

## GreenMeUp Project - Enhancing the uptake of biomethane in Europe

**GreenMeUp** is a Horizon Europe project that aims at fostering biomethane production in the European Union.

The project's activities will focus on the analysis of the European context, with a focus on countries with significant deployment rates of biomethane (**advanced countries**) and countries where Biomethane production rates are still low (**target countries**).

The main objective of the project is the one of reducing the gap between target and advanced countries, and hence aligning the deployment of Biomethane in the EU.

### TARGET COUNTRY

### Policy framework and market dynamics in LATVIA



### State of the art - 2023

<b>Biogas plants</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Biomethane plants</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Plants under construction</b>	<b>5</b>

### National strategy: main results and achievements

In GreenMeUp, Latvia is one of the target countries that will benefit from the project's results. Among target countries, Latvia is one of the less developed ones for biomethane production, with only one biomethane plant in operation, and five biomethane projects underway, all of which are scheduled for commissioning in 2024. Latvia's TSO Conexus Latvia is currently aiming to establish four public biomethane injection points, and consequently the technical specifications for the quality of biomethane intended for injection have been updated.

On the other side, the biogas production is more structured within the country, with 43 plants active. Within this context, the Latvian Biogas Association's current work is mainly focused on mapping the main stakeholders who may be interested in the implementation of biomethane production. A first stakeholder meeting took place at the beginning of March 2023, where attendees were mainly market and society hub representatives, while there was a lack of policy hub representatives.

Actions for implementing this framework should include a comprehensive market development strategy and targeted awareness campaigns. These actions would be crucial for its successful uptake, in particular among stakeholders' groups.

### Actual and future work: national market uptake policies

At the moment, Latvia's strategy is mainly focused on the work with policy makers and other stakeholders for developing the national biomethane policy.

Under a societal point of view, there still exists a lack of consensus on the objectives of biofuels in general, and the political responsibilities of transport and electricity ministries are still under definition. Moreover, the national legislative framework lacks clear roadmaps for the planned changes in the regulatory framework of biomethane production targets, creating concrete risks in not reaching European targets.

In order to increase societal consensus and accelerate the national legislative process, the Latvian Biogas Association will continue the work with the hubs meeting and implement guidelines to encourage policy makers towards a greater engagement.

### Problems and barriers to the development of Biomethane

Among the national obstacles in the development of biomethane, one of the most relevant ones concerns the involvement of the policy sector. In January 2023, the Latvian government established the Climate and Energy Ministry, which is expected to lead the national biomethane agenda: there is a strong necessity to create a stable and well-functioning communication with this new entity.

Another issue is strictly connected to the lack of financial support for the development of biomethane, which is essential for its implementation.

The lack of a national strategy for biomethane development is also affecting the national transport sector, where the relevant ministry should advance the transport energy law.

## CONSORTIUM



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