

EBA Newsletter

December 2010



EBA Board Meeting

The Board met on 18/11/2010 in Freising and discussed the Company Advisory Council, the General Assembly and the work program.

New Members

EBA welcomes **two international companies that joined us** in November 2010: **Enbasys GmbH**, Austria and **Agraferm Technologies AG**, Germany. For more information about the new members check the websites:

http://www.enbasys.com/index_new.php?lang=en

<http://www.agraferm.org/>

EBA Website

EBA has launched a **Member Login** function for its members. Contact persons have received a member login name and password via e-mail. Information for the members is in preparation. We encourage you to share information and your know-how with us! Your input is more than welcome.

BiogasIN Project

After Sophia last fall, another High Level Conference of the BiogasIN project will be held in Latvia on 13 April, 2011. For more information about the project check the website:

<http://www.biogasin.org/>

SPIN Project meeting

SPIN is a project supported by the Baltic Sea Region Program 2007-2013 of the European Union. SPIN brings together some of the most important institutions for eco-innovations in the Baltic Sea Region and is supported by numerous national governments, sector associations, research bodies and transnational NGOs. EBA was participating at "Policy - case of the Biogas Sector: SMEs view and framework conditions" workshop. For more information check the website:

http://www.spin-project.eu/index.php5?node_id=257&lang_id=1

Biogas news

- **Stakeholder consultation on the Bio-waste** - The Commission adopted on 18 May 2010 a Communication on future steps in bio-waste management in the European Union (COM(2010)235 final). This Communication includes an analysis of the bio-waste management options in the EU and outlines further actions in this area. Increased composting and anaerobic digestion were identified as two options where potential benefits appear to be significant. However, due to the different conditions in Member States, it was estimated that further work was needed, notably from the subsidiarity perspective, before considering proposing an EU target for biological treatment. The Commission committed itself to continue an analysis on the appropriateness of setting such targets by 2014 at the latest under the Waste Framework Directive.

How to submit your contribution:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/bio_waste_en.htm

For more information on the discussion check the website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/compost/developments.htm>

- **Sludge and Biowaste Working paper** - In September 2010 DG Environment of the European Commission published a new working document with the title „Sludge and Biowaste“. It aims to structure the further discussion with Member States and key stakeholders as well as to enable the Commission for a better preparation of the revision of the Directive on the use of sewage sludge in agriculture.

Click here to download Working Document:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/rev_sewage/library?l=/document_biowaste&vm=detailed&sb=Title

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- **The European Environment: State and Outlook 2010** – European Environmental Agency has published a report which contains interesting information on waste and biomass.

Click here to download the publication: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/soer/synthesis>

- **World Energy Outlook 2010:** The International Energy Agency (IEA) published a new outlook on energy development. An excellent executive summary can be downloaded for free: http://www.iea.org/weo/docs/weo2010/WE02010_ES_English.pdf