Trading in Biogas

Opportunities in Specialist Markets

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- Focus on biogas markets since 2006
- Developed Germany's first and leading biogas trading platform
- Platform awarded with Innovation Prize 2009 by Deutsche Energie-Agentur
- Project examples:
 - Concept and launch of a European biogas trade exchange
 - Start-up company: biogas supply to residential customers

Agenda

- Biomethane Markets
- Value Chain
- Trading practices and economics
- Outlook

Grid-Grade Biogas Accelerates In Europe



Level of Activity

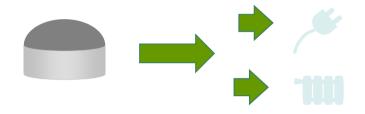
- Active market
- Pilot projects
- Legislation under discussion
- No action

83.000 Nm³/h biomethane feed capacity installed

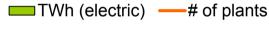
Source: Green Gas Grids, own analysis

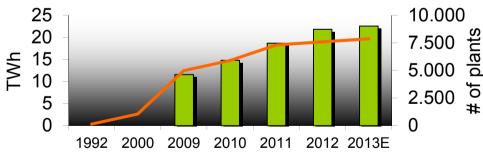
German Biogas Production Grows Rapidly

Biogas to Power

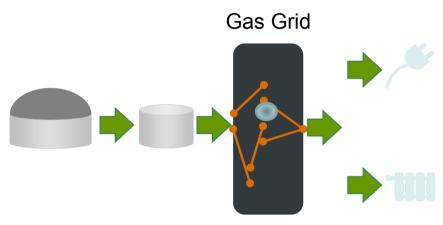


Number of plants and production





Biogas to Grid

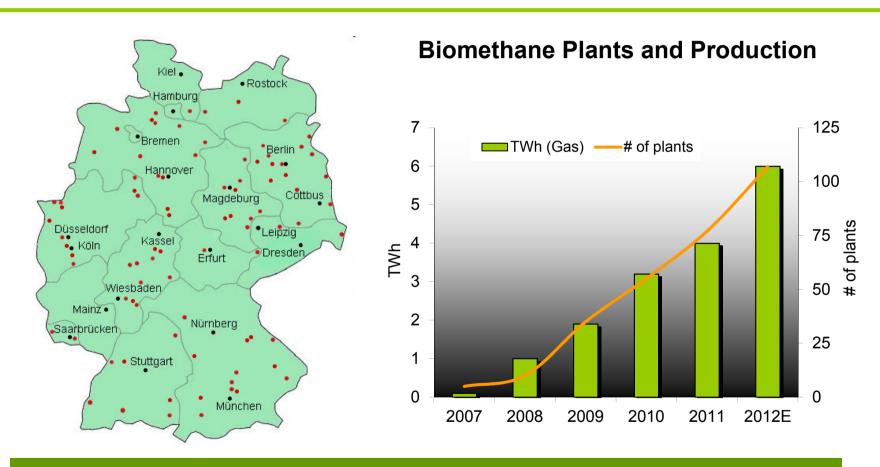


Market 2012E: Eur 6.5 B

Market 2012: Eur 400 M

Source: Fachverband Biogas, dena, own analysis

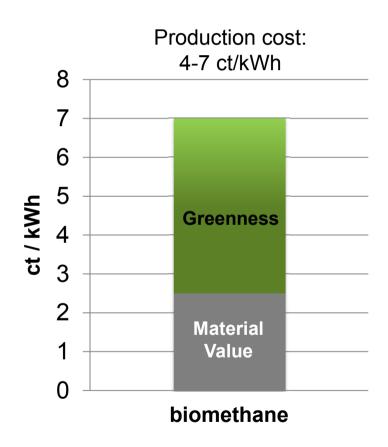
A New Grid-Grade Biogas Market Emerges



Political Target: 60 TWh / pa Biogas To Grid By 2020

Source: Fachverband Biogas, dena, Bundesnetzagentur

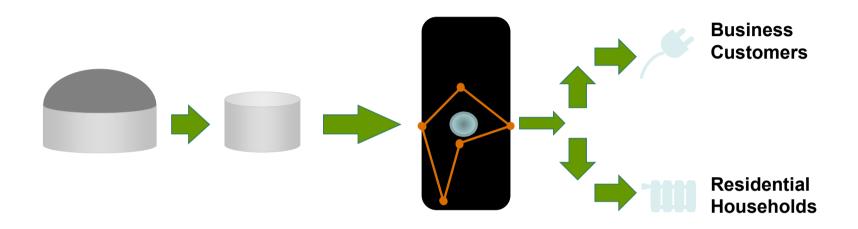
Economic Incentives Required



Incentives

- Biomethane substitutes natural gas
- Higher production cost needs compensation
- Examples: feed-in tariffs, priviledged network access, grid-transport flexibility

Value Chain



Production

Cost: 4-7 ct / kWh depending on input materials and technology Transport Trade

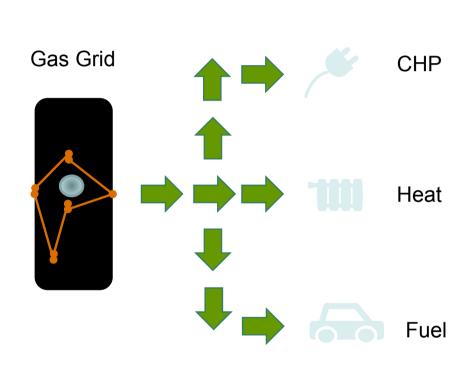
Cost: 0,5-2 ct / kWh depending on location, user profile etc Consumption

Economics: e.g.: opportunity cost versus use of natural gas

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Consumption Path Determines Value



Power feed-in tariff with minimum pricing scheme Supported by Energy Source Act (EEG)

Minimum share renewable sources Supported by various Renewable Heat Legislation

Quota for renewable share Supported by Biofuel Quota Act

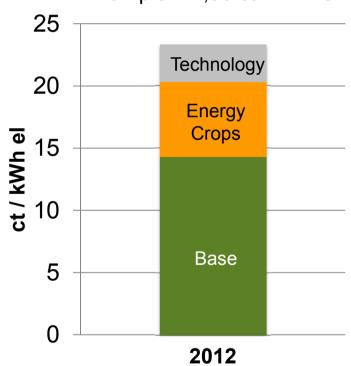
Transport

Consumption

Pricing Environment Is Driven By Legislation

Minimum Pricing Scheme

Example: 22,95 ct / kWh el



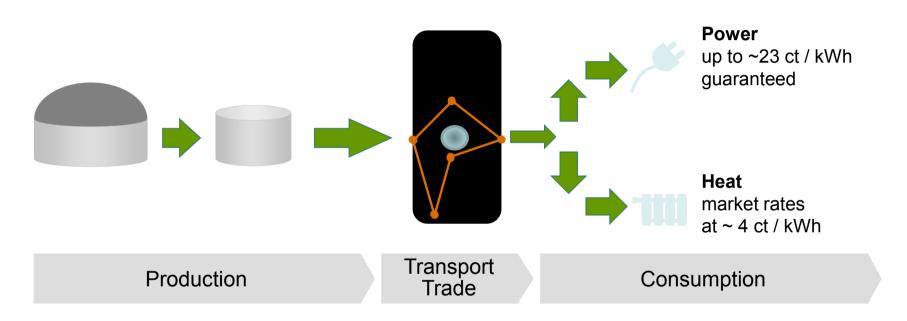
Product Examples

- Base
- Base + Energy Crop
- Base + Energy Crop + Technology

Source: EEG (Energy Source Act)

CHP Revenues Cap Biogas Pricing

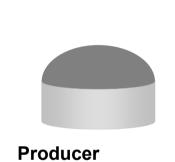
Value Chain - Example



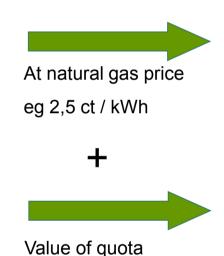
Biomethane Plant: Typically 40 M kWh / a Revenues: Eur 2.8 M CHP Unit: Efficiency: 35% el, 40% th Revenues: Eur 3.8 M

Value of biofuel quota drives fuel use

Value Chain - Example



sells biomethane eg 5 ct / kWh



eg 4 ct / kWh



Gas Station (utility) sells biofuel to car drivers

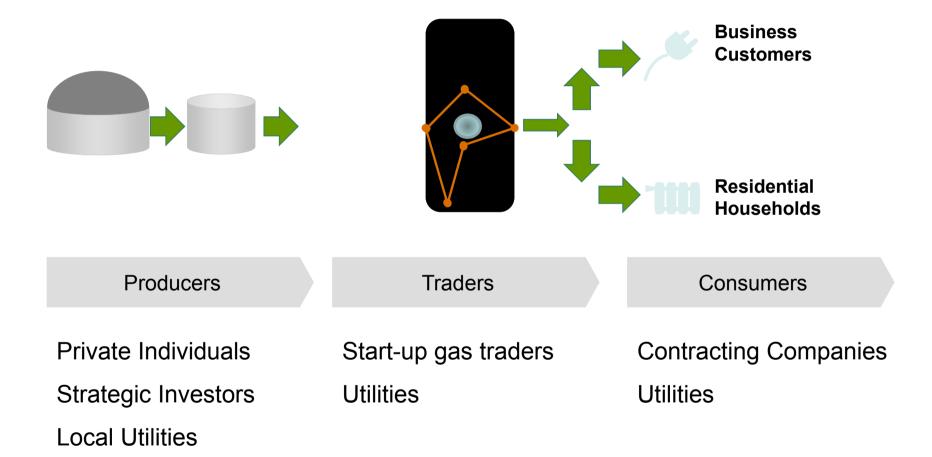


Fuel merchant compliant to fuel quota

Otherwise penalty payment

Margin needs to cover sales, transport and certification

Market Roles



Contractual Parameters

Examples

- flexible start date
- condition precedents

- take-or-pay
- daily minima / maxima



- biogenic characteristics
- origin
- certification

- fixed price
- indexing
- payment terms
- credit rating

Learnings For Trading

- Need for strong and innovative initial partner
- Portfolio helps to calibrate time and quantity deviations
- Use legislative framework and move quickly
- Patience to explain new opportunities

Outlook

- Biogas allocated a strong position in renewable mix
- Transition to a market-driven environment evolving
- Approach to integrated certification process
- Biogas supposed to contribute energy storage

Biogas Has Versatile Talent

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