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- Biomethane as a vehicle fuel
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Conference Chair:
Dr. Mattias Svensson
Program Manager Gaseous Fuels, Swedish Gas Technology Centre, Malmø, Sweden
10:00 Registration & welcome coffee

10:30 Chair’s welcome and opening address

I. EUROPEAN LEGISLATION, BIOMETHANE REGISTRIES & STANDARDISATION

10:45 Greenhouse gas (GHG) savings calculations in the renewable directive and examples for biogas and biomethane process pathways
- The EU approach to greenhouse gas (GHG) savings calculations in the renewable directive
- Biomethane production: Emissions savings calculations
- Biogas and biomethane process pathways for missions calculations

Dr. David Baxter, Senior Scientist, JRC – Institute for Energy and Transport, European Commission, LE Petten, The Netherlands

11:30 The national biomethane registries and the importance of their cooperation for cross-border trade
- The role and function of national biomethane registries
- Operating biomethane registries in Europe
- GreenGasGrids project – Supporting the international cooperation among registries
- Key issues of international cooperation among the national registries
- Main challenges for cross-border biomethane trade

Dr. Attila Kovacs, Board Member, European Biogas Association, Brussels, Belgium

12:15 Biomethane standards for grid injection and vehicle fuel
- Definition of maximum and minimum values
- Work within the CEN TV 408 and the GreenGasGrids project
- Common target values for the gas, vehicle and biogas industry

Dr. Arthur Wellinger, Managing Director / President European Biogas Association, Triple E&M, Aadorf, Switzerland

13:00 Lunch

II. EUROPEAN MARKETS, DRIVERS & NEW GROWING BIOMETHANE MARKETS

14:15 Lifecycle emissions from biogas and biomethane plants
- Understanding the lifecycle of biogas production
- Emissions produced within the lifecycle of biogas production
- Best practice recommendations on reducing emissions from biogas and biomethane plants
- An outlook to the future in terms of reducing emissions

William Mezzullo, PhD / MEng, Associate Director / Project Development, Renewable Energy Association (REA), Guildford, United Kingdom

15:00 Biomethane support schemes in European countries
- Status of biogas and biomethane markets
- Overview on different support schemes for biogas and biomethane in Europe
- Last developments and trends

Dipl.-Ing. Sabine Strauch, Research Group Biogas Technology, co-author: Dipl.-Ing. Joachim Krassowski, Chemical Energy Storage, Fraunhofer UMSICHT, Oberhausen, Germany
15:45 Drivers and constraints for biomethane in Brazil
   • Potentials – Brazil a booming market?
   • Incentives and regulations
   • Pilot initiatives

* Dipl.-Ing. Wolfgang Roller, Project Manager, Renewable Energies DKTI
  Biogas, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
  GmbH, Brasilia-DF, Brazil

16:30 Networking & coffee break

III. UPGRADING, FLEXIBLE PLANT OPERATION & GRID INJECTION

17:00 State of the art of biogas upgrading
   • The main gas upgrading technologies
   • Technical characteristics: Product gas purity, methane losses, energy and
     media consumption, scalability
   • Economic data – Capital costs and operational costs
   • Market share, recent and future development

* Dipl.-Ing. Daniel Tamm, M.Sc., Project Engineer, Department Göteborg,
  BioMil AB, Lund, Sweden

17:45 Flexible CHP-Operation on biogas – Requirements, options and limits
   • Requirements for more flexibility
   • Intelligent control technology
   • Results of plants under operation
   • Where are the limits?

* Dipl.-Ing. / Dipl.-Wirt-Ing. Alfred Gayer, CEO, EnviTec Energy, Lohne,
  Germany

18:30 End of conference day one

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and informal atmosphere for deepening talks with other participants and
speakers.
09:00 Operational flexibility and power generation based on need – What role can biomethane play here?
- Grid stability
- Storage of renewable energy
- Virtual transport and mass balance system
- Physical transport
Dr. Anton Daubner, CEO, agri.capital Luxembourg S.à.r.l., Luxembourg

09:45 Production and biomethane grid injection, an overview of the Nordic situation
- Quality specifications and its effect on installation works
- Responsibilities to third parties
- Cost aspects of quality and works
- New injection standard - How will that effect new and previous installations?
Håkan Eriksson, M.Sc., Senior Project Manager, EON Gas Sweden AB, Malmö, Sweden

10:30 Networking & coffee break

IV. BIOMETHANE AS A VEHICLE FUEL

11:00 Biomethane potential and commercialization in Finland
- What is the biomethane potential in Finland?
- Current and future biomethane production projects in Finland
- Production and commercialization of biomethane into different segments
Tuomas Niskanen, M.Sc. (Tech.), Production Engineer, Biogas and Renewables, Gasum Oy, Espoo, Finland

11:45 Green Gas & LBG filling stations from an entrepreneurial perspective
- The right configuration for your CNG and LNG station
- Facilitation the green gas value chain form a retailers perspective
- OrangeGas Port of Amsterdam – “The sustainable fuel station of the future”
Pelle Schlichting, Director, OrangeGas, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

12:30 The Audi e-gas project – Methane as a key element for green mobility and the energy turnaround
- The challenge to storage renewable energies
- Power to gas as a key element for the future energy market
- CNG mobility as complementary solution for battery electric cars
Reinhard Otten, Strategist Sustainable Product Development, Sustainable Product Development, Audi AG, Ingolstadt, Germany

13:15 Lunch

V. NEW DEVELOPMENTS: POWER-TO-GAS, GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES

14:30 Status of power-to-gas: Technology, economics, market
- The case for power-to-gas energy storage
- Status of the different technology concepts currently pursued by industry and academia
- Market conditions prohibiting, inhibiting, and supporting technology deployment
- Future path to commercialization
Dominic Hofstetter, MBA/M.Sc., Vice President of Business Development, Electrochae, LLC, Horsens, Denmark

15:15 The role and status of biomass gasification in Sweden – Industrial projects and plants
- Overview of the role and status of biomass gasification in Sweden today
- Products in focus: Bio-SNG, bio-alcohols and bio-DME
- On-going industrial projects and gasification plants and the technologies behind them
Dr. Anna-Karin Jannasch, Program Manager Gasification and Fuel Synthesis/Industry and Household, Swedish Gas Technology Centre AB, Malmö, Sweden

16:00 Conference chair’s closing remarks

16:15 End of conference
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09:50 Chair’s welcome and opening address

10:00 An overview of EU sustainability criteria and LCA for biogas and biomethane
- Life cycle assessment
- Sustainability criteria & European renewables directive (RED)
- CO₂ savings
- European legislation

Dr. David Baxter, Senior Scientist, JRC - Institute for Energy and Transport, co-authors: Dr. Alessandro Agostini; Dr. Jacopo Giuntoli, European Commission, LE Petten, The Netherlands

10:45 Methods and results of emission monitoring
- Comparison: Measurement devices
- Biogas plants – Current situation regarding emission measurement
- Results of measurements: Agricultural sector and biowaste treatment
- E.ON Helicopter based emission control

Dr.-Ing. Jan Liebetrau, Head of Division Biochemical Conversion, DBFZ Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum gGmbH, Leipzig, Germany

12:15 Emission of methane in Sweden during the production of vehicle gas
- Methane emissions in the Swedish CNG/CBG chain
- Methane emissions in the entire chain from biogas production to its end-use as automotive fuel
- Current situation and best available technology

Dr. Mattias Svensson, Program Manager Gaseous Fuels, co-author: Tobias Persson, Swedish Gas Technology Centre, Malmö, Sweden

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Carbon implications of biomethane production and use
- Methods – Crucial aspects and factors in LCA for biomethane production facilities
- Results of GHG calculations and potential for improvements
- Necessary developments
- Comparison of the GHG mitigation potential from the use of biomethane in different applications

Dipl.-Ing. Stefan Majer, Team Leader Sustainability and Biomass Potentials, Bioenergy Systems, co-author: Dipl.-Ing. Katja Oehmichen, DBFZ – Deutsches Biomasseforschungs Zentrum gGmbH, Leipzig, Germany

15:00 Methane emissions within the upgrading process
- Technology overview
- Methane losses and exhaust post treatment within upgrading process
- Outline of the project Mona
- Results of measurements
- Conclusions and optimization potential

Dipl.-Ing. Michael Beil, Head of Gas Processing, Bioenergy Systemtechnik, Fraunhofer-Institut für Windenergie, Kassel, Germany

15:45 Residual gas potential of digestates
- Prediction of residual gas potential with kinetic models
- Economic and environmental aspect
- Digestate separation
- Gas potential and emissions from open storage

Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Kube, Head of Product Management, Agraferm Technologies AG, Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm, Germany

16:30 Conclusions of workshop chair

16:45 End of workshop day
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