

EBA AWARDS 2023

APPLICATIONS OPEN!

The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the end of Day 1 of the European Biogas Conference (24 October 2023, Brussels).

Please note that eligible candidates include EBA members, BIP members, EU projects and members of the EBA's National Associations.

BIOGAS BOOSTER - HARM GROBRÜGGE AWARD

This award recognises the efforts made by an individual in showcasing the positive social and environmental effects of biogases production and its multiple applications. The award is named after the former EBA president Harm Grobrügge who passed away in 2021. From pioneering biogas production at his own farm in the early 80's, to becoming one of the EBA's founding fathers, Harm dedicated his life to promoting biogases. The Biogas Booster Award recognises those who follow in Harm's footsteps as biogas boosters.

Who can be nominated? Any eligible individual making an outstanding contribution for the promotion of renewable gas.

This award is granted every two years.

BIOGAS GROUNDBREAKER

The huge potential of our sector becomes more apparent year after year. Combined biogas and biomethane production in 2021 amounted to 3,196 TWh or 18.4 bcm of energy, while our sector is set to deploy 35 bcm of sustainable biomethane by 2030. By doing this, we will significantly strengthen Europe's energy security. The increase in biomethane production will also help us reduce waste, increase food security, and support the transition to agroecology in our farms. The Biogas Groundbreaker Award will acknowledge best practices from the companies in showcasing unprecedented growth and significant social and environmental benefits.

Who can be nominated? Any eligible company and/or EU project making an outstanding growth for the sector and positive contribution of biogas in our society.

EFFICIENCY CHAMPION AWARD

Developing innovations which increase the process efficiency of biogas and biomethane production is key to improving business' profitability. The Efficiency Champion Award will highlight initiatives from the companies that successfully implemented such process efficiency innovations. The applied approach or technique, of combination of techniques, should be novel in a way as opposed to standard operation.

Who can be nominated? Any eligible company and/or EU project providing innovative technologies enhancing the process efficiency.



WOMEN LEADING THE WAY TO CLIMATE-NEUTRALITY

The success of the energy transition depends on greater diversity in the whole sector and within our workforce, at every level. Women hold 32% of works on the renewable energy sector and make up only 11% of senior management roles (IRENA and IEA 2021). The sector needs to shift the dial by drawing on all talents to deliver secure, affordable and sustainable energy future for all. The Women leading the way to climate-neutrality Award is aimed at giving visibility to those brave women who are driving the energy transition, but also making gender equality in our sector a reality.

Who can be nominated? Any eligible individual identifying as a woman and working in the biogas sector as manager, researcher, engineer, consultant, farmer.

TOP BIOGAS YOUNG TALENT

Young people are powerful advocates for change: 60% of young people between 18 and 35 years old are particularly engaged in climate change. They are a critical force for the energy transition, bringing new ideas and pursuing careers aimed at decarbonising the EU economy. We must equip the future labour force with the skills for a just energy transition. The Top Biogas Young Talent Award recognises any young individual active in the renewable gas sector contributing to the expansion of the biogas and biomethane sector in Europe.

Who can be nominated? Any eligible individual between 18 and 35 years old who has stepped up and taken the lead on a project to scale-up biogas and biomethane production within the EU.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION?

1. Specify the award category chosen for your application.
2. Include the following applicant details:
 - First name and name
 - Organisation and position within the organisation
 - Contact email and phone number
 - Describe why you (or your organisation) should receive the EBA award for the category you have specified (max. 500 words)
3. Support your explanation with relevant data (attachments in PDF format).
4. Send your application by 31 August 2023 to Natalia Walczak walczak@europeanbiogas.eu. Please include the following subject in your email: EBA Awards 2023 AWARD CATEGORY - CANDIDATE NAME (or ORGANISATION NAME).