



An EU binding biomethane target in the Gas Regulation is critical to support strategic energy autonomy and climate objectives

The cosignatories represent the whole value chain of biomethane, including producers, gas infrastructure operators, suppliers and end-uses.

Ahead of the adoption vote on the **Gas Decarbonisation Package in the ITRE Committee**, we call MEPs to include an ambitious and binding EU-level biomethane target of 35 bcm in 2030 in the **Gas Regulation**, in line with the REPowerEU Plan.

This, along with easier network access for producers and well-functioning cross-border trade, is **critical to deliver** on the Union's 2030 **energy and climate objectives** and promote **energy security**:

- 35 bcm/year of biomethane by 2030 would significantly contribute to **security of supply** by **replacing 20% of pre-war imported natural gas volumes from Russia**. Biomethane is a dispatchable and versatile energy source that can directly be used in existing gas infrastructure and equipment across sectors (buildings, industries, combined power and heat generation and transport). Its production relies on a Europe-based value chain and does not create new dependencies on critical raw materials.
- 35 bcm/year of biomethane by 2030 would **reduce GHG emissions** in energy usages (industry, buildings and transport), waste management and agriculture, thanks to its circular production process. In addition, it will provide significant amount of organic fertilizer and soil improvers, thereby **contributing to food security**.
- 35 bcm/year of biomethane by 2030 **can be sustainably produced**. This ambitious target is consistent with assessments of available sustainable feedstock. The European Commission acknowledged this by including this target in the [REPowerEU Plan published in May 2022](#).
- A **binding 35 bcm biomethane target by 2030** will contribute to **predictability and investor confidence** that are necessary for the biomethane value chain to deliver its full potential.

We support Compromise Amendment 4 that tables **an EU binding biomethane target of 35 bcm/year in the Gas Regulation**. We call on political groups and MEPs to support such a target.