EBA Newsletter

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The Company Advisory Council (CAC)

Due to organizational reasons the next Company Advisory Council meeting will take place in **Berlin** alongside the 19th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition. The meeting will be held on **7th June at 9:00-11:00 in Concorde Hotel am Studio · Kaiserdamm 80 · D-14057 Berlin.** Send your registrations to info@european-biogas.eu until 2 May.

For more information on the Company Advisory Council please contact Ms. Ramanauskaite at Ramanauskaite@european-biogas.eu

New members

EBA welcomes a new associated member!

- Sattler AG, click here for more information

End of Waste Criteria

The Commission is establishing End of Waste criteria for the digestate and created a technical working group for that purpose. The technical working group met in Seville in early 2011 to discuss a first working document, however more information on the digestates is needed and EBA together with national association is preparing a contribution.

BiogasIN Project

EBA is contributing to the development of sustainable biogas markets in Central & Eastern Europe. The project developed information on biogas plant financing and permitting procedures in the following countries: Austria, Germany, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Romania, Greece and Slovenia.

More information

The brochure 'Did you know that biogas can…' is available here

News from Brussels

The Commission launched a public consultation which aims to identify possible measures which could be proposed by the Commission in order to ensure that the energy infrastructure

needed to make our networks fit for the 21st century will be built in time.

Consultation period
From **01/03/2011** to **30/04/2011**

More information on the launched public consultation is available here
Click here to open a consultation paper

New FiTs in France for Biogas

New feed in tariffs were introduced in France. The basic tariff was increased by 2 cents, however new manure bonus was introduced only for small biogas plants. Technical requirements for energy efficiency bonus (4 cents) were raised and it will be much harder to get the bonus than before. In comparison to the existing feed in tariffs new feed in tariffs became more favourable for small plants (200 kW – 500 kW).
Source: Club Biogaz, ATEE France

News from Italy

The Council of Ministers has given its final approval to the legislative decree transposing Directive 2009/28/EC regarding the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources. This decree is crucial for the development of the biogas industry in Italy since it clarifies some key aspects regarding incentives for plants currently in operation, outlines the principles upon which the changes in the incentive scheme will be based after 31 December 2012, and establishes rules for the transitional period.
The decree establishes that within three months from the date it comes into force, the Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas shall define 'specific directives concerning the technical and financial conditions for the service of connecting biomethane production plants to natural gas networks; the operators of these networks are obliged to connect to third parties.'
Source: Consorzio Italiano Biogas

Australia has detected agricultural biogas

The Colac Power Company, a joint venture between biological farming firm Camperdown Compost Company and green electricity developer Diamond Energy, is to build a biogas plant in the town of Colac, Victoria, Australia. The Victorian government has committed $1.5 million to help build the plant, which will have a total cost of $6 million and take about 18 months to construct once a planning permit is approved. Once construction has been completed it will process organic waste from dairy, meat and other agricultural industries. The plant has been

estimated to process around 80 tonnes of liquefied waste each day, generating 1MW of electricity.

Source: Bioenergy Australia Newsletter

Publications

- Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative has released a publication 'The Biogas Opportunity in Wisconsin: 2011 Strategic Plan'
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