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Preface

Over the past three years the Natural Gas Programme at OIES has published a number of papers on the future of gas, highlighting the need for the industry to demonstrate its ability to operate within a decarbonising energy system. This is particularly true in Europe, where policy makers have effectively signalled that gas may have a declining future beyond 2030 if it cannot play a role in meeting the EU's "net zero emissions by 2050" target. We have discussed how the gas industry might develop a narrative to meet this goal, and have described how bio-gas, bio-methane, hydrogen and synthetic gas can be part of the solution.

Having laid the conceptual and theoretical context, though, which essentially urged the industry to take active steps to show its "renewable gas" credentials, we have now decided to actively monitor what is actually happening in terms of practical activity. This report, which we have developed in cooperation with the Sustainable Gas Institute at Imperial College, shows our initial results in the form of a database of projects across the "low-carbon gas" space, and we intend to keep this updated over the coming months and years as a record of the progress that the industry is making. The report also reviews the range of targets that have been set for the potential share for renewable gas in the European energy mix by 2050, and we will continue to assess the extent of industry activity relative to these goals. We would encourage any actors with information on additional projects to make contact with us, as we believe that the database could be a useful tool in discussions between industry players and policy makers. We will also be extending the database to cover projects across the globe, as we believe that the current initiatives in Europe could well provide a catalyst for action elsewhere.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, and particularly following agreement of specific goals at the COP21 meeting in Paris in December 2015, the global energy industry has increased its focus on decarbonisation. Against this background, both the Natural Gas Programme at OIES and the Sustainable Gas Institute at Imperial College have been conducting research relating to the future of the gas industry in a decarbonising energy system.¹

Prior to 2015, many incumbent players in the gas industry had advocated that, since natural gas has the lowest carbon dioxide emissions among fossil fuels, it would have a role to play in a low carbon energy system, and reassurance was given that there were enough natural gas reserves to last for over 200 years.² As the implications of the Paris Agreement became clearer, it was realised that to be consistent with the objective of keeping global temperature rise 'well below' 2°C, the energy system should be approaching carbon neutrality by 2050. Continuing to burn significant quantities of fossil-derived natural gas would not be consistent with the Paris Agreement.

The power generation sector has made the greatest progress in decarbonisation up to now. While actual implementation varies by country, there is a clear path forward to reduce carbon emissions from generation of electricity. After several years of subsidies, the cost of wind and photovoltaic generation has now fallen to a level where, in many situations, it is able to compete with natural gas and other fossil fuel alternatives without any government support.³ Renewables (wind, solar, biomass) achieved a one per cent share of global primary energy supply in 2006, and by 2018 this had risen to around five per cent.⁴ This rapid growth has led to some suggestions that the decarbonised energy system would be dominated by electricity, across all sectors, including transport, industry and buildings/heat. Several studies, however, have considered the feasibility and cost of various 'all electric' decarbonisation solutions in comparison with alternative 'hybrid' solutions where gaseous fuel continues to play a significant role in the energy system.⁵ The consistent message from such studies has been that continuing to use existing gas infrastructure for energy storage and transmission provides a much lower cost pathway to decarbonisation than the 'all electric' alternative. However, it is also understood that gas used in such a hybrid solution will need to be decarbonised.

A number of studies have developed detailed scenarios for production of various types of renewable or low carbon gas (biomethane from anaerobic digestion, synthetic gas from gasification of biomass, power to hydrogen, power to methane or hydrogen from methane reforming with carbon captura and storage (CCS)). Specifically:

¹ See for example: Spiers, J. et al, (July 2017). SGI. <u>http://www.sustainablegasinstitute.org/a-greener-gas-grid/</u>

Stern, J. (December 2017). OIES. <u>https://www.oxfordenergy.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Challenges-to-the-Future-of-Gas-unburnable-or-unaffordable-NG-125.pdf</u>

Lambert, M. (October 2018). OIES. <u>https://www.oxfordenergy.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Power-to-Gas-Linking-Electricity-and-Gas-in-a-Decarbonising-World-Insight-39.pdf</u>

Stern, J. (February 2019). OIES. <u>https://www.oxfordenergy.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Narratives-for-Natural-Gas-in-a-Decarbonisinf-European-Energy-Market-NG141.pdf</u>

² See, for example, Shell Sustainability Report 2013: <u>https://reports.shell.com/sustainability-report/2013/our-activities/natural-gas.html</u>

³ www.lse.ac.uk/GranthamInstitute/faqs/do-renewable-energy-technologies-need-government-subsidies/

⁴ BP Energy Outlook 2019 edition.

⁵ See, for example, Poyry, (May 2018).

https://www.poyry.com/sites/default/files/media/related_material/poyrypointofview_fullydecarbonisingeuropesenergysystemby2 050.pdf

DENA, (October 2018).

https://www.dena.de/fileadmin/dena/Dokumente/Pdf/9283_dena_Study_Integrated_Energy_Transition.PDF



- in November 2018, the European Commission published 'A Clean Planet for All A European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy'.⁶ This report contained multiple scenarios for consumption of renewable gaseous fuels in 2050.
- in December 2018, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas and Electricity (Entsog and Entoe) published their final scenario report for the 10 year network development plan,⁷ which included forecasts for renewable gas production in 2030 and 2040.
- in March 2019, the 'Gas for Climate' group of leading European Transmission System operators published a report developed by Navigant on 'The optimal role for gas in a net-zero emissions energy system'.⁸ This report also contained scenarios for renewable gas production in 2050.

More details on the ambitious targets set by these studies are given in Section 2, together with our analysis of the scale up pathways which would be implied by such target scenarios.

Note that throughout this report, in the absence of agreed industry definitions, we refer to 'renewable gas' and 'low-carbon gas' to cover the various alternatives for gaseous fuels (either hydrogen or methane) which may be used in future as significantly lower carbon alternatives to fossil-derived natural gas. Many of these are not zero-carbon, particularly where the electricity used is not 100 per cent renewable, or carbon is not fully captured and stored, but they are relevant as they are steps on the pathway to eventual decarbonisation of the energy system.

SGI and OIES have been working together, with input from a range of sources and stakeholders, to build a database of current production of renewable gas, and the status of projects under development. Our objective has been to assess the extent to which specific actions being taken, principally by governments, regulators and industry investors, are consistent with being on a pathway which could reasonably be expected to reach the ambitious targets being contemplated by reports such as those listed above. We have focussed on Europe initially, which has been taking the lead on renewable gas developments, but we intend future updates to expand the scope beyond Europe.

Our concern is that while it is relatively easy to write a report with bold projections 30 years ahead, there are significant barriers to overcome if those bold projections are to be realised:

- the scale of the energy system is so large in relation to the small scale of current pilot and demonstration projects for production of renewable gas;
- there is an expectation that as levels of production increase, there will be a significant reduction in costs, but there is not yet sufficient evidence that such cost reductions are achievable;
- development of new infrastructure projects has a long lead time: a project at the feasibility study stage in 2019 is likely to be onstream around 2023 at the earliest, and more likely somewhat later;
- in the absence of greater government and regulatory certainty, it will be difficult for potential project developers to justify investing shareholder capital or raise third party finance to build the large scale plants which will be required to meet the projected production levels.

This report examines these issues in more detail.

⁶ <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52018DC0773&from=EN</u> 7 <u>https://www.entsog.eu/sites/default/files/entsog-</u>

migration/publications/TYNDP/2018/entsos_tyndp_2018_Final_Scenario_Report.pdf

⁸https://www.gasforclimate2050.eu/files/files/Navigant_Gas_for_Climate_The_optimal_role_for_gas_in_a_net_zero_emissions_ energy_system_March_2019.pdf



2. Long term targets and implied development pathways

In recent months, several reports have been published making bold projections on the level of renewable gas production which could be achieved in Europe by 2040 or 2050. For this report, we have selected three of these reports for further analysis. These have been chosen as they have been produced with backing of key players in the European gas industry.

2.1 European Commission: A Clean Planet for all (Nov 2018)

This report,⁹ subtitled 'A European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy' was published in November 2018, together with a more detailed document 'In-Depth Analysis in support of the Commission Communication COM(2018) 773'.¹⁰ The latter document contains details of eight scenarios for 2050, all of which would achieve a more than 80 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to the 1990 baseline. The key features of each scenario are given in Table 1 (taken from the EU report).¹¹

Table 1: EU Clean Planet for all scenarios

Long Term Strategy Options 1.5°C Energy Electrification Efficiency Technical Hydrogen Power-to-X Economy Combination (P2X) (COMBO) (1.5TECH) (1.5LIFE) Hydrogen in E-fuels in Cost-efficient Increased Based on Pursuing deep Based on **Electrification in** industry, industry, combination of COMBO and resource and Main Drivers energy efficiency COMBO with all sectors options from 2°C CIRC with transport and transport and material in all sectors more BECCS, CCS buildings buildings efficiency scenarios lifestyle changes GHG target -80% GHG (excluding sinks) -90% GHG (incl. -100% GHG (incl. sinks) in 2050 ["well below 2°C" ambition] ["1.5°C" ambition] sinks) Higher energy efficiency post 2030 Market coordination for infrastructure deployment Major Common Deployment of sustainable, advanced biofuels BECCS present only post-2050 in 2°C scenarios Moderate circular economy measures Significant learning by doing for low carbon technologies Assumptions • Digitilisation · Significant improvements in the efficiency of the transport system. Power is nearly decarbonised by 2050. Strong penetration of RES facilitated by system optimization Power sector (demand-side response, storage, interconnections, role of prosumers). Nuclear still plays a role in the power sector and CCS deployment faces limitations. Higher recycling Use of H2 in Use of e-gas in Reducing energy CIRC+COMBO Electrification of rates, material targeted targeted demand via but stronger Industry substitution. Combination of processes Energy Efficiency applications applications circular measures most Costefficient options Increased Increased Deployment of Sustainable CIRC+COMBO Deployment of COMBO but from "well below Buildings deployment of renovation rates H2 for heating e-gas for heating buildings but stronger 2°C" scenarios stronger and depth heat pumps with targeted CIRC+COMBO Faster application H2 deployment E-fuels electrification for Increased Mobility as a but stronger (excluding CIRC) for HDVs and deployment for Transport sector all transport modal shift service Alternatives to some for LDVs all modes modes air travel Limited Dietary changes H2 in gas E-gas in gas **Other Drivers** enhancement Enhancement distribution grid distribution grid natural sink natural sink

Source: EU Clean Planet for All, supporting analysis

⁹ <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52018DC0773&from=EN</u>

¹⁰ https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/docs/pages/com_2018_733_analysis_in_support_en_0.pdf

¹¹ Table 1, Page 56 in EU Clean Planet for All, supporting analysis (link at Footnote 10).



All scenarios are intended to achieve the EU target of 80 per cent reduction in GHG emissions by 2050, while the last three aim for a more ambitious 90 per cent and 100 per cent reduction of emissions. All the scenarios have the power sector being nearly fully decarbonised by 2050, so the main differences between scenarios relate to the assumptions regarding energy use in the industry, buildings and transport sectors. In particular, the 'Hydrogen (H2)' scenario assumes a large penetration of hydrogen in those three sectors, while 'Power-to-X (P2X)' assumes use of 'e-gas' (renewable methane) in industry and buildings and 'e-fuels' (liquid and gaseous fuels derived from renewable power).

The report then goes on to give detailed data for the consumption of natural gas, biogas (both biogas and biomethane), gas from waste, e-gas and hydrogen in the various scenarios.

The total consumption of gaseous fuels in the report is summarised in Figure 1. For ease of reference and consistency with other data in this paper, we have converted the data to TWh. (Note that Bcm of natural gas equivalent can be obtained by dividing TWh by a factor of approximately 10.4).



Figure 1: EU projections of 2050 consumption of gaseous fuels converted to TWh

Source: EU Clean Planet for all, supporting analysis, Figure 33, and authors' calculations

For the analysis of required rates of scale up in the remainder of this paper, we have selected the H2, P2X and Combo scenarios, since these call for the largest quantities of carbon-free gases by 2050. Note that all scenarios show natural gas (the fossil fuel) consumption at one third or less of its 2015 level. The H2 and P2X scenarios envisage total demand for gaseous fuels in 2050 being of a similar order of magnitude to current levels (in the range 3500 to 4500 TWh per year), but requiring over 2000 TWh of renewable gas, compared with less than 50 TWh of renewable gas production today.

2.2 Entsog/Enstoe: Ten Year Network Development Plan (2018)

Every two years the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG), and its sister organisation for electricity, ENTSOE, are required by the European regulator to issue a Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP). The latest TYNDP was produced in 2018, with the Final Scenario report containing details of possible European energy futures up to 2040 being released in December 2018.¹² This report covers three scenarios: Sustainable Transition, Global Climate Action

¹² https://www.entsog.eu/sites/default/files/entsog-

migration/publications/TYNDP/2018/entsos_tyndp_2018_Final_Scenario_Report.pdf



(GCA) and Distributed Generation (DG). Of the three, the first is not assessed to be on track to meet the EU 2050 decarbonisation target, but the last two are. For that reason, this paper focuses on the GCA and DG scenarios. As supporting documentation, the TYNDP also contains detailed spreadsheets with volumes of biomethane on an annual basis up to 2040 and snapshots for Power-to Gas (P2G) in 2030 and 2040.

The levels of biomethane production under each scenario are shown in Figure 2, and the levels of total European P2G production (either hydrogen or synthetic methane, blended into the gas grid) under the GCA and DG scenarios are given in Table 2.

Source: ENTSOG TYNDP 2018

Table 2: Total Europe Power to Gas production under ENTSOG scenarios

TWh	2030	2040
Global Climate Action	13.91	95.06
Distributed Generation	5.92	47.79

Source: ENTSOG TYNDP 2018

Figure 2: Total Europe biomethane production under ENTSOG scenarios



Source: ENTSOG TYNDP 2018

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Source: ENTSOG TYNDP 2018

2.3 Navigant: Gas for Climate. The optimal role for gas in a net-zero emissions energy system

A group of seven European gas transport companies (Enagás, Fluxys, Gasunie, GRTgaz, Open Grid Europe, Snam and Teréga), plus the European and Italian biogas associations, have together formed the 'Gas for Climate: a path to 2050' group.¹³ The group contracted the consultants, Ecofys, to produce an initial report published in March 2018.¹⁴ The same consultants, rebranded as Navigant, produced a more comprehensive updated report which was published in March 2019.¹⁵

¹³ https://www.gasforclimate2050.eu/who-we-are

¹⁴ https://gasforclimate2050.eu/files/files/Ecofys_Gas_for_Climate_Report_Study_March18.pdf

https://www.gasforclimate2050.eu/files/files/Navigant_Gas_for_Climate_The_optimal_role_for_gas_in_a_net_zero_emissions_ energy_system_March_2019.pdf



The report compared two pathways, 'minimal gas' (where electricity dominated the path to decarbonisation) and 'optimised gas' (which envisaged continued use of gas infrastructure) both of which would arrive at a net-zero emissions EU energy system by 2050. It concluded that the 'optimised gas' scenario would save society €217 billion annually by 2050 compared with the 'minimal gas scenario'. The levels of renewable gas production required by the optimal gas scenario by 2050 total 1170 TWh of renewable methane and 1710 TWh of renewable hydrogen. The split of that volume across different pathways and the projected unit production costs are shown in Source:.

It should be noted that for 'green' hydrogen production (manufactured via electrolysis using renewable electricity), the study assessed that, in 2050, only about 200 TWh would be produced using surplus electricity production resulting from fluctuations in grid demand, with over 1,500 TWh being produced using dedicated renewable electricity generation (offshore wind farms or solar farms specifically built to provide electricity for electrolysis).

Figure 3: Navigant report: 2050 production volumes and cost projections



Source: Navigant, Gas for Climate March 2019

2.4 Comparison of renewable gas production levels envisaged in these studies

The current (2019) level of renewable gas production is small. While consistent, reliable and up to date data is not readily available, total EU biomethane production for grid injection is estimated to be around 20 TWh¹⁶ and current power to methane and green hydrogen production is negligible.

¹⁶ According to EBA Statistical review 2018, total biomethane production in 2017 was 19.4 TWh.



TWh	2030	2050
Navigant Opt Gas Power to Methane		160
EUCP4A Combo Power to Methane		581
EUCP4A P2X Power to Methane		1047
ENTSOG GCA Power to Methane	14	
Navigant Opt Gas Biomethane		660
EUCP4A Combo Biomethane	349	814
EUCP4A Combo Biomethane	349	930
ENTSOG GCA Biomethane	224	

Table 3: Total Europe production in 2030 and 2050 under selected scenarios (TWh)

Source: Authors' analysis of stated sources

Table 3 summarises the 2030 and 2050 targets under selected scenarios, and Figure 4 shows the calculated annual average percentage increase in renewable gas production which is contemplated by the various scenarios described above. It can be seen that the required level of scale up, in some cases requires well over 20 per cent per annum increases sustained over many years. This is likely to be challenging to achieve.

Some comfort can perhaps be drawn from looking at the rate of increase of solar and wind power generation over the 10 year period from 2007 to 2017.¹⁷ Over that period, total EU solar power generation increased from 3.8 TWh to 119.7 TWh, an average annual increase of 41 per cent. At the same time, total EU wind power generation increased from 104.4 TWh to 362.2 TWh, an average annual increase of 13.2 per cent.

These historic increases in renewable power generation are clearly significant, but were achieved with the help of strongly supportive government policy, for example feed-in tariffs and other subsidies for renewable power generation. The following sections consider whether the level of activity of project development, and the actions being taken by governments and industry players, in both the public and private sectors, appear to be consistent with renewable gas production being able to achieve a similar trajectory of scale-up.

Figure 4: Per cent per annum average annual scale up by scenario



Source: Authors' analysis of stated sources

¹⁷ Data taken from BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2018 (June 2018).

3. Renewable gas (biomethane, renewable methane and hydrogen) database

With input from a range of sources, OIES and SGI has built a database of over 550 actual European projects for biomethane, hydrogen and renewable methane injection into the gas grid. The database includes projects which are operational, under construction and at various phases of development. The review was performed based on several references.^{18,19,20,21,22,23,24}. The Appendix gives the list of names and locations of projects in the current database. Our intention is to update the database as more information becomes available.

3.1 Biomethane

The split of biomethane for grid injection projects by country in the EU is shown in Figure 5. Overall the database contains 497 operational biomethane projects (Figure 6b). Most of the projects are located in Germany (46 per cent), 20 per cent in the UK and 7 per cent in France and Switzerland. The total feed-in capacity of biomethane from these plants is approximately 240,400 m³/h (Figure 6a) – by comparison, 236,000 m³/h is reported in literature.²⁵ The biogas plant availability (in terms of operational hours per year (h/yr) is a key parameter in calculating the annual production potential. It has been proven that upgrading plants achieve technical availability up to the 96 per cent²⁶ equivalent to 8,410 h/yr. The resulting annual nominal potential for biomethane can be estimated as 2.02 billion m³/yr (Bcm), equivalent to 21 TWh or 73.2 PJ (calculated based on higher heating value (HHV)). According to the European Biogas Association Statistical report 2018,²⁷ total biomethane production in Europe grew from 0.08 Bcm in 2011 to 0.93 Bcm in 2013 and to 1.94 Bcm in 2017. The 1.94 Bcm (20 TWh) is remarkably close to the 2.02 Bcm (21 TWh) calculated above, indicating that biomethane plants are operating at high capacity factors in excess of 90 per cent.

Between 2013 and 2017 biomethane production grew at an average annual rate of 20 per cent, so if growth were to continue at this rate the scenarios considered in Section 2 could be achieved. However, as shown in Figure 6(a), the increase in capacity was on a downward trend in 2016 and 2017 on account of changes in regulatory incentives. We await with interest the growth rates for 2018 and 2019 when these become available.

¹⁸ European Power to Gas Platform, Online. Available at http://europeanpowertogas.com

 $^{^{19}}$ HyDeploy at Keele University Online, available at https://hydeploy.co.uk/ \rangle

²⁰ Engie, Website: The GRHYD demonstration project - ENGIE, Online, available at https://www.engie.com/en/innovationenergy-transition/digital-control-energy-efficiency/power-to-gas/the-grhyd-demonstration-project/

²¹ Quarton, C. and Samsatli, S. (2018). Power-to-gas for injection into the gas grid: What can we learn from real-life projects, economic assessments and systems modelling? *Science Direct,* Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 98, 302-316.
²² Sadler, D., Cargill, A., Crowther, M., Rennie, A., Watt, J., Burton, S. and Haines, M. H21 Leeds City Gate. (2016). URL: http://www.northerngasnetworks. co.uk/document/h21-leedscity-gate/

²³ International Energy Agency (IEA), Hydrogen Production & Distribution. (2007). IEA.

²⁴ H21 NOE (2018): H21 North of England, November 2018. <u>https://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/event/h21-launches-national/</u>

²⁵ Prussi, M., Padella, M., Conton, M., Postma, E. and Lonza, L. (2019). Review of technologies for biomethane production and assessment of EU transport share in 2030. ScienceDirect, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 222, 565-572.

²⁶ Bauer F., Hulteberg C., Persson T., Tamm D. (2013). Biogas Upgrading-Review of Commercial Technologies. SGC Rapport 270. Svenskt Gastekniskt Center AB.

²⁷ http://european-biogas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EBA_report2018_abriged_A4_vers12_220519_RZweb.pdf



Figure 5: Biomethane for grid injection projects in Europe



Source: Authors' analysis





Source: Authors' analysis







Source: Authors' analysis

Various techniques are available to upgrade biogas to biomethane. These techniques include physical and chemical absorption, adsorption, membrane and cryogenic separation.²⁸ The most common technology applied in the EU in terms of number of plants is chemical scrubbing (Table 4); however, 22 per cent of biogas produced is from water scrubbing (Figure 7). Cryogenic separation only occurs in one plant located in the Netherlands (Table 4).

Biomass gasification is another technology for efficient utilization of biomass. Compared to anaerobic digestion, the claimed advantage of biomass gasification is its ability to produce biomethane on a large scale.²⁷ However, as shown in Table 4, very few plants have successfully demonstrated biomethane production via gasification.

²⁸ Li, H., Mehmood, D., Thorin, E. and Yu, Z. (2017). Biomethane Production Via Anaerobic Digestion and Biomass Gasification. ScienceDirect, *Energy Procedia*, 105, 1172-1177.



Technology type	Number of Plants	Location	
Cryogenic separation	1	Netherlands	
Water scrubbing	124	Germany, Denmark, Finland, France,	
		Sweden, UK	
Chemical Scrubbing	102	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg,	
		Netherlands, Norway, Sweden,	
		Switzerland, UK	
Pressure Swing	68	Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden,	
Adsorption		Switzerland, France, Finland and Austria	
Membrane separation	82	Switzerland, United Kingdom	
Membrane/cryogenic	7	UK	
Physical scrubbing	37	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg,	
		Netherlands, Norway and Sweden	
Biomass gasification	3	France, Sweden and Netherlands	

Table 4: Breakdown of biomethane production routes (2017)

Source: Authors' analysis

Figure 7: Contribution from each upgrading technology, and relative share of the total current EU feed in capacity (2017)



Source: Authors' analysis

Biomethane can be produced from various substrates (ie. feedstocks):

- 7 PJ (1.9 TWh) is from 56 plants using agricultural residues, manure and plant residues;
- 28.1 PJ (7.8 TWh) is from 168 plants using energy crops;
- 4 PJ (1.1 TWh) is from 14 plants using industrial organic waste from food and beverage industries;
- 0.5 PJ (0.1 TWh) is from 4 plants using biogas from landfill;



- 5.5 PJ (1.5 TWh) is from 38 plants using Municipal Solid Waste (both bio and municipal waste);
- 2 PJ (0.6 TWh) is from 31 plants using sewage sludge.

The large number of production facilities using energy crops is largely as a result of government policy support in Germany. This policy was changed in 2014 after the adverse effects of large scale production of energy crops had been realised.²⁹ For future growth in biomethane to be sustainable, it will need to be predominantly using waste feedstocks.

3.2 Renewable hydrogen and renewable methane (other than biomethane)

The database also contains 43 renewable hydrogen projects: 34 per cent are located in Germany, 18 per cent in the UK, 11 per cent in France and Netherlands, and 8 per cent in Austria (Figure 8). Also, 15 power to methane projects were identified in the EU - 31 per cent in Germany, and 13 per cent in both Norway and Netherlands (Figure 9).



Figure 8: Hydrogen for grid injection projects in Europe

Source: Authors' analysis

²⁹ e.g. growth of energy crops tends to increase pressure on food production: see Appel, F. et al. (2016). 'Effects of the German Renewable Energy Act on structural change in agriculture – The case of biogas'. ScienceDirect, *Utilities Policy*, 41, 172-182. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jup.2016.02.013





Figure 9: Renewable methane for grid injection projects in Europe

Source: Authors' analysis

Hydrogen and renewable methane (other than biomethane) can be produced using various technologies. Projects in Europe are largely dominated by power to hydrogen and power to methane (Table 4). Other hydrogen production technologies include Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), Autothermal Reforming (ATR) with CCS, and thermal solar hydrogen plant, but there are very few projects planning to use these technologies. Note that in most cases where these projects do not use 100 per cent renewable power or they do not capture and store 100 per cent of carbon produced they are not strictly 'renewable'. However, they are relevant as demonstrations of technologies which could, in future, produce low-carbon or renewable carbon gaseous fuels.

Table 5: Hydrogen and renewable methane production pathways

Technology type	Number of Projects	Location		
SMR with CCS	4	UK, France and Netherlands		
ATR with CCS	1	UK		
Thermal Solar Hydrogen	1	Spain		
Power to hydrogen	29	Germany, UK, France, Spain, Netherlands, Austria, Norway		
Power to methane	11	Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, Austria, Hungary		

Source: Authors' analysis

Figure 10 shows the status of hydrogen and renewable methane projects at all stages of development. To explain the category descriptions used, some examples are given below:



- Completed (once operational, but now shut down or dismantled) projects: e.g. a small 7 GWh/year power to hydrogen in Germany which stopped operation in January 2013;
- Development (before final investment decision and generally more advanced than 'feasibility'): Some projects in this category include the 'Element One' 0.5 TWh/year power to hydrogen (100MW electrolyser) project in Germany, and the 'Hynet' seven TWh/year ATR with CCS project in the UK;
- Feasibility: (at an early stage of consideration, requiring considerably more work before approaching final investment decision). For example, the 'H21' approximately 100 TWh/year SMR with CCS project in the UK, and another 0.5 TWh/year power to hydrogen project in Germany.
- Operational: The database contains four operational power to methane plants, and seven operational power to hydrogen plants. (We have not included some very small power to gas plants that is, less than one megawatt (MW) electrolyser capacity as they are not relevant to our interest in scaling up the technology). Two of the power to methane plants are located Germany (started in 2013 and 2018 respectively). Five of the power to hydrogen plants are also located in Germany.
- Under construction: Nine plants are under construction, five of these are power to methane plants.

As discussed further below, the relatively small number of projects in the feasibility and development phase does not provide confidence that the industry is on track to meet the large scale up ambitions of the reports in Section 2.

Figure 10: Status of Hydrogen and renewable methane for grid injection projects in Europe (2019)



Source: Authors' analysis



Table 6: Associated hydrogen output capacity for projects (status in 2019)

Project Status	P2G Hydrogen output capacity (GWh/year)	SMR/ATR with CCS hydrogen output capacity (GWh/year)
Completed	8	
Development	985	
Feasibility	2,000	130,000
Operational	36	590
Under construction	28	0
Unknown	4,205	

Source: Authors' analysis

Table 5 shows the intended hydrogen output quantity from the projects in the database. It can be seen that the scale of production from projects using SMR/ATR with CCS technology ('blue hydrogen') is an order of magnitude larger than P2G projects. Thus, the scale up challenge for methane reforming with CCS is less than for P2G, but it is also notable that there is only one such operational project in Europe, at Port Jerome in France (with carbon capture but not storage), supplying hydrogen to ExxonMobil's adjacent refinery, and using the captured CO2 in various food industry and industrial applications. CCS remains very controversial technology in many European countries (notably Germany, Austria and Italy).

Where available, data on total project budget was also collected. The total budget per unit of electrolyser capacity is shown in Figure 11 for power to hydrogen. Figure 11 is based on the following limited number of projects for which data is available:

- 0.5 MW electrolyser in the UK
- 1.2 MW Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM) electrolyser in Denmark
- 6 MW PEM electrolyser in Austria
- 10 MW electrolyser in Germany
- 100 MW electrolyser in Germany

Figure 11: Unit project cost. The unit project cost is the ratio of the total project budget and the electrolyser capacity



Source: Authors' analysis



Figure 11 shows that cost advantages are already obtainable from increased scale. For example, the budgeted project cost associated with a 1.2 MW electrolyser is €16.6 million, 10MW electrolyser is €42.1 million and 100 MW is €66.5 million. More details on comparative costs are given in the next section.

4. Current costs and potential cost-reduction pathway if scale up progresses in line with target scenarios

A systematic review of literature considered a number of cost estimates across a range of EU countries, years and plant scales.^{22,30,31,32,33} Figure 12 shows the unit cost estimates (in €/MWh)³⁴ for 2018 and projections for 2030 and 2050. As can be seen, the cost estimates for different techniques producing hydrogen, biomethane and renewable methane vary significantly. The unit production cost is made up of annualized investment costs, annual operation and maintenance costs (including feedstock costs) but excludes profit margin. The significant range of cost estimates is driven by the different processes and technologies used to generate these gases.

The production cost for green hydrogen depends on CAPEX for electrolyser and balance of plant, feedstock electricity costs, capacity factor expressed in full-load hours (FLH) and electrolyser system energy efficiency. Feedstock electricity costs and capacity factor are driven by the production route for electricity. For blue hydrogen, the CAPEX of both production processes consists of the H2 production plant (reactor), carbon capture installation, carbon transport infrastructure, and CO₂ storage facilities.^{33,34}

Biomethane costs depends heavily on feedstocks, the lower end is when manure and agricultural residues are used and the higher end is associated with energy crops. Overall unit biomethane costs are currently estimated in the range \in 60-80/MWh and little further unit cost reduction is assumed, with unit costs around \in 50/MWh in 2050.

The average capital costs associated with hydrogen production technologies range from around €300 per kW using SMR to over €2,000 per kW using small scale electrolysis. SMR is one of the cheapest production technologies in capital cost terms, with the additional cost of CCS adding less than €100 per kW (~30 per cent) to the average capital cost. Unit costs of SMR with CCS are expected to be in the range €40-60/MWh by 2050.

³³ Navigant report. (2019). 'Gas for Climate. The optimal role for gas in a net-zero emissions energy system'.

https://www.gasforclimate2050.eu/files/files/Navigant Gas for Climate The optimal role for gas in a net zero emissions_ energy_system_March_2019.pdf

³⁰ IEA Greenhouse gas R&D Programme Technical report. (2017). Techno-Economic Evaluation of SMR Based Standalone (Merchant) Hydrogen Plant with CCS. https://ieaghg.org/exco_docs/2017-02.pdf

³¹ Speirs, J., Balcombe, P., Johnson, E., Martin, J., Brandon, N. and Hawkes, A. (2018). 'A greener gas grid: What are the options'. SGI, Energy Policy, 118, 291-297.

³² NREL. (2009)., 'Current (2009) State-of-the-Art Hydrogen Production Cost Estimate Using Water Electrolysis'.

³⁴ All costs in this paper are on the basis of €/2018.





Figure 12: Renewable gas production costs in 2018, and projections for 2030 and 2050

Source: Authors' analysis



According to the Navigant report, continuous deployment and technology scale up are the key factors contributing to the projected 2050 cost reduction of new technologies.³⁴

- For biomethane production via gasification, plants are expected to scale up from around 3MW capacity today to around 200MW capacity (each producing 240 TWh of biomethane annually) by 2050. This scale up is predicted to reduce CAPEX by around 50 per cent and OPEX by around 40 per cent.³² This, combined with increasing efficiency (from 65 75 per cent), is predicted to reduce unit costs from around €88/MWh today to around €47/MWh by 2050. The costs for 2018 are from the Gothenburg Biomass Gasification project.³⁵ The cost breakdown for biomethane from anaerobic digestion is provided in Figure 13.
- Cost reduction for green hydrogen is from expected technology maturity leading to reduced electrolyser system costs mainly from economies of scale, cheaper electricity, and improvements in system energy efficiency.³¹⁻³⁴ The Navigant report focuses on PEM electrolyser technology and assumes that system costs will reduce from €800-1000/kW today to €420/kW by 2050. Depending on the cost of electricity, this is predicted to lead to unit hydrogen production costs in the range €44-61/MWh. The cost of electricity depends on the source. The Navigant report considers four sources: curtailed electricity, dedicated production from North Sea offshore wind power, dedicated production from Southern European photovoltaic (PV) and dedicated production from Southern European hybrid sources (PV plus onshore wind power). The different sources demonstrate the impact of different capacity factors and electricity feedstock costs.
- For power-to-methane, currently investment costs for the methanation reactor are very high and there is a large uncertainty on the investment cost, mainly due to the lack of commercially deployed units. The Navigant report predicts an incremental cost of €20/MWh for conversion of green hydrogen to methane, resulting in a methane cost in the range €65-80/MWh in 2050. The Navigant report assumes 147 TWh of renewable methane produced in 2050 with 80 per cent methanation reaction efficiency. The report also assumes a specific methanation reactor CAPEX of €400/kW with a lifetime of 20 years.

Figure 13: Production costs for biomethane based on anaerobic digestion



Source: Navigant, Gas for Climate March 2019

These numbers demonstrate that there are very significant aspirations for achievable cost reductions as a result of production scale up. In reality, it is clearly very difficult to make accurate predictions of what can be achieved, underlining the importance of making significant progress on building larger capacity facilities as soon as possible. Only such real world experience can give confidence regarding achievable cost reductions.

³⁵ GoBiGas 2018. Demonstration of the Production of Biomethane from Biomass via Gasification.

https://www.chalmers.se/SiteCollectionDocuments/SEE/News/Popularreport_GoBiGas_results_highres.pdf



5. Benchmarking cost reduction estimates for intended development pathways

In general, increase in experience gained from manufacture and use of a technology causes specific costs to fall. It is interesting to compare the projected fall in costs for the various renewable gas technologies with the actual fall in costs for renewable power generation in recent years, as a benchmark for what might be achievable. It should, however, be recognised that the rate of decrease in renewable power generation costs (particularly solar PV) has been very rapid and faster than many had predicted.³⁶ There is no guarantee that renewable gas technology will be able to replicate this reduction in costs.

The fall in costs has been studied for the Solar PV module as shown in Figure 14.³⁷ The Learning Curve (LC) of the module was determined by the evolution of spot prices (average selling price). The LC predicts how the costs of a technology evolves based on historical trends. The LC is also referred to as the learning rate. Most of the LC from literature is close to 80 per cent, or a 20 per cent progress ratio (PR = 1–LC).^{35,38} A Learning Curve of 80 per cent means the new cost of production is 80 per cent of the previous level each time the cumulative manufactured quantity doubles. Figure 14 shows learning occurs at a faster rate during the early years of deploying the module. A certain level of manufacturing maturity is reached after which doubling production quantity requires more time. Empirical evidence demonstrates that a strong correlation exists between experience and falling costs for various electricity generation technologies, with costs declining at a certain rate (called the learning rate) for each doubling of the technology's capacity.^{39,40} Assuming that the learning rates observed in the past will remain stable in the future, changes in the cost of electricity generation technologies can be anticipated.

³⁶ https://cleantechnica.com/2018/02/11/solar-panel-prices-continue-falling-quicker-expected-cleantechnica-exclusive/

 ³⁷ Elshurafa, A., Albardi, S., Bigerna, S. and Bollino, C. (2018). 'Estimating the learning curve of solar PV balance–of–system for over 20 countries: Implications and policy recommendations'. ScienceDirect, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 196, 122-134.
 ³⁸ Mauleón I. (2016). 'Photovoltaic learning rate estimation: issues and implications'. ScienceDirect, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 65, 507-524.

³⁹McDonald, A., Schrattenholzer L. (2001). 'Learning rates for energy technologies'. ScienceDirect, *Energy Policy* 29, 255-261. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421500001221

⁴⁰ Rubin, E.S., Azevedo, I.M.L., Jaramillo P., Yeh S. (2015). 'A review of learning rates for electricity supply technologies'. ScienceDirect, *Energy Policy* 86, 198-218.





Figure 14: Learning curve of the solar PV module.

Source: Data from IRENA. Showing how the solar PV cost has evolved based on historical trends. Prices are plotted against global cumulative production. Since the axes are in log-scale, the exponential decay is transformed into a linear decrease. The years are included for completeness.





Figure 15: Estimates of plausible future learning rate ranges for several important electricity generation technologies⁴¹

Source: Authors' own calculations for renewable gas production based on cost projections in Figure 12, and productions forecasts in Figure 1 and 2. ST – sustainable transition, DG – distributed generation, GCA – global climate action.

The learning rate for biomethane production based on three scenarios is low (4-5 per cent) as most of the components for biogas upgrade have reached commercial application. By contrast, the learning rate for green hydrogen based on the Navigant projects, in the range 19-26 per cent, is very high and even slightly higher than the historical learning rate for solar PV. Further empirical evidence from additional and larger green hydrogen projects will be required to provide confidence that such an ambitious learning rate can really be achieved. The uncertainties associated with using observed learning rates to anticipate future cost developments are one of the limitations of the experience curve concept. A comparison of the learning curve estimate and actual electricity costs for wind power showed that the learning curve estimate was outside the range of the actual cost in 2004.⁴² Therefore, even though valuable insights are provided from extrapolating cost reductions over long-time frames, caution is required.

⁴¹ Samadi, S. (2018). 'The experience curve theory and its application in the field of electricity generation technologies – A literature review'. ScienceDirect, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 82, pp.2346-2364.

⁴² Ferioli, F., Schoots, K. and van der Zwaan, B. (2009). 'Use and limitations of learning curves for energy technology policy: A component-learning hypothesis'. ScienceDirect, *Energy Policy*, 37(7) 2525-2535.



6. Conclusion: what more is required to be on track for each scenario?

The objective of this paper has been to analyse the growth rates and cost reductions suggested by various projections of renewable/low-carbon gas production in Europe between 2030 and 2050, and to assess the extent to which actual projects in operation or under development give confidence that such projections may be achievable.

From our analysis, we believe it is important to consider two categories of renewable/low-carbon gas separately: (a) biomethane and (b) renewable gases other than biomethane (notably hydrogen or methane from P2G and hydrogen from methane reforming with CCS⁴³).

6.1 Biomethane

As noted in Section 2, the projections of biomethane production envisage growth from around 20 TWh/year currently to between 200 and 500 TWh in 2040 (as shown in Figure 19). This is very significant growth, but could be achieved with average annual growth rates in the range 5 to 15 per cent per annum. With nearly 500 biomethane plants in operation across Europe, this can be considered mature technology, although some further modest cost savings may be achievable.

Actual future growth will depend on individual investment decisions by project developers which, in turn, is dependent on government policy. However, we noted in Section 3 that average annual growth in biomethane production averaged around 20 per cent per annum between 2013 and 2017. Furthermore we noted that EU growth in solar power generation averaged 41 per cent per annum between 2007 and 2017. We have not been able to identify reliable data for all biomethane plants currently under construction or under development but, provided government policy continues to provide incentives to biomethane producers, it seems reasonable to assume that average annual growth rates in the range 5 to 15 per cent per annum are achievable. The caveat regarding government policy is important, as there is limited scope for further cost reduction of the mature production technology, so costs of biomethane production in the range $\leq 10-20$ /MWh). It is assumed that European government policy will continue to strive to achieve an 80 per cent or greater reduction in CO₂ emissions from 1990 levels, and thus policies will continue to support production of renewable gases.

⁴³ It could be argued that methane reforming with CCS is not 'renewable', but only 'low carbon' but for convenience we include methane reforming with CCS here.



Figure 16: Projections of future biomethane production under various scenarios compared with current production



6.2 Renewable gases other than biomethane

While biomethane technology is relatively mature, technology for production of other renewable gas is in its infancy. Our database contains just 43 renewable hydrogen projects and 15 power to methane projects. Of those, just 10 hydrogen projects and 4 methane projects are currently operational. Total low-carbon hydrogen production capacity is just 0.6 TWh/year, of which more than 90 per cent is represented by the single SMR with carbon capture facility at Port Jerome in France (which some would argue should not be counted as renewable gas production, since the carbon dioxide is still ultimately emitted to the atmosphere). Power to Gas production capacity is less than 50 GWh (0.05 TWh). With Entsog targets envisaging between 6 and 14 TWh of P2G production by 2030, there is clearly a very significant scale up challenge. Three P2G projects under development (Hybridge and Element Eins in Germany, and Centurion in the UK) each envisage electrolyser capacity of 100MW,



equivalent to potential renewable hydrogen capacity of 500 GWh/yr. These three projects are currently targeting start up around 2022 or 2023, which, if all were completed as planned would see production capacity of 1.5 TWh/yr in 2023. Achieving the Entsog target would require between about 10 and 25 similar projects to be on stream by 2030.

Drawing parallels from the experience with biomethane, with appropriate policy and regulatory support, it should be possible to achieve, or even exceed, this number of projects in a 10 year time scale. We have noted that there are relatively few P2G projects in the feasibility stage. Normal project development experience shows that only a relatively small proportion of projects at the feasibility stage eventually come on stream, so to be on track to achieve the Entsog target we would expect to see at least 20 - 30 projects of at least 100MW electrolyser capacity being actively developed in the next two to three years and additional, larger projects continually entering the 'project funnel'.

Unit cost projections are similarly ambitious. The learning rate for green hydrogen based on the Navigant projects, in the range 19-26 per cent, is very high and even slightly higher than the historical learning rate for solar PV. Further empirical evidence from additional and larger green hydrogen projects will be required to provide confidence that such an ambitious learning rate can really be achieved.

6.3 Follow up work

Overall it is clear that collectively the gas industry (across private and public sector companies, regulators and governments) needs to accelerate the level of project activity if there is to be a reasonable chance of meeting stated production targets and unit cost reductions by 2030 and 2050.

SGI and OIES will both continue their research programmes related to the Future of Gas. For the database in particular, we intend to keep it up to date over the next few years to be able to track the extent to which actual developments are in line with stated aspirations and hence with meeting the ambitions set in Paris in 2015. We envisage that significant renewable gas developments are likely to expand beyond Europe and so will expand the scope of the database accordingly.

We encourage project developers to keep us apprised of new projects and the status of existing ones so that we can ensure that the data is as up to date and comprehensive as possible.



Appendix. List of names and locations of plants/projects included in SGI/OIES database

Project Name	Output Type	Location	Country
	Biomethane	Asten/Linz	Austria
	Biomethane	Bruck an der Leitha	Austria
	Biomethane	Engerwitzdorf	Austria
	Biomethane	Eugendorf	Austria
	Biomethane	Leoben	Austria
	Biomethane	Lustenau	Austria
	Biomethane	Margarethen am Moos	Austria
	Biomethane	Rechnitz	Austria
	Biomethane	Schlitters	Austria
	Biomethane	Steindorf/Salzburg	Austria
	Biomethane	Straß - Leibinitzerfeld	Austria
	Biomethane	Vienna Pfaffenau	Austria
	Biomethane	Wiener Neustadt	Austria
	Biomethane	Zell am See	Austria
	Biomethane	Fastranz	Austria
NGF Nature Energy Nordfyn A/S	Biomethane	Bogense	Denmark
GFE Krogenskær P/S	Biomethane	Brønderslev	Denmark
	Biomethane	Copenhagen Lynetten	Denmark
Fredericia Spildevand og Energi A/S	Biomethane	Fredericia	Denmark
Vicus B ApS - Frijsenborg Biogas	Biomethane	Hammel	Denmark
	Biomethane	Hashoj / Dalmose	Denmark
Hemmet Bioenergi ApS	Biomethane	Hemmet	Denmark
AU-vindmøller I/S	Biomethane	Hjerm	Denmark
LBT Agro K/S	Biomethane	Hjørring	Denmark
BB Biogas ApS	Biomethane	Hjørring	Denmark
Rønnovsholm v/N. K. Kirketerp	Biomethane	Hjørring	Denmark
NGF Nature Energy Holsted A/S	Biomethane	Holsted	Denmark
Horsens Bioenergi ApS	Biomethane	Horsens	Denmark
Linkogas A.M.B.A.	Biomethane	Lintrup	Denmark
	Biomethane	Midtfyn	Denmark
Rybjerg Biogas I/S	Biomethane	Roslev	Denmark
Sindal Biogas v/propr. Per Kirketerp	Biomethane	Sindal	Denmark
Madsen Bioenergi I/S	Biomethane	Skive	Denmark
Zastrow Bioenergi ApS	Biomethane	Søndersø	Denmark
NGF Nature Energy Vaarst A/S	Biomethane	Vaarst	Denmark
Sønderjysk Biogas Bevtoft A/S	Biomethane	Vojens	Denmark
Grøngas, Vraa A/S	Biomethane	Vrå 2	Denmark
	Biomethane	Espoo	Finland
	Biomethane	Forssa	Finland
	Biomethane	Haukivuori	Finland
	Biomethane	Joutsa	Finland
	Biomethane	Kouvola	Finland
	Biomethane	Lahti	Finland
	Biomethane	Laukaa	Finland
	Biomethane	Laukaa 2	Finland
	Biomethane	Mustasaari	Finland
	Biomethane	Nykarleby/Jeppo	Finland
	Biomethane	Riihimaki	Finland
	Biomethane	Virolahti	Finland
Les Longchamps	Biomethane	Andelnans	France
Ecocéa	Biomethane	Chagny	France
Gâtinais Biogaz	Biomethane	Château-Renard	France
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Lille-Séquedin
Méry-sur-Seine
Morsbach/Forbach
Mortagne-sur-Sèvre
Quimper
Saint-Florentin
Saint-Pourcain-sur-Sioule
Sarreguemines
Sourdun
St Josse-sur-mer
St Pourcain-sur-Sioule
Strasbourg
Symevad Hénin-Beaumont
Ténnelières
Ussy-sur-Marne
Villeneuve-sur-Lot
Wannehain
Woellenheim
Aicha (Osterhofen)
Aiterhofen / Niederhavern
Allendorf-Eder
Altena
Altenhof
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Altenstadt Schongau
Altenstadt/Hessen
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Project Name	Output Type	Location	Country
	Biomethane	Osterby	Germany
	Biomethane	Ottersberg	Germany
	Biomethane	Palmersheim-Euskirchen	Germany
	Biomethane	Penkun	Germany
	Biomethane	Pessin	Germany
	Biomethane	Pirmasens	Germany
	Biomethane	Platten	Germany
	Biomethane	Pliening	Germany
	Biomethane	Pohlsche Heide	Germany
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	Biomethane	Quesitz / Markransträdt	Germany
	Biomethane	Rackwitz	Germany
	Biomethane	Raitzen	Germany
	Biomethane	Ramstein	Germany
	Biomethane	Rathenow	Germany
	Biomethane	Rätzlingen	Germany
	Biomethane	Reimlingen	Germany
	Biomethane	Rhede	Germany
	Biomethane	Riedlingen-Daugendorf	Germany
	Biomethane	Röblingen am See / Stedten	Germany
	Biomethane	Ronnenberg	Germany
	Biomethane	Rosche	Germany
	Biomethane	Roßwein/Haßlau	Germany
	Biomethane	Rostock, OT Peez	Germany
	Biomethane	Sachsendorf	Germany
	Biomethane	Sagard (Rügen)	Germany
	Biomethane	Schöllnitz	Germany
	Biomethane	Schöpstal	Germany
	Biomethane	Schwandorf	Germany
	Biomethane	Schwarme	Germany
	Biomethane	Schwedt	Germany
	Biomethane	Schwedt II	Germany
	Biomethane	Schwedt (Neuer Hafen)	Germany
	Biomethane	Seelow	Germany
	Biomethane	Semd (Groß Umstadt)	Germany
	Biomethane	Sinsheim	Germany
	Biomethane	Staßfurt	Germany
	Biomethane	Straelen	Germany
	Biomethane	Stresow	Germany
	Biomethane	Tangstedt/Bützberg	Germany
	Biomethane	Thierbach	Germany
	Biomethane	Tuningen	Germany
	Biomethane	Uchte	Germany
	Biomethane	Unsleben	Germany
	Biomethane	Vehlefanz	Germany
	Biomethane	Vettin	Germany
	Biomethane	Vettweiß	Germany
	Biomethane	Weikersheim	Germany
	Biomethane	Weißenborn-Lüderode	Germany
	Biomethane	Werlte	Germany
	Biomethane	Werlte II	Germany
	Biomethane	Wetschen	Germany



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	Biomethane	Willingshausen/Ransbach	Germany
	Biomethane	Wittenburg	Germany
	Biomethane	Wölfersheim	Germany
	Biomethane	Wolfshagen	Germany
	Biomethane	Wolnzach (Hallertau)	Germany
	Biomethane	Wriezen	Germany
	Biomethane	Wüsting / Hude	Germany
	Biomethane	Zerbst	Germany
	Biomethane	Zeven	Germany
	Biomethane	Zeven II	Germany
	Biomethane	Zittau	Germany
	Biomethane	Zörbig	Germany
	Biomethane	Zülpich	Germany
Sugar factory Kaposvar	Biomethane	Kaposvar	Hungary
Sewage plant Zalaegerszeg	Biomethane	Zalaegerszeg	Hungary
Súluvegur	Biomethane	Akureyri	Iceland
Alfsnes	Biomethane	Reykjavik	Iceland
	Biomethane	Este	Italy
	Biomethane	Mantova	Italy
	Biomethane	Montello	Italy
	Biomethane	Ozegna	Italy
	Biomethane	Pinerolo	Italy
	Biomethane	Roma	Italy
	Biomethane	San Giovanni Persiceto	Italy
BAKONA Sárl	Biomethane	Itzig	Luxembourg
Naturgas Kielen	Biomethane	Kielen	Luxembourg
Minett-Kompost	Biomethane	Mondercange	Luxembourg
	Biomethane	Alphen	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Beverwijk	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Biddinghuizen	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Bunschoten-Spakenburg	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Collendoorn	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Den Bommer	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Dinteloord	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Endnoven	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Hardenberg	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Middonmoor	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Middennieer	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Nuonon	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Port of Amstordam	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Riisenbout	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Spaarenwoude	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Tilburg	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Tirns	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Vierverlaten	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Waalwiik	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Well	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Weurt	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Wiister	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Wiister 2	Netherlands
	Biomethane	Witteveen (Bouwhuis)	Netherlands



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Portsdown Hill 4 Portsdown Hill 5 **Ebbsfleet Farm** Hibaldstow Adnams Brewery **Gravel Pit Farm** The Maltings Great Hele Farm AD farm waste **Frogmary Green Farm** Scampton/Spridlington **Charlesfield Industrial Estate** Penare Farm Peacehill Farm Bredbury Stoke Bardolph energy crop Stoke Bardolph STW Generating Station Roundhill STW Generating Station **Minworth Generating Station** Throckmorton - Vale Green 2, Rotherdale **Bearley Farm** Penans Farm Widnes / Granox Biogas Plant Willand, Cullompton Sotterly & Ellough AD plant **Bay Farm** Fairfield Farm Energy Limited Wyke Farms Biogas YO1 4RN GRHYD Gaya Audi Werlte Gobigas GrInHy Helmeth Windgas Falkenhagen Windgas Falkenhagen Phase 2 Solothurn Store&Go Troja Store&Go **Exytron Bernsteinsee** Exytron Augsburg EnergiePark Mainz BioCat Refhyne Ambigo Don Quichote

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Falkenhagen Falkenhagen Solothurn Troia Bernsteinsee Augsburg Mainz Avedore Wesseling

> Alkmaar Halle

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Netherlands Belgium



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Rozenburg	Methane	Rozenburg	Netherlands
RWE Power to Gas	Hydrogen	Ibbenburen	Germany
MefCO2	Hydrogen	Luenen	Germany
Hybridge (OGE / Amprion)	Hydrogen	Emsland	Germany
Element One (Tennet / Gasunie / Thyssengas	6 Hydrogen	Lower Saxony	Germany
H2Future	Hydrogen	Linz	Austria
Underground Sun	Methane	Pilsbach	Austria
Wind2hydrogen	Hydrogen	Auersthal	Austria
PtG Hungary	Methane		Hungary
Enertrag Windgas	Hydrogen	Prenzlau	Germany
RH2 PTG	Hydrogen	Grapsow	Germany
Wind to Gas Südermarsch	Hydrogen	Brunsbütel	Germany
Hybalance	Hydrogen	Hobro	Denmark
Windgas Reitbrook	Hydrogen	Hamburg	Germany
HyNet	Hydrogen		United Kingdom
InTEGRel	Hydrogen	Low Thornley	United Kingdom
Project Centurion	Hydrogen	Runcorn	United Kingdom
H21 North of England	Hydrogen		United Kingdom
BigHit	Hydrogen	Orkney	United Kingdom
THÜGA POWER-TO-GAS PLANT	Hydrogen	Frankfurt	Germany
Abalone Energie Nantes (F)	Hydrogen	Nantes	France
Fos-sur-Mer (F) - Jupiter 1000	Hydrogen	Fos-sur-Mer	France
Aragon (E) – ITHER	Hydrogen		Spain
Xermade (E) - Sotavento Project	Hydrogen	Xermade	Spain
Gasunie/AkzoNobel	Hydrogen	Delfzijl	Netherlands
Hystock	Hydrogen	Zuidwending	Netherlands
Demo4Grid	Hydrogen	Vols	Austria
Port Jerome SMR CCU	Hydrogen	Port Jerome	France
HyDeploy	Hydrogen		United Kingdom
H2V product for NEL hydrogen	Hydrogen	Notodden	Norway
Hydrosol	Hydrogen	Almeria	Spain
Surf n Turf	Hydrogen	Orkney	United Kingdom
Nouryon (ex AkzoNobel)	Hydrogen		Netherlands/German
H Vision	Hydrogen	Rotterdam	Netherlands
Magnum	Hydrogen	Eemshaven	Netherlands
SwissPower Hybridkraftwerk	Methane	Dietikon	Switzerland
Energy Park Pirmasens	Methane	Pirmasens	Germany
Windgas Hassfurt	Hydrogen	Hassfurt	Germany
Haeolus	Hydrogen	Varanger	Norway
H2 Aberdeen Hydrogen bus	Hydrogen	Aberdeen	United Kingdom
H&R Oelwerke Schindler	Hydrogen	Hamburg	Germany



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