# **UrbanBiogas**

# "Urban waste for biomethane grid injection and transport in urban areas"



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# **Project Summary**

### Objective:

to promote the use of organic urban waste for biogas production in 5 target cities in order to inject biomethane in the natural gas grid and to use it in transport.

### Target cities:

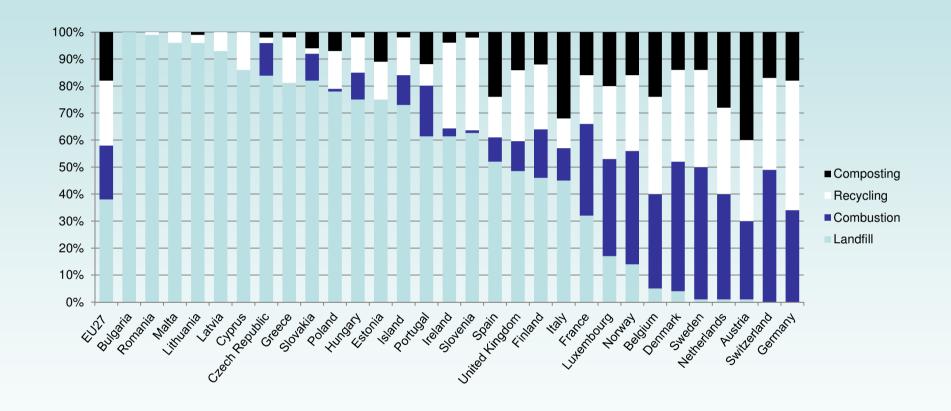
City of Zagreb (Croatia)
City of Graz (Austria)
Municipality of Abrantes (Portugal)
City of Rzeszów (Poland)
City of Valmiera (Latvia)







# Background: Treatment of MSW in Europe





Data: EUROSTAT, 2009

# Options for Organic Waste Treatment











#### Landfill

- Reduction necessary to comply with Directive 2006/12/EC
- Landfill gas could be energetically used, but energy output is low
- No use of nutrients is possible



#### **Incineration Plant**

- + Energetic use
- "waste heat" is often un-used
- No use of nutrients is possible
- High investment costs and other barriers for new plants
- Long transport ways due to centralised plants

### Household Composting

- + Common practice in many cases
- + High-value endproduct: closed nutrient cycle
- + No sophisticated logistics needed
- No energetic output
- Not all waste is suitable for private composts
- Not possible in urban areas

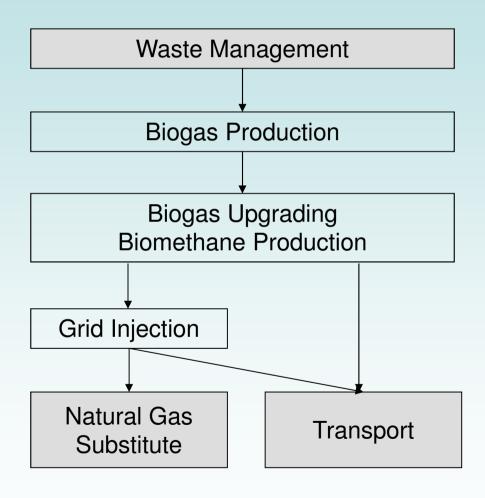
### Industrial Composting

- + Common practice in many cases
- + High-value endproduct: closed nutrient cycle
- No energetic output

#### **Anaerobic Digestion**

- + High energetic output
- + High-value endproduct: closed nutrient cycle
- → Still needs nontechnical support

# WtB Supply Chain

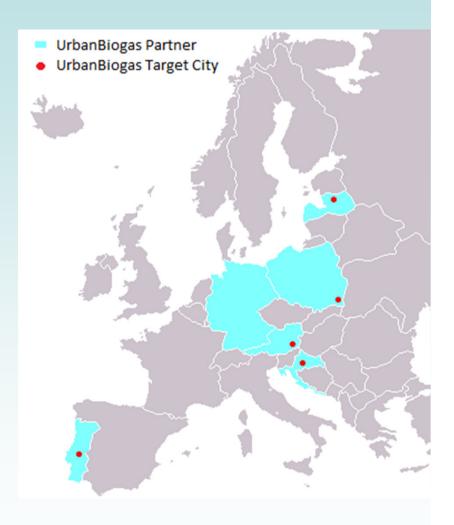




WtB = Waste-to-Biomethane

# UrbanBiogas Target Cities

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### Selected Activities and Outcomes

### Main objective:

- 5 concepts for the target cities on urban waste management, biogas and biomethane production and use
- 5 business agreements for WtB projects in the target cities

#### Main activities:

- 90 Task Force meetings in the 5 target cities to elaborate concepts
- 15 training courses on urban waste management, biogas and biomethane production and use for city representatives
- 5 events for biogas plant companies to promote their technologies
- 5 National expert consultation meetings on the use of biomethane
- 9 WtB promotion events for other European Cities



# **Project Partners**

- WIP Renewable Energies, Germany
- Fraunhofer IWES Institute, Germany
- Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar, Croatia
- City of Zagreb (Zagrebački Holding), Croatia
- Polish Biogas Association, Poland
- IrRADIARE, Portugal
- Municipality of Abrantes, Portugal
- **EKODOMA**, Latvia
- North Vidzeme Waste Management Company, Latvia
- Graz Energy Agency, Austria
- Podkarpacka Energy Management Agency, Poland



















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