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# Enhancing the uptake of biomethane in Europe

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Fostering **biomethane production** in Member States with less-developed market rates

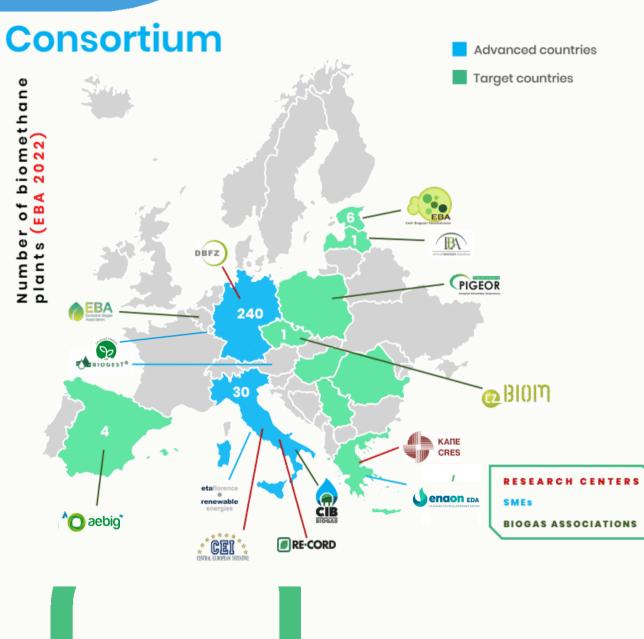


Increasing **social acceptance** and awareness through sciencebased evidence



Designing a set of **market uptake** measures for biomethane deployment





#### Approach

Aligned in three pillars: Market, Policy and Society that run throughout Geographic and countryrelevant specificities in Europe and beyond (Advanced and Target European countries, Mission Innovation countries), tackling also innovation and standardization issues.





To evaluate the framework conditions and market dynamics of the biomethane in 10 of the most advanced in biomethane markets in Europe and Mission Innovation countries.

#### **Outcomes**:

- Study on the production routes, end uses, feedstocks, policy framework
- Review of the technological development in midstream/ downstream technologies
- ✓ Review on feedstock potentials
- Review of existing standards for biomethane and hydrogen, ongoing work by the various CEN Technical Committees, Gos
- Universally applicable indicators for the assessment of biomethane market integration at country-level.

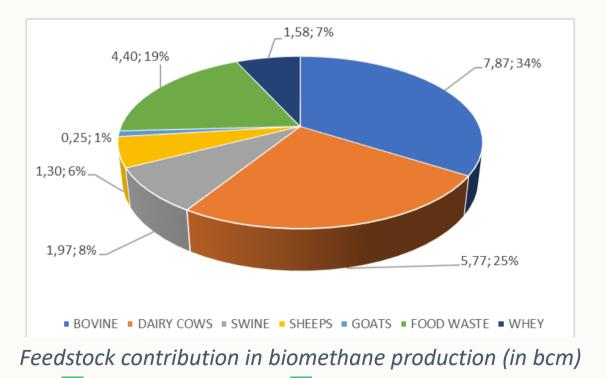


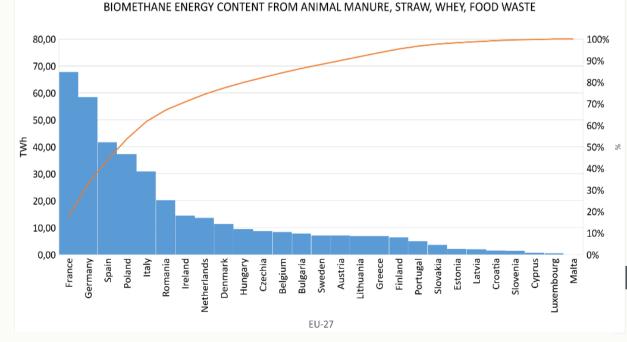
### Review on feedstock potentials

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#### Potential biomethane production (in bcm) for the natural gas grid and energy content (TWh/y)

	Biomethane production potential	Biomethane energy content
2022	bcm/year	TWh/y
European Union - 27	39.71	382.89
Animal manure	17.16	165.44
Straw	16.57	159.78
Food waste	5.98	57.67





Biomethane energy content (TWh/y)

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To evaluate the framework conditions and market dynamics of biomethane production in Target Countries with low market development (Greece, Spain, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Czech Republic, and the Danube Region)

#### Outcomes

- Set-up working teams in each target country
- Compiled Country reports on production routes, end uses, feedstock, policy framework in 9 countries
- SWOT analyses on going
- Organisation of Business Missions now starting









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To assure active engagement of stakeholders and societal acceptance with the involvement of actors representing all stages of the biomethane value chains through science-based evidence and tools.

#### Outcomes

- Setup of stakeholder hubs
- Co-creation actions in each Target-Country
- A World Café' workshop in every country
- Study of societal perspectives related to biomethane





PESTEL Workshop, Czech Republic





Stakeholder Meeting, Czech Republic



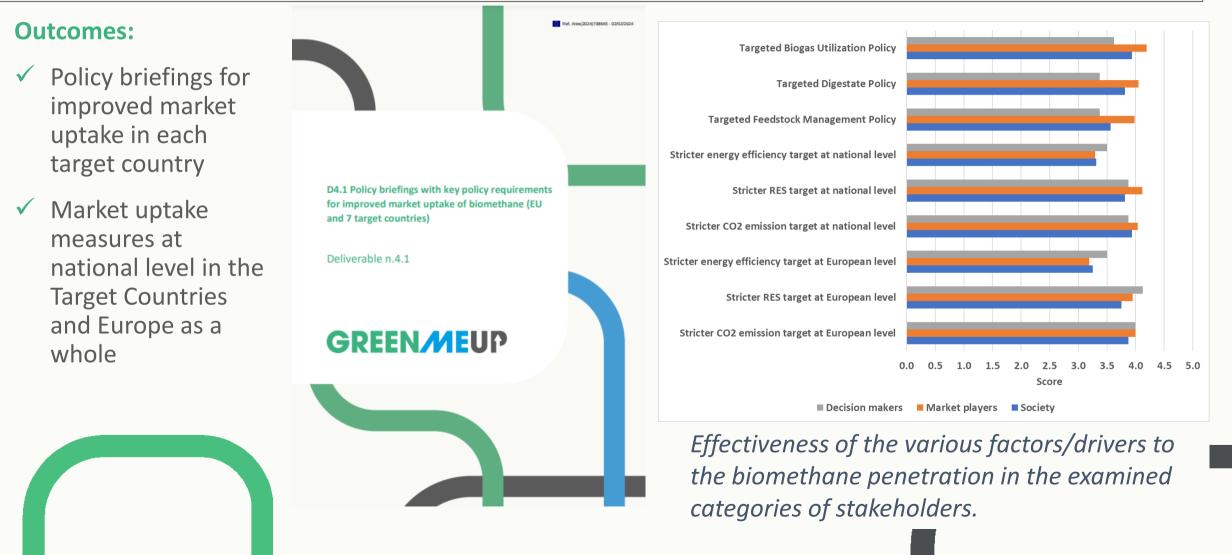
Stakeholder Meeting, Greece





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#### Some recommendations

- ✓ Facilitate the use of residues and wastes to ensure sustainable long –term supply.
- ✓ Use of digestate to produce branded agricultural products with a carbon- neutral label.
- ✓ Support commercialization of other innovative upgrading technologies.
- Enable biomethane injection in distribution, transportation grid and off-grid applications
- ✓ Foster the penetration BioLNG-BioCNG and bioH2
- ✓ Launch financial /regulative instruments to confront the main economic barriers (high investment cost, lack of subsidies, high cost to interconnect small biomethane plants)
- ✓ Establish coordinated policies across agriculture, waste management, energy, transport.







To disseminate, communicate and exploit the results

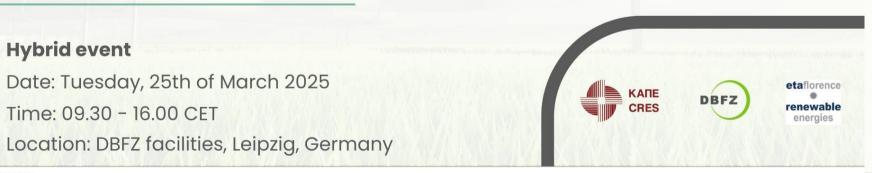
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## Policy Workshop

#### From Policy to Action: Driving Biomethane Market Growth

Policy impulse, and key research and market trajectories for the sector



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