

### The Company Advisory Council (CAC)

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](mailto:info@european-biogas.eu)

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### New members

EBA welcomes 5 new members!

- Finnish Biogas Association, [more](#)
- Polish Chamber of Commerce - PIGEO, [more](#)
- Association des Agriculteurs Methaniseurs de France, [more](#)
- BTS Italy, [more](#)
- Sattler AG, [more](#)

Actually EBA consists of 38 members thereof 23 national associations and 15 associated members

### BiogasIN Project

IEE Project BiogasIN 2<sup>nd</sup> progress meeting and a high level conference took place on 13-15 April 2011 in Riga, Latvia

Presentations on the BiogasIN project are found [here](#)

The brochure describing the activities of BiogasIn 'Did you know that biogas can...' can be downloaded [here](#)

**Please take 10 minutes to help solving administrative and financial hurdles in the development of biogas projects! (see attachment). The feed-back is very welcome until 23th May**

### EBA Activities

EBA President Arthur Wellinger gave contributions and met with members of the government in the following countries:

3 May 2011 - debate on Renewable energy and Europe's infrastructure: The right decisions for tomorrow organized by EUFORES at the European Parliament, Brussels. Parliamentary dinner was concentrating on one of the key challenges for European Energy Policy over the next years: the provision of the right infrastructure for a changing energy supply  
Speakers' presentations can be downloaded [here](#)

7 April 2011 - meeting and conference in [Warsaw](#) in the framework of the EU Interreg project 4Biomass. Unfortunately, the Polish Ministry of economy, responsible for renewable energies, did not show much interest in it. The biogas business is going extremely slow. Polish Biogas Association sent a letter to EBA on the biogas sector situation in Poland. Further steps are under consideration

21 April 2011 - Biofuels conference in [Ukraine, Kiev](#). Besides a contribution, the President gave an interview to the business sector and met a Deputy Minister, Head of the Joint Implementation Division. The first reading of new feed-in tariff passed the Parliament. There are very few but excellent biogas built or under planning

25 February 2011 - ECN Annual Conference on Anaerobic Digestion in Europe, [Dublin, Ireland](#). Despite the financial crisis the support of biogas by reasonable feed-in tariffs is continued, however only very few projects are accepted

## News from Brussels

- [National Renewable Energy Action Plans](#) - Analysis of the National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs) by the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) shows a positive trend towards 2020 targets, however more stability in the support schemes and further measures are necessary to reach the goals. According to members of the evaluation group two NREAPs are discussed to be rejected and six are under discussion. Some of the biogas targets are highly ambitious and need strong support schemes to meet the targets. One thing is obvious – political will is playing an important role if more than 20% of RES can be reached until 2020 as announced

- [End of Waste Criteria](#) - The Commission is establishing End of Waste criteria for the compost and 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](#). Due to the fact that there is a lack of information on the digestates, EBA has prepared a position paper which was sent to the European Commission (see attachment). JRC wants to make additional analysis on 100 biogas plants

- [Future Transport Fuels](#) - alongside the Sustainable Energy Week the European Commission (DG Move) organized a conference on the Future Transport Fuels on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The conference served as a platform for wider discussion between key representatives from relevant European institutions and stakeholder associations on the European Commission's strategic initiative on Clean Transport Systems (CTS). The main objective of this initiative is to develop a long-term European strategy on alternative fuels substituting for oil in the whole transport sector. EBA President Arthur Wellinger is a nominated expert for the Future Transport Fuels expert working group at the Commission and introduced biomethane as one of the future transport fuels in the final report which is available [here](#). On 5th May 2011 DG Move organized the 5th expert group meeting with a focus on the infrastructure

- ✓ NG/biomethane should be promoted as one of the main fuels until 2020 in all light and heavy duty vehicles and until 2050 especially in heavy duty transport

- European Commission published the White Paper - Roadmap to a single European Transport Area: Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system. The Roadmap consists of 40 initiatives for the next decade to build a competitive transport system that will increase sustainable mobility by removing major barriers in key areas. The initiatives will reduce Europe's dependence on imported oil and cut carbon emissions in transport by 60% until 2050. By 2050, key goals will include:

- ✓ No more conventionally-fuelled cars in cities
- ✓ 40% use of sustainable low carbon fuels in aviation; at least 40% cut in shipping emissions
- ✓ A 50% shift of medium distance intercity passenger and freight journeys from road to rail and waterborne transport
- ✓ All of which will contribute to a 60% cut in transport emissions by the middle of the century

- A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050 - European Commission published a roadmap which defines the pathways on how to reach the EU's objective of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% of 1990 levels by 2050 [More](#)  
Another Road Map for the entire world was published end of April by the IEA [More](#)

- CO2 taxation - the European Commission is aiming to introduce the CO2 tax at EU level. The energy tax will be split into two parts: CO2 tax and energy consumption tax. The minimum CO2 tax rate proposed equals 20 Euros/ton. Energy consumption tax is based on energy content, i.e. on the actual energy that a product generates measured in Gigajoules (GJ). The minimum tax rate would be fixed at €9.6/GJ for motor fuels, and €0.15/GJ for heating fuels. This will apply to all fuels used for transport and heating

- ✓ Solid biomass fuels will be exempt from both taxes
- ✓ Biofuels will be exempt of CO2 tax but only if the biofuels meet the sustainability requirements. Unsustainable biofuels will be a subject to CO2 tax. Biofuels can be also exempted from energy consumption tax until 2023
- ✓ The energy taxation will be applicable to all the energy products that are not covered by the Emissions Trading Scheme
- ✓ All bioenergy fuels are considered as carbon neutral

Next steps: the proposal will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council and is expected to enter into force as of 2013

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## Public consultations at the European Commission

- ✓ DG Energy - Accounting methods and conditions for the 10% renewable energy in transport target and the need for additional types of biofuels. Consultation concerns the method of accounting for renewable electricity, hydrogen and biomethane towards the Renewable Energy Directive's (Directive 2009/28/EC) 10% target for renewable energy in transport by 2020

Consultation period: 14/04/2011 - 14/06/2011

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- ✓ DG Energy - Consultation on sustainability of solid and gaseous biomass. AEBIOM and EBA are preparing a joint position paper. This consultation concerns sustainability

criteria for energy uses of biomass other than biofuels and bioliquids. Following its Report on sustainability requirements for the use of solid and gaseous biomass sources in electricity, heating and cooling in February 2010 (COM(2010)11), the Commission is currently analysing the need for additional measures at EU level

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- ✓ **DG Transport** - Strategic Transport Technology Plan. The European Commission will present proposals to modernise the transport sector contributing to increasing competitiveness and lowering emissions. This will involve transforming the transport system, promoting independence from oil, creating a modern infrastructure and multimodal mobility assisted by smart management and information systems

Consultation period: 29/03/2011 - 28/05/2011

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## IEE Project Urban Biogas

On 1 May 2011 started IEE Urban Biogas project. 5 European target cities are supported for the production of biomethane from urban waste which shall be fed into the natural gas grids and optionally used for transport. Polish Biogas Association - PBA is partner in Poland together with Polish city Rzeszów and Polish energy Agency PAE

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## Upcoming Events

EREC 2011 Europe's Renewable Energy Policy Conference, 24 May 2011, Brussels

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19<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition, 6-10 June 2011, Berlin

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2nd Annual AEBIOM European Bioenergy Conference & Renexpo 29-30 June 2011, Brussels

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