

# The German Biogas Association: Scope, Network and Structure



#### **Content**



- The German Biogas Association Fachverband Biogas e.V.
- General set up and organization form
- Scope, goals and mandate
- Activities and publications
- Support services to members, stakeholder management
- Governmental relations and influence on political level

#### **Structure**



# over 400 honorary experts

#### **Steering Committee**

7 members, elected for a 4-year-period

#### **Board of Trustees**

Elected honorary spokesmen of regional groups, working groups and advisory boards

#### **Advisory Boards, Working Groups**

Advisory boards of plant operators, companies, the legal profession, funders; Working groups for the areas permissions, safety, feeding-in of biogas, environment, heat, waste and fertilizer law

# Headquarters in Freising (Bavaria)

30 employees, organized in 10 departments

#### **Berlin Office**

8 employees

Regional offices (North, South, East, West) and Editorial Office Biogas Journal

6 employees

#### 23 Regional groups in Germany

#### Operators of biogas plants

Providers of feedstock

Research Institutions

#### 4,800 Members

Interested private individuals

Public authorities
Lawyers

#### Companies and manufacturers

Corporate finance

Planners, advisers, laboratories

Association (EBA) **European Biogas** Member of the

# **Objectives**



#### Objectives:

- Promotion of the biogas sector
- Promotion of a sustainable energy supply
- Definition of legal framework for reliable and long-term investments
- Creation of adequate technical rules and standards
- Promotion of R & D
- Exchange of information
- Members service

# Lobbying on federal state, federal and EU level in the following fields:

- Renewable Energy Act (EEG)
- Energy management
- Regulatory approval
- Environmental laws
- Laws on agricultural issues
- Tax law

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### **Departments**



- Member Service
- Agriculture
- Companies, Manufacturers and Technology
- Permission, Licenses
- Energy laws and Regulations
- Waste / Digestate Use
- Policy
- International Affairs
- Public Relations
- Events
- Administration

## Regional activities

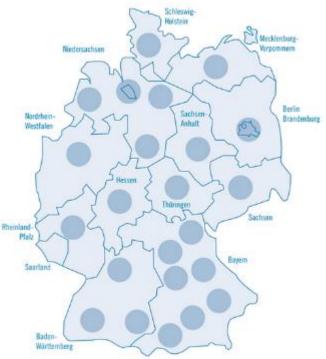
- 6 employees in 5 main regions
  - north, 2 persons
  - east,
  - south,
  - south east,
  - west
- 12 regional groups
- 1 person working on publication of the Biogas Journal
  - 6 German issues per year
  - 2 English issues per year





Regional offices

#### Regional groups



# Members Service, Permission, Licenses



- About 3,500 operators of biogas plants
- Several kinds of regulations touching biogas plant construction and operation
  - energy, construction, environment, emissions, safety, fire prevention, agriculture, taxes and many more
- Laws and regulations are constantly changing
- Typical challenges
  - Different interpretation of regulations
  - New requirements for biogas plant operation
  - Demands of (local) authorities
  - Problems with neighbors, press, energy supplier
- It would be inefficient if every operator would try to solve the problem by himself
- 4 persons work in the Members Service Department
- 2 persons work in the Regulations and Permissions Department
- 2 persons are lawyers or have a similar qualification to clarify energy law regulations

## **International Agenda**



- International Affairs Department
- 7 persons supporting members with information about the international biogas markets
- Biogas Convention and Trade Fair
- Supporting international biogas associations, spreading biogas Know-How and implementing trainings worldwide
- Cooperation with international organizations promoting Biogas in developing and emerging countries















# Working Groups and Advisory committees within GBA

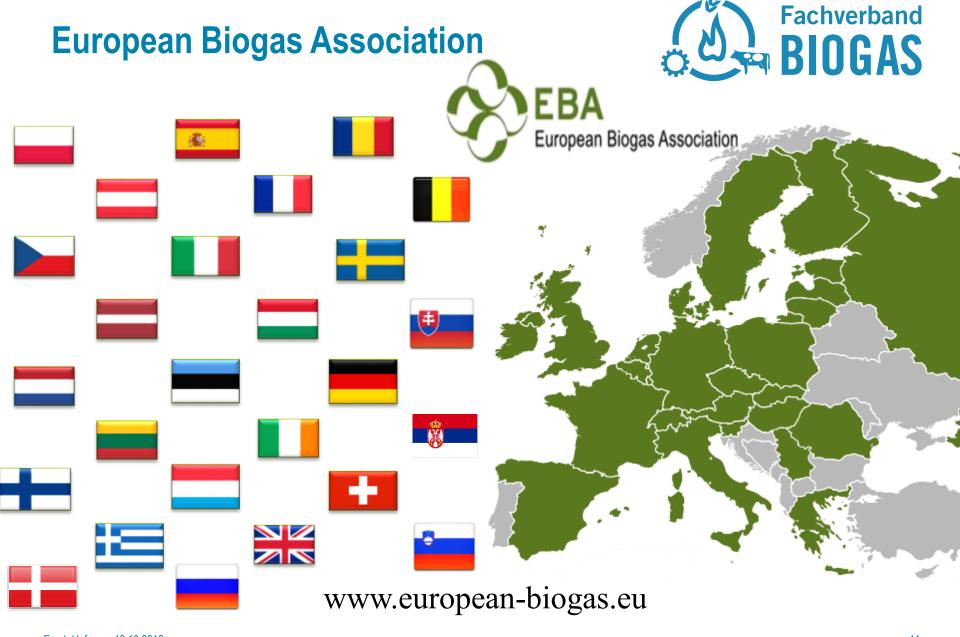


- Working groups
  - Waste and Fertilizer
  - Biogas upgrading and gas grid injection
  - Safety
  - Environment
  - Heat
  - International Affairs
- Advisory Committees
  - Operators committee
  - Companies committee
  - Finance committee
  - Committee for legal aspects

# **Partnering Associations**







#### **Publications**



#### Biowaste to Biogas

http://biowaste-to-biogas.com/

#### Biogas knowledge compact

 http://www.biogas.org/edcom/webfvb.nsf/id/DE\_Produk tuebersicht/\$file/Biogas%20Wissen\_eng.pdf

#### "Biogas an all-rounder"

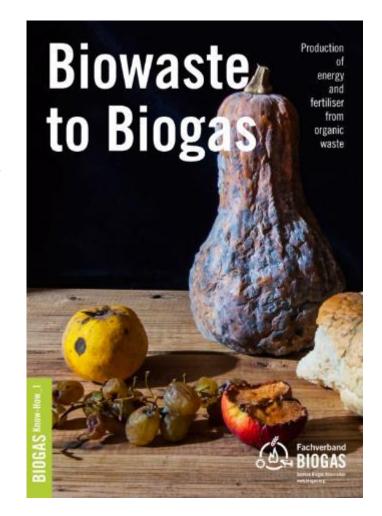
http://www.german-biogas-industry.com/

#### Company list Export

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#### Many more information on

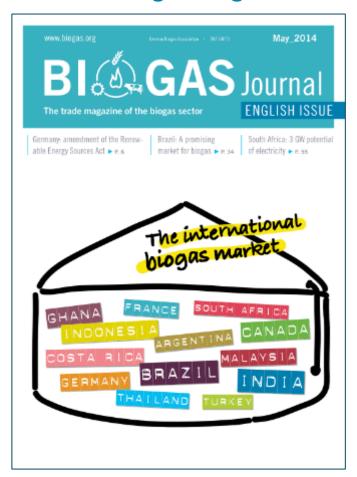
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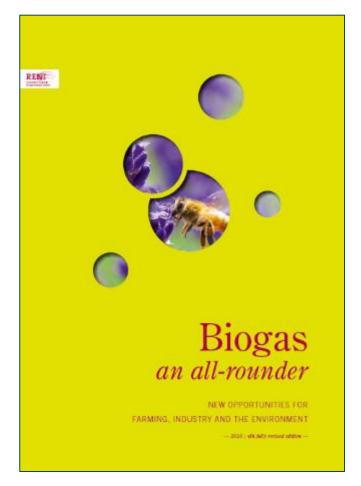
#### **Publications**



#### biogas.org



#### german-biogas-industry.com





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