in CHP plants
Relation to EU legislation			Implementation of: Directive 2004/8/EC (promotion of cogeneration based on a useful heat demand in the internal energy market) and Directive 2006/32/EC (energy end-use efficiency and energy services)
Scope			This act regulates the feed-in of electricity from CHP plants and corresponding feed-in tariffs and defines the surcharges imposed to fund the construction and extension of heat and cooling networks and storage facilities.
Specification of a legislative act	Targets		Generation of electricity from CHP is to be raised to 25% by 2020.
	Support Systems for Biogas	Subsidies	No
		Feed in Tarrifs	CHPs up to 50 kW receive 5,41ct / kWh either for 10 years or for 30,000 hours of full utilization per year, btween 50 and 250 kW 4 ct / kWh for the same conditions and over 250 kW a payment of 2,4 ct / kWh for the same period of time.
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		Premiums	No
		Tax exemption	No
	Sustainability		No
	Non-discriminatory access to the grid		Yes
	Mass-balance		No
	Transport		No
	Emissions		No
Biowaste		No	
Digestate		No	